

On This Day . . .

Some thought he was a beatnik; he certainly would have been considered a non-conformist today, with his beard and sandals.

Others thought he was a two-bit politician, his support among the lower classes was certainly strong.

His followers considered him divine; many of those who are not numbered among his followers concede that his was the answer to the problems of humanity.

Journalists' accounts of his life and death vary; he is given credit for sage quotations and superhuman deeds. One correspondent for the world's best selling publication quoted him as blessing the meek, the poor in spirit, the peacemakers.

But he was not opposed to acts of violence when he deemed them neces-

sary. He once reportedly led a raid on a den of thieves and ejected them bodily from one of the city's public buildings. His life was a good example for human judgement.

But he was misunderstood by the in-group, arrested, and subjected to a kangaroo court, after which he was tortured and executed with common criminals. It was in this, one of humanity's most shameful weekends, that humanity was given a reason for existing.

His comrades deserted him during the trial, only to return after his triumph. He returned to say, "My peace I give to you."

But his comrades, his believers and his followers have never completely accepted and practiced his word.

People are funny that way.

FRANK PARTSCH

Review—

Nancy, Sluggo And Crew Leave Diaper Sandoe Cold

Editor's note: Bowing to popular pressure, Mr. Sandoe has agreed to review a comic strip for the benefit of our readers.

By DIAPER SANDOE

After viewing yesterday's Nancy, one is left with a distinct sense of anticlimax and disillusionment . . . even disappointment . . .

For one thing, the title character doesn't even appear in the strip. One wonders whether this is to suggest her defection from life as a misanthrop, or whether she actually is in the strip allegorically.

As soon as one settles on the latter choice as a possibility, (and surely we have to make one choice or the other for the strip is named Nancy) one begins to feel that the rectangular shapes in the background of the

third panel are not really boxes as they at first seem, but are symbolic of the Four Horsemen of Apocalypse and, consequently, the four levels of the human mind.

One wonders whether Mr. Bushmiller, the author and layout man of the strip, intends to attempt the extended allegory in later strips, or drop it like a hot (one) potato.

One finds himself suspecting that Bushmiller will simply let the allegory slide into psychological oblivion, and we will never find the real reason he has elected—for one strip and one strip only—to show psychological insight into Nancy by representing her as a series of boxes in a men's shop.

The protagonist of Thursday's strip, a lowlife by the name of Sluggo, is seen in the first panel as walking

along with a sheepish smile on his face. In the second panel he fixes his eyes—here Bushmiller resorts to the archaic form of using dotted lines to show a stare—on something inside a store. We are not told at this time what Sluggo, (the lowlife, sees). In the third panel—you remember, the one with the Allegory—Sluggo Lowlife, still with that sheepish smile on his face, is shown shaving his head with an electric razor. Funny? Now I ask you!

In retrospect, Thursday's Nancy was not funny, nor was the artwork as good as that of say, Prince Valiant. What's more, the soundtrack was TERRIBLE. Still, I urge you to read the strip, if for nothing other than the deep social meaning of Nancy being represented by a row of boxes.

Dear Editor,

The interesting thing about Mr. Hammond's letter in Wednesday's paper is not its obvious Birchist attack on the fundamental principles of American society, but the pathetic paranoia which pervades that attack.

Because most intelligent and sensible people believe in democratic institutions, and therefore condemn the Birch society as a group devoted to fascist goals, people like Mr. Hammond

Pathetic Paranoia

and Mrs. Brown naturally assume that those who do not share their delusions are of the "enemy."

All who disagree, from Chief Justice Warren down to the poorest Negro child demonstrating for the right to be treated like a human being, are either active communists or the dupes of the so-called "communist conspiracy." They, on the other hand, are true patriots, who "know both sides of every issue" and "make decisions based on knowledge, not emotion."

Counter-inveective is useless in helping people overcome delusional states. Instead, one must patiently call attention over and over again to the absence of any facts which would support the delusions, and their possible basis in the overwhelming need many people have for a cause which will give meaning and direction to their lives—a cause which will become a simple, uncluttered, violent religion in a complex, uncertain and secular world.

Frederick M. Link

Witless Antics

Dear editor,

I had hoped that this year witless antics would not signal the arrival of spring. Nevertheless, my darker presentiments were realized. A Golden Horde of mini-bikes, Harleys, B.S.A.'s and Hondas descended upon us.

I hope that these shiny tin lemmings will scurry on to the sea or, more likely, the morgue, allowing us to recover our hearing and, hopefully, our good humour.

Spencer Davis

Monumental Blunders

Dear editor,

The SANE people, who demonstrated Monday, made some monumental blunders when they said we should negotiate the South Viet Nam war, which is civil in nature.

It is not a civil war and we should not negotiate. It is a war of communism versus democracy. The communists have formulated

this war in a part of a continuing effort to conquer the entire world.

We should not negotiate this war because, in addition to the fact that every president since Eisenhower has pledged our support to the people there, the communists cannot be trusted. Laos, for example had negotiated neutrality imposed upon it in 1954, yet within the last year, communist Pathet Lao troops attacked

on the Plain of Jars to expand their hold there and make it more secure.

If the U.S. allows the communists to permit armed insurrection in Viet Nam, in fact, to transport professional soldiers there to instigate armed insurrection, they, once successful, will do it somewhere else and somewhere else until the U.S. finds itself fighting an Americanized "Viet Cong."

Donald Ziegenbein

SANE 'Discouraging'

Dear editor,

It is personally discouraging to me and my fellow military men to view and hear the protestations of groups like SANE, particularly when students, our future leaders, are involved. Yet, in a way, it reinforces my pride in a system of government that permits the freedom of expression.

