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## Give Us the Answers

We're for longer question and answer periods and shorter speeches.

At least that's our reaction after hearing Sen. Estes Kefauver last night. His talk was full of the customary non-irritating platitudes. Just as with most political office candidates, we can't disagree with much of what he said because his talk was designed to please most everyone.

But he did give direct answers to student questions. We compliment him for this.

He definitely opposed presidential seizure of the steel industry. He let us know that he thinks statutory law, formulated by Congress, is the method through which to settle similar problems, rather than by executive order.

He strongly defended civil rights. He deemed "equality of opportunity" essential, though he used the easy route of "education instead of legislation."

We know he favors wage scales based on a cost of living index, like the system now utilized by Walter Reuther and his United Auto Workers.

In those few minutes when six questions were asked and answered we acquired more important information about this particular candidate for the presidential nomination than in the 30-odd minutes of his speech.

## New Men's Pool Needed

A new men's swimming pool. That is still very much in the nature of future planning, according to Dean R. W. Leighton of the school of physical education. But by making this long-range plan into an immediate action, the state board of education could save itself a pile of money.

An investigating committee sent by the board has been on the campus to study the pool and determine just how badly a new one is needed.

Of course we don't know what the committee's decision was. But our own is that the pool is too small and that it is in pretty sad shape. The pool is all that remains of a YMCA-type gymnasium. When the gym was removed the present wooden structure was built to house the pool.

Since a new pool is definitely needed, quick action would be desirable.

The longer the present pool is continued in operation, the greater will be the expense involved in it. The pool loses water through splashing and leakage at a rate of four to five inches a day. (That amounts to 3600 to 4500 gallons, according to the pool caretaker.)

Cost of the water itself amounts to little, but setting up of a non-leaking pool would enable the University to reduce the cost of the pool's operation. The water level could be kept at the right mark without requiring as many man hours of labor as are now needed. Halting of the leakage-expense would soon pay for the new pool, one official has predicted.

Dean Leighton also points out that combination of a new pool with other athletic facilities would make its operation easier and more economical than it now is, sitting off by itself at the corner of 13th and University.

A new, more adequate pool must be built. The sooner it is built, the better—speaking both financially and athletically.—D. D.

## Look Out!

Open season has been declared on the unsuspecting and foolishly brave—it's sprinkler time again at Oregon.

The revolving and semi-revolving traps whose main purpose seems to be to douse every possible victim and incidentally to keep the landscape green, have made their fateful appearance in true spring-term fashion.

No longer is a stroll across the campus a quiet, relaxing affair—it has become a battle of wit and chance, with the talent of a military strategist necessary to avoid these watery pitfalls.

There is no tried and proved way to outsmart a sprinkler—but after four years experience we've decided it is usually best—to only stand and wait.—M. B.

## Spring Term Antics?



"Isn't that enough sawing for a while? Some of the girls are trying to take a nap on the second floor."

## The Atomic Age

### National Debt Not as Dangerous As Governor Warren Says It Is

By Phil Johnson

Gov. Earl Warren's talk Monday disappointed many listeners because he failed to take a definite stand on the major election issues now being debated.

It is possible that Warren hopes to run again as the Republican party's vice-presidential candidate and consequently doesn't want to offend either the Taft or the Eisenhower forces by committing himself on major issues.

He did take a stand on the question of the national debt, asserting that the present tendency toward federal indebtedness cannot continue and that the national budget must be balanced.

He stated that the government's indebtedness can be compared to that of an individual—neither can continue to remain in debt.

This is a doubtful assumption. How many private individuals can continue to go deeper and deeper into debt for decades? The government has done it, but individuals cannot.

Debts mean interest payments. An individual going deeper and deeper into debt must borrow in order to pay the interest. His credit is soon exhausted, and then he gets the axe.

The United States, however, can always borrow money in order to pay its debts. Its credit is

always good. It can remain permanently in debt.

Suppose, it may be asked, that the interest expense exceeded the national income? Then the government could pay the interest by selling bonds or increasing taxes.

Suppose the interest payments became greater than the national income? This is impossible as long as the expense remains within the economy concerned. If interest income goes up, other factors being equal, national income goes up.

Even if taxation fails to balance the budget, the problem can be met by selling government bonds. This contributes to inflation, but it will do so only if the bond sales exceed approximately two per cent of the national income, since the economy expands about two per cent annually. This permits an increase of two per cent of the money supply without contributing to inflation.

Consequently, the situation is not nearly as serious as the vote-conscious Republicans pretend.

There is no limit on the national debt, although a great increase, much greater than the recