

Wid
to the editor

Dear editor: The alterations currently being wreaked upon the otherwise inoffensive and occasionally useful visitors' parking lot between the Nebraska Union and the Administration Building bring to mind that famous bit of Vietnam humor which implied that destroying a village in order to save it was not an unreasonable course of action. Could not these changes have been done more easily and with less inconvenience for all concerned during the summer?

Nosy Parker

What is a bloodbath

Dear editor:

Where on earth did you get Bruce Nelson? Does he normally write like he did Monday? This is the first time I can recall reading in a paper, any paper, that the best thing that could happen to a people is a massacre. Where did this guy grow up and who were his friends—Vlad the Impaler? Does he really believe what he so casually writes or was the headline and several columns of loosely associated premises and conclusions just something you inserted as filler? Maybe he does? What's worse is that there may be others that agree with his attitude.

What is a bloodbath anyway? Is it a beauty treatment a country can take like a milkbath to get rid of unsightly wrinkles in the populace to improve the government's image? How many quarts are necessary to wash the countryside? Who will supply them? Men? Women? Children? Is one enough or are additional treatments necessary such as purges or "cultural revolutions?"

If it's good for one country, will it help others as well? If so maybe the IRA could take one in north Ireland. Or how about the PLO in Israel?

Could it do the United States any good? How about one for the blacks in the south given by the KKK? If one had been given in the fifties, there would have been no riots in the sixties. Maybe we

should treat the Indians of Wounded Knee to one? I'm sure that the more fanatical members of the SLA and the YAF would like to have one on each other sometime. Why not let them. It will solve their differences once and for all.

I saw pictures on one "modest" bloodbath that Black September had on a jetliner several years ago. I heard one of the survivors say that a crewman only had time to shout a warning to the passengers before the grenades went off. This one required over four hundred quarts. None of the donors could be reached to verify this.

A bloodbath is a quick and simple solution for one's problems. This is providing you are either the initiator or a victim. For the survivors, it's another story.

Nelson, you remind me of someone like Neville Chamberlain or Pontius Pilate—a wishy-washy politician who doesn't have the guts to protest truly wanton slaughter. Where are all those idealistic humanitarians who demonstrated against the bombing of Hanoi? Will they do the same if the NLF turns on Saigon?

Anyone who comes out with statements like those I read in the *Daily Nebraskan* last Monday should get first hand experience before he opens his mouth. For Nelson and anyone else who's saying, "I'll be glad when it's all over," I'll start a donation fund to purchase one-way tickets over there in time for the festivities.

Remember the Hue 1,500?

It could be that you ain't seen nothin yet.

C. B. Pelto

Clingenpeel history unsettled

Dear editor:

Now that Ron Clingenpeel is no longer ASUN President and student regent, he may consider all of his business completed and history. But there is one bit of history that is still unsettled. This he tried to sweep under the carpet, to hide in an anonymous committee that was always "meeting and just about ready to report on its findings."

What I am talking about is Josh. This paper was deluged with letters from Jesus freaks, atheists and everyone else in between. Personally, I feel that the Regents policy on religion is contradictory to other

statements on freedom of speech and the freedom of education in the university community.

I really doubt if the committee ever existed in the first place. And secondly, I think that Clingenpeel did not want this issue to tarnish his administration's record. I am now publicly asking Ron Clingenpeel to reveal his mysterious committee on Josh and the finding of this committee to the university community. I do not appreciate anybody making decisions for me on what I should know and what is in my best interest!

Tim Evensen

Two problems mixed

Dear editor:

I really enjoyed Chuck Strinz's letter (*Daily Nebraskan*, April 7). Why make such an issue over a harmless cartoon? It isn't worth all this mess! But it gives us the opportunity of discussing relations between foreign and American students. I would like to add just a few points.

Yes, you're quite right, Chuck! There's nothing to be upset about in this cartoon. And if you've read me carefully, you would notice I made a point of saying it in the first sentence of my second paragraph. I even have to say I gently smiled when I read the *Ralph* in question! Consequently, I also have to disagree with Ms. Silhasek's reaction.

"Equating the serious situation of political propaganda in America's schools with the *Ralph* in question is a little like comparing heroin and pot." That's right, Chuck! I tell you what: for me this cartoon was the opportunity to do a good English exercise (you gave me a second one!) and to express my "mental discomfort" about a political situation! But I have to agree that it wasn't the perfect opportunity.

Well, we are quite in accord, aren't we? Almost! The only fact you may not realize is this: there is a difference between European students, like me, and Arabs or others. As for me, I never had to complain about any prejudices because of being a foreign student. But I know there are some prejudices against non-European students.

See, Chuck, the *Ralph* cartoon also mixed two problems: one is funny and one is not.

Ben Aymon

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