

Tiwald criticizes, defends Nixon

"Heckling is anti-democratic."

That was the opinion given Thursday by ASUN president Steve Tiwald. He expressed hopes that no demonstrations or abusive language would be directed toward President Richard Nixon during his Omaha speech.

Thursday morning Tiwald and several others tried to dissuade a group of students from going to the speech to demonstrate. Most were not convinced.

Tiwald said "serious questions" existed about Nixon's policies. However, he added that respect should be shown for the President's office and for his right to speak.

He joined with the student

body presidents of Creighton, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Nebraska Wesleyan in signing a statement to Nixon. It questioned the President's stand on Vietnam, aid to education and law and order." The statement mentioned reports in national magazines that Nixon aides had been ensuring the presence of hecklers at his speeches.

Tiwald explained the statement was not anti-Nixon, as **The Nebraskan** reported Wednesday, but rather a responsible response to the President's visit.

The statement was read at a news conference Wednesday in Omaha. Tiwald told the reporters that it represented his views, and not those of ASUN or the University of Nebraska student body.

Farm, education, Mexican-American and peace group representatives also presented statements for the President at the news conference. Although they all had different complaints about national policy, each representative joined Tiwald in emphasizing the respectful and non-violent nature of the action.

The group drafted a paper to explain their reasons for holding the news conference. It said they wanted to "collectively voice concerns" and to demonstrate the "strength and the breadth of the dissatisfaction" in Nebraska with Nixon's policies.

The paper also noted that a visit by the President is a privilege and added, "We welcome him warmly and urge him to return often."

Model United Nations needs more delegations

Model United Nations (MUN) needs 25 more delegations for its December convention, said Dave Holst, committee chairman, adding, "The only prerequisite is interest."

He stressed that MUN won't be a "professional debating society for international relations students."

The program presently has 50 delegations including "straights, radicals and members of the foreign student associations," said Holst.

Describing the UN as "the greatest experiment yet attempted in the age-long search for peace among nations," Holst said MUN gives students a chance to recognize what's wrong with the organization.

This "venture in practical experience" will take place at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on East Campus Dec. 4-5.

Issues will focus on the Middle East crisis, Holst said, although MUN will also consider the apartheid policy of South Africa, the problems of the mini-states and the admission of Red China to the UN.

The committee is working with Bob Russell of the Union

Talks and Topics Committee, the Arab Student Association and Newsweek magazine to arrange a speaker, Holst said.

Countries will be assigned to the delegations the first day of the conference on a first-come, first-serve basis. Few applications have been received indicating a choice of the US or USSR, Holst said, but most delegations have asked for Security Council countries.

The reality of the UN, even its political deals and corruption, are imitated in the MUN, said Holst. "People get so excited that they subordinate their own political ideas to those of the country they're representing," he added.

Applications are available in living units. Delegations usually consist of about four people. The \$8 fee is often provided by a sponsoring living unit or organization, Holst said.

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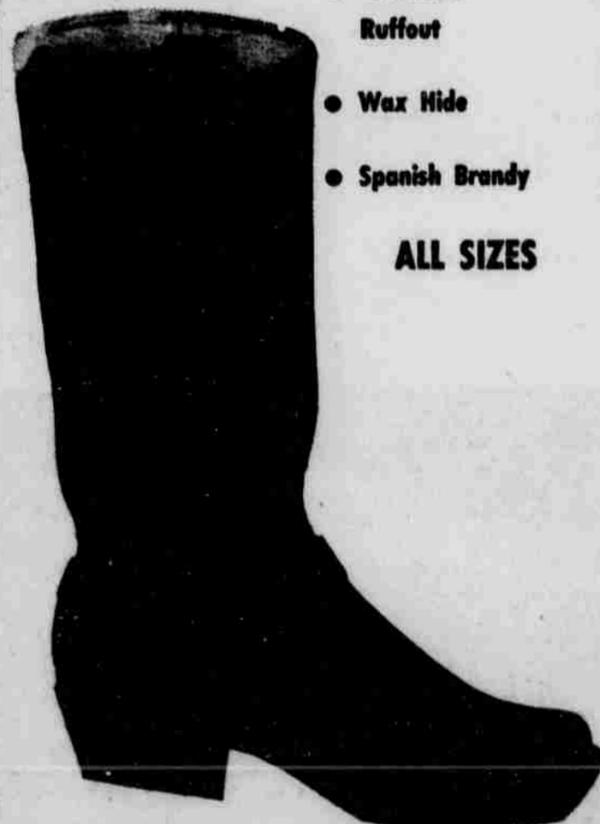


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