

Abel Hall Fire

THE LAST in a series of fires at Abel Hall Sunday night ignited a roaring blaze of controversy and sharp remarks.

There is nothing humorous about the situation. No one would like to see the newest residence hall on campus in smoking shambles...

TO INSINUATE that all 1056 residents of Abel enjoy running outside at 11 p.m. to cheer firemen fighting a blaze in their university home is ridiculous.

Yet, we hear reports of students booing the firemen who were doing their job, we get letters from students who concoct a satire on the Abel Hall fire escapades.

THE SMARTIES who think they are being cute are ruining their chance to be accepted as intelligent adults.

The attitude of the students toward the firemen could influence their respect for all Abel residents.

The possibility that the fire was started intentionally by an Abel resident should not be overlooked.

STUDENTS SHOULD not be afraid to provide any clues which would help officials solve the mystery fire problem.

There is also the possibility that an "outsider" set the loaded trash chute on fire.

There is also the possibility that the fire was accidental.

THE INVESTIGATION by Abel Hall residence directors, the Campus Police, the Lincoln Fire Department and the State Fire Marshall should reveal exactly what did cause the Sunday night fire.

Residents of Abel Hall should help in the investigation and the "clowns" should conduct themselves in a manner more befitting University of Nebraska students.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

An Intellectual Nature

Today we present a discussion of an intellectual nature. The topic: history and science, their inter-relation and their differences.

The purpose is to provide a vehicle for academic thought on this campus.

This week's contributor is Lloyd Lee, a graduate student in chemical engineering from the Republic of China.

Future articles will deal with political, historical, cultural, scientific and social questions...

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

History, Science Differ In Method

FEW PEOPLE understand Oswald Spengler when he says that while science deals with the become, das Gewordene, history deals with the becoming, das Werden.

History is in no sense a collection of facts pending scientific treatment.

But science, as R. G. Collingwood puts it, "lives in a world of abstract universals, which are in one sense everywhere and in another nowhere in one sense at all times and in another at no time."

THE NARRATION "We watched sunset that evening," is in this sense historical; but when we assert that "The sun rises in the east," the statement is true, irrespective of whether it was yesterday, today, or tomorrow.

Facts observed in the "becoming world" can be utilized as raw materials in constructing theories in science.

NAPOLEON ATE a bad pear on the eve of the Waterloo campaign, thus he lost the war the next day.

It is Napoleon himself who bears the import in history; not X, a thing non-existent.

THE ARGUMENT is true that science can assist the "study" of history; but we should be aware that science is not the substitute for history.

Lloyd Lee
Notes from: Oswald Spengler: Der Untergang des Abendlandes, and R. G. Collingwood: The Idea of History.



Communism Restores Chinese Minorities

Dear Editor: Regarding Lloyd L. Lee's attempted refutation of Drs. Trask and Sakai on Chinese history, it would seem that Lee himself has furnished faulty reasoning and information.

Most likely, in the context of political discussion and debate, Trask and Sakai were not implying a continuity of culture and religion from olden times into the Chinese Communist regime.

In writing of the overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia, Lee is apparently unaware that many millions of these large racial minorities are proud of the rebirth of China's power and influence in the world.

The Chinese minorities, largely excluded from political power by the native governments of Southeast Asia (except Singapore) and seeing that these anti-Chinese governments are generously aided by the U.S.A., are forced to look to Communist China as their champion.

Sincerely, F.S. La Croix

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13th Of Neer--- 'Ad Parade' At Halftime

I've just thought up an excellent part-time profession for someone lurking about the campus with an ingenious mind and little cash. It's organizing the halftime advertising at football games.

For instance, the Fijis have on occasion paraded around in appropriate Fijian semi-attire — usually in November, for some obscure reason.

Look at all the golden opportunities for our organizer. For Abel, he can eventually have a demonstration of firebugs for their alumni and visiting arsonists.

For those with martyr complexes, he can arrange for pairs to carry 10-foot paper banners in 38-mile-an-hour breezes.

war in Viet Nam to the Union Ski Trip—which will satisfy their picketing urge without getting anybody mad for the simple reason that five minutes later no one will be able to say whether the pickets were for or against.

If our young professional really does his work well, if he makes detailed studies on the effects of banners on the voting habits of people who are trying to get the attention of the candied apple seller anyway...

Instead of seeing a Duda to White pass, we will be delightfully entertained with a poster saying, "Vote Smerks McGillicuddy for Campus Hero."

If our budding entrepreneur worked it right, he could do all the signs and get a discount on materials.

