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SCANNING THE BOVARD PLAN

THE Bovard plan for reorganization of all student activities, explained in yesterday's Emerald, represents one fairly detailed proposal for solution of the A. S. U. O.'s difficulties. But by the very magnitude of its scope, it seems almost certainly doomed to failure.

The plan would with one swoop take all extracurricular activities out from all but the most remote control by students, and would place them under the direction of appropriate departmental heads or deans. The athletic department, with all its far-reaching tangle of conference relations, coaches' hire, scholarship awards, promotional and publicity program, upkeep of playing fields and properties, gate receipts, football schedule making, purchase of equipment and supplies—all would be placed under control of the department of physical education. The Emerald, instead of being responsible to the associated students, would be responsible to the dean of the school of journalism. Thus through the entire list of student activities.

Instead of a central commission to act upon all the delicate intertwinings of function and finance in that group of activities, there is offered merely a "fee commission," whose function would be to allot fee receipts to the various activities. The nearest that students would get to a voice in determining the policies of the activities in which they are interested would be as members of mere advisory committees on which alumni and faculty members would also serve.

We can be thoroughly sympathetic with faculty control over the disbursement of student fees, since it would establish definitely the instructional character of student activities and would readily solve the legal questions involving that dubious organization known as the A. S. U. O. But the Bovard solution is a bit too strong for general acceptance. Very few students would willingly submit to the virtual exclusion of undergraduates from all positions of control in the handling of student activities.

Knowing the petition-circulating proclivities of University people, we venture to say that if the Bovard plan were submitted to the state board as

the University's recommended solution to the A. S. U. O. problem, it would immediately be followed by a petition signed by a vast majority of the students, proclaiming their right to a voice in student government. For it is, after all, students who participate in extracurricular activities, and it is students' money which goes to support them.

Note: The two editorials following represent examples of the work of two candidates for the editorship of the Emerald. At the request of the editor, both concern events of national or international interest, in order that the publications committee may have specimens of their work in fields of larger than mere local interest.

CONGRESSIONAL SPRING

Submitted by Candidate 2

SPRING of a congressional year offers something different for nature lovers. Birds twitter merrily about this time every year, but it is only biennially when the senators and representatives twitter apprehensively along Pennsylvania avenue.

There is abundant evidence to indicate that the major parties are resorting to the usual tactics to insure victory in the fall. Energetic Democratic bloodhounds have been busily engaged in digging up the misdeeds, real and alleged, of the Hoover administration. As a result the public has been treated to sensational air mail and postal department disclosures. Recently the Republicans opened their campaign with gusto. Only a year ago Ogden Mills, ex-secretary of the treasury, was a lone voice crying in the wilderness, but the past fortnight has seen a growing wave of agitation concerning real and fancied radicalism among President Roosevelt's advisers.

William Wirt, Gary, Ind. educator, has proven to be an excellent stalking horse for the G. O. P. Educator (platoon system) Wirt has let it be known that certain members of Roosevelt's brain trust are paving the way for a communistic revolution. According to the Hoosier schoolmaster, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is a "Kerensky" as well as a New Dealer. The American Lenin lurks in the background, awaiting the propitious moment.

Wirt's charges have provided excellent campaign ammunition for the Republicans. Aware of the tremendous hold of Roosevelt on the public mind, the opposition has been hesitant in attacking America's number one hero. (Charles A. Lindbergh has been demoted to number two and may drop still further if his sources of income are carefully analyzed.) Instead Republican accusations are to the effect that our president is "ill-advised." If the sturdy yeomanry of the nation does not rise in its wrath and return a conservative Republican majority to Washington, they charge the country will insidiously but inevitably lapse into communism.

The American public has been hoodwinked so many, many times by such Democratic and Republican propaganda that it would seem that their strategy would be obvious to all sane thinkers. William Wirt's charges, nevertheless, may be the origin of another "red scare" in the United States that will rival the one of 1921-22.

INSULT EATS PEANUTS

Submitted by Candidate 3

THE spectacle of a Samuel Insull masticating the well-known monkey food which formed the theme of that favorite of a few years back—"The Peanut Vendor"—is comically symbolic of human uselessness. Samuel Insull, the erstwhile financial "great," was reduced to eating peanuts in a house of detention in Turkey! Cruel fate—but to Samuel Insull's credit, it may be said that he seemed to enjoy eating his peanuts, purchased by a warder.

