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STALEMATE

A VOCIFEROUS "razzberry" on a large scale was handed Richard L. Neuberger, former editor of the Emerald, yesterday morning. More humorously intended than malicious, a resolution setting up a scholarship fund to send Neuberger to "some distant school" was presented and voted upon, passing unanimously.

On the campus the result was a stand-off. Most persons were vastly amused at this latest trick in the perpetual feud between Neuberger and the campus leaders. But many were appalled at the dubious taste of a thousand students in formal session broadly hinting that a fellow student would be more appreciated a thousand miles away. The sponsors, who had conceived the affair as a humorous rebuff, were conscience-smitten.

And the object of it all, with his customary sang froid and imperturbable smile, merely gives out to the press a bland statement that he is "glad to see that the student body at the University of Oregon (and the prompters behind it) are at last interested in scholarship funds for students."

Stalemate.

Those who sponsored the move have the satisfaction of having told the rebellious Neuberger what they think of him. They have given an astonishing revelation of a deep-seated popular disapproval of the Neubergerian tactics. And the unanimity of opinion in the hall was not feigned; although some who voted later regretted.

But if the intention was to deflate Dick Neuberger, the effort was far from a success. Neuberger will be confirmed in his uncompromising opinions of student politics and politicians, and Neuberger's friends will be more than ever convinced that he is an unhonored hero and an unappreciated toiler for the right.

Sober reflection on the matter will give those students who so enthusiastically endorsed the resolution many a qualm. A few have prophesied that

reverberations of this event will roll back upon the student body to the discredit of the University.

We take no such gloomy view. It was an example of good comedy and undeniable poor taste. Neuberger, if he is as clever as we give him credit for, will let the matter drop. So will the backers of the resolution, who have had their say. There let the whole affair rest.

JAPAN'S "MONROE DOCTRINE"

THROUGH a "foreign office spokesman," Japan Wednesday gave public notice that she would act affirmatively, if required, in applying her China policy of responsibility for East Asia peace. Newspaper reports quoted the spokesman as saying that Japan might be compelled to use force, if foreign efforts disturbed the peace of Asia, and that Japan would be the sole judge.

One year ago today Franklin Delano Roosevelt defined an aggressor nation as one which would use its troops on foreign soil. Several months ago he applied an entirely new meaning to the Monroe Doctrine by explaining that the United States would not act alone in suppressing the invasion of a foreign power in South America, but only with a concert of American states.

While the anti-imperialistic American Monroe Doctrine is dying in its original interpretation, Japan's "Monroe Doctrine" is taking its place as an imperialistic weapon.

It is still too early to predict with certainty why Japan is taking so belligerent a stand at the present time. Since Roosevelt's recognition of Russia, the Japanese foreign office has noticeably softened the tone of its "unofficial" statements. Far eastern writers have recently commented on the possibilities of American recognition of Manchukuo in exchange for Japanese cooperation in naval armament. Japan's present outburst, however, has dampened the immediate prospects of reconciliation.

By claiming such an "Asiatic Monroe Doctrine," Japan will be well equipped for barter at future conference tables. Ambitious Japan, however, may find that enforcement of such a doctrine is another matter. Even the American foreign policy so confidently announced by James Monroe over a century ago would have been a mockery, but for the tacit support of the British navy.

YOUTH SINGS

MUSICALLY inclined students of Lane county's rural high schools will tomorrow open a tournament under the supervision of the University school of music.

More than 200 youthful artists will establish friendships among themselves and with the University. Dean Landsbury will be on hand to greet them with that spirit of camaraderie well known to everyone on the campus.

This competition is merely one of the many services which the newly recreated school of music can provide. Through Carnegie grants, the music staff is able to give vocal and instrumental lessons without cost to those students who are not able to pay the fees for private lessons.

Through similar grants, Dean Landsbury is making a sincere attempt to teach students "appreciation" of music. It would be futile to declare that he is finding complete success in that endeavor, but we think he will be reasonably well satisfied if only a small percentage of the collegians enrolled in his large class obtains some inkling of what real music is.

The music school does not break into print frequently, but it continues to perform quietly a supremely important part of the University's function.

HAIL: JUKES!

THE EMERALD rejoices that two such distinguished gentlemen are to compete for the offices of student body president and vice-president.

We are proud to be able to welcome J. Jorgensen Jukes and K. Kasper Kallikak into campus politics. They represent two families that have long been the subject of admiration on the part of every student of criminal heredity.

