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Congressional Comments

By Ted Hallock

If we do not publicize the activities of Mr. Rankin and his kind, there is a definite possibility that the Helen Hokinsonish ladies of Missouri will soon pass a group of Rankin Rangers, drilling, with arms, on some Kansas City golf course, to put down the "communist" working-man. Evidently some of us have forgotten about Fritz Kuhn, the bund, and the "Newburg maneuvers," as the German high command was wont to call them. Mr. Kuhn, long forgotten by front-pagers, now has returned to the Reich, to work as an inoffensive little chemist in Munich. Unless U. S. CID men keep their eyes open, Mr. Kuhn, feeling that men of his calibre are needed to enlist now, may join the ranks of a re-organized, Standard Oil backed, I. G. Farben. When the press lays off Rankin, watch out.

OPA

The public seems to be evincing a bit more interest in OPA. At least a few more letters are being written Washingtonward. Congress keeps commenting and killing. More sense was made last week than ever before, during both house and senate debate. Some foolishness also crept in, unavoidably.

Rep. Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin, said: "We listened to Mr. Bowles on the radio and also his stooges of the CIO, Walter Winchell and others." Which just doesn't seem correct, unless Jergen's lotion is being up out by Mr. Hillman these days, personally.

Mr. Rankin, losing composure for a moment, speaking on appropriations for the Natchez Trace (we don't know what it is either), slipped and admitted: "I think this table from the May news letter of the National City Bank, of New York, showing the profits made by corporations during the first quarter of 1946 may cause some of the gentlemen who have attacked and assailed OPA and the administration to hang their heads in shame. It appears from this, private enterprise in America is doing all right." The understatement of the year.

Park-bencher Baruch was quoted (from a 1941 Rotarian article) as saying, sagaciously: "If inflation is to be prevented, we must have an all-out price control law, as we must have an all-out industrial effort." Simple statement, but perhaps the best method for explaining a simple problem.

Labor Mistake

John L. Lewis can be easily nominated, by even the most earnest defender of labor, as the biggest fool in the history of labor's rise to power. Congress can be goaded just so far. Having just finished finishing Petrillo, injuring every individual musician in the nation while doing it, they will now turn to Lewis, with a will, thereby probably smashing most everything labor has gained, if they can, under the guise of limiting one man's power. If labor allows leaders to ascend whose ambitions demand their exercise of an undemocratic bargaining power, labor can expect prompt legislative action designed to reduce the guild system to its medieval state. No one is to blame but the workingman who elected the leader.

Propaganda Accusation

Mr. Vursell, in the house, seems to have plagiarized from Mr. Ellsworth to some extent. At least, he believes that "the greatest threat and danger to representative government in America today is the government propaganda machine with its headquarters here in Washington." It's odd that neither representative has stated just what agencies constitute the "machine" of which they speak. They are both eager to add that "it is supported

Browsing... With Joe Young

With Mother's Day, the Junior side-show, and generally, a "fair" weekend for all, relegated to memories and pages of next year's Oregon, we again return to the silly old conventionality of studying—assignments, crams, and exams. . . And peering ahead one can almost see the alphabetical GPA guillotine waiting for those fretting under the scholastic ball-and-chain. . . Perchance your grades have been lower than anticipated—and you are planning a tete-a-tete with the cause of such erroneous analysis of your achievement. . . You will need "reasons" for getting a better grade. . . Before any aforementioned conference, check the 24 suggestions listed in a little 2 x 4 frame hanging in the McClure entrance hall. . .

Anthology of tradition-al comment. . . "Was preparing to enjoy . . . stomach was turned by reappearance of old and sickly "bone" . . . taboos and traditions loom forth . . . heavy-handed order will enforce . . . with severity . . . the phrase heavy-handed be altered to read heavy-headed . . . if a watchful eye catches . . . punishment will be only reward . . . may remind ancients that traditions were some of the things we all went out and fought for . . . main components of university is tradition . . . what alums remember and talk about long after Caesar and Plato are forgotten . . . have here only a bush league group of sadists . . . wear skull caps made of old campaign ribbons and . . . plugging for continuance of some customs for all . . . were admired for our "guts" . . . forgot to bring them home . . . even tender years . . . shouldn't be considered too long-haired to instill a little logic into . . . personal conduct . . . want to go back to "country club" era . . . suggest . . . rough . . . transfer to Vassar

by radical organizations headed by the Communists of New York," but don't seem to define "it" very clearly.

This grammatical incongruity of Mr. Ellsworth's is not just one peculiarity of the aforesaid congressman. He has also told us, publicly, that no lobbies exist in Washington, with the exception of the CIO. Which, of course, completely whitewashes the National Association of Manufacturers, the lumber interests for which Mr. Ellsworth has been loyally working since election, and financial interests who, obviously, do not care at all about the loan to Britain. Please, Mr. Ellsworth, we're real grown-ups now. We even vote.