The Grecian stand in refusing to make trouble for Turkey, which seized the fugitive Chicago utilities magnate from a Greek ship in compliance with an extradition request from the United States, is commendable. Greece was within its rights on the basis of international law in asking the Turkish government to explain its seizure of Insull, but Greece's Premier Tsaldaris displayed a tactful bit of statesmanship in refusing to place the matter before the world court at The Hague.

Had he submitted his complaint, he would have added another barrel of T. N. T.—small, it is true, but potent—to the tense situation which is ready to burst over troubled Eurasia.

In that area, which already resembles all too uncomfortably a zoo in which wild animals have been released from their cages, a Greek protest would have further inflamed the beasts ready to pounce upon each other. It was a case of seeking revenge for that old stereotyped "honor of the country" against the desire to avoid adding a discordant note to an already cacophonous tone of affairs. Greece nobly took the latter course, the far more enlightened of the two.

Scanning the Cinemas

McDONALD — "Harold Teen," Hal LeRoy, Rochelle Hudson, Guy Kibbee, Chick Chandler. Also, "Lazy River," Robert Young, Jean Parker.

COLONIAL — "Cross Country Cruise," Lew Ayres, June Knight, Eugene Palette, Arthur Vinton. Also "Puss in Boots."

By J. A. NEWTON
 ON the Colonial's bill with "Cross Country Cruise" is a kids' picture called "Puss in Boots," which is supposed to contain the most talented children in the world.

The kid who takes the part of "Puss in Boots" I would call the best actor. The "hero," a very beautiful boy, sings in three languages, while it is hinted strongly that he knows eight. He sings with melodramatic gestures, imitative fervor, and an exaggerated vibrato. He's sharp in the Lily Pons attitudes, too. It's done rather crudely by a company which calls itself "Amity." But maybe the kids didn't notice that.

On the other hand, "Cross Country Cruise" is quite acceptable, if you're not too particular. Contains a juicy murder, a new blond, June

on and heads for what looks like a "sure thing" at a shrimp canery in Alabama. Who does he meet but Jean Parker. Two pals rob everybody, and especially the villain, of their eye teeth, and with the money thus garnered they pay off the villain's note on the shrimp business.

Dr. Smith Begins Two Hour Geography Class

Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the geology and geography departments, is giving a two hour course in field geography beginning this term. It is the first time the course has been given in the University. Six students are enrolled. A two square mile piece of land between the campus and Springfield is being utilized for observation. The topography, drainage, soils, mineral resources, weather and climate, plant and animal life, characteristics of the people, distribution of the population, and economic activity of this section are being observed.

Notices Sent Out
 All notices of standing toward graduation should have been received by the end of this week by all seniors who expect to graduate this term, it was announced yesterday from the business office in Johnson hall.

Where's a Better Hole - By STANLEY ROBE



Mr. Neuberger Speaks

(From the Oregon State Barometer)

THE following letter to the Oregon State college Barometer was written by Richard L. Neuberger, proponent of optional student body membership. Neuberger charged the Barometer with referring to him in libelous fashion, in calling him a "Bolshevik." The letter, with the prefatory editorial remarks of the Barometer is here reproduced:

LAST week in referring to the entirely unnecessary turmoil into which student government on the two major Oregon campuses had been thrown, the Barometer referred to it as being caused by the actions of a small group of "bolsheviks" on the University of Oregon campus.

No names were mentioned, but Mr. Richard L. Neuberger, erstwhile sophomore editor of the Daily Emerald, appears to have taken this all unto himself and is now threatening the Barometer with a suit "in a court of law before twelve citizens of the United States of America."

When shown the threat, one man well versed in the law remarked that had Mr. Neuberger's name been mentioned, the real "bolsheviks" might have had cause to claim libel, for they rebelled only when they had a grievance. Mr. Neuberger is distinctively different, however, for he is always in a state of rebellion without any grievance because he can't be happy unless he is making trouble. So, he had nothing to holler about concerning the Barometer editorial. True to his nature therefore, with nothing to holler about, he hollers.

Anyway, we are glad to append part of Mr. Neuberger's 950 word epistle and let Barometer readers draw their own conclusions:

School of Law,
 University of Oregon,
 Eugene, Oregon,
 April 3rd, 1934.

