

Editorials
Commentary

I have a dream
that one day this nation
will rise up and live out
the true meaning of its creed:
"We hold these truths to be
self-evident, that all men
are created equal . . ."

—Martin Luther King

This week, a four-day memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King should not be one of lip-service observance. It should, instead, be for analyzing the ideas and goals he put forth.

The risk, of course, in conducting this analysis is finding that his peaceful tactics are no longer valid in a violent nation, which is a part of a violent world with a painfully violent history.

It may be that Dr. King's ideals are applicable to 1969. But there are several attestments that they are not.

Dr. King is one.
Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is another.
There are many others.

Ed Icenogle

Standing head

... by George Kaufman

WO-MAN

The once-beautiful movement for the liberation of the American Woman has failed.

This is true not so much that it has bogged down — run out of gas — as that it has done the worst thing any movement can do — it has sold out to the principles upon which it was started.

When the Emancipated Woman movement began in this country after the turn of the century, it was a long overdue and justifiable action. It was conceived to divest modern woman of the ridiculous trappings of an out-dated society.

MANY OF THE restrictions and social and moral taboos hung on a human being who chanced to be born a female even dated back to pre-historic days, when society was based on a tribal hunting structure. Woman had been stuck in her rut for much too long, and the time was over-ripe.

Women finally got, well into this century, the right to vote (man finally admitted his gender was not the only one endowed with a brain), the right to hold office, even (gasp) the right to compete with a man for a job.

Although many of these laws never got off the books in reality, they were a start, something to build on. And today, with co-educational colleges, birth control and the age of the "career woman" there are even more (and more valid) reasons to perpetuate the movement.

TRUE, THERE are still men Neanderthal enough to consider theirs a "superior" part of the race, such as the Lincoln Star's reactionary sports editor who is against female participation in sports because they don't "belong" there; and some men won't bet on a woman jockey because she's not "supposed" to be there; and many employers will discriminate despite the laws. But the women were on their way.

Until they sold out. They forgot their lofty principles and settled for crass trade-unionism, bartering for what benefits they could get and forgetting all about "equality."

Today the Women's Rights movement has trickled down to the level of petty court suits over whether a man was hired instead of a woman because he was a man.

THERE ARE no court cases to see why no women are being discriminated against in the draft. There are no cries of foul when only men still go off to fight the battles with the opposing tribes; at these times women are quite content to sit home and "be a woman."

If there is no reason why a woman can't be a jockey, or drive a race car (and there is none) then where is the reason she can't register with her draft board at the age of 18?

Some of the more vocal Women's Rights really get angry when nit-picking over a single case of discrimination, but will not address themselves to the more important manifestations of their demands.

American Woman will soon have to make a choice: Does she want to elbow her way through the rush-hour crowd, or does she still want to have doors opened for her and have her coat held for her? If she can take a man's job away from him, how can she then expect him to take her out to dinner that night?

She seems only to want half-emancipation; she wants to cling to the old niceties of Victorian bondage, but throw off the inhibitive ones.

SO, DOWN through the centuries echoes the age-old cry of frustration, now more frustrated than ever: "Woman, make up your mind."

