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## Regional Education...

"With an area comparable to the four Northwest states, Texas supports only one system of graduate study. Why should the Northwest refuse to avail themselves of equal advantages from approximately the same population as the Lone Star State?"

Dr. H. G. Merriam, head of the humanities department of the University of Montana, has used this argument to boost his idea for the establishment of a regionally financed, instead of state supported, university system for the Northwest. Contending that Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana support inadequately staffed and financed schools of medicine, music, forestry, agriculture, and other special fields, he advises them to pool their resources.

It is now illegal for states to invest in institutions outside their own borders, but Dr. Merriam points out that the people can instruct their legislators to overcome that barrier.

While his suggestion has some great advantages, it also has other faults besides the legal difficulties. He cites the forestry education setup in the four states as an example and says OSC and Montana maintain separate schools only 250 miles from Moscow and Pullman, which also have forestry training. Regardless of whether or not his mileage figures are accurate, elimination of three of those schools would mean additional travel expenses to many students.

Then, too, the system would not allow for those students who want to minor in a special school. If departments were maintained for them, the overlapping would take much of the saving out of a regional system.

These objections, and others that could be listed, seem petty until we recall the purpose of state-supported institutions of higher education. If education is to be as accessible as possible, consolidation is not necessarily the answer.

However, in Dr. Merriam's plan there is an idea of inter-state cooperation in higher education. Even if centralized, separate schools are not ideal, coordination of educational systems can eliminate unnecessary overlapping and build up the strong points of the established schools.

## Congressional Comments

By Ted Hallock

Minnesota's Senator Joe Ball defined the term "liberal" last week, with as apt an analysis as we've yet to see: "A liberal stands for the freedom of the individual, in opposition to control by capital, by organized labor, or by government. Too great concentrations of power in the hands of any group or government are dangerous to that freedom of thought and action for which mankind has struggled through the ages." Amen.

A Day in Congress

We would like to take you through Wednesday, May 1, 1946, as it appears in the pages of the Congressional Record, concerning both the senate and house.

Mr. Capper quoted from the Farm Journal: "Effective reform in the officer's caste system, which has been the subject of so much criticism by patriotic, self-respecting young men who have been made the victims of personal abuse. . . ." The preceding remarks were part of a list of suggested

changes to be made, by congress, in our military.

Mr. Brooks commented on the proposed loan to Britain: "I am opposed to it because we are loaning it to the government of Great Britain which presently is a Socialistic experiment in the hands of a party headed by Harold Laski, who blithely denounces our form of government and economy at the very time when we are struggling to sustain our system of private enterprise under a truly republican representative form of government."

Mr. Brooks undoubtedly refrained from using the word "democratic," knowing he might be investigated by the current congressional un-American committee if he should be found mouthing the aforesaid epithet. We would appreciate reading his attitude on any proposed loan to Russia, perhaps designed to help burned out Ukrainian peasants.

Intolerance Again

Said Mr. Ellender upon hearing that William H. Hastie had been nominated to be governor of the Virgin Islands: I think the president made a very serious mistake in selecting a colored man to be governor of the Virgin Islands, because I believe it will retard the

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# Telling the Editor

## About Current Affairs...

To the Editor:

It's good to see some vets taking a petitionary interest via "Telling the Editor" in the padolescent goings-on about the campus. But shucks, Chaney Jr., Johnson, Leckband, etc., where else is the opportunity given to participate in kid-stuff and learn a little along the side? Certainly not out there in that cold, cruel, competitive, ogreish world where we'll have to make a living after the checks stop coming.

No, it isn't a bad world as viewed from our little iglooish collegiate atmosphere, but the statistics present a picture slightly different as we note the large number of discharges because of neuroses. And here's an item to idle over: the so-called fears of the competitive world, illustrated by the anxiety neuroses, were unknown in the Red Army. There, each "soldat" knew why he was fighting, what would be done to help the disabled, and that he would have a job when the war was over.

Speculatory explanations: The Russki soldats weren't subjected to a free press like we were, so they didn't need to worry about two sides of a question. And in a country much poorer in development than ours they nevertheless have more job security. Perhaps that's due to the tremendous potential opportunities.

More multifarious mulling: Maybe Plato was right (another Comie!) in agreeing with the Russians that the mass of humanity isn't capable of operating its government except indirectly through the intelligentsia. Hey, I said "Maybe"! But from every corner of the rather vacuous political lot come voices that seem to indicate that we are getting anarchistic and collectivistic at the same time.

Sordid Strike Struggles—we need collectivistic discipline, they say. (They is everybody not dissatisfied.)

Intra-labor factional fights and fidgets—we need collectivistic cooperation, they say. (They is the social democrats.)

