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## Just The Just Way

"The University administration decreed that all fraternities and sororities delete from their constitutions any discriminatory clauses. The offending houses have nine months to comply with the ruling or go off campus.

The above statement is completely fictitious. The administration has made no such move, but may be promoted to do so in the future if some student action is not taken.

This afternoon a resolution will be presented before Student Council, strongly urging fraternities with white caluses to remove them. The proponents of the resolution realize they have an uphill battle; they realize that many Greeks will rebel at the thought of some one's trying to pass such a resolution.

The Daily Nebraskan supports this resolution.

Several aspects of this situation must be considered. Just how much good would such a motion do? Even if the white clauses were removed from the one or two fraternities that still have them, what effect would that have on the situation as a whole? Could Negroes still be barred from fraternities on the basis of a majority vote? Are there social questions involved when one Negro pledges a particular fraternity?

True, fraternities may ignore the resolution. Hopefully, Student Council would not let them forget it and the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) would not let them ignore it.

If the fraternities and sororities take the proper action and remove their white clauses, they may still willfully overlook many qualified Negro rushees. But it would open the door for the future when, hopefully, the social stigma of having a black skin is nothing more than a nightmare of the past, forgotten execpt for the healing scars which remind us of our error.

It would also erase the insult to the Negro race which occurs each time a fraternity meeting is held, rush is practiced or the word "fraternity" is mentioned in the presence of a Negro. Even if a Negro were not to be pledged immediately, such a move indicates a trend in student understanding and empathy.

The Negro member may not even desire membership in an otherwise all-white house, but freedom to compete fairly with his white brother is a moral right.

Because the Board of Regents must review and approve each constitution, the University is, in actuality, giving the reluctant stamp of approval to discrimination. This, alone, is reason enough for the resolution to be passed and appropriate action to be taken. For a state institution to explicitly or implicitly condone discrimination violates the spirit of the recently-passed Civil Rights Bill and every principle of the brotherhood of humanity.

An early Daily Nebraskan editorial lamented that the negligible amount of civil rights action on this campus concentrates its efforts on areas in the South—neglecting the problems of the home front. This is a problem of the home front.

The resolution underscores a situation which concerns every campus in the nation; it gives an opportunity for the students to lead this State in its thinking; it provides the machinery for solving the situation, a situation which only we, he students, can solve satisfactorily.

A fresh wind of democrtaic thinking plus new emphasis on civil rights have spelled death to the white clauses in many areas of the country. Assuming collegiate trends permeate other parts of the country before lodging in the Midwest, it may be some time before this University's

white clause is called to trial. But that time will come.

On other campuses, administrative officials have been forced to demand the clauses' retraction. Such administrative action has been unsatisfactory. While obeying the letter, it has ignored the spirit and has widened the gap between the Negro and the white. It has alienated administration from the student and has weakened the Greek system as a whole.

The form this action takes when it hits here will be directly influenced by the action taken this afternoon.

How much better it would be for students to take the initiative rather than having administrative action jammed down their throats.

IFC leaders have studied this problem in the past. They even made a similar—though toothless—statement. IFC compliments our administration on being "understanding." They, as all students, should see the removal of anti-human clauses as inevitable.

They should desire to lead in this rather than to be led. Because specialized groups have ignored this inevitability, it is time the students themselves took control—hence, to-

days resolution.

If Student Council today defeats this motion, it will appear that the body parrallels IFC and othed specialized

nterest groups.

We are at a crossroads with only one just way to go.

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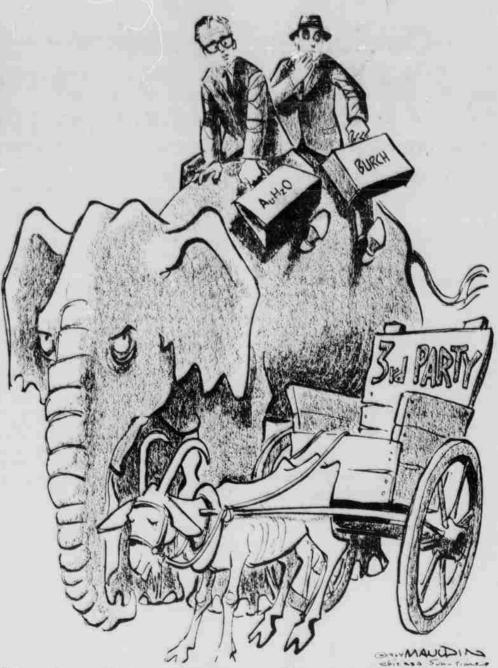
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# What's Left?

By Allen Gerlach

Everyone knows there is a mess in Vietnam, but there are some things which many Americans, understandably, do not know about that mess.