The rest of the ticket is equally meritorious: Frisby, Glantz, Murgatroyd, and Dalrymple, all true-blue 100 percent un-Americans, running on a platform of "Get Ignorance into the Igloo."

The University is honored to have this group of thoroughgoing biggame contenders for its offices.

energy and relentlessness (and I fervently hope he does), he will give that student body or the responsible parties reason to regret yesterday's outrage. I, for one, will help him in this endeavor, if he should feel it worth while to stoop to insecticide.

J. A. NEWTON.

To the Editor:

No doubt almost every government that has ever flowered forth and enjoyed existence on this terrestrial ball during the course of its long evolution has committed some atrocious error which caused its people no little embarrassment and shame. Even we proud citizens of the United States dislike to discuss this country's treatment of Mexico in annexing Texas.

Today, I believe, we members of the popular assembly of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon were guilty of a misconduct that should make us and succeeding students of this University blush with shame for some time to come.

We same students, who sat and applauded while various pleasing speakers lauded our democratic student government and promised that they or their candidates would exert every possible effort to uphold this sacred institution, applauded still louder, when flagrant insult was hurled at the gentlemanly face of one of the best citizens of the student government of the University.

Although, like the majority of the students on this campus, I disagree with many of the policies and proposals of Richard L. Neuberger, I am sincere in classifying him as one of the best citizens of the University's student government. When, in his opinion, there is a need of constitutional reform or return to constitutional adher-

ence, he does not go about underhandedly denouncing the whole student government, but openly proceeds to attempt to bring about the changes he sincerely believes in. It is such citizens that are essential to the success of democratic government.

Whether or not all or any of the reforms for which Neuberger has agitated are essential or advantageous to the A. S. U. O. may be justly debated, but the value Neuberger has been to the student body in awakening interest in student government can not be denied.

The University of Oregon needs more students with critical and inquiring minds and the courage to voice their convictions; it could struggle along with a fewer number of "show-offs," who have only the fortitude to say and do the things that appeal to momentary mob opinion. (Perhaps the name of the beneficiary of the proposed loan fund should be changed—the east needs cheer leaders for its losing football teams.)

It is indeed unfortunate—especially at this time when we should be trying to convince the state board of higher education and the taxpayers of Oregon of the advantage of retaining student self-government—that we made such an obvious display of our lack of good judgment and discretion. Like a herd of sheep, without either the ability to reason or sense of good taste, we followed our leader—also sadly lacking in ability to reason and good taste—and, without sympathy or consideration, trampled beneath our feet the one of our fold, who was labeled black because he showed enough interest in our welfare to attempt to bring about reforms in the government under which we are herded. As jealous, predatory birds of the for-

His friends know that it was a great personal sacrifice to himself that he undertook to perform temporarily the duties involved upon the acceptance of the chancellorship. Educational matters were in a chaotic situation. The board of higher education was on the spot. Factionalism at the university was extremely bitter. A man with less poise would have been ruined in health as a result of the cruel, nasty and unreasonable fight that was made upon him by a group at the university which has always been more interested in raising hell than it has been in

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The Ostrich

By STANLEY ROBE



On Dr. Kerr's Retirement

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESS OF THE STATE

The resignation of Dr. Kerr as chancellor of the state educational system has brought many reactions from editorial writers, but we like this excerpt from an editorial in The Oregon Emerald, the University daily newspaper:

"The resignation of Chancellor Kerr is not a 'victory' for any one. It is but a significant incident in the long march of higher education in Oregon. It comes at a time when the prosperity of Oregon's schools is at low ebb, and when it will be necessary to search long and in far fields for a worthy successor.

"But it comes at least in the midst of the longest period of good feeling in months. And it is the highest tribute to his sincerity and to his devotion to the interests of the youth of the state, that, having once restored peace to higher education, Dr. Kerr offers to step down and yield his troublous post to another."—Ashland Daily Tidings.

Dr. Kerr is past 70 years of age and he has been an educator for almost a half century. He has attained national prominence and has made a record of notable success. He has richly earned the reward of retirement and an opportunity to spend his remaining years in an enjoyment of life free from the restraint of heavy responsibilities.

