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Irresponsible Politics . . .

A graphic presentation of the evils of bloc action was given to Oregon students Tuesday with the announcement of the methods whereby one of the political handbills was obtained. Although the Greek bloc denied having anything to do with the handbills which used the name of the American Legion, still it is a fact that leading members of that bloc aided in securing and distributing them.

If political leaders have not realized before this time, they must realize now that any political action taken by them while a member of a bloc will be construed as being done by that bloc. If political leaders disclaim this fact (as they have done), then they are admitting that bloc politics is irresponsible politics. They are admitting that they have no control over the actions of their own leaders—in direct contrast to the principles of democratic action.

But some bloc members will cry, as in fact they have even in their own meetings, that they "are just another political party." For their information, the following definitions from Webster are given.

Bloc—a group formed to foster special interests or to obstruct legislative action. Party—any one of two more bodies or people contending for antagonistic or rival opinions or policies in a community or society.

If bloc members, whether in an organization which calls itself a bloc or not, cannot see the difference between those two definitions they are not fit to be political leaders.

It is up to the Oregon students. Unless they, by their own actions, smash bloc thinking and bloc action, more violent acts of irresponsibility will inevitably occur. If the Oregon students do not have the capacity to prevent this, they do not have the capacity to be members of a democratic republic. Would-be and actual campus fuhrers know this. They are counting on your indifference and ignorance.

Take hold of yourselves, Webfoots! Prove that you are able to control your own affairs! Smash bloc politics now!

—H. P.

Browsing . . . With Joe Young

For the benefit of vets who may finally turn to this gem of grammatical effort. . . A questionnaire is being sent to all U.O. G.L.'s. . . Do what it says and return it, or you may get fouled up . . . and surely you know the troubles of winding up the yardage of crimson ribbon that can be festooned around bureaucratic progress. . . P.S. . . If you don't get the questionnaire by May 25, forget the tennis game or the golf and go over to the Guidance Center. . . Like we said—it is an important piece of paper. . . Be sure yours gets in! . . .

Even the old duck pasture has to be kept in the green—and a little daily dousing aids virenescence and adds avriety. . . Sprinklers . . . appliances for scattering a substance, especially a liquid, specifically water, in drops or particles. . . Now a hydro-analysis shows five basic types of besprinkling irrigators posted in prominent and likely locations. . .

(1) First there's just a nozzle in the end of a hose! . . . no

ingenuity at all—simply a local sod-shower-bath. . . This contrivance can be trusted farther than it can be seen. . .

(2) Next in the line of hydraulic creative expression is the circular series of fine holes . . . a steady symmetrical canopy of water. . . Has all the visual excitement of a percolator. . .

(3) A welcome variation holding third place is the little musical atomizer. . . A gay-10c-toy-sound whirring away a mist. Rated as harmless to anything except lumps of sugar and other rationed numbers.

(4) Engineering has a far sweeping effect in the aquajet pobs. . . The small, unpretentious stream pushing around quite a major squirt. . . Watch or this one will sneak in back of you. . .

(5) But the jet d'eau of all . . . the turf-terror, whose F-ss-t, F-ss-t can't be trusted except when out of range of the long wet arm. . . This rhythmic demon has put lawn

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Fred Beckwith and Tommy Hazzard's Ducktation

As we go to press, some of the lads are still lounging around the phone booth, doodling on the Oregana, and waiting for the lasses to make with the go-ahead invite to Mortar Board. Florist shops around town have been terrifically overtaxed, and tux accessories have been in constant use. That's the story of the moment, and now let's dig into this pile of news.

Digging around: Sig Ep Don McIntosh made such an impression on his ADPI picnic date last weekend that two hours after meeting she was bathing his auto . . . Theta Jackie Klein stepped out of the available class by accepting Jack Munroe's Beta pin . . . Phi Delt Ed Salstrom nosed out a stiff field competition for MB, and got the nod from Gamma Phi Irene Moor . . . Gil Roberts has been giving boxing lessons to Chi O Carolyn Jacobs. We see no political tie-up, however . . . Dick Savinar, SAM, and Bev Carroll, Alpha Phi, are making the rounds . . . Don "10 Pretty Girls" McSweeney has just crossed off his old list and designed a brand new set, identities unknown at this writing . . . Dee-Gee Lyn Whitman's Kappa Sig returned to campus, and all is serene in the Mansion . . . Paul Smith, Fiji, re-pinned Tri-Delt Jane Corkran Saturday evening . . . Add returnees: Ex-navy man Howie Applegate, who lettered in frosh basketball here a few years back.

Off the hook: And more pinplanters at work. Erle Swanson, ATO, is happy cuz Tri-Delt Marilyn Rackow is now sporting his Maltese Cross . . . Beta Dick Laird gave his jewelry to Fee Marilyn Moore . . . Best house dance of the year by far was the Phi Psi shin-

dig Saturday night. Featuring Hipster Widmer's fine little moosic crew, the dance was sparked by lavish luminous paint fixtures. The whole campus took a peek-in on the festivities and came away with highly favorable reports . . . Alpha Chi Pat Silver accepted Ted Philip's Fiji pin over the weekend . . . Bob Mensor is taking the lead in the Mimi Moores (Kappa) league . . . SAM pledge Gen Gurian has smoothed things over with Alfa Fee Jean Merrifield . . . Eyetem: Orchestra widows Ann Parsons, Peg Skerry, and Bobby Hawley in the first row at the Phi Psi dance. . . Add laughs: Theta Gloria Grenfell and Sig Ep Johnny Mathews being refused cawfee at the Cross-town, new local eatery . . . Identification missing, no doubt . . . Alpha Gam Marjorie Earl announced her engagement to Lowell Hamm at a fireside Friday night.