The only foreigners fighting in Vietnam are Americans, yet we have been told that the U.S. is there to protect Vietnam against Chinese Communist aggression. More than 75 per cent of the rebels' weapons are made in the U.S. and captured from the troops of the "official government" in Saigon, yet we have been told that massive supplies of weapons are sent from North Vietnam into the South to help the Vietcong.

We have been told that the South Vietnamese government is getting our support because the U.S. wants to protect democracy, but the South Vietnamese government is not democratic. We have been told that the Vietcong are Communists, but most of the Vietcong are fighting the Saigon government not because they are Communists but because that government is a dictatorship opposed by most of the people and because it has not provided honest government or desperately needed reforms.

In following Communist leadership the Vietcong are following leadership which fought against the Japanese invasion in World War II. against the French attempt at recolonization after World War II, and now against the U.S. because we back a government which would collapse without our help.

This last fact, together with the fact that the South Vietnamese have suffered greatly because of a war fought with U.S. weapons and with the help of U.S. soldiers, are two of the important reasons why most people in Vietnam don't love us.

The Vietcong has the sup-

port of so many people because they see in it the only alternative to the unresponsive. undemocratic, and oppressive regimes which have so rapidly succeeded each other in Saigon.

We have heard a great deal about the torture and terror which the Vietcong inflict upon officials of the Saigon government sent to villages, but little about the tortures of the "official government" against the Vietcong captives. We have heard much about the tragic deaths of over 300 Americans in Vietnam but little about the poison chemicals that have been sprayed on rice fields to starve the Vietcong, and the napalm bombs dropped on villages that

contain rebels.

Most Americans feel that torture, terror, concentration camps, mass killings, and dictatorship would be introduced into Vietnam if the Communist took over. The fact is that all the Communists could do, if they so wished, would be to continue them. They all exist already, under a government which could not stand without the help of the U.S.

The rebels have less than 150,000 "soldiers" compared with 600,000 well armed men belonging to the Saigon government. The rebels do not, as do those in charge of the "official government," have an air force and navy, nor do they have 2.000 American "advisors" plus billions of dollars in American aid. Yet they have been winning steadily. They are winning because the people of South Vietnam have not given support to

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the government of Saigon, for reasons which have been

mentioned. As an American, I am ashamed of what our government is doing in Vietnam. The rebellion which began in South Vietnam will continue and will not stop in its drive for independence unless an alternative is provided to the series of regimes that have so rapidly come and gone in Saigon. The wholly unjustifiable policy of the U.S. towards Vietnam should be replaced by one seeking the beginning of a negotiated peace and the en of U.S. military intervention with a neutral Vietnam to take the place of the present U.S. military protectorate.

The silence of the American people has had a great deal to do with the tragedy in South Vietnam. In no small part it has made that tragedy possible. I would urge letters to congressmen and to the President, urging an end to the U.S. crimes against the people of South Vietnam.



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# Rules For Life

By Bonnie Bonneau

One day last week a fellow follower of the great ways of knowledge flew up to me on the gilded wings of true ecstacy and blurted out "Have you heard about "Dead Week?"

Well I hadn't and he proceeded to enlighten me on the subject, "The week before finals is "Dead Week" and the instructers have agreed not to have any exams. It's only an experiment. . . "

"Yes, it sounds like a good idea!" How could I help but agree?

But later when I was pondering this over in my heart, I came to the conclusion that this was his idea of a big joke . . . but it was in the paper too—so whose joke was it?

I have more tests and quizzes that week (death week) than I have had any other week this whole year.

I, like many other members of that sexier sex on this campus, have two tests in phys. ed.—skills test and a knowledge test.

Also, all freshmen (and women) — with the exception of those lucky so-and-so's who got into honor's—have their final exam in English the Saturday of that week

And "just to bone up for the final" we have an hour exam in English that week and we have a theme due the last day — I'm really not quite sure what the

I have two "quizzes" in French. These are oral examinations and all you have to do to prepare for them is to memorize a dialogue in French.

In Psychology we voted on whether we would have our hour exam on the Friday before "Dead Week or the Monday of that week— Monday won so there's another nail for my coffin.

My math instructor also found having an hour exam that week "the wise thing to do under the circumstances."

Well, that's it . . . have you been keeping score . . . it all adds up to nine . . .

Now I know why they call it "Dead Week" ("the Week of the Suicide of the Masses").

I don't know—maybe I'm
the only person on this
campus with such problems . . . but, "Good grief
World," I doubt it . . .
I request the honor of

I request the bonor of your presence at my faneral. It will be held directly succeeding the freshman English final on January 23 in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

A group of my more loyal acquaintances will bear my body upon their shoulders and lead the masses on the pilgramage out to Salt Creek where they will dump me in . . .

"Up to dates" - for daytime and datelime





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