

# What can I say?

by GEORGE KAUFMAN

Editor's note: George Kaufman is a former University student now living in Canada.

What can I say to you that you don't know?

I can tell you your country is bombing defenseless villages and killing innocent people and calling it pacification. Even Life magazine is telling you that today.

I can tell you there is no longer the remotest possibility for a bloodless solution to the race problem in the United States. William Kunstler is living proof.

I can tell you pollution and urban sprawl is choking a country once thought to be limitless. The press and the scientists are screaming it at you.

I can tell you Nixon and Agnew are bringing America down around them in a final furious attempt to save American capitalism in a world that has grown mature enough to hate it. You know that.

I can tell you America is a time-bomb. You'll find that out soon enough, if you don't know it now.

IT IS INTERESTING to read the Daily Nebraskan that is sent to me. Cip's still telling you that this Saturday's game is the big one. The Greeks are still worrying about all the important things in life and trying to rationalize their lack of relevance by telling themselves they're working from the inside to "change the system."

The campus radicals and liberals-wishing-to-be-radicals seem perplexed as to whether they should settle for another march on somewhere (the Capitol again?) or start throwing gas-bombs at . . . the Lincoln police?

You've been told it all, many times. You know it. If you need an issue, keep Larry Zink from going to jail. He doesn't deserve jail; he is putting himself behind bars in the place of Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson. He's martyring himself for four years that Mendel Rivers and Strom Thurmond can kill for another four years. He's allowing the generals to order him to jail rather than order him to Nam.

NOW EVEN William Shirer is telling you where you're at — democratic fascism, totalitarianism of the silent majority. Never thought the United States could be called totalitarian? Forget the bullshit teacher told you. The checks and balances don't exist, if they ever did. Nixon pats Thurmond pats Westmoreland pats General Motors. Julie Hoffman got a standing ovation from the Washington press corps.

Maybe there is one small thing I can tell you.

You're hated as much in Canada as you are in China. Maybe more, because Canada's closer. You're the villain, not a knight in shining armor; the armor's rusty and the lance is out of control, killing people for money; the horse has been bought off. The only friends you have are the ones you've paid for, and they're waiting for the contract to run out.

THERE'S no reason to write anymore, but no excuse not to. The sun never sets on the American Empire, man, so don't give up, real live lives are being lost.

(Q. — Surely there must be something you miss about America? A.—Yeah, the green beer at Casey's on St. Pat's.)

# For Better or Worse

by TOM WIESE

To "raise and support armies and the navy, to call forth the militia, to suppress insurrections and repel invasions, and to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces," are the expressed powers of the Congress of the United States. Also, the Constitution expressly grants Congress the power to "declare war."

Today, the U.S. finds itself in a war in Southeast Asia (as if you didn't know) that has never been declared. There is no other term to describe the situation other than WAR, for long ago this conflict passed the proportions of being a limited police action. My question is how did all this happen, and can it happen again?

I feel much of the blame falls on those age-old tools of diplomacy and international politics: treaties. It was a treaty which initially coaxed us into Vietnam with advisors and military supplies, and it's any one of a large number of treaties which may again force U.S. commitment of military aid elsewhere in the world.

Congress reserves the constitutional right to ratify any and all treaties in which the U.S. is a party. Conclusion: a good portion of any military commitment finds Congress responsible.

HOWEVER, a different type of treaty — the executive agreement — has evolved. Somewhere along the way the powers of the legislative branch were by-passed, namely the powers to make treaties and to declare war. Conclusion: We must look somewhere else to find the remainder of the responsibility for commitment of U.S. men and machines. You

have to look little farther than the Whitehouse.

The President is the "Commander in Chief" of our armed forces. In this title is vested the understanding that he may use discretion to act without the expressed consent of Congress in matters of strategy, etc.

In our present situation, the past eight years of executive decisions has left us fighting a war with huge numbers of men and billions of dollars.

It becomes rather obvious that the position of President has evolved into a position with tremendous power in deciding the military future of America.

THERE have been many instances in our history of one of the three branches of government gaining power at the expense of the others. When this happens, it seems the weakened branch attempts to "fight back" with any powers that it has at its disposal to regain those lost.

An example which comes to mind is the Court — Executive conflict of the Roosevelt Era. What should occur today is a confrontation of the executive powers by the Congress. I believe the beginnings of this struggle are evident in the controversy over U.S. involvement in Laos.

It has become apparent that much is going on in Laos that neither the American people nor Congress know anything about. Somehow that just doesn't seem right.

If such executive power continues to remain unchecked, the possibilities of future Vietnam is large. Unless this is what you want, I'd suggest rooting for Congress in any upcoming fight with the President for power.

# EDIT ORIAL



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- Editor:  
I would like to address a few remarks to Mr. Allan Bennett:  
Sir, I respectfully request, and in fact insist, that you refuse to show any of the following films at the Nebraska Union, should the opportunity arise. Each of them degrades and humiliates the personalities of all human beings for the reasons stated.
- Adultery, fornication: The Graduate, Goodbye Columbus, John and Mary, The Sterile Cuckoo, Camelot.
  - Alcoholism: Days of Wine and Roses.
  - Anti-Semitism, murder: Ben-Hur, The Robe, Dairy of Anne Frank.
  - Exploitation: They Shoot Horses, Don't They?
  - Fraud, misrepresentation: The Music Man.
  - Gambling: The Hustler, Funny Girl.
  - Government oppression: A Man for All Seasons, Dr. Zhivago, Sound of Music.
  - Hallucinatory experiences: Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Fantasia.
  - Kidnapping: Peter Pan.
  - Larceny, prostitution: The Reivers.
  - Lesbianism: The Fox.
  - Meddling: Hello Dolly.
  - Racism: In the Heat of the Night.
  - Rape: To Kill a Mock-

- War, brutality: Gone With the Wind.
  - Witchcraft, malformity: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
- This is, of course, only a partial listing, subject to my revision at any time as I see fit.
- John King
- Editor:  
This letter is in response to an article which appeared in the Wed. (18th) issue of the Daily Nebraskan. The article concerned the Hunger Conference.
- "The Hunger Conference was a chance for all the so-called liberals to talk about all the good things they are doing for the poor. There were no poor people there." That statement is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. I do agree that sometimes one must be very skeptical of the structure and benefits of conferences, yet the poor were represented at this conference.
- This was very obvious when at 10:45, approximately 150 low-income (poor) left the conference to caucus and then returned to submit six resolutions. Those resolutions are as follows:
- (1.) removing the maximum figure from welfare,
  - (2.) increasing state responsibility for

- school lunch and breakfast programs,
  - (3.) applying for immediate federal help to feed the hungry and provide medical help for Nebraska's poor,
  - (4.) revising food stamp guidelines and distribution practices,
  - (5.) employing interpreters to work with non-English speaking poor and
  - (6.) including the poor in planning.
- These resolutions were adopted at the conference and will be implemented through Project 93, which was asked to be made a permanent committee under the Governor.
- Much effort was put into inviting grassroot people — the poor from all over the state. This is why Project 93 asked Abel Hall and Smith Hall to house all the poor people who would not be able to afford housing if they arrived in the evening before because of the distance to be traveled. This is why we sought to lower the cost of staying overnight in the Dorms from \$2.50 to \$1.50.
- At this point I would like to thank the residents of Abel and Smith halls along with the Dean McGrath, Mr. Meyerson, and Mr. Kuncl who accomplished those steps.
- I hope that my response to the article on the Hunger conference will encourage more responsible journalism.
- Bradford Kollars

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