Allen Gerlach makes several assumptions that have no foundation in fact and those lying in the "gray area" are slanted to achieve his viewpoint.

First, the war is not a civil war, it is aggression in violation of an agreement of July 22, 1954 which partitioned Viet Nam at the 17th parallel. The North Vietnamese violated this agreement, in typical Communist style, in an effort to subvert the existing government in South Viet Nam by force of arms.

It is not a losing war, but a war made difficult by lack of a firm U.S. foreign policy and sniping on the homefront by organizations like SANE. If Mr. Gerlach could extricate himself from the cloistered serenity of his environment and talk with the peasants, he would find apathy. They care not who governs them but that they

be unmolested in their fight for a subsistence living. There is no preference for either government.

Most objectionable to me is the term "pilot project war" used by Mr. Gerlach. It would seem from this phrase that we continue in Viet Nam merely for the purpose of testing equipment and procedures. A moment's contemplation of the obsolete equipment (B-26, A-1E, T-28, and F-100 aircraft) and the limited modern weaponry employed, plus the more than 400 dad sons, brothers, and fathers would discount this ridiculous notion.

Many students have expressed to me a fear that this war and future United States involvements may lead to a nuclear holocaust. The possibility exists that Viet Nam may lead to the use of nuclear weapons if intervention by another government occurs. Stop and think; is your freedom your democratic society, worth risking your life for, or will you be a party to apathy and resistance to the policies of officials you elected. The latter can only lead to subjugation of the way of life you enjoy today.

If demonstrate you must, demonstrate for a country that is aware of moral obligations to right the wrongs of its own country and still be willing to sacrifice members of its military to see that others may live in lands

not blighted by totalitarian government. Flag waving is far more honorable than a sign carrying.

I'd be happy to continue this discussion with any student or faculty member at any time.

Roger O. Clemens
Capt. USAF

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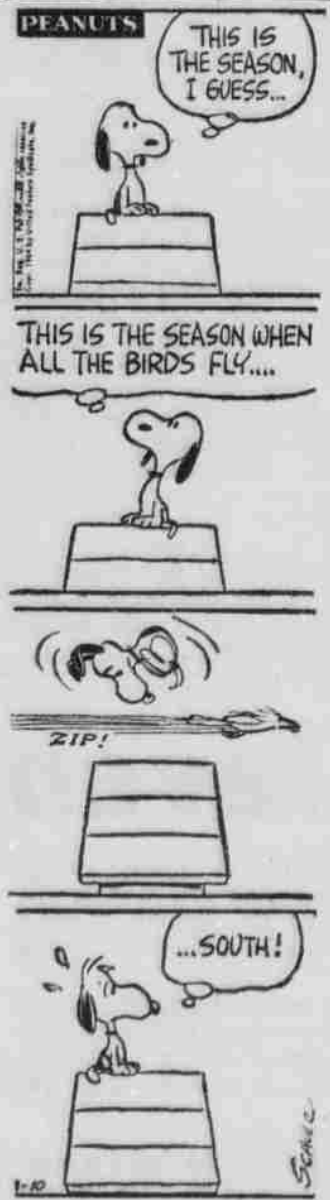
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BB SHOT

By Bob Bosking

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The Lancaster County crew gets reports (?) that Candy is obscene (?) so they suggest (notice the bland word; not coerce, threaten, order) that the retail bookshops in the center of sin remove with all immediate haste a 200-page book.

Something has been removed from our environs. By what right and on what grounds? I submit that the threat of prosecution was there, either implied or not published in the news story.

Are people 21 years of age and older implicitly immature, and basically sensual? That's what the removal implies.

Did whoever signed the suggestion read the book? Were they shown passages in the book? Who complained to them? What was

the wording of the complaint and of the suggestion to remove?

C'mon, Nebraska Book Store, show me some hair: order five thousand copies of Candy, sell them for half-price, give 'em away for purchases of ten cents or more. Let the damned county prosecute; we'll pass the hat, hire E. G. Marshall and let him read "Areopagitica" to the jury.

What one of the county censors knows who wrote that and what its about???

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Lots More Jello

Dear editor,

Thanks to Mr Booth for his Wednesday letter in the Daily Nebraskan, expressing exactly the situation and views of 4-5's (by actual count) of the students at my house. We are all undergrads AND veterans, completely self-supporting.

To Mr. John Edgar Smith's question of the worth of \$20 per semester MORE, I can only say that food at our house has cost \$18-22 apiece each, monthly since September. Forty dollars more looks like lots more Jello with maybe enough change for a couple of cheap mag wheels AFTER graduation.

James Delaney

P.S. Edit this if necessary. Sorry I couldn't afford a typewriter — tuition, you know.

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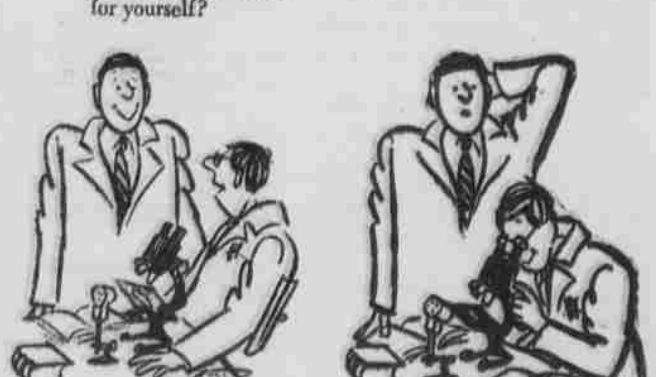


3. I must admit the thought did enter my mind.

Has the thought ever entered your mind that you might get a job and make a career for yourself?

4. What about my trust for knowledge?

Just because you doesn't mean you have to stop learning!



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