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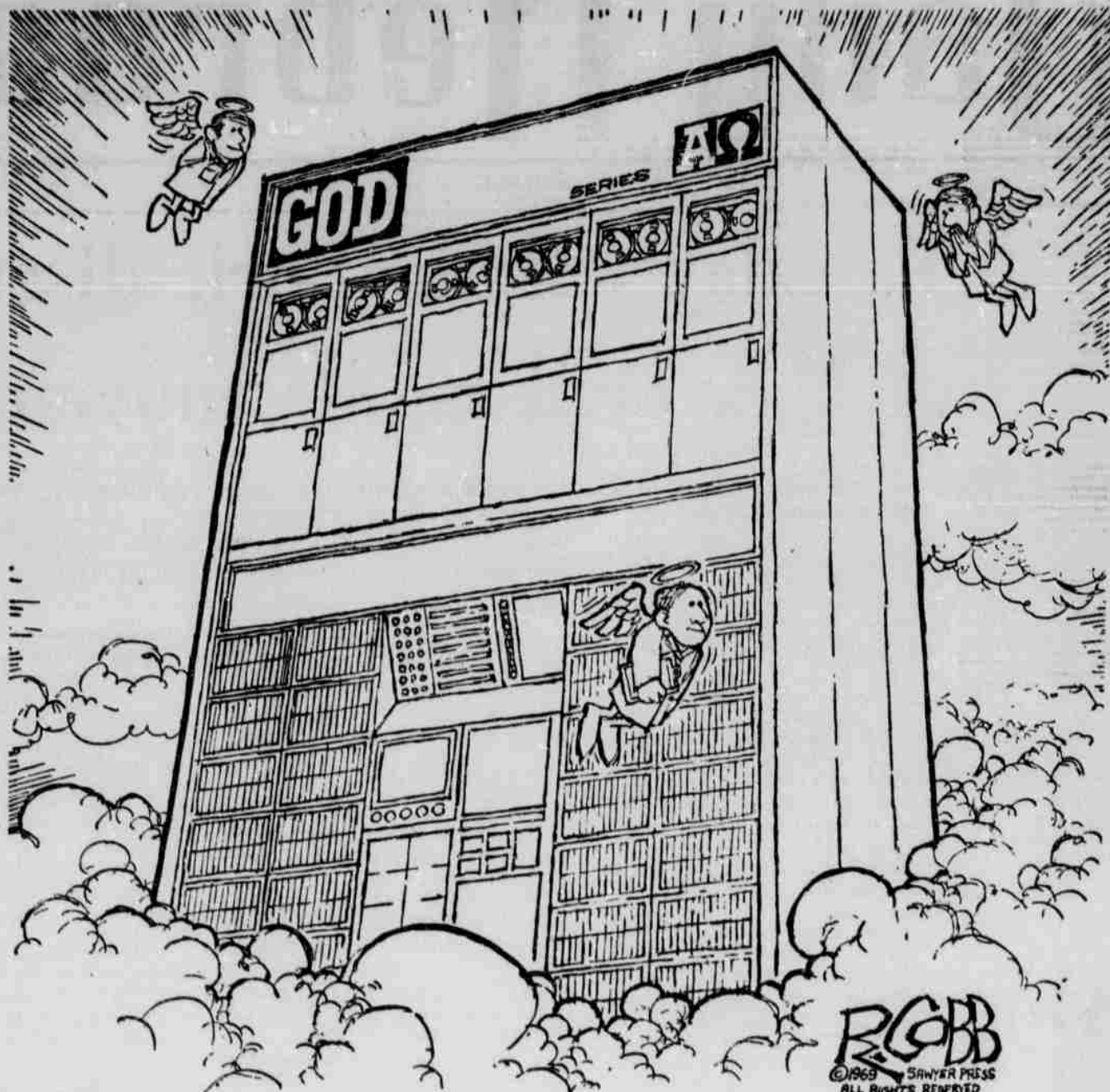
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The lucky Lima Company

by Flora Lewis

Danang, Vietnam — They had come up to Hill 55 the night before, for a three day "rest." The bombers and artillery were working over the fields below, raising heavy smoke a couple of miles away. But that was a lot further than the 30 to 100 miles away that Lima Company's artillery observer usually had to set as the target when he called in fire support.

The lucky members of Lima Company, 26th Regiment, third Marine division, had been out chasing the enemy for 70 consecutive days with a break of no more than 20 hours on board a patrol ship. They considered themselves lucky because of the 240 men who started on the operation, which "didn't even have a name," the lieutenant complained, only 140 were still there.

ALL THEY had to do for three days now was sit around their tent on the dusty hill top drink beer, and spend one night in the lines when it was their turn to guard the camp. So they didn't mind talking, although there was still a tendency to duck for cover when the 105's went off, working out range for the night ahead.

"We've been hearing noise that close, but coming the other way, for so long that we cannot help ducking first and thinking after," a corporal explained.

"This is the best, fightingest company in the whole Marines," said Lt. Leslie Johnson of Richmond, Va., the artillery observer.

The men smiled shyly. "If you don't do it, nobody else is gonna do it and it's gotta be done," said one.

"I'D LIKE to assault Berkeley College next. If they could just come out here one day and see what it's really like," said another, "they wouldn't be out demonstrating."

