

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Chinese puzzle

Communist China is now in the United Nations and Nationalist China has been expelled. But what effect will this historic change have on the U.N.?

One of the biggest questionmarks is American financial support for the U. N. The U. S. already picks up a large part of the organization's budget and some members of Congress are now urging a cut in U.S. contributions in retaliation for the expulsion of the Nationalists. Other members of Congress are favoring a cut in American contributions on the grounds the U.S. pays too big a share of U. N. expenses, not as punishment for the vote to oust Taiwan.

Despite what anybody says, a large cut in the American contribution will be viewed by the world community as financial retaliation. A punitive cut in U.S. aid might also set a dangerous precedent under which every time a U. N. member lost a vote it could retaliate by withholding funds.

It was a bad precedent for the U. N. to expel Taiwan. But a punitive cut in U. S. contributions could cripple the U. N. at a time when the major powers appear more willing to negotiate to solve the world's problems.

Although the U. S. suffered a major defeat with the ouster of Taiwan, the Nixon administration said it will respect the U.N. decision. In fact, the U. N. action is part of a changing pattern in world affairs that the U. S. helped initiate with President Nixon's decision to visit Communist China.

It is sad to see Taiwan expelled from the U. N. However, the seating of Communist China corrects the anachronism which saw 14 million Chinese on Taiwan representing 800 million Chinese on the mainland. Hopefully, the admission of mainland China will also help reverse the ineffectiveness of the U. N.

The doctor's report

The University is not number one in education. Although everyone knew this, a recent report by a regional accrediting agency confirmed the fact.

However, the report by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was not all bad news for the University. "As state universities go," the report stated, "the Lincoln campuses of the University of Nebraska are probably about par for the course, better than many, not as good as the best."

The agency extended UNL's accreditation for five years, which is in contrast to the school's last accreditation in 1960 which was for 10 years plus a one year extension. The fact that North Central accredited UNL for only five indicates the agency has some questions about the campus.

The report points to generally good relations within the campus and a concern for undergraduate education, but notes "finances are not quite as adequate as they could be." Finances will probably remain the University's number one problem for some time since Nebraska, like many other states, will be hesitant to grant large increases in state aid to higher education.

The most encouraging aspect of the report, according to UNL interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath, is that it gives the school "with some qualifications a clean bill of health." However, the "doctor" said UNL can improve its health and this is a challenge that should be met head-on by the University and the state.

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"Expert here says large state correctional institutions are dehumanizing. I wonder if he ever went to a state university."



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Educational supremacy

GUEST Opinion

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In certain ways, being number one on the football field is a liability.

There are those citizens, unfortunately, who tend to be totally preoccupied with the Huskers' heroics on Saturday afternoon—forgetting or at least losing sight of the University's principal mission, education. These same people tend to generalize when it comes to the educational program; they assume that if we are "tops" on the grid charts, we must be equally good in academic programming.

Not so. In a number of academic areas, we have many miles to travel before reaching even an acceptable level, or even the mid-point in our Big 8 Conference. What we need to do is use our Bob Devaney's Huskers as a model, as an inspiration. Their well-documented record of excellence certainly gives us a lofty mark to shoot for; their achievement should be an asset in mobilizing those members of the academic community who want to be the best.



jeffrey hart
Campus mood: the causes

The leadership of the anti-war movement has been holding demonstrations in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. In the past those demonstrations have required for their success masses of students from the nation's campuses, and so, this year, the leaders of the movement are severely disappointed. It is always possible, of course, to assemble a miscellaneous mob in Washington for just about any reason, but the massive campus exoduses of 1969 and 1970 have not been equaled so far this year.

