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The World--An Armed Camp

Opinion on the world situation seems almost useless. There are so many millions of people involved, and the turn of events in North Korea is so grave, that opinions and hopes seem futile in the face of the threat of spilt blood—whether that blood gushes through white flesh, or black or brown or yellow.

Ex-Wisconsin governor Philip LaFollette pretty well summed up the whole situation with his statement that, "Today is the product of yesterday, and tomorrow is the product of today."

Diplomatic blunders of 1944-1946 have set the stage for blood-letting today. And, we are so caught up in the web that has been drawn around us by the actions of "yesterday" that the activities we could go into today to pave the way for a brighter tomorrow are limited. Our scope of action was so narrowed down by the time the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel last summer that our course of action could hardly have been different than what it was.

Will there be a third world war? Will it arise in a matter of days from the Chinese communist aggression? Although there is a smattering of optimism among a few higher political minds, Europe offers a fearful suggestion.

Europeans are war-weary and war-wise, and the probability of Russia sending her armies into Western Europe soon is real enough to cause near-alarm there.

The world we live in is an armed camp. The lesson that history teaches us is that armament is never built up for the purpose of peaceful negotiation. In addition, world-wide understanding has been nilled by communist ideology—and communist non-cognizance of the device we call compromise.

From our puny seat in the world congress of peoples, it looks like the stage is set. When the actors will begin their performance is a matter of time. It is more "when" than it is "if" at this moment.

If the major, dreaded conflict is avoided now, what can we do to prepare for aversion at the next incident. For surely, unless that elusive factor called "miracle" happens along, there will be another incident.—S.F.

Economic Umbrella Without Ribs

Born son of the royal family of Wisconsin, Phil LaFollette had his finger in political pies before most young men had cast a vote. He and the Roosevelt boys and Robert Taft and countless others are contradictions to the "all men created equal" principle.

However, inheritance of a national name can be a dubious distinction.

When the son speaks on the University of Oregon campus, listeners find it hard to judge the man on his own merits, always posing him in the light of his famous family.

When he says "yeah" and "gunna" and "it's been grand to see ya," the listener almost instinctively brands him "nothing but a politician." And the listener knows that's an unfair judgment, considering that it is based on only one speech and a few friendly mannerisms.

But that one speech by Phil LaFollette, ex-governor of Wisconsin not Phil LaFollette, son of Robert, left unanswered the question it was supposed to ask.

His topic was "Is Another Depression Ahead?"

His answers: "... no economic, physical reason for another depression ... it will come from ignorance, stupidity, timidity ... we must keep the machines we have invented rolling at the speed for which they were designed ... the greatest economic problem is to find a substitute for the old frontier."

True, Mr. Speaker, but we're a little slow and need more of the how and less of the what. It sounds good, but how?

THE DAILY 'E' ...

to the YWCA Tuesday Service Commission which is sponsoring a Christmas party for the children of the University-YWCA cooperative nursery.

THE OREGON LEMON ...

to students and professors who are always surprised to find, when they come in late on assembly days, that classes are being held on special schedule.

Colleges From Coast to Coast

Wave of Robberies Plague Eastern Campuses

With final exams just a short distance away, college campuses around the country are having their final whirl—and, although they don't have the beer problem that Oregon does, they have plenty to keep them busy. Let's look in on our coast-to-coast roundup and find out what's going on:

Maybe its the war fever or maybe its sheer mass klepto-

mania, but a theft wave hit two of the nation's universities, Alabama and Maryland. The former has had persistent cases of stealing from men's dormitories since last summer; now the dorm doors will be clamped shut at 10:30 p.m. sharp. Maryland reported an entire series of robberies, 90 per cent of which were staged while occupants were in their rooms.

The distress at Maryland, how-

ever, was tempered by the appearance of Hildegard for cert today.

Down South, though, ties were vexed when a city of Texas fraternity vegetable crates and 300 lids from the Texas A. & fire. Naturally, this was to the traditional Longhorn grid game. But the must be paid for.