Mr. Warren Reid, editor
 Oregon State College Barometer
 Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Reid:
 In a front-page editorial in a recent edition of the Barometer, you referred to the University seeking voluntary student corporation membership as a band of "bolsheviks." As I recall, this was one of several epithets which you hurled at the group, and in an adjacent column you said I was the leader of the movement. Before proceeding, let me correct the last statement. I share the leadership of the group with Mr. James Landye of Portland. Could I claim the sole captaincy, I would be proud to do so, for I am confident that the efforts of the group have been to the best welfare of higher education in Oregon.

Let me assure you we did not undertake this campaign, nor venture the criticism which we were certain would come, for ourselves. The associated student fee was no personal object in my campaigning against its enforced payment, for I shall contribute my five dollars this term to the loan fund for needy students. The success of our efforts tingled the sensitive pocket-nerve of certain people, and we expected them to be chastened. Now that they will have to conduct a valid-received campaign to persuade students to join the corporations instead of

having the state force membership upon the students, they are somewhat incommode and see themselves with additional work on their hands.

However, Mr. Editor, we did not anticipate the libelous epithets and contumely you have hurled at us. Let me tell you I am as opposed to bolshevism as I am to fascism. Recently I refused to join an anti-fascist club at the university because among its sponsors were several alleged communists. I have as great an antipathy for the regimentation of bolshevism as I have for the brutality of fascism and Hitlerism. And surely you know I have been an active opponent of the latter.

Needless to say, we feel your personal attack, by attempting to sully our reputations and defame our characters, has been completely and utterly unwarranted. Instead of adhering to the fundamental issues involved, and basing your criticism on facts and logic you have resorted to libel

The Safety Valve

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All communications are to be addressed to The Editor, Oregon Daily Emerald, and should not exceed 200 words in length. Letters must be signed, but should the writer prefer, only initials will be used. The editor maintains the right to withhold publication should he see fit.

To the Emerald:

No doubt the intent of your editorial in today's Emerald on the Warner prize contest is admirable. Unfortunately, from lack of full information, you have done an injustice to the donor of the prize, Mrs. Warner; and also have given a misleading impression as to the contest itself.

Mrs. Warner has been acutely conscious of the presence on this campus of "students in actual need." During the winter quarter she gave several hundred dollars, and has held herself ready to give more if needed, to poverty stricken students. This gift has had no connection with the prize contest. The fund has been administered by the dean of men, Mrs. Warner has not wished publicity for her philanthropy.

You confuse philanthropy to needy students with the Warner prize contest, one of many years standing, and having objectives quite different from support to needy students. The aim of this contest is to arouse interest in the peoples of Eastern Asia in the hope that this interest will lead to knowledge and understanding. It is for this reason that the prize donor has specified that the contestants shall have taken some campus course dealing with the Far East. It is her belief that the knowledge and information acquired in the essay writing is too specialized to completely satisfy the objective. She wishes to encourage as wide and extensive a study as possible, not to subsidize needy students through the indirect means of contest participation.

Your statement that the course requirement was inserted as an inducement to enroll in certain courses is distinctly misleading. Last year, on behalf of the contest committee, I especially expressed the wish that this requirement be dropped. For the reasons stated above this recommendation was not accepted.

Let me again point out that in your editorial you have shown an

inability to distinguish between the purposes of the contest and the purposes of subsidy funds, and that you have done a grave injustice to Mrs. Warner who, without the slightest suggestion having been made to her, has contributed so generously to the assistance of needy University students.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD J. NOBLE, Chairman,
 Warner Prize Committee.

STUDENT ASUO ROSTER

RISES OVER HALF MARK

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privileges may be secured. At this same time sales representatives will be named in these groups.

A revised list has been made of the membership of the Committee of 50, student organization working in conjunction with the campaign, which will meet today at 5 p. m. in room 110 Johnson hall.

List Designated

Following are the names of those who will serve on the group and who are requested to be on hand this afternoon:

Keith Wilson, Keith Powers, Bill Russell, Howard Kemper, Grant Thuemmel, Ralph Walstrom, Ray Mize, Don Thompson, Bill Phipps, Jack Vaughan, Bob Zurcher, Hal Birkinshaw, Lester Goldschmidt, Ladd Sherman, Irwin Nilson, Merwin Rodda, Chuck Wishard, Tom Tongue, Neal Bush, Otto Vonderheide.

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