

NDEA Loyalty Oath

University students and faculty are presently required to sign a loyalty oath to the United States and the U.S. Constitution before borrowing or receiving federal funds under the National Defense Education Act (NDEA) of 1958.

Federal Benefits

Similar loyalty oaths are rarely required today from other individuals and groups—outside of the educational community—whose activities have been of national importance and who receive numerous federal benefits.

Only students and faculty are placed in a special category and must swear a vague oath to receive needed federal aid.

The Daily Nebraskan feels that besides the point that all loyalty oaths (such as the Nebraska State employee oath) are impractical, useless and unnecessary, the fact that such an oath is required only to get federal money is required only from the educational community is grossly discriminatory and unfair.

Particularly Suspect

There is no question, but that requiring such an oath in only educational communities seems to say that students and faculty in America's colleges are a particularly suspect part of the population and have to pass a special test the other citizens in the nation need not take. This we feel is a very unfair prejudice of American teachers and students.

A University student, Dan Dickmeyer, has recently joined the many educational groups and individuals in the country who are protesting this NDEA oath as a false symbol of real loyalty to the country. He has refused to sign the NDEA oath in order to receive a \$200 educational loan from the federal government and has been meeting with legal counsel.

The Daily Nebraskan strongly supports Dickmeyer and feels there is no reason why he should allow the federal government to question his loyalty only because he is a student.

Against Oath

Many educational institutions, the American Association of University Professors and political figures have taken similar stands against the desirability of such an oath.

John F. Kennedy, when he was a Senator from Massachusetts, pointed out in 1958 the disadvantages of the National Defense Education Act oath. He said:

"The loyalty oath has no place in a program designed to encourage education. It is at variance with the declared purpose of this statute; it acts as a barrier to prospective students, and it is distasteful, humiliating, and unworkable to those who must administer it."

Loyal Citizens

"No one can quarrel with the principle that all Americans should be loyal citizens and should be willing to swear allegiance to our country. However, this is quite different from a doctrine which singles out students, who seek only to borrow money, as a group which must sign a rather vague affidavit that they do not support any organization that believes in the overthrow of the United States government by illegal or unconstitutional methods."

"Such an affidavit is superfluous at best and discriminatory and subversive of the purpose of the Act at worst. Those who are willing to sign the affidavit are not by that act proven to be either more loyal or more talented than those who do not. Rather, it may act as a cloak behind which disloyalty may be hidden."

Executive Salaries

The motion presented on the Senate floor Wednesday concerning salaries for the three top ASUN executives is, with the exception of some difficulties of administration, a very fine one.

\$500 For President

If the motion is passed, the president of the Association will be paid \$500 per year and the first and second vice presidents will receive \$400 per year each. In addition, a general expense account will be set up to cover costs not adequately covered in the budget, such as traveling, for all persons connected with ASUN including committee chairman, senators and members of the Electoral Commission.

The money to cover these costs, which according to the committee which proposed the bill, may amount to \$2000 annually, will come from the student activities fund. This is where the Senate has received its budget money in the past. Supposedly the Office of Student Affairs will recommend a budget increase for next year large enough to include executive salaries and money for general expenses.

There hardly need be justification for this move. The scope of ASUN has reached such magnitude that executive positions demand up to 30 hours a week during normal proceedings. In addition, public relations activity such as meeting with city officials, speaking throughout the state and attending conventions is in-

creasing yearly. Official University student representatives should not be expected to assume such large responsibilities and give up great amounts of time without reimbursement.

Regular Jobs

Positions which carry similar large responsibilities such as newspaper and yearbook editors have been salaried for years. They are not thought of in a traditional sense of campus activity positions, but are conceived to be regular, though short-term, jobs.

Student government is gaining a similar stature. Since the ASUN constitution was adopted two years ago, a paralyzed student council has been transforming into a representative body which works sincerely, though not always effectively, for the best kind of academic community. Salaries paid to the executives could not only justify reimbursements for time and effort, but stimuli for even more effective leadership.