The campus atmosphere has been largely normalized. For the most part the students are attending to their studies, drinking some beer and looking forward to a weekend date and the exploits of the football team. They are not visibly moved by the military situation on the Plain of Jars or by Thieu's lonely eminence in the South Vietnamese campaign, and they don't much care if we bomb the daylight out of the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

A great many explanations have been put forward for this return to normalcy. That American casualties in the war are low. That a lot of other things are pre-empting the news these days. That drug use is way down, for a variety of reasons, and that the whole counter-culture syndrome now seems a little stale.

The real explanation, I think, is much more straightforward. The new Selective Service lottery system has

As I said upon being elected a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, we should build a University that the football team can be proud of. What I meant to imply is that our state university should be outstanding in every field in which it is involved; there is no substitute for quality.

One needs to realize that Bob Devaney built football supremacy because:

1. He assembled the finest staff in the country;
2. He attracted quality young men;
3. He has developed excellent facilities;
4. He has been given statewide public support.

There is no short-cut to success, whether on the football field or in the classroom. Our University President, D. B. Varner, is eminently well qualified to achieve the same ends for our institutional programs of teaching, service, and research.

What he needs is that same support and understanding which we have accorded our football coach. Wouldn't it be great to be number one in all categories?

had the effect of fragmenting the campus "constituency" of a couple of years ago. Instead of the former emotional unity of the campus, we now have a variety of groups and individuals.

Prior to the institution of the lottery, the male campus population possessed an overriding common interest. Whatever differences divided them, the common threat of the draft upon graduation was a transcendent emotional matter. This common threat molded the students into a constituency. Moreover, once that constituency had come into being, it could be manipulated so as to act on various matters with a high degree of unity—on, say, ROTC or on the campus visit of a recruiter from the Marines or from Dow Chemical.

The lottery has fractured that unity. As soon as the lottery numbers are selected, the vast majority of students know that they no longer face much chance of being drafted. A minority, knowing that it will be drafted, has at least the psychological relief of certainty and the ability to formulate specific plans.

The lottery system, whether consciously intended as such or not, has turned out to be a political masterstroke. It has turned the campus mob of a few years ago into the normal assortment of various students. And if Dave Dellinger, Abbie Hoffman and their cronies turn up at the Washington Monument the chances are that they will find their clientele much shrunken.

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Elbie Jay rides again

Howdy there, folks. How ya'll. You oldtimers out there'll be right pleased to hear we're reviving that one-time, all-fired, popular tee-vee series, "Heaps o' Horse Sense," featurin' the rootin'-tootin' Jay Family and starrin' of Elbie-of Elbie Jay, the kind of feller who don't give a fig what folks say. As long as they ain't talkin' about him.

Now as y'all recall, Elbie and his pretty wife, Birdie Bird, have retired to their 'il ol' million-acre Elbie Jay Ranch down Texas way, just a hoot'n holler from Elbie City on the banks of Elbie River in the shadow of ol' Mt. Elbie.

There, Elbie's been writing the history of his adventures among them highfalutin' Easterners—a book he's modestly callin', "One Nation, Under Me."

The first chapters are just now appearin' in the papers. So as we join Elbie and Birdie Bird today, they're sitting' at the breakfast table, discussin' his

favorite subject. Him.

Elbie: Now, Bird, I want you to give me your frank and honest opinion—don't hold anything back—about my lucid, fair, brilliantly-written, superbly-researched, fascinating book.

Birdie Bird: I think it holds up extremely well, dear. Honestly, it was just as exciting the 14th time you read it to me aloud as it was the 13th.

Elbie: How'd you like the part about the war in Vee-yet-nam?

Birdie Bird: You mean the part where you told how it was just one glorious victory after another? Or the part where you blamed your predecessor for getting us in that mess?

Elbie (frowning): Now hold on, Bird. I didn't lay all the blame on my predecessor. That wouldn't be fair. The blame for escalating the war's got to be shared. So I very carefully made sure it was shared between him, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs, the

South Vietnamese generals, the Nervous Nellies, the enemy dupes, the...

