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On Behalf of WSSF ... Voices From the Night

We hear them—sometimes—when the nights are long and dark and we cannot sleep. On nights like that, when there is no rest, we hear America speaking. So faint we almost cannot realize what they say. The words slip off us—so—and charity begins at home. Relief for the weary is second-place now, for there are things that we want, things that we intend to have, for ourselves.

And there are other voices too, voices coming from lands of despair, saying, "Women would come up and shake your hand and thank you for helping to save their children's lives when they found you had been connected with the WSSF." But that, of course, is pap. We roll over in slight uneasiness when we hear those voices. But we don't believe them.

Because, you see, "At the present time, the student body has a project on its hands." The voices rise; the voices are strong. The voices can say "Although there is great value in furthering education and international relations—Charity Begins At Home!"

Yes, this is charity, when we provide for our own necessities and our comforts and enjoyments, and live. Live, while the world dies. Live, while "food is very scarce, and when the fresh vegetables disappear from the market in the fall, the usual dish is very coarse noodles or macaroni." Live, in our inadequate housing while we hear words saying "We passed town after town which had been totally destroyed. Piles of bricks and white mortar were all that was left of the buildings."

Yes, live. Ignore the World Student Service Fund. Forget the voices from the lands of despair. Remember that "We have a project on our hands"—a project for ourselves that we label "charity,"—while the world dies.

—HERB PENNY

Election Aftermath

It may have come as a surprise to members of the ASUO executive council when no petition contesting the recent freshman class election was included on the agenda Tuesday afternoon.

The narrow margin which won the top position for the Independent candidate caused much conjecture about the validity of the count, especially since it was known that the poll books of eligible voters were somewhat inaccurate.

It was also generally known that a group of Greek politicians were beating the drum for another election. These backers of Jim Bocchi believed that a second vote would place the ASA candidate in the top spot.

The credit for squelching the proposed contesting of the first election goes to ASUO President Tom Kay and ASA President B. G. Cox. These men realized that any grounds for the challenge were slim and the chance that the Independents' popular Art Johnson would win again was too good.

The Emerald commends Kay and Cox for their cool-headed decision in this case—clearly a case where both men thought beyond their party and considered the ridiculous aspect of a second election on the campus.

The most enthusiastic member of the rally squad we have seen this year is jet-propelled Bill O'Hearn. We almost expect to see him blow a mushrooming cloud from his ears—in shades of lemon yellow and green.

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We hear Dr. Newburn let his hair down before members of the local Duck club recently and really let the boys know he's one of 'em. Another few months on the campus and he'll find webs between his toes just to prove it.

AS WE SEE IT

By DALE HARLAN

The present governorship dilemma in the "cracker state" has been the butt of a great many cracks by our radio comedians and dime store politicians.

Nevertheless, what has been happening in Georgia, where two men are claiming to be governor, could easily happen with the presidency of the United States.

The 20th Amendment says: "If at any time fixed for the beginning of the term of the president, the president-elect shall have died, the vice-president-elect shall become president."

But a president is not legally elected until the electoral college meets in the middle of December, following the general election in November. What if Candidate Roosevelt had died on Dec. 1, 1947? Would the Democratic electors have cast their votes for the vice-presidential candidates? Or for a man hastily recommended by the Democratic National committee? Or for the dead candidate himself?

Horace Greeley

All three things happened in 1872 when Horace Greeley, the Democratic nominee, died a few weeks after the general election. Of the 66 Democratic electors, 18 voted for B. G. Brown, the candidate for vice-president, 42 for Thomas A. Hendricks, the national committee choice, three for the dead presidential candidate, Greeley, and the remaining three for two other men.

Luckily it made no real difference, for Greeley had lost to General Grant anyway. But what if it had happened in 1944?

In New York state, that year, the people voted for unnamed but specifically labeled "Roosevelt and Truman" electors. Could the se electors, so chosen and specifically labeled, have voted for anyone but the dead man for president? And would such votes have been valid?

Elmer Davis

Another uncertainty, about the office of the president of the United States, is discussed by Elmer Davis in last month's issue of Harper's Magazine. Davis raises the question of just what happens when a president is incapacitated during his term of office. He wonders also just who would determine if a president is suffering from great enough incapacity to render him unfit to fulfill the duties of his office. These were very moot questions as recently as the last term of President Wilson when he was suffering from a very serious paralysis.

It would seem that we should heed the lesson of Georgia and take steps now to resolve these questions before we are confronted by a constitutional crisis.

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Telling the Editor

ABOUT PROVINCIAL STUDENTS

In 1942 I heard a few luke-warm discussions on this campus, spurred on no doubt by the war, concerning what was happening in the world and what America was going to do about the situation. Came the peace and I was really looking forward to getting back to school. I said to myself "American colleges are going to have plenty of veterans back who will know what the score is; nobody will be able to put anything over on them; watch the fur fly, they've been around."

Since fall term began I have not heard one serious discussion on world affairs or our own domestic scene. The students do not even criticize or comment on their own national administration. If I were to state that the recent anti-American demonstrations in North China and Shanghai were communist inspired attempts to discredit Marshall's truce attempts or the present situation in China is a threat to world peace, or the four-party control of occupied Europe is not going so well I would be met with blank stares. The recent trouble in Georgia and the democratic examples some "Americans" are setting in Mississippi not only gripes my guts as an American, but also as a student veteran who is supposed to be aware of the new concept of liberty and peace which was supposed to be transfused into our anemic world.

I am not asking American students to imitate foreign students with demonstrations, strikes and riots, but only to wake up to what is going on around them in the world. May their own conscience decide whether or not we as a nation are showing the world how to unite in a world of peace or blunder on toward another struggle. I firmly believe that we, as American stu-

dents, have an obligation and a destiny to point out the way forward.
 R. A. Bombarde

ABOUT 'THE SPECTATOR'

"The Pacific Spectator" is warmly appreciative of the excellent editorial in the Daily Emerald of January 16. Especially its editors hope that the advice to professors and students about submitting manuscripts for publication in "The Spectator" will be followed. By way of encouraging the staff to follow its own advice, I am enclosing a statement to contributors.

The names of some of the University of Oregon's alumni writers, more particularly any whose work deals with the Pacific area would be gratefully received.

Statement to contributors: A considerable part of the contents of the Spectator will bear upon interests and conditions affecting the Pacific region, but it is by no means exclusively a regional product either as concerns its writers or the topics on which they write. The well written, thoughtful article on any subject is welcome and will receive careful consideration. Verse and fiction will appear occasionally, but only when the editors believe a contribution to be of outstanding worth.

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