If anything, the proposed salaries are too small. However, they serve as a starting point. The designers of the bill were prudent in providing that the entire concept be re-considered next spring after it has been tried for a year. At that time the Senate can decide if the salaries need to be increased, if the Senate has been able to establish and abide by guidelines regulating general expenditures, and if the method of administration, which has yet to be decided, is adequate.

Stop Sucking Your Thumb

Considerable attention is being focused on President Johnson's new plan to draft 19-year-olds first in a "Fair and Impartial Random system of selection (FAIR)." Unfortunately everyone is ignoring any new plan to change the draft based on a "Fair and Reasonable Classification Evaluation (FARCE)."

The FARCE study, which included extensive consultation with Selective Service Director Hershey, students, draftees, college administrators, and parents concludes that 10-year-olds should be drafted first.

Great Soldier

The average 10-year-old would make a great soldier. Unlike his soft older brother, the average 10-year-old is in top physical condition. Since he hasn't been corrupted by SDS and New York Times anti-war propaganda he'll lack mental reservations about fighting. And fresh from hours of TV viewing and model building he'll be thoroughly versed in modern combat techniques.

Training 10-year-olds at Fort Dix would be simple. For example search-and-destroy techniques could be taught under the code name of "hide and go seek." And the young soldier would need minimal training in how to handle a spiked yo-yo or napalm-filled squirt gun.

The government could save money equipping the new troops: smaller soldiers obviously needed smaller uniforms.

Less Disruption

Taking the 10-year-olds away from their homes and sending them to Vietnam would provoke less hardship than it does for today's soldier. There would be far less disruption of family and professional life.

With their sharp reflexes 10-year-olds would make good pilots. Certainly the young fliers with their acute sense of timing would be less apt to bomb civilian targets than today's pilots.

Even if there were occasional mistakes 10-year-olds would still be the best men for the job. From a public relations standpoint it would be much better to

blame a child for bombing a school than a grizzled Air Force reservist. Besides who ever heard of a 10-year-old imperialist.

Kites

In the field the new soldiers could develop worthwhile innovations. Besides tin can walkie-talkies the young fighters might use kites instead of smoke bombs to point out targets to pilots.

The new soldiers would greatly reduce discipline problems in the service. One of the most frequent complaints from Saigon is that American soldiers have turned the city into a brothel. Not only would 10-year-olds end this but they would curb the social disease rate.

Also there would be no need to fly soldiers out of Hong Kong or Hawaii for "rest and relaxation" trips. The 10-year-olds would be satisfied with a show by Soupy Sales and Batman.

The new troops would also help curtail black market activities. Many PX items like razor blades and shaving cream would not be sold any longer. Besides who would want to buy hot copies of Mad Magazine and Superman?

Gum Not Beer

Bubble gum, incidentally, would of course replace beer, although the 10-year-olds would have to be careful not to chew in the field. The pops could give them away to the enemy.

Many choice incentives could be offered to the new soldiers. For example an Eagle boy scout badge could be promised on return to civilian life for any boy who kills 10 Viet Cong.

While this plan does have its defects—Bob Hope would have to stay home during Christmas, and junior high school enrollment might drop—overall it is in the national interest.

Not only does it aid the military but it helps the colleges. What could be better than a 5,000-man VFW chapter on the Berkeley campus to keep student revolts down?

Roger Rappoport
Collegiate Press Service



Our Man Hoppe

Socialized Sin

Herewith is another chapter in that standard unpublished reference book, "A History of the World, 1850-1999." The title of this unprinted chapter is, "The Advent of Socialized Sin."

It was in the late 1960s that the Great Society made a magnificent leap forward to realize one of mankind's age-old dreams—legalized prostitution.

Long advocated by liberals, feminists and assorted sociologists, this progressive social change met strong opposition from hide-bound conservatives.

