

Our Policy:

On Elections

With Student Body elections drawing near, we are quite pleased to see the great number of qualified people who have filed for election to the Student Senate and the executive offices. We are also heartened to see the rudimentary formation of a political party system here at the University, which we think could grow to supply the vehicle from which officer candidates could draw support and from which they could find a platform for their views. The work of the party organizers is to be commended.

We have heard many questions to this point concerning the role of the Daily Nebraskan in the upcoming election. Today we will give a tentative outline of our election plans, both to dispel some of the rumors about our supposed "kingmaking" and to acquaint all candidates and interested voters about the value and duty of the paper to publicize the election.

In the past, the Daily Nebraskan supplied each candidate with a questionnaire concerning his platform. As the questions were generally concerned with the definition of student government, we feel that this system had little purpose.

Wayne Kreuzscher, our Student Council reporter, will also cover the election. He has begun work on a series of interviews with all Senate candidates, in which he hopes to inform the voters enough about each candidate to help them in making a good choice. In addition, we will accept all press releases from parties, groups or individuals in an attempt to give all candidates equal opportunity to express themselves.

The editorial page will eventually come out in support of a candidate for each of the executive offices and for some of the Senate seats. We are open to columns supporting any and all candidates—again in the mood of equal opportunity—and will attempt to arrange as equitable means of expression as possible under our space limitations. Perhaps this is a good point to interject that only the editorial reflects the official policy of the paper, however.

We realize that, with the great number of candidates who have filed for this election, this policy could possibly run into difficulty, so we urge early and frequent visits from those planning to present their views through the paper, to assist us in making out a practical schedule.

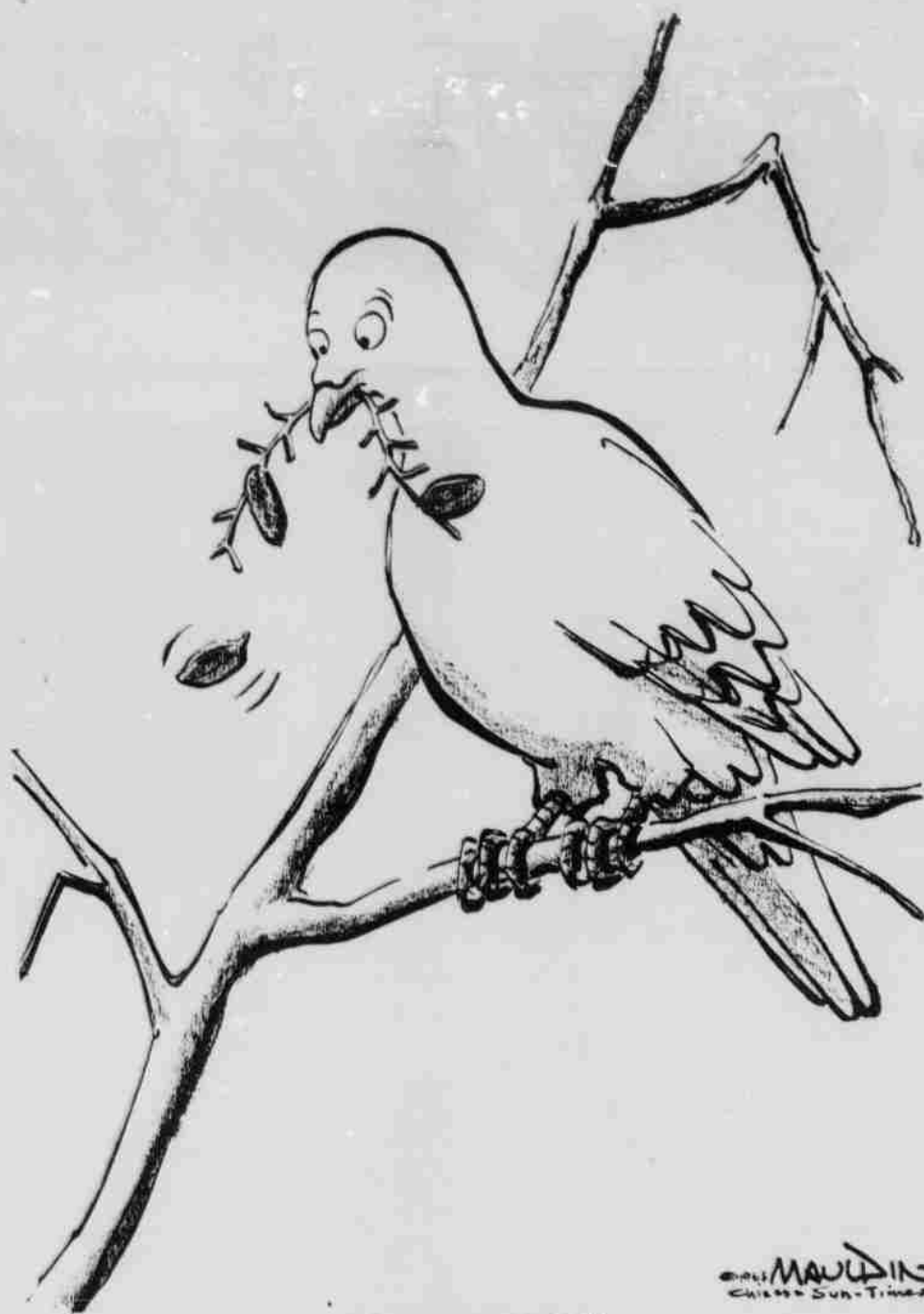
Our new constitution has reached its first crisis—that of finding the best men to put it into operation. The Daily Nebraskan approaches the election with enthusiasm and urges all students and candidates to work for the best, the cleanest, the most informed and the most mature election in the history of this University.