Dr. Kerr can retire with dignity and honor, and, because of the peculiar factors involved, his retirement will make it easier for the board of higher education to complete the unification for which it was created and toward which the first chancellor, for all of the controversy which has raged about him, has contributed.—Astorian Budget.

Perhaps Chancellor Kerr is weary. He would be more than human if he were not, after all these years—many of them filled with strife, with political animosities, with bitter rivalries. Perhaps Chancellor Kerr would like the luxury, for comparatively all too brief a time, of watching from the sidelines the game in which he has been a player for two-thirds of his life. It is a luxury to which he should be entitled.

Those who might be inclined to criticize him for stepping out should consider this. He has given the best of himself, the best of his years, to education. He has given the best of his professional and executive ability to the upbuilding of the Oregon institution which he served so efficiently. The chancellorship came as a crowning recognition of his service. That he has held such a position for a year and a half should be enough.

William Jasper Kerr has earned his rest.—Bend Bulletin.

Dr. Kerr has wisely eliminated himself from a delicate situation, and the good wishes of the people of Oregon go with him. It is thought that the board will not make the mistake of filling the official shoes of the chancellor with an Oregon appointee, at least of one who has been involved in the years of feud between the college and the university. The post calls for a broad-minded man who must be inherently tactful, and should have had business training. We assume the board will attempt to secure the services of an educator, but our view is that the head of the system need not be a teacher at all.—Oregon City Enterprise.

education. A man less conscientious and less fair would have counteracted all interests of the board to harmonize the situation. A man less a business executive and one less familiar with Oregon would have been stumped to maintain the high efficiency of the institutions on the niggardly allowances furnished by the state for this purpose.

Since Dr. Kerr had this in mind for several months it is unfortunate that he did not let it be known before time for filing in the primaries. He would make the best governor this state has ever had and if ability and the state's welfare instead of selfish politics were taken into consideration he would have the unanimous endorsement of both political parties. It is unfortunate that his unusual executive ability cannot thus be organized for the benefit of the state in its present unfortunate financial situation.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

In his (Kerr's) statement to the board proposing retirement, he notes that a spirit of unity and cooperation now prevails in the higher schools. It is certainly to be hoped that this is more than a mere pleasantry, and that such a condition continues to exist. From this distance, we are un-informed of underlying conditions, but if real harmony does exist it probably can be attributed in part to the two-president plan which restored to the University of Oregon and Oregon State college at least a part of their individuality which had been stifled in the unification movement.

In saying this, we do not intend to detract from the credit due Dr. Kerr for his service both as president of the college and chancellor. He has served long and well, and deserves a place of high honor in the history of Oregon education.—Klamath Falls Evening Herald.

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Nevertheless the selection of Dr. Kerr as chancellor was a mistake on the part of the board and his acceptance a mistake on the part of Dr. Kerr for the traditional animosities flared anew, culminating in the resignation of the president of the board and public demand for the retirement of the chancellor. It became ap-

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parent, despite the conciliatory efforts of the new chairman, that only a truce and not peace had been effected, for the prejudices could not be allayed.

Dr. Kerr has well earned retirement for he has spent half a century in educational work and has been a vigorous and capable executive and far visioned builder as well as an adroit politician who knew how to play the game for the benefit of institutions under his charge. He built up the state college from a small struggling school into one of the great state colleges of the nation with one of the most complete plants and a strong faculty. It stands as his monument and he is entitled to the appreciation and good will of the state and a well earned pension in his retirement from active service.—Salem Capital Journal.

When he was named head of the system of higher education in Oregon there was some dissatisfaction at the choice. School rivalries and a few personal enemies were responsible for a period of strife which apparently came to an end about six months ago when presidents of both the state college and the university were named. Chancellor Kerr retires in all of the honor and glory that all his 50 years of able constructive service have earned for him.

Chancellor Kerr has seen the unified system of higher education brought to a point of successful operation. He did not retreat. He did not quit under fire. Retiring now he can be sure that the system is in such shape that any great educator of the nation may be proud to serve as its head. Oregon owes Chancellor Kerr a debt of gratitude not only for building a fine state college but for having stood faithfully by through storm and stress while a great unified system of higher education was in the course of being built.—Roseburg News-Review.

Innocent Bystander
By BARNEY CLARK

TO our sex—pardon—six—readers:
We have a terrific headache brought on by the awful political propaganda circulated yesterday, and if you think we are going to be funny with a headache, you are mentally deranged. Read the political statements and get some real humor.

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