Birdie Bird: Yes, dear, you certainly shared generously. But I liked the part where, thanks to your escalating the war, you cleverly trapped the enemy into capturing most of the country during the 1968 Tet Offensive. I can't see why the Pentagon Papers didn't agree with your version.

Elbie (darkly): They got their Pentagon Papers. I got mine. (Brightening) But how'd you like the part where I mentioned in passing a few of the benefits my Great Society conferred on the country?

Birdie Bird: Oh, I loved all 678 pages of that, dear, particularly where you wiped out poverty, slums, bigotry, Communism, war and disease. But I was surprised you left out that speech you made in Peoria against bol weevils.

Elbie (thunderstruck): Great balls o'fire, you're right, Bird! Get me my publisher!

LETTERS to the NEBRASKAN

Brevity in letters is requested and the Daily Nebraskan reserves the right to condense letters. All letters must be accompanied by writer's true name but may be submitted for publication under a pen name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials at the editor's discretion.

Dear editor,

The attitude of today's university student has changed drastically. I am speaking of the vast number of students in the country who care enough about a given topic to speak out, without violence, but possibly still risking a sanction or two from home or peers.

What they speak on is varied and many times unpopular with the existing power structure of government. But more often than not it is necessary to speak in the name of change not because the existing situation is totally destructive, but because for some reason no one has gotten around to pointing out the problems.

You can do something to change the University of Nebraska. The question is: do you care enough to take time? We of the A.S.U.N. Senate Committee on Educational Reform are asking you to!

Your first questions may be: What are the committee's goals? Our goals as yet are on a very basic level. Four main topics are:

1. Revamping of the grading structure.
2. Reallocation of University funds to upgrade academic advancement and involvement.

3. An enlarged and more efficient counseling service, especially for transfer and incoming freshmen students.

4. Seminars of programs of study to supplement the freshman year. These are just the beginning. We need your ideas and comments. We need to formulate new concepts of change. But most of all we need people who can commit themselves to ideas of change. THE COMMITTEE NEEDS STUDENT AND FACULTY VOLUNTEERS.

The committee will be drawing up a "purpose paper" in the next few weeks. This will outline the past, present, and most important, the future of the University of Nebraska as we see it. We need you to help with the future! If you have learned of reform changes on other campuses or have reasonable ideas of your own, come and present them at our next organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 28 in the Union. Or contact Steve Poots at 435-3253 or John Theisen in Room 332 of the Student Union. It's about time students and faculty helped

themselves through necessary, constructive change.

Steve Poots

Dear editor,

The main idea of the editorial column "The Democrats: we pass," (Daily Nebraskan Oct. 25) written by Jeffrey Hart, is that all Democrats should support Sen. Muskie, not because he is the most qualified candidate but because he seems to have the most popular support.

In other words, we should hand him the nomination uncontested and write off any other candidate as an ego-maniac playing ideological games. Why not cancel the whole campaign, all the primaries, etc.? Muskie couldn't be wrong; he has the most popular support.

So let's all pour our money into a Muskie bag! (This is all operating on the assumption, of course, that Muskie will actually announce his candidacy someday.)

Obviously, this contradicts all ideas of freedom of choice and the democratic process. How can the American public make the best possible decision if it isn't given the opportunity to choose between candidates of differing views, if it must ratify a decision made by someone else about who should be running.

Hart chose to label George McGovern a "far to the left" liberal. If taking a definite stand on even unpopular issues is being "liberal," then please label the Senator as one.

Merryle Rukeyser stated in a Lincoln Star editorial, "It is infantile to listen to comment from many who should know better concerning the qualities of public men, and especially those who are seeking the highest office. Those who value charisma more than administrative skill, intellectual prowess, self-discipline and creative talents are genuine suckers."

Personally, I don't want a man elected President just because he has a well-known name and or charisma. Charisma cannot balance a budget, create a foreign policy or keep human aspirations in proper perspective. That is why I will cast my vote for George McGovern.

Keith Scarborough

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