Food and Fascism

Dept. of Utter Irony: The agriculture Dept.'s Famine Emergency committee is using the slogan "Suffer Little Children" to obtain more food for Europe's starving. They have forgotten that "Little Children" of Spanish Loyalist families are dying faster than flies around Hendaye, France, where they fled Franco's wrath in 1937. Reason: because every official food dispensing agency in Europe refuses to touch them; labeling them "controversial matter." Even anti-Fascists can't live without food, strangely enough.

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. . . good-natured acceptance is not submission . . . thereby gaining high esteem and admiration of ladies . . . speaking as one who has amazing faculty for getting into trouble . . . keep tradition alive, or let it die, letting the long-hairs reign supreme . . . came for an education and not for tradition performance . . . why weren't these students allowed to carry on these old traditions . . . grimly thinking of days when we'll be lettermen and upper classmen . . . babies stop crying. . ." Sic transit gloria Web-footus. . .

Definitely the book of the year—'46 Oregon. . . There seems to be a standard procedure of breaking in this technicolor volume . . . first check for all your own pictures . . . then check pictures of friends . . . finally, glance through with little quips, such as, "How did she get into This or That?" or, "This really is a terrible picture of me here with the Hot Stuffies!" . . . And surely you did not miss McClintock's endsheet duckcartoons. . . Found a nostalgic note along about Page 172 with the Indiana Union cut—for I'm a Cream and Crimson scion. . . Bought my first college texts in this building. . . Shared my first freshman coke here, too.

It is never too late to paraphrase a retrospective synopsis of the excellent library contest exhibits. . . There was some delightful browsing in these student collections—varying from children's books to art and religion. . . The "Complete Greek Drama" . . . and "The Lonely Ones" . . . works circa 1850 . . . and copyright, 1946 . . . It was a day for students to list suggested additions to their own library . . . for as Thomas Carlyle wrote . . . "All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been: it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books. . ."

Technical Knockout...

The proposed new ASUO constitution, setting up a student congress, will not be on the ballot next Tuesday because of a technicality. That technicality involves submission of a petition signed by 100 members of the ASUO and publication of the proposed constitution in the Emerald twice—one week before the vote.

Since these necessary details were neglected, the constitution can become a campaign issue only as part of the program for next year. But, judging from the lack of interest shown in getting the measure on the ballot, the constitution is not the vote-getting plank it was considered. The small response to the special election held winter term backs up this statement.

The proposed constitution, then, is dead for this year. Even a rabid pro-constitutionalist isn't eager for another special election this term.

If its backers still want it, they will have to put it to another special election next year.

An Important Assembly...

Students who object to the "rally-rally" type of assembly cannot object on that basis to the meeting today in McArthur court.

They may say that it will be dull and uninteresting because the candidates who will be nominated for ASUO offices have already been selected and announced. But actually, it will be the only chance of the campus as a whole to meet its prospective student body officers, and to hear their platforms. If the assembly still seems unpromising, there is the possibility that "dark horse" candidates will be nominated.

The nominating assembly is an important step in student elections, and should be well attended. Of equal importance are the class meetings today for nomination of class officers. Attendance is important, since in the past quorums have been lacking.

Even if nothing happens in student nominations today, there will be a surprise in the form of tapping of new members for Phi Theta Upsilon, the junior women's service honorary, also to take place at the assembly.

Telling the Editor

About ISA Candidacy...

Dear Editor:

Mr. Penny's recent letters to the editor expressing his views on campus politics have been filled with half truths and misinformation. This letter is written in order to clarify the situation regarding the Independent Students association.

First, Mr. Penny has at no time attended any meetings of the ISA, all of which meetings are open to any independent student. The obvious conclusion is that Mr. Penny's information is second-hand, and unreliable.

The decision that the loser between the two candidates nominated for Number 1 position on the Independent ticket should not automatically become the nominee for second position, was not made by Mr. Roberts, as Mr. Penny indicates, but was made by the group as a whole, who felt that anyone who had a candidate for Number 2 position should be given an opportunity to nominate such candidate.

At no time during the meeting, as declared by Mr. Penny, did Mr. Roberts state that if Mr. Hallock were nominated for Number 2 po-

sition he would resign from the ISA. Because at that time the two men were fundamentally opposed in their stand on a probable campaign issue, Mr. Roberts at first thought it would be better if he did not become a candidate with Mr. Hallock. Yielding to the wishes of the group, Mr. Roberts later withdrew from this stand and consented to run.

As to the accusation that the nominating of candidates was done behind closed doors, may we call attention to the fact that nominations were opened to the floor at two meetings, both of which were open meetings, and both of which were announced in the Emerald. There has been no coercion shown by any leaders of the Independent party, the candidates, or members of the party. There will be no coercion!

It is suggested that in the future if Mr. Penny wishes information concerning Independent politics, he attend the meetings or consult the minutes, get his facts straight, and then, and only then, express his views in the Emerald.

Anne Van Valzah.
Catherine Crombie.



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