At the University of Co cut, the editors of the magazine, "Touchstone," nally acquitted of char subversity filed by the ation after its homecom sue. The American Legi jected to an ad "lampoon United States Army." Bu that their names have been ged through the mud, the have been relieved of the and the magazine is again lishing.

Again in the East, at Washington University, 20 bers of the Phi Sigma houses were saved from the warnings of their maso Terry. Fire gutted the ba of the fraternity house, more than \$15,000 worth of ages. The members were ed by the dog's cries and Terry died from suffocati

In the South, Louisiana University has \$1,500,000 crease the seating capacity football stadium—but know what to do with it of the recent clamp-down of struction of amusement bu by the President. Some pr

On the West Coast, at discrimination in the fo words scrawled in front library in acid flared up. The act was branded a " against the whole student. Meanwhile, plans for Week" on campus were ahead on schedule.

The University of Washi dedicated its new million fisheries center. And Pacific versity, with its student near completion, is frant trying to find some furnit put in it—\$4,000 worth.

At College of Idaho, ho things were calm as eve only news was that officia contemplating changi school's name to Boone in honor of its founder. The dent body is against it.



The Word

Class of '51 Could Hold Reunion in Korea Area

From Stan Turnbull

The war jitters are really here, for fair.

If all the rash statements about joining the Air Force, Army, Marines, Seabees, Coast Guard, National Guard, and R.O.T.C. we've heard since the "new war" in Korea, were laid end to end on the Sahara Desert, it would probably be the right place for them.

Unfortunately the whole affair can't be laughed off that easily. But don't let's lose our heads. Let's buckle seriously down to our studies, keep informed on the international situation, and see you in Korea soon.

Letters

The Campus Answers

One Overall Grade

Emerald Editor:

A lot has been said about the grading system, and the comments of Drs. Taylor, Tyler, and Littman lend weight to the contention that the GPA system both fails to show what a student is getting out of school, and discourages exceptional achievement by students who have fields of special interest.

Take a science student, for instance. It's true that he should have Rhetoric, because he may have to make reports on his new cure for cancer. But the course becomes a curse and a bottleneck when he starts spending a sizeable part of his allotted 24 hours a day trying to cudgel a cute little subjective theme out of his scientific brain in order to keep up his GPA.

Some say you should disregard grades, but many students don't disregard them, and neither do scholarship committees, the VA, or prospective employers.

What would be wrong with giving one official letter grade each term, for total achievement? This would be arrived at by the discretion of a board for that purpose, and would give special weight to courses that are most important to the individual student. It would require each instructor to submit grades to the board, and in some cases would have about the same effect as the present mathematical average, but would have some flexibility to allow for special needs and aims. The GPA could be figured when the student graduates, by averaging the single letter grades of all his terms.

Paul A. Norris

A favorite gripe with this department is girls with short hair, but it did show us that girls aren't as different from boys as we thought. They do have ears.

But some of these haircuts are ridiculous. First thing you know only the pre-med majors will be able to tell boys from gals.

There was the minister who was outraged at the dress of some college girls—"Just look at that young person there with the cigarette, close-cut hair and breeches," he remarked to a bystander. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a girl," replied the other. "She's my daughter."

"Oh, I beg your pardon, sir," apologized the preacher, "I never dreamed you were her father."

"I'm not," came the reply. "I'm her mother."

We mean no slur on freshman counseling, but someone slipped up somewhere, according to some fifth-floor Carsonites.

This young man arrived at Carson Hall armed with nothing but his knowledge that he had a date that night and that the girl lived on the fifth floor.

Gazing wildly about for some means of contacting her, he spied the elevator, which he rode up to fifth, whereupon he took off in search of his date. We didn't hear whether he ever did find the object of his affections, but he certainly met a lot of interesting screams.



"Boy, they sure send that ball back down th' court in a hurry, ha"