A Case Of Beer

Overheard in the hall: "I'm riding home in a '64 Vette and a case of beer." Well, friend, our opinion of you just dropped to the bottom. We don't mind your risking your own life by speeding on unoccupied straightaways, but when you so proudly speak of getting soured all the way home, you are risking our lives as well.

We hope you are apprehended and that the book is thrown at you with such force and effect that you will never laugh about being a potential killer again.

• FRANK PARTSCH



DEFOLIATION



Closet Case

In the light of all the flying goodies about the tuition raise, several students have taken to retreating into the world of fantasy—the ever present dream of the completely free education. I devised my own plan—admittedly including many weak spots—for a four-year college education with only minimal expense. You do it this way: draw out

your schedule of courses and then, by some sort of clever ruse, become known to each instructor to the point that he thinks you are a member of his class. This eliminates tuition. You take the tests, smuggle them out of the classroom, and grade them yourself. You then calculate your average, go to a prospective employer and impress the hell out of him with your initiative. Sleep in the library, take a shower in the dorms, eat there too, by giving a random number to the lunch line checker...

No, this plan has a lot of drawbacks. Forget it. I heard a better one a month or so ago. You go to

the stereotyped rich kid who wants the degree but doesn't care about going to class; you attend his classes for him, collecting an exorbitant fee (paying your living expenses.) Then, after you have taken your fill of courses around the spectrum of departments, you retire to a neighboring university, where you apply for a degree by examination, using the knowledge you have acquired from your profession.

(You pay for this out of your earnings as a professional student.) It assumes that you are smart enough to pass the rich kid's courses... Alternatives are a march or a petition. Ah, spring. I think I'll call on Cosier and see if he wants to get up a big marshmallow roast...

CORKers

By Lynn Corcoran

Larry Drost of the Lincoln Health Department suggests that NU girls could do some leg work for the clean-up drive. Pick the ones that could use some, Larry.

Quote of the week: "If we didn't have any girls around here everybody would start acting like animals!" (John Valaika of Cather). Sounds like you're begging the question, John.



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Fight For What?

Dear editor,

Lately, the Johnson administration has been firing up trial balloons suggesting a commitment of land forces in Viet Nam, equivalent to a ratio of 10-12 American soldiers to one Viet Cong guerilla, the ideal being a ratio of 15-1. This would mean a commitment of 1-1.5 million troops.

And for what? The protection of a shakey, military puppet regime which has never had the support of the people. Gen. Eisenhower stated "Had an election been held at the time of the fighting (1954) possibly 80 per cent of the population would have voted for the communist Ho Chi Minh." (Mandate for Change, p. 372.)

The war in Viet Nam is in actuality a Civil War. Support from the north for the guerillas is minimal. "North Vietnamese direction and support of the Viet Cong effort is not considered more than 20 per cent factor in the present guerilla advances" (New York Times, Feb. 9, 1965).

American pilots are now being given the chance to bomb at random in North Viet Nam. (Times, April 2, 1965). In other words, we have abandoned the position of a tit-for-tat retaliation and are instead bombing at random.

We scream about the deaths of three "innocent civilians" and yet we attempt to burn a huge section of South Vietnamese forest (did we first evacuate all "innocent civilians?") and we bomb North Vietnamese villages to the point of 90 per cent destruction (did we first evacuate all "innocent civilians?")

We are supporting a regime which Walter Lippman last April declared had "the allegiance of probably no more than 30 per cent of the people." The regime is, in fact, a "facade of civilian government" (Times, Jan. 7, 1965).

So we are not fighting to preserve freedom and democracy. Are we to gain a strategic value from a continental commitment? One argument is that China would benefit from the nice production potential of the area. Yet the experience of the Chinese with agriculture

should have amply demonstrated their inability to maintain agricultural productivity.

