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Our Visitors Speak...

The German Problem Must be Solved Soon

(Ed. Note: Mr. Zahn is studying journalism on the campus under a state department sponsored program. Before coming here this fall he was city editor of a newspaper in Freiburg, Germany. The organization he's writing about, the "Free German Youth," asked him repeatedly to lead their Freiburg group. He refused. The organization is now forbidden in Western Germany, but is growing in the Eastern section.)

By Gerhard Zahn

If your attention has been directed toward European politics and politicians you are aware that the reunification of Eastern and Western Germany is an urgent question. My country's future is wrapped in obscurity as long as the Iron Curtain is closed. There are two alternatives now—to open this curtain by violence (this would mean another world war) or to submit to a compromise. Conditionally, such a compromise could be the solution to a problem which presses heavily upon Germany today.

From 1933 until the last days of his power, the German dictator, Adolf Hitler, promised the German youth a splendid future. The results of Hitler's future plan: Castles in the air and thousands of thousands of German boys bled to death in World War II.

Now, a new generation has grown up in the Soviet zone of Germany. In the course of a few years (from 1945 to 1951) by employing every possible means, a handful of young communist leaders, among them Hermann Axen, Karl Morgenstern, Erich Honecker and the woman, Edith Baumann, have succeeded in organizing the "Freie Deutsche Jugend" (Free German Youth).

This group has become the instrument of the Communist party behind the Iron Curtain. This rising generation has been subjected to a process of hardening and brutalization that fits it to be: Freiheitskämpfer (the fighters for freedom). The

education of the youngsters has only one educational value and one aim—new blood for the Communist party.

I have seen evidence which proves this. In the fall of 1949 the Free German Youth from the whole of Germany and Communist representatives from countries throughout the world met at Berlin for a peace demonstration. The groups marched and sang through the streets carrying red "storm banners" with the picture of Ernst Thaelmann, a former German Communist leader. At Treptow, a suburb of Berlin, the youths placed a wreath at the base of a monument dedicated to the Russian soldier.

It is ironic, indeed, that in a peace demonstration red storm banners which were at a certain time signals of attack, should be employed as means to preserve the peace. And, it is strange to see these youngsters honoring Russian soldiers as "liberators" of Eastern Germany. The indoctrination of the rising generation in the Free German Youth is almost identical to Hitler's Nazi system. But it is worse than before.

Thus, in my opinion, it is high time to act, rather than be "one day" too late with the reunification of Germany. The number of party fanatics among the youths in Eastern Germany is increasing rapidly as they are influenced by the promises of the Eastern zone government.

Communist newspapers day in and day out give the people propaganda against the United States. They write that the U.S. is avoiding reunification and is preparing for war.

But the real purpose of Communist propaganda is to make Germany into a Russian satellite. It will be unsuccessful.

All Germans desired reunification. Not under Communist dictatorship but under the protection of the Allies and of the Germans themselves. My hope is that the American government will realize that it is time to act.

Books all Your Life

Go write an editorial on Book Week, the lady editor told us. We protested weakly, but to no avail, and soon found ourselves stumbling down the sidewalk toward the library with the vague notion that the story must be where the books are.

But the books had no comment. Then we met a professor who did.

When we mentioned that Mayor V. E. Johnson is urging everyone in Eugene to read for the knowledge that leads to wisdom, this professor commented bitterly that he had been urging his students to observe book week every Monday for nearly 15 years with the same object in mind, and he hoped the Mayor would be more successful than he (the professor) had been.

Maybe book week isn't so hot after all. Somebody once said a little wisdom is a dangerous thing. Either you take the whole course or leave the stuff alone because a taste of it will just make you realize how low on the scale you really are.

Anyway, why urge university students to observe book week? The ones that will observe it need no urging. The others aren't worth the writing time of a sweetness and light editorial.

Let's observe a book year—or a book decade. If it's worth a day it's worth a lifetime.—B. C.

Fellowship Every Week

The YWCA and YMCA across the world are celebrating formally this week an idea we wish students would spend more time thinking about every week.

This is World Fellowship Week, and the keynote is understanding—understanding which replaces mere tolerance and kills fear.

We're more and more impressed with the lack of understanding shown by American students about other nations. An example, in fact, appears elsewhere on this page. Our foreign students are constantly showing us up in our lack of understanding.

Understanding comes through study—and what better place to begin than in a university which in addition to regular courses offers contact with students from nearly every nation?

We think the idea of a World Fellowship Week is commendable, but we'd rather see the feeling seriously spread throughout the year.—G. G.

-- Letters to the Editor --

Why Not Kenton?

Emerald Editor:

Ever since I've been on campus, there's always been the same old story of not being able to contact a name band. Every year people gripe. Every year the same answer comes back—the administration said "no".

Thursday night at senate meeting Homecoming Chairman Francis Gillmore said that there was a remote chance of getting Stan Kenton here Friday night but, not for Homecoming Saturday. I sent a telegram to Mr. Kenton, asking him if he was available for Saturday night, and also to list his previous correspondence with the university.