"We found blood and rice and University of California sweatshirts they sent out in the Viet Cong caches," said another, "that's what else the demonstrators do."

"We've got a lot of buddies out there who'll never get home," someone said. "Somebody's got to pay for that. Sure we've had enough, we've all had enough, but if we're here, we should fight. They're bleeding the Marines to death."

Campus Opinion . . .

Three views of Friday's news

RE: Contraception Issue
Dear Editor,

So what's new about the new morality? Nothing but the name — and it is a misnomer. Do we really see a new morality, or is it the same old immorality? This generation did not invent sex. Sex has been around a long time and is new as discovered by each successive generation.

Like other good things it may be perverted, exploited, misused and abused. I was amused by Twig Daniels' comment in Friday's issue — "The idea of being a virgin at marriage has changed — in a panel of bachelors only one out of ten wanted his bride to be a virgin." This is like asking ten foxes how they feel about having the hen house door left open at night.

YOUNG MEN normally grow through stages of heterosexual development — exploration, experimentation, exploitation and finally meaningful relationships which result in marriage. The fact that the men questioned were still bachelors could mean that they were still exploiters not capable of genuinely caring. Sexual exploiters are seeking sensory-motor experience — intra-vaginal masturbation.

Sure love enables you to accept and be accepted just as you are, disregarding the past, but most men who have matured beyond the exploitative stage tend to prefer girls who have not taken on tons of other guys.

To quote a young man at an Ivy League University — "until I met her, I had always thought I would not care whether or not my wife had had intercourse with another person — but as I really fell in love with this girl I began to change my mind. Now I would give anything if she could be a virgin again."

My experience as a pastor, and counselor, and my interest in marriage and family life counseling has brought home clearly to me that counsel that goes on in dating is DYSFUNCTIONAL, that is, it is likely to render the candidates ineffective for later participation in marriage and family life.

AIM INHIBITED dating with its emphasis on

They came from all over, but they all said the same things. There was Lance Corporal Melvin Coleman of Dallas, Corporal Joseph Garcia of Denver, Corporal Glenn Inman of Kansas City, Lance Corporal James Darnell of Daytona Beach, Lance Corporal Lewis Sullivan of Brooklyn, Lance Corporal Robert Arce of San Diego, Corporal Norman Reed of Chicago, Corporal Joe Botelhar of Plymouth, Mass.

NO TWO from the same state.

"But we've learned to live together, we get along," Reed said quietly. He was one of the two blacks in the group.

Paris? Peace talks? They shuffled a bit. Garcia spoke for them this time.

"It's going to take a good man to pull those Paris talks out of the bag. What were they talking about while we were out there losing men? The table shape. The U.S. has to hold its prestige. They're just not going to knock it off the pedestal."

"We're fighting with our hands behind our backs," said Inman, who has two purple hearts and a Silver Star.

"YEAH," SAID Arce, "when we see a gook we have to get permission to go shoot. They say no it's a civilian, and then you go on and he shoots you in the back."

"Remember that village we went through the other day, all friendly and nice. That's where the mortars came from the same night. They must have measured out the distance to us and driven in the stakes that afternoon, right while we were making camp," someone said.

"Pacification is bleeding us to death. We're fighting the VC's kind of war and who makes us? South Vietnam, that's who. Why should we? We can lick 'em, only they got to let us shoot gooks, not wait till they shoot first."

That's how it is in the field. Bitter, hurting, but fighting mad. There isn't any wrenching conflict about the irony of being killed while they're talking about peace in Paris. Paris is half a world away. Here there's war, and whether they see him or not, the Marines know by their casualties where the enemy is — a few yards away.

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the intimacies of the sexes may be characterized by many mislearnings, unfavorable agreements and temporary adjustments which may carry over into marriage and confuse the participants.

My simple appeal is that there is no need for anyone to allow Friday's issue or peer appeal to pressure them into a series of meaningless shack-ups. There is still a good case for chastity. The law of love was not given for God's protection. It was given for ours.

Joe Butler

Dear Editor,

After reading the Friday, March 28, Daily Nebraskan I was shocked and bewildered. How could such a conservative state as Nebraska permit its University newspaper to print such an informative issue? The issue was very interesting and enlightening and I would like to congratulate the entire Daily Nebraskan staff.