Their protests culminated in the famed "March for Free Enterprise," in which 5000 young ladies paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue waving pincards saying, "No Government Controls," Individual Initiative

Made This Country Great," "No Free Schedules!" "Don't Destroy the Sacred Practitioner-Patient Relationship," and "Heaven Help Us Working Girls."

The President met them with the ringing words, "Ask not what your country can do for you . . ." And the measure finally passed Congress.

All Jurisdiction Now that the profession was legal, a bitter dispute arose in Washington as to which Government agency should control it. Parks and Recreation, Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Natural Resources and the Bureau of Wildlife Management—all claimed jurisdiction.

At last, the President created a new agency, The Office of Vice Control, to direct what he called "The War on Promiscuity." Corporal Shriver (no relation) was named to run it.

As a first step, all young ladies of the evening were required to obtain licenses, issued only after rigorous written examinations administered in most States by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Sin Established With the help of the Bureau of Vocational Standards and the Department of Labor, services were standardized and Federal minimum wages of sin established.

A vast building program resulted in a new Government building in each postal zone, complete with flag, flagpole and the words chiseled into its concrete facade: "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BORD-T-L-O."

Inside, each boasted gleaming linoleum floors, bright fluorescent lights, pictures of the President and George Washington on the walls and a clerk ready to help the public fill in the necessary application forms and direct them to their physical examinations and supervised showers. At the exit, a trained social worker waited to compile valuable data for official studies and surveys through interviews in depth.

After the initial year of operation, Corporal Shriver reported proudly to the President on the program's unqualified success.

Efficient Basis "For the first time in the history of mankind, sir," he said, "we have put sin on a clean, orderly and superbly efficient basis."

"A triumph," said the President, well-pleased. "And how do the customers like it?"

"You know, it's odd, sir," said Corporal Shriver, frowning. "But we haven't had one yet."



Arthur Hoppe

... Nutes

By Karen Jo Bennet

Don't bring along a cloud to rain on my parade! . . . Anyone who can't say anything good about something must have difficulty finding any good in himself. The latest target of one such dismal mind was the University Orchestra which presented its Spring Concert last Thursday in the Union.

Limited Time

In spite of the limited time available for preparation this semester (thanks to the semester break, the Opera, and the meager allotment of four hours rehearsal a week), and the decided disadvantage of poking and crowding part of the orchestra back on the Ballroom stage, and the other part on a rather shaky platform, the orchestra came through with strength and unity.

Undoubtedly professional experienced musicians would have many suggestions for improvement. But in music there is always a way to better a performance and even the pros would agree that the challenging program of numbers by Brahms and Bartok was well met for a University orchestra of this size and caliber. The audience was our real clue that the concert had been a good one. They applauded heartily until we were convinced that our labor had not been in vain.

A Star Spy

Unfortunately, trespassing among those warm, friendly, appreciators was a cold, hostile deprecator—a spy from a Star—who thoughtlessly labeled himself "critic" and proceeded to brew up a nasty bunch of negative nimbus that dimly drenched what could have been a very nice parade.

Maybe someone had just given him a bad review. Somehow he could not manage to dig up the slightest sincere compliment for the performance, or even a logical explanation for the audience's enthusiastic response (which he obviously had not contributed to). What he said isn't worth repeating. If you didn't read his masterpiece of malice in Friday's paper, you're in luck. Not only did he criticize, but he also did not substantiate his complaints. Rumor has it that his musical background is limited, his comprehension or orchestral work minute, and his understanding of the University Orchestra nil.

The Purpose

At this point in my off-blowing steam two questions are in order: What is the purpose of our University Orchestra? and What is the purpose of criticism? The University Orchestra and the other performing ensembles exist to provide practical, education performing experience for its students and cultural, pleasurable listening experience for the interested public. These ensembles do not function as professional institutions in themselves (as the Lincoln Symphony does) although they strive always for the best and for constant refinement to give both performer and perceiver progressive goals worth their time and attention.

