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The Old Lamplighter

"The Old Lamplighter" isn't just a song title. He is this year's symbol of the continuing war against tuberculosis, the unnecessary disease which killed 55,000 Americans last year and sent 110,000 of them to TB sanatoria. The old lamplighter is pictured on the 1946 Christmas seals which went on sale on the campus this week.

This Christmas seal drive is the first campaign of this sort students have participated in this term. This, as well as the merit of the anti-tuberculosis fight, is a good reason why the University should wholeheartedly support the drive.

Other schools this year have had World Student Service Fund drives, Community Chest drives, Red Cross drives, Bundles for DP's drives, drives for the relief of China, Russia, or Lower Slobbovia. During the war Oregon had her share of similar activity; we bought war bonds, gave to the Red Cross, donated blood, collected hundreds of dollars for blitzed students in Europe, sent books and cigarettes to the USO, and collected bail for a group of Negroes in jail. This term, however, no such appeals for aid have been made here on a campus-wide basis.

Oregon students have spent their inflated pennies on everything from basketburgers to plane tickets for the game in Berkeley, but nary a copper has gone to boost the funds of such really necessary endeavors as the war on TB.

The goal of the Christmas seal drive is a mere 20 cents per student, the price of a pack of cigarettes and a few matches. There isn't a student on this campus who cannot afford a half dollar's worth of protection against tuberculosis.

If this drive flops it will be a disgrace to the University—a school undoubtedly not cold to the friendly face and the charitable spirit of the old lamplighter.

No Parking Signs

We note that the familiar red-and-white no parking signs have been planted along the most congested curbs on the campus. The signs on Thirteenth between Kincaid and Alder were certainly needed and it seems that, except for brief business stops, they are being observed by drivers. Equally necessary are the restrictive signs along the alley linking University with Eleventh.

Requests for action by University officials and the Emerald campaign for these safety precautions have been satisfactorily received by city officials, and it would not be amiss if students showed their appreciation for this evidence of concern over our safety and convenience. Student drivers, who at the first of the year were irate when any mention was made of possible banning of student cars from the campus, should feel obliged to drive carefully, heed the traffic signs and regulations, and observe the common courtesies to other drivers.

Construction on the parking lots is underway and by next term there should be some alleviation of the parking problem. The blocks where parking is now restricted mean that the promised lots are needed more than ever. We are confident that University authorities are well aware of that fact and are doing their utmost to complete the facilities promptly.

Knowledge is the antidote to fear.—Emerson.

A blind man should not judge colors.—Proverb.

Telling the Editor

How a dead turkey received publicity as Do-Do the Doodle is only another instance of the fumbling ineptitude of the Daily Emerald. Were it merely a continuance of the Emerald's established tradition of misrepresentation it might be tolerable, but as my name has been connected with the atrocity, and as the Art Dept. is infuriated by the snide insinuation of "getting the bird," the least you could do is print the original Do-Do. Perhaps the Art Dept. is infuriated by the sponser for the print, but couldn't you have inserted it in another column, say the article dealing with the replacement of coal by atomic energy?

Beverly Hopkins

P.S. In view of your present policies I don't expect to see my letter in print, but perhaps it may save some futures innocent from embarrassment.

Editors note: The turkey was a



joke, son. We did not have the original Dodo in time for publication last week; here it is now.

LEFT of center By G. Holcomb

By G. HOLCOMB

The politically naive in the United States—a good portion of the 80th congress can be included—usually are unable to distinguish between "left-of-centrists" and communists.

Stalinism has based its theory of the necessity of a proletariat dictatorship on the idea that society is divided into classes; i.e., capitalistic society into the "capitalists" and the "workers." Marx worked the theory into being and said the only means by which the majority—the workers—could gain control would be by revolt, because the capitalists just wouldn't give in otherwise.

J. Lewis

Today in America John L. seems to be doing his part to lead the workers under him away from negotiation.

Throughout the world the Western powers appear to prefer to hold the line against Russia by support of King (Greece) Georges rather than by negotiating.

And within the USA the monopolistic "big business" supports a four million dollar propaganda program through the NAM (National Association of Manufacturers) to stall future negotiations with labor, eliminate them if possible.

While bitterly denouncing Marxism, all these factions act as if they accept Marx's premise, that

neither capitalists nor workers will compromise.

Freedom

The more optimistic left-of-centrists, on the other hand, believe that an adjustment can be made. And by means of an increase in freedom. (No, not laissez-faire freedom. That's when the cartels

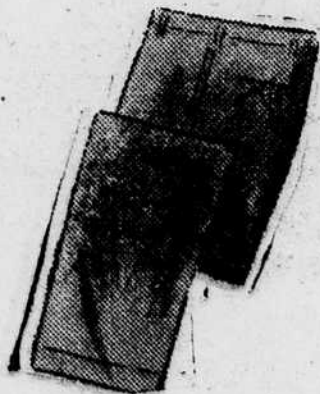
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take over—they alone have the freedom.) They favor a stronger central government, but, ALSO, a greater amount of participation by the people. Freedom for more people.

Thus so-called leftists might favor such dictatorial efficiency as a "city-manager" or a "county-manager"! (Or a United Nations which had power to eliminate excessive sovereign selfishness—nationalism.) But on the other hand, those dread leftists might favor such anarchistic measures as an FEPC (Fair Employment Practices Commission) to see that more economic freedom is carried out!

In other words, the leftists recognize a pressing problem in United States today—how to keep "liberty" as well as gain "egalite."

Now if the commies AND the NAM are right, things are going from bad to worse in this country—labor will go out on strike more, the government will begin (continue) to support big business more, and inflation will bring another depression, et cetera. . . .

Pessimism

In that case, the spirit of pessimism, lack of active faith in democracy, and general apathy will have proven Marx correct.

In the light of all this the allegations that Wallace and other left-wingers are "reds" seem quite ridiculous.

For actually, Wallace, as the outstanding (outspoken) leader of America liberals, faces the problem of Stalinism by asserting, "I am convinced that we can meet that economic . . . by demonstrating that economic abundance can be achieved without sacrificing personal, political, and religious liberties. We cannot meet it, as Hitler tried to, by an anti-Comintern alliance."

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