Campus Opinion— Honorary Causes Abel Fire

Dear Editor:

We feel that the Nebraskan has not been giving proper coverage to one of the top social events on campus, the weekly Abel Hall fires.

Sunday night's fire was sponsored by Pi Rho pledges, freshman arson honorary, Abel chapter.

This week's guest firemen were from Engine Company No. 13. Abel II poured and a record attendance was reported, topping last Friday's event by 500 participants.

A pre-fire rally was held prior to Sunday's event with the State Fire Marshall leading cheers of "Glow Big Red" and "On To The Cinder Bowl!"

Tickets for next week's exchange fire with POUND Hall are on sale now outside the Abel IV trash chute.

There have also been rumors that the Innocents will revoke sponsorship of the fires, claiming that students spend too much time in participation and preparation of the events, de-emphasizing scholastic achievement.

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Fire Queen candidates for the coming week will be interviewed in the North lounge Wednesday afternoon.

A contest sponsored by Pi Rho actives will award a date with Abel Residence Director Mr. Richard Fowler to the person most closely predicting the time of the alarm.

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Poignant Message--- 'Fight Your Quarrels Elsewhere' Is Viet Plea

Editor's Note: The following document presents the feelings of the people of South Viet Nam about the war the United States is waging there.

THEIR POSITION contradicts what the Johnson Administration has been saying—that the Vietnamese people desire U.S. participation in the war.

This message was written by an official of the United States economic aid program, Richard S. Browne who lived for six years in Indo-China—in Cambodia from 1955 to 1958, then in South Viet Nam from 1958 to 1961.

BROWNE VISITED South Viet Nam again this summer and returned with this plea from the people. It should be read by every student interested and concerned with the realities of our foreign policy.

The article is reprinted from the November issue of Ramparts which is published monthly by Ramparts Magazine Inc.

SHORTLY BEFORE I left Viet Nam in 1961 to return to the United States I solemnly promised a group of my Vietnamese friends that I would devote great effort to informing the American people of the widely and passionately held desire of the Vietnamese people to be free of the oppressive Diem government which the United States was imposing upon them in the name of freedom and democracy.

EVENTS PROVED otherwise, however, and Washington was able to perpetuate the myth of Diem as a popular leader and of South Viet Nam as a great democracy until a few Buddhist monks, whose devotion to liberty and to their religion was sufficient to overcome the human instinct for self-preservation, chose to cremate themselves in the streets of Saigon.

I HAVE RECENTLY returned from making a brief revisit to South Viet Nam. Once again I find myself commissioned to bring a message back to the American people from the people of Vietnam — and once again it is a message which directly contradicts the official view of Viet Nam which Washington propagates.

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THE 1965 MESSAGE which the people of Viet Nam (religious and intellectual spokesmen—except for Northern Catholic refugees now resident in the South—working class people, students and, from secondary sources, peasants) wish me to transmit to the American people is a plea that the United States immediately cease the wanton destruction of their country and people and permit the Vietnamese people to work out their own internal disputes free from the unsettling effects of foreign interference.

DEMORALIZATION IS, of course, widespread in all echelons of the Viet Nam populace, for although it is generally accepted by the South Vietnamese that the NLF will ultimately be the victors—whether on the battlefield or at the conference table—the people find themselves unable to prevent their country from being destroyed in a futile military confrontation which insists on being acted out to its final, predetermined conclusion.

NOT EAGER to see his country communized, the average Vietnamese would nevertheless greatly prefer this fate to a continuance of the unimaginable destruction which Viet Nam is suffering. It is the United States which feels that stopping communism or China is an objective which justifies unlimited sacrifice.

heavy weaponry, bombs, napalm, etc., which the United States has introduced into the Vietnamese dispute and which have transformed it from a mild, all-Vietnamese ground action with rifles and grenades into a full scale international war, they ask: "To what avail all this destruction? It has served only to make the other side stronger."

DESPITE THE FACT that the vast majority of South Vietnamese do not seem to be particularly enamored of the Communist ideology, there is great indication that the affront to Vietnamese independence and national pride which the American take-over has occasioned has pushed many non-Communist Vietnamese into the ranks of the National Liberation Front (NLF), concerning whose fierce national pride there is no question. The spectacle of tall, wealthy, white Americans ordering the Vietnamese around, either overtly or through United States approved stooges, is too much of a throw-back to the hated colonial period to be stomachached by many Vietnamese, and those who don't openly join the rebels are likely to be at least as helpful to them as they are to the government.

WHAT IS EVEN more alarming to them than seeing us push their country toward communism, is seeing us push it further into the clutches of big neighbor China.



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