Criticism, we hope, aims to contribute to its object by offering concrete suggestions based on careful educated observation of what was achieved as compared to what could have been achieved. The critic in question made no such contribution. His primary feat was producing poor public relations for both the University and the local star, we, who, we trust, will better scrutinize the next spy it sends out to an NU concert. Better yet, perhaps that "star" will brilliantly note that spies are really unnecessary when the U already has a whole department full of personnel not only qualified to criticize, but also to correct.

The moral of this story, particularly addressed to "reviewers" and potential "reviewers" is—Beware: the parade you rain on may be your own!

Campus Opinion

What About High School Students?

Dear Editor: Regarding Wednesday's editorial "Student Employee," I feel obliged to comment.

I have worked in the Nebraska Union for several years, as a high school student and a University student. As you pointed out, University employees do not fall under the minimum wage law. Though the salary has been increased recently, it is still not up to par.

The Nebraska Union makes regular use of high school students, employing them in the Crib, in the cafeteria and using them to cater parties and banquets. I feel the reason is because not enough University students are willing to work at the salary offered at the number of hours per week asked of them. High school students are needed to fill the employment need.

ASUN has provided a section in the proposed Bill of Rights for students of the University to organize employee unions. But no provision for high school students has been made, or as far as I know, even considered.

The question is: How will the Lincoln high school students who work for the University during the school year and the summer be affected by a student employee union?

L.R.E.C.

Band Of Romantic Fanatics

Dear Editor: Reader has been following Columnist Abbott's "Peaceful Snatch" with interest.

Reader feels Columnist Abbott is finally (post-Agenbite) showing himself for the true son he is of that essentially conservative tradition from whence he sprang; namely, that myopic band of romantic fanatics (religious and otherwise) that persists in ignoring any and all kinds of rational thought (as being unrealistic); reality (the existence of which they sometimes deny, sometimes condemn); knowledge in general, and science in particular.

Not to mention that most-ignored of all facts: the possibility that somehow, somewhere, they just might be a little bit wrong.

Dan Reynolds

Dovetty-Hawketty

Dear Editor: DOVETTY-HAWKETTY Yippy-yappity, Bobby Clannidy Back from his tour abroad Volleyed and thundered.

Hearing his war decried Blindnon Jaynes Lonson-man Said quite endearingly, "Bobby, you've blundered".

Hippity-hoppity, Old Uncle Ho Chi Minh Had to admit that The time had drawn nigh

To see what could now be done After the monster-birds Messed up his back-yard And darkened his sky.

Diddledee-fiddledee, Time-Newsweek-Elcet'ra Had a huge lark with Such newsworthy news:

Escalation can never In our generation Produce annihilation So—let's light the fuse!

To be read perferably in Pterodactylic company.

Himpity-Dumpty

A Revolution To Take Place

Dear Editor: We feel that the Old Crusty Minstrels are dictating the cultural needs of the bourgeois and ignoring the common students. While it is improbable we must take a fair stand on the issue and denounce the Old "Moldy" Minstrels.

While it is a known fact that several of the Founding Fathers (FF) of the Minstrels are members of ASUN, it is inconceivable to think that a revolution is soon to take place replacing ASUN with the Old "Moldy" Minstrels.

We, as responsible students wishing to rid the University of leachery, anarchy and perjorative cultural revolution, must ask you, the students, to rally behind the ideals of the great University.

FF Windworth has publically stated that one of the first requirements of a rehearsal is "a full jug". Could this mean that their meef... are being held in a shady 9th Street bar?

The Minstrels have boasted that their purpose is cultural revisionism, but how can throwing popcorn be instrumental in achieving this end? Recognizing their militant tendencies (i.e. throwing popcorn) we must act to stop the coup d'etat before it materializes. Today—melodrama, tomorrow—ASUN, and the day after tomorrow—the world and Dean Snyder.

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