Personality parade: The Deltas have been featuring motorcycle rides at their recent exchange desserts . . . Add engagements: Tri-Delt Lois Giberson and Kurt Olsen, SAE . . . Navy man Ed Evans brightened Sigma Kappa Donna Nevile's life by paying her a visit this weekend. . . Fee Dottie. Wightman was all smiles Satur-

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Graft and Corruption

By O. LARSON

During the last ten days the world shook with explosive events as it reeled and staggered in the opposite direction of peace and progress. The proverbial brave new world was a long way off. The keyword in Europe was hunger. At week's end the dispatches from the continent told grim facts about yesterday's unheeded warnings—that old people and children

were dropping dead every day by the thousands. They were not being given a war-crimes trial with floodlights, earphones, and publicity.

In Paris the conference of the Big Four foreign ministers was a dismal flop. There was unrest in Asia. And over Sunday in the United States, the American people shifted feelings against John L. Lewis to Johnston and Whitney of the railroad brotherhoods and then back to Lewis again when the rail unions called a truce until tomorrow.

The powerful Chicago Daily News called editorially upon President Truman to ask Oregon's Wayne Morris to mediate on the critical labor situation. The AFL executive council viewed with concern the threat of another world war, the Senate passed the British loan by 12 votes, automobile accidents took frightening tolls, and the Oregon primaries narrowed the local political competition into now what shapes up to become a knock-down and drag-out campaign.

We almost forgot to add—there was some bustle and stir on the Oregon campus about a student body election.

In combination with all this, there were the usual rumors and guesses and theories about everything in general in the domestic and foreign field. The labor movement seethed with wild speculations about inter-union feuds, alliances, and intrigues. The capable Walter Ruether was said to be defending himself against disgruntled radical elements within the auto workers union who were doing everything in their power to embarrass the young labor leader.

The CIO itself was locked in internal strife, the union regulars opening up on the "Russia-can-do-no-wrong" factions within the organization. Meanwhile, much was being said about the AFL winning back more prodigals. As William Green threw his support behind the coal-miners, there were rumors that Ruether and John L. and David Dubinsky might all have a big beer-bust in Green's office.

Our conduct in foreign affairs continued to confirm the analysis of those historians who would title the present chapter in American foreign relations as the "Retreat to Isolationism." It would be a faulty title because of the implication that we were once more isolationists than we are today. America had a flurry of isolationism between wars when the peace novels sold like nylons, when radio comedians were sponsoring peace essay contests, and when poets were turning out stuff containing the general idea that the Yanks were not coming.

Later the isolationists were to (Please Turn to Page Seven)

A Duck At the Dial

By Pat King

Bob Hope and company will stop off at Portland's "Maltnomah" stadium (as NBC headquarters in Hollywood call it) for the Rose Festival Sunday, June 9, during his cross-country tour which will end at the Yankee Stadium in New York, July 4. In each city a contest will be sponsored by the local NBC station, for a local girl singer to appear on the program with him.

Oscar Levant and John Charles Thomas will also put in an appearance at this year's super-duper edition of the Festival. And where will we be, kiddies? Up to our eyebrows, studying for finals—that's where. Closed weekends make things a little difficult.

Pearson Prophecy

"I preedict" Pearson prophesizes that Chester Bowles, "the most kicked around man in Washington," will resign his position as economic stabilizer before August in order to run for the senate from Connecticut.

"Bowles will resign," Pearson says, "because he is fed up with the inefficiency inside the Truman cabinet, and further, he wants to go back to Washington as a senator and turn the tables on certain senators."

Pearson also predicts that Bowles' opponent in Connecticut will be Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce, "making the election campaign one of the most glorious political battles in recent history."

Bob Stanton, brother of Dick Haymes, has been signed as a featured vocalist on Jack Haley's show.

Best Maestros

An 18-year-old high school student from Springfield, Massachusetts; a housewife from Indianapolis, Indiana; and a policeman from Atlanta, Georgia, were judged by Tommy Dorsey, Kate Smith, and Paul Whiteman as the three "best band leaders" from the three corners of the United States. The three winners will take a free trip to Hollywood to compete in the finals in the Palladium June 5. The winner will receive \$1000.

"Have you always lived in Los Angeles?" asked Art Linkletter of a six-year-old schoolboy on "Houseparty." The lad, with an extremely bored air, scoffingly replied, "Heavens, no! I lived in San Jose, California, for two weeks once!"

Templeton Back

Alec Templeton, who has been in the background for the past couple of years, will replace Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy during the summer with his orchestra and a guest girl vocalist each week.

"Cavalcade of America" was polled by Woman's National Radio committee as one of the four programs "promoting racial tolerance and international understanding, and having an intelligent grasp of the complex social problems of the post-war world."

Negro Music

The best in Negro music from classics to jazz will be sung and played by a distinguished group of artists, including Maxine Sullivan, the Tuskegee choir of 80 voices, and Art Tatum in a special "United Negro College Fund" broadcast

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