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Keep the Outlet Open

Article I, amendments to the United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Thus begins the Bill of Rights. If it were necessary to strip every clause but one from the Constitution, this article would undoubtedly remain. We should find then that the freedoms of religion, speech, press, and assembly are the most fundamental cornerstones of democracy, that they alone can preserve a nation from the evils of totalitarianism.

These freedoms came to be recognized as inherent rights only after a long struggle in many countries, led by Voltaire, Rousseau, Paine, Jefferson, and hundreds of other far-sighted men who were often persecuted for their convictions. But it was not only as inherent rights that these freedoms came to be accepted.

If a dam is built to stem the flow of a mighty river, there must be an outlet through which the water may pass, otherwise it will pile up behind the dam and eventually pour out over the top to flood the land below. So it is with institutions of society. They, like a dam, must not stop up the natural flow of public thought and communication. There must be an outlet if these institutions are to survive and not crumble underneath the flood tide.

Our established freedoms supply such an outlet. They make it possible for government and society to adjust to constant pressures of a dynamic world in which there is always change. Throughout history the outlets of thought and communication have been plugged, and when the force of tide behind institutional dams has grown great enough, revolutions have broken out, governments have fallen, complete civilizations have disintegrated.

At this time, when many are predicting the collapse of our present civilization, when bitter conflicts are arising over political, economic, and moral questions, when fear is causing the abolition of many human rights, we must place renewed faith in the freedoms enumerated in our Bill of Rights.

We must not plug up the outlet in the dam for the tide cannot be stopped. We must prevent disaster by keeping the outlet open even though the water which flows through may not always be to our liking.

This America has done for a century and a half. This is the duty of every American now.

—DAILY TROJAN, U. S. C.

Hal Brevig and his committee of executive council members should be commended for their work (with Dr. C. G. Howard of the law school) in writing a constitution for all classes. There has long been a need for a definite visible set of regulations applicable to the classes, and this constitution, adopted by the ASUO exec council, certainly seems to fill the bill. Good work!

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Robert Browning said, "It is the glory and good of art, that art remains the one way possible of speaking truths . . ." We refer anyone who doubts this statement to the current exhibit in the Little Art Gallery of M. R. Sponenburgh's sculpture. In these few works we find no stark social implications, no neurotic affectations, no struggling for impossibilities. We find the profoundly satisfying work of a man who recognizes the fitness of raw materials in relation to the creativeness of Man, and uses them accordingly. We find, therefore, honesty—which is another word for truth. And we find controlled motion; dynamics, if you will, held within credibility.

Symphonotes

By Mary Margaret Dundore

It's true that music knows no season; but to glance at the amount of musical activity at the moment, it would seem that spring influences even seasonless things. The coming of the Minneapolis symphony to Eugene was quite an event; we are grateful certainly to the Civic Music Association for arranging such concerts as this, where townspeople and students may hear not only good music, but also that music performed well.

However, while Eugene has no large symphony orchestra, we do not need to look to the outside alone for concerts, etc., of good music and able performance. Too often we assume a "green are the hills far away" attitude, and don't take advantage of talents and efforts of local origin and development that are in our midst all the time. One evidence of such talent was the piano recital Tuesday night of Thad Elvigion, a freshman in music. His program was varied, with the emphasis on modern music. Though

much modern music is a little hard to take until it has had several hearings, the unfamiliar compositions which Mr. Elvigion played were enjoyable, from a standpoint of the music and of rendition. The most interesting feature of the program was Mr. Elvigion's original "Suite for Two Pianos," with Aurora Potter Underwood at the second piano. The suite exhibited the excellent creative ability of Mr. Elvigion, and further convinced the audience that here was an unusually talented student.

There are many more programs scheduled this term; they will consist of both faculty and student performances. The highlight of the term's musical activity will of course be the Festival of Contemporary Music, in May. About this there will be more later; at the moment it will suffice to say that it is a project of mammoth undertaking, and that it will mark the University music school as a sort of courageous pioneer in this field of performance of contemporary music.

AIRING the NEWS

By G. HOLCOMB

The luckless liberal seemingly only fosters further ferment these days, no matter which way he turns.

If he veers to the right he sees the collectivistic handwriting on the wall and hears these disheartening words:

"A fallacious assumption of all liberal reformism is that if the people can be induced to give, through a decisive majority vote, a mandate to their government to bring about some ideal measure of social justice and economic abundance, and if education and moral indoctrination inculcate the right attitudes, this mandate can be carried out within the framework of existing institutions and ways. . . ."

That was written by Lawrence Dennis, who publishes a paper in New York these days, in his book **The Coming American Fascism**; and he means it, too. His substitute for liberal reformism would be to have the "elite" simply nationalize industry, leave the present top men in the industries and merely make them part of the government, inasmuch as they have, in his opinion, so capably built up the efficient corporations of the day.