I received a letter back saying he had been contacted by Olga Yevtich, SU program director, and that Kenton would be available Saturday night for the price of \$2000. Kenton said he then received a reply that this was too much, and was asked if he could be contracted for a lesser amount. Kenton wired back that he was available for \$1500 or 60 per cent of the gate which ever, was greater. Mike Lally did not correspond with him any more but let the matter drop altogether, to Kenton's knowledge.

On Sunday I saw Miss Gillmore. She said, "It is too late to get Kenton now, for (1) another band has already been contracted and (2) the tickets and posters have already been made."

I talked to Mike Lally, dance committee chairman, and asked him why he didn't send Kenton a telegram accepting when he came down \$500. He said he thought that it was both \$1500 and 60 per cent. I asked him why, even at \$2000, why we couldn't have Kenton. He said that the administration said flatly "no." I didn't know who he meant by the "administration," so I saw Miss Yevtich and Les Anderson, alumni director.

Miss Yevtich said she was not the one who said "no." She was just acting in the capacity of secretary to help out the dance committee. She also said she had been keeping a running account, which is available to every student, concerning previous bands contracted here and how successful they had been. It was a very factual report, giving the reasons why we couldn't pay \$2000.

I then went to Anderson's office and asked him the same question. He said that as advisor, he thought it was not a wise move to obligate the Homecoming committee to \$2000. There was always the question of how

many would actually be back for the festivities. This sounded very logical. But then, what about previous dances where we didn't have a name band? He said he was only the advisor for the class dance and alumni affairs. He said that he would advise against the classes taking a gamble on bringing a name band, if he thought it might go in the "red."

I firmly believe that Lally could have arranged something to bring Kenton here when he came down to \$1500. Possibly (1) another organization guaranteeing some money, if the dance was not as big a success as anticipated, or (2) the classes may have helped defray the loss between them, if one should have occurred.

To sum it all up, this Homecoming will be like all the rest of the dances. NO NAME BAND. Even though Ray Anthony, Alvera Ray, the King Cole Trio, and Stan Kenton were all available at this date.

When is the administration going to give us a break and let us have a name band? If we sit back and take it in stride... never!

Let's have your opinion on the matter, as students. Would you turn out and support him? From here on it is all up to you.

Herb Cook
Junior Class Rep.

From the Morgue...

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1926—Tomorrow all hands will meet at the men's gymnasium to celebrate the Hayward field conquest (football). They will drink beer and eat pretzels at the Journalism Jamboree. (Oh! for the good old days.)

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1931—Contrary to previous announcements there will be no classes held tomorrow.

The student advisory committee decided because of the large number of alumni expected on the campus for Homecoming, all tomorrow's classes will be dismissed.

15 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1936—New men's gymnasium scheduled to be in operation by now will not be occupied until Jan. 1, according to Dean John Bovard of the physical education school.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 13, 1941—Dean Wayne Morse of the law school returns from Chicago where he served as chairman of President Roosevelt's emergency board for investigation of railroad labor disputes.

Sharps and Flats...

No Stan Kenton

By John Roaney

Because of "budget limitations" and vacation time, the Homecoming committee didn't think it advisable to bring Stan Kenton and crew to the campus. Kenton, now slated to open the Arena ballroom Nov. 23, could have been had for \$1500. Instead, the Arena ballroom, a fabulous place holding 3,000 will get him. University could have used both band and publicity from a "name" band.

Contact had gone on between Mike Lally of the Homecoming committee and G.A.C. but the majority of the committee, and Les Anderson, alumni director, felt that because of the date of Homecoming and past experiences with "name" bands, it would be safer to hire a cheaper band. They got a fairly cheap band. (I wonder how Melody Ranch is on Saturday night?)

Added hassle turned up when the committee, after realizing the boot and then finding someone else had already contracted Kenton, tried to make an arrangement whereby the Homecoming committee would promote Kenton on all Homecoming deals and would cancel all Friday night events after 9 p.m., in return for reduced prices to university students for the Kenton session.

Everything was rosy Monday morning, but in the afternoon this columnist received a phone call from Mike Lally changing things. Lally said that after "discussing the matter with Les Anderson they both decided that the matter had been a product of "hasty thinking" (the affair had been hashed out since Thursday) and that all arrangements made that morning should be cancelled.

On to more pleasant things around here and let's hope that Francis Gillmore isn't given too bad a time. It wasn't her fault and she made a whale of an effort to try to rectify unfortunate circumstances.

JATP big success in Portland last week. Group had more power and drive than last year, according to all reports, and everybody fine except for Krupa; "he's getting old" ... Anthony flopped in Eugene last week. Band was great, some Miller instrumentation but none of the sluggishness.

Chance to get Louie Armstrong and group down here in the winter if the students want him. Very early plans as broached by Terry Garner of Western Amusement Corporation call for an hour and a half jam session for fifty cents a head.

French Football



"Now, now, Worthal—just lie back an' relax—anyone could fumble a ball on th' goal line."