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Is Our Face Red?

The University of Oregon has been thrown into a pot with groups and organizations which should be investigated because of the possibility of their containing elements dangerous to "our American tradition."

Other parties in the pot include the YWCA, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, United World Federalists, and Senator Wayne L. Morse.

And she who has done the mixing is Mrs. Louise Gronnert, speaker before the Republican Women of Lane County in Eugene Friday afternoon. She warned the women not to be complacent about the situation on the Oregon campus. Just because there has been no investigation here. However, she did not say there are Communists on the staff.

Her only specific reference was to left-wing groups which were once on the campus . . . the American Students' Union, the Radical Club, and the Real Stuff club.

President Newburn answered, when asked about her remarks, that "I am confident we have no problem of that kind at the University of Oregon."

Mrs. Gronnert's speech was not near the degree of McCarthyism with which we are now so familiar. She said nothing except that there might be Communism in these organizations. She did not say that there is.

However, the inference was strong. A listener or reader eager to ferret out shades of Red is likely to snatch up her statements and distort them into "did you know there are Communists teaching at the University of Oregon?"

Speakers toying with such subjects should either use more fact and less possibility or remain silent. But we would not have Mrs. Gronnert or any other American silenced by law or even by the fear of investigation.

Our faith in the basic intelligence and discriminatory powers of the individual must be greater than Mrs. Gronnert's. We would hear both sides.

Bury Hatchet Rather Than Chop With It

Harold E. Stassen has come up with a proposal that smacks of common sense.

It may have been made for political profit by a man who campaigned for the Republican presidential nomination in 1948 and who undoubtedly has hopes for 1951.

Nevertheless, it makes sense. The proposal calls for Truman and MacArthur to stop playing cops and robbers and get together for a serious, man-to-man discussion of the situation in the Far East.

The "eye for an eye" and "tooth for a tooth" tug o' war that now exists achieves little except national disunity and confusion.

The Democrats are objects of most of the public disfavor at the present. What forthcoming Senate inquiries will bring no one can predict.

However—it is only too evident that MacArthur and Truman would accomplish some good if they pooled their knowledge rather than stood on opposite sides of the fence making faces at one another.

Quite possibly the original mistake lay in the president's failure to invite MacArthur to a conference as soon as the dismissal was announced. The "you request it first" attitude put chips on everybody's shoulder. Such an invitation would seem to have been the president's duty; certainly it would have been indicative of his desire to subordinate individual pride to national welfare.

It is understood that the president, by virtue of his office, doesn't ordinarily feel obligated to make an overture to anyone. However—in this instance it would seem warranted.

It is not too late. Some mutual go-between should be able to arrange a conference, granted that neither MacArthur or Truman will take the initiative individually.

Such a meeting of the minds might conceivably do much to bring about definite conclusions on what should be Korean policy.

Otherwise—the present aimless wandering may continue for 40 years.—T.K.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

goes to the Student Union movie committee for bringing such outstanding films as "It Happened One Night" to the campus at cut-rate prices. There's more lined up for the future.

Letters

The Campus Answers

Giles is One Alone

Emerald Editor:
I would like to dispell at this time any question that may exist on my status as a candidate. Several non-partisan candidates have filed. We are in no way a "third party", a "splinter" party or any other kind of party. I am merely an individual who has decided to run for office, as such. I assume that the other non-partisan candidates are the same. Any statement made by other non-partisan candidates represents their own viewpoints alone.

I have chosen to file for senate-at-large as an individual and not as the representative of a party for exactly that reason. If I am elected to the position that I seek, it will be through the votes and efforts of the students at the University. My nomination and election will not have been bought and paid for. I will

not be a party hack nor a political punk nor a "yes" man for any organization. I will be better able to represent the student body as a whole and to weigh each proposal on the basis of merit alone.

We must remove student government, beyond a question of doubt, from the realms of political deals, personal politics and vote buying. If the students on this campus want honest, effective and impartial representation, then I feel free in asking for their support. If they want partisan politics and political favoritism, whatever its effects, they need not vote for me. There are others who will give them these.