New Line-Up

And if the liberal turns to the left, he discerns under the popular reformist movement of the communists the same collectivistic handwriting, only instead of being in the fine slant of the "elite" it demonstrates the scrawl of the "saviors of the working man" who would nationalize industry, remove the present top men and substitute a new line-up.

On the other hand, there is the status quoer who thinks the balance of power system between labor and capital will keep the good old supply and demand economy working quite satisfactorily. He spends most of his time trying to decide whether "right" or "left" is slinging most of the propaganda.

At present, of course, it's the "communist" side which is about to overthrow the government and all decent society from here to the moon! ("They" say.)

Now if the liberal feels that mere

balance of power is not a cure-all and/or doesn't believe that a balance exists at present except in favor of industry, then he finds himself an antagonist of the status quoers and fascists and a protagonist of reform with the communies who have temporarily backslid from their admittal of authoritarianism.

Common Man

And if the liberal sees collectivism WITHOUT totalitarianism as a potential, he is foolish per se in the eyes of the other three standard bearers. Fascists, communists (under their breaths) and laissez fairees unite in calling him a deluded idealist if he feels that education and moral indoctrination CAN bring about more social justice and economic abundance while working under the majority rule system. He's so optimistic he thinks the "common man" can make a reasonable decision IF he is informed, and he thinks the most reasonable decision is toward moderately increasing collectivism.

At any rate, confusion is umping, and if someone doesn't dust off home plate to find out if the liberal is standing on it, the liberal may be due for a fast ball that'll knock him clear back to 1547 A.D. (I'm betting it's a fascist pitching, too.)

University Chemists Slate Out-of-State Trips

Out-of-state trips are scheduled by University chemists and a campus visit is planned by a University of Illinois chemist, in connection with spring activities of the American Chemical society.

A tour of the aluminum plant at the Reynolds Metal company will be a highlight of the regular monthly meeting of the Oregon section of the society, Saturday at Longview, Washington. Staff members and graduate students of the chemistry department will be among those present.

The University of Idaho on May 2, and Washington State college on May 3, will be hosts to the society's second annual regional meeting, which nine faculty members and graduate students from the University of Oregon expect to attend.

Arriving on the campus May 6 will be Dr. John C. Bailar, Jr., professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, and a representative of the committee on the professional training of chemists for the society. Oregon is one of nine schools in the Pacific Northwest to be visited by Dr. Bailar.



Side Patter

By BOB WHITELY

Deeyar M. J. B. (Henry Morgan can use you to offer unsolicited testimonials) I'm deeply disappointed in your actions of previous years of putting old beat-up shades on your machine while you osculated! What's the matter . . . no guts? The spirit of adventure and romance hasn't died, M. J. B. . . . just slip on your bi-focals and come out of the closet. Sorry to see "Wee Willie" Stratton leave the sheet . . . he took his 96 Jake Leicht cuts with him. Jubilation rang supreme at the Tau house when "The Body" Barney Franks announced that he had at last made the Sigma Kappa house dance. Barney beat "Mr. Stromboli" . . . who is stiff competition any way you look at it . . . for the honor of taking SK's brilliant Miss Green to the ball. The Kappa's went hog wild over spring vacation with Julanne Chevier pledged Kappa Sigma (Has Haight) . . . Buz Engwall and "Hardnose" McKinney see nothin' but red. Another Feasley from the Phi Delt house (Bob) hung his shield on Gammaphi Florence Guthrie . . . and Phi Delt Russ Monahan ditto with Treva Torsen. Nancy Buell and Jim Renton announced their intention to wed . . . as well as Anita Fernandez and Beta Bob Koch. Noo Too . . . Joan Hoppe and Figi Warren Davis. The Spee's and the Alpha Gam's have a new Triple Entente . . . with Jim Northam, Jon Goldsmith and Vern Behrens pinning Carolyn Williams respectfully. Congrats to Warren Miller for walking off with hardware in the Pacific Forensic League. Noting that next year's contest is being held at Reno . . . watch the speech enrollment double! 7-11! Don't forget the First Foul Ball dance this Sat. . . . young Barrett's rendition of "Casey at the Bat" is superb . . . and there is a movement underfoot to talk Sally Timmens into demonstrating "The different methods of handling a foul ball." Some unknown Easter Bunny gave The Emerald's Bernie Hammerbeck a beautifully labeled 5 gallon jug of . . . you guessed it, water! The law school is serving notice on the BA school that they are starting spring training at the meadows in preparation for the great law school-ba softball game. At last reports, Bill "the bulb" Bernard is gaining impetus in the law school queen contest. All contestants, "Senator" Carmicheal, Jesse James, Rex Kooler, "Kremel" Walker, "Ersats" Weener . . . are all worried over the outcome. Marcus Winkler may throw the whole contest into confusion if he is the write-in candidate from Northwestern. Those delish chocolate dipped do-nuts at the Side are sumptin' . . . you'll have to dunk fast to enjoy 'em. Get them while they're hot . . . at Jim and John's chamber of horrors.

Pd. Adv.

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