The eyes of the world are watching the campuses of America and we all should be proud that our newspaper is not provoking riots but contraception. With more issues like this one, maybe our society will realize that we are aware of the problems which surround us today. A job well done.

J. B. Breslow

Dear Editor,

Jumpin' grasshoppers! After your March 28th edition, I can bridge the gap! Finally I have recognized the mistake of the Establishment.

Daily Nebraskans in my time were plain, dull, old papers, unadulterated, so to speak — none of this peachy in-depth stuff.

Had we been given such vital (or anti-vital) information in the ought and forties, you did miss one aspect — or is there no longer a moral point of view? We wouldn't have made the 18,000 mistakes we find on our campus now.

Thanks for the eye-opener

Enlightened
(Name withheld in protest)
Errors No. 1 and 2
Attending the U of N.)

Alas . . .
by Fred Starrett

"We are the hollow men
"We are the stuffed men
Leaning together
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!"

T. S. Eliot

"IN THE EVENT OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK, STAY TUNED TO THIS STATION FOR ALL THE GORY DETAILS."

These are the times that fry men's souls. The time of "overkill," "fail-safe," and total annihilation. So man, "a tool-making animal," turns for protection to his revered creation, the military-industrial complex. If properly applied, this creation and Russia's, have a nuclear potion capable of killing each person on the earth over fifteen times. This means that not even a cat would have a life left.

So, I believe, in face of this knowledge, when Mr. Laird says we desire to disarm, from a position of strength, it is the truth. But, I also believe that the Russian's have the same goal.

ALL WE HAVE to do is wait until one side reaches this position and presto, peace will break out all over the world. And just remember, the more ABM's we build now, the more plowshares we will have then.

While the Department of Defense is preparing so diligently for peace, the Department of Civil Defense has taken certain imaginative precautions against an accidental peace fever from Russia. This precaution is called, the Air Raid Shelter system.

The system, in Lincoln alone, has space, food and water for about 200,000 people, but no pets or animals. This should suffice, unless, the alarm comes during a football game, etc. The food and water are only planned to carry the refugees through the deadly stage, or the first two weeks when the air outside the shelter "may be harmful to your health."

THEIR PLAN has a few readily detectable flaws, such as, communication, which is supposed to be by telephone. This may be good for A.T.&T. stock now, but what about during the first two weeks? It may be difficult to find switchboard operators willing to stay on the job and breathe that harmful air.

Also, even if those who can't find room in a shelter for even their children just lie down docilely to die there will still be the problem, in the University shelters, of visiting hours. It will require great coordination and prudence to keep 18,000 sexually frustrated students from making the New York "black-out" look like a Sunday-school picnic when compared to their two week sojourn.

During the first day, when people are reducing the product to fit the Air Raid container, Mr. Nixon's "law and order," as well as, civil rights laws, may suffer serious neglect on all levels of government. This neglect, should carry-over into the emergence stage, where Darwin's law of civil rights will be freely applied.

AFTER THE two-week incubation stage, the new civilization will emerge. They will have to decontaminate everything. All buildings, streets and other solid fixtures will have to be washed and about two inches of top-soil scraped off the earth and flushed somewhere. It will take about fourteen years for the radiation to fall to its present level.

After emerging, two questions remain to be answered. (1) What do we drink and (2) what do we eat? If the water problem can be solved then we can sit patiently on our duff and chew our nails for two to six months, waiting to see if plants can still grow and produce fruit.

There is another alternative, the experts feel that the air above eight thousand feet will remain safe. If this is true and you are on vacation in the mountains or have decided to move out there and wait, you will possess several advantages.

IT SEEMS highly unlikely, that with the food and water situation critical and Darwin's law of civil rights in effect, the United States, as a civilization will continue to exist. It will be every man for himself. So, by placing yourself in the mountains, a most strategic move, you will have good air and water, grass to chew on, or whatever, and most importantly, high ground conducive to defense.

There will also be a ready supply of rock and wood for plowshares or even spears, whichever turns you on. Thus, you will be able to protect your life and favored position against any aggressor from the plains.

"This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a whimper"

T. S. Eliot

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