Ario W. Giles

AGS or ASUO?

Emerald Editor:
None of us can deny that most of this spring's candidates are well qualified and will serve the students well. Yet there is one

thought paramount in which, I believe is each student's consideration. Almost all candidates following words: "I shall strive to the best of my ability to promote the welfare of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon by honest, fair, and impartial consideration, or actions." If this is the case, indeed it is, why all the furor every single time?

In the very first year the AGS constitution sentence: The purpose of the Associated Greek Students "to promote the best of the fraternal organization, fraternities and sororities, student government of the University of Oregon and with the best interests of ASUO."

Bill Frye, AGS, on the Senate-at-large, aspect very much, and ability will vote for elected, I will not support AGS, or my own organization, but the Associated of the University of Oregon, whose motives are questionable, is nominated whose purpose and principles which he affect.

The key to this phrase "promote the best of the fraternal organization . . . in harmony with the best interests of the University of Oregon" are always in harmony with the best interests of the University of Oregon. All my criticisms are and nothing but these accusations. However, surely that sometimes are incomplete. For the entire AGS is based on a false premise. It is the harm the best interests of the University of Oregon.

The Second

And more misapprehensions pertinent this time of year. The force of self-interest is inevitable and as a result force of gravitation. The same people who refuse everything and refusing themselves. Hunt.

In A Smog

Politics Kappas, Sig Eps, Mr. Roberts and Seniors

with Norm Anderson



Random thought No. 1 . . .

A combination of events recently makes it even more certain that despite the harrangues of the idealists, this campus is still run, either affirmatively, or negatively, by the Greeks. The Stitzer hall partisan, in a letter to the Emerald, brought it out effectively. Boiled down, the fact seems to be that USA is the most "used" party on campus, used by the Greeks.

The other event is the bolting of Merv Hampton and Sigma Alpha Mu, following a precedent set last year by the ATO's. The one thing you can be certain of is that year in and year out the AGS will be composed of Greeks, and the USA will also be composed of Greeks. The question is, who will use the framework of USA next?

While political expediency obviously motivated the Hammies, one can wonder if Merv Hampton would have done so badly by remaining in the AGS and seeking that party's nomination. As it turned out, the Hamptonites just barely received the USA nomination and in so doing defeated one individual who deserved the nomination of that party as much as any other one person.

One of the few things that USA can point to with justifiable pride is the activity of Virginia Wright, a victim of circumstances. She deserved better treatment from the party she has served so well.

Thought No. 2 . . .

Who do the Kappas know on the Oregonian? They did right well in Sunday's magazine section, with Pat Burrows getting the spotlight from Oregon and another Kappa getting same at Corvallis in an article on campus figures (no pun intended.)

And in the same line, events are proving that the Sig Eps have in their midst the "ugliest" men not only here but elsewhere. The University of North Carolina recently selected a Sig Ep as their ugliest man, shortly after Oregon did the same with Tom Barry.

Thought No. 3 . . .

All the volumes of praise given to "Mr. Roberts," the long-lasting Broadway play starring Henry Fonda, are justified. Now on a road tour, and re-

cently finished with a week-long stand at the Mayfair in Portland, this play is probably one of the best satires on Navy regs and life yet to appear.

The heavy amount of comedy almost, but not quite over-shadows the story of men against a man, a crew against a captain, and it's more to the point than first meets the eye, as any World War II vet will admit.

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How many seniors have checked the calendar and noted that just five more weekends remain of their college career, thought that this picnic may be their last, that this party may be their last.

Now it's not so sad, possibly not even worth getting sentimental over.

But as the weeks slide away many will wonder if there'll ever be a time again when things are so carefree, worries so simple, people so friendly, and life so full and interesting as it is right now.

It Could Be Oregon



"Don't say anything about it but he's pretty sensitive about shorter than Marge."