Another strategic argument is the so-called dominion theory. This theory maintains that if South Viet Nam falls, so will Thailand, Malaysia, India, etc. Yet the fallacy here is obvious. Guerilla movements can only exist with popular support such as that enjoyed by the Viet Cong, Thailand, Malaysia, etc., have stable governments which are supported by the people. The South Vietnamese government has never had such support.

What, then, are we to do to end the war which has inflicted so much misery on the Vietnamese people and is taking such a steady toll in American lives? One solution, advocated by a growing number of U.S. Congressmen, is to seek a negotiated neutralized settlement.

If we negotiate now, we may still be able to get a neutral South Viet Nam. (If we do not, we may become involved in a larger war with China.)

Senators Morse, Church, McGovern and others believe this sort of a settlement is possible. Five thousand intellectuals (including many foreign policy experts) who signed a petition to the president last fall believe it can be done. It is our only rational alternative to further misery and possible disaster.

What can we as students do? We can write President Johnson and our congressmen urging an immediate negotiated settlement.

Robert Cherny  
Robert Haws  
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Objections To HUAC Listed

Dear editor,

This letter is in reference to an article which appeared in the March 31 edition of the Daily Nebraskan entitled "Reds Will Bury America Without Open Fighting."

Miss Langford, author of the article, asserted her support of the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) on the grounds that there is a real threat of communist subversion in the United States and that HUAC performs an important role in the control of that subversion (the latter point is not stated, but I feel justified in assuming that it is an important premise.)

I do not here object to these two propositions, questionable as they may be, but, rather, to the methods used by the HUAC in carrying out its purported task of investigating subversive activities and suggesting legislation to keep those activities in check.

The first of my objections to HUAC centers around the use of the power of subpoena, which it shares with other Congressional committees. HUAC may choose to subpoena anyone, but, presumably, they use their power only when they have reason to believe that the person being subpoenaed is in some way involved in an "un-American activity;" it is just this presumption which causes problems.

Subpoena Becomes Judgement

A subpoena to appear before HUAC becomes a judgement, or at least, a charge, in the eyes of many people, but it is neither of these. The people called before HUAC are only there to be questioned; neither the FBI nor HUAC is empowered to judge whether or not the people in question are guilty of participating in subversive activities, but the fact that a subpoena is accepted by many as a conviction (would this University

invite a subpoenaed speaker to the campus when the budget is before the Legislature?) is enough to make HUAC a distributor of scarlet C's, which may detrimentally affect the lives of the wearers.

I also find objectionable the fact that the people being examined by the committee are subjected to questions without benefit of cross-examination and are allowed to make only those statements which the committee permits. The committee is thus enabled to ask leading questions (perhaps unintentionally) which the witness may not be allowed to answer fully.

The mere fact that a committee is able to ask a person a question concerning his loyalty to his country in a well publicized public hearing and then deny that person the right to answer the question to his own satisfaction is a clear indication that the powers of that committee are in need of revision.

Hearings Given Flair

The third objection that I propose is that the hearings of Congressional committees are often given a dramatic flair, in order to enhance the political careers of the members of the committee. The Kefauver Committee hearings on drugs are a good example of how an important governmental function can degenerate into a dramatic presentation.

HUAC's own dramatic ability is attested to by the film, Operation Abolition, which was carefully edited to heighten the dramatic effect of the San Francisco riots. The accompanying film, Operation Correction, pointed out these attempts at dramatization and the misleading implications of Operation Abolition that the riots were communist-led and organized (it is a rare person who leaves the film without seeing these implications).

I am, of course, assuming the validity of Operation Correction, an assumption which I consider justifiable because of the fact that the editors of Operation Correction showed dates on the scenes of Operation Abolition; obviously, it would be an unmistakable lie if the dates were not correct, and the editors would have to be unbelievably imprudent to expose themselves to prosecution in that way.

Operation Abolition was shown only as misleading, which, of course, would not expose its editors to prosecution in that way.

Communist Dupes

The fact that the students were shown as communist dupes (people who unknowingly work for communist goals) is only significant if one assumes that all communist goals are bad. A person who works for women's rights might well be shocked to learn that he is a communist dupe.

In conclusion, it seems that HUAC could accomplish their purpose by relying on the evidence gathered by the FBI, rather than calling in witnesses who are often uncooperative (a fact of which HUAC must be aware, since they call the same uncooperative witnesses time after time.)

It is not the purpose of HUAC to discover plots against the American government, and it seems that they might well leave this pursuit to the agency to which it has been entrusted, the FBI. As far as determining who is un-American is concerned, HUAC might well leave this task to the Supreme Court, whose function is the interpretation of the constitution, and, who therefore should be responsible for determining who or what is un-American.

So, if HUAC is to continue its activities, it should do so only with sharply abridged or completely abolished powers of subpoena.

Ronald Paulson