Religious differences—we need more "Youth for Christ" movements, they say. (One of they is The Rev. Gleason L. Archer jr., who also authored, "A believer should not enter into marriage with a member of another faith, or with a member of the Roman faith for instance, or the Jewish faith, or with a member of some other Protestant sect that doesn't know the score, for in this he takes one step away from God.")

Federal Trade Commission (which sees that the acetacetacylic pills you take really are rightly proportioned with aceta—well, that they are well-built aspirins)—it demonstrates too much collectivism, curb its power, they say. (One of them is the new Republican national chairman, Rep. B. Carroll Reece of Tenn.)

Racial discrimination — laissez faire, we don't want so much of this minority-rights propaganda, they say. (Everybody knows they includes Rep. Rankin and Sen. Bilbo.)

OPA—too much collectivism, they say. (They includes J. Howard Pew, Sun Oil Co. president, whose company got caught doing a little black-marketing and violating price ceilings and had to pay a little \$162,700 fine.)

Oh, I know I'm inconsistent and confusing—might be even a bit confused—but to stop being destructive I might suggest that confusing or not we do try taking an active interest in affairs of national and international import. Unless we don't feel up to assuming the responsibility of taking an active direct part in our government.

Faith, don't falter in the belief that the individual CAN make a wise decision if presented with objective facts. That means stimulat-

ing our "free" press out of its subjective distortion by powerful individuals, who having made up their minds, do all in their power to subjectively angle the news. I should talk, biased individual that I am, I'd rather read Pravda than the Chicago Tribune simply because I've read the latter!

Tsk, tsk, here I go stirring up "operational fatigue" by cluttering my mind with disconcerting thoughts. Back to the pert green hair ribbons. Don't be so ducktless Dudrey, swallow your herring, Hallock, raise the rear Russell, and-so-on.

Veteranistically,  
—Geo. Holcomb.

## About Old 'Bones' . . .

I was preparing to enjoy breakfast this morning when my stomach was turned by the reappearance of an old and sickly "bone" in Wednesday's Emerald; namely, that letter to the editor.

Why must people always drag ". . . what WE were fighting for" baloney in on a nearly invisible thread in an effort to present a super-patriotic argument in support of an inconsequential little issue that has been hashed over throughout collegedom the country over, for ages untold.

Traditions can reach two extremes. They can become a nuisance, or they can be ignored to the point where they no longer promote "school spirit."

Traditions should not be held over for tradition's sake, but only as long as they are of benefit to the institution. Americans have always been ready to discard outdated traditions in favor of changes which are of benefit to the public at large. Without this spirit, the United States would never have risen with such amazing speed to a position of world leadership.

Even in our "tender years" it shouldn't be considered too long-haired to instill a little logic into our personal conduct.

As for manliness, Mr. Lau, I suggest that if you wish to be, quote: ". . . admired for (your) guts," you, too, should join Vassar where you could expose your posterior to the paddle indefinitely, thereby gaining the high esteem and admiration of the ladies, who are doubtless more appreciative of such sterling qualities than the average veteran. —Hans Wold.

## About Pin Planters . . .

One of the main components of a university is tradition. Mill race dunkings, Junior Weekend, and pin planting ceremonies—these are what alums remember and talk about, long after Caesar and Plato are forgotten.

With pin planting comes the usual teasing of fraternity brothers. . . Staked to the ground in an empty lot was one such lucky soul Tuesday—waiting for "the one" to rescue him.

Instead of the usual harmless fun, a well-known member of the administration arrived in his sedan, and, by a few well-chosen and cutting words, changed a group of laughing, "we're-having-fun" students to a set of depressed individuals.

No known University regulations were broken, no classes were disrupted. Why weren't those students allowed to carry on these old traditions?

It is the students who must decide whether they wish to keep tradition alive, or let it die, letting the long-hairs reign supreme.

Betty Ditto.  
Arlene Johnson.

## About Traditions . . .

Traditions are well and good, but where does Larry Lau get off by making all of his rash statements? Does he actually suppose that he is speaking for the majority of the veteran student body? Certainly he does not express my own views on the subject. Why is it that I must pick up the Emerald and constantly read that old argument of patriotic talk all the way through, when it speaks of the veteran, in an effort to get him to conform to what seems to him nothing but a childish pastime.

He speaks of "being one of the boys." Well personally, I do not care if I am one of the boys or not. I have been married over four years and find the company of my wife, children, and friends exceedingly stimulating to keep me from wanting to run around with a "beany made of overseas ribbons." I have my own friends at Skinner's Butte Villa along with the rest of the married couples.

But, as for college tradition, a little bit can go a long way. I came here for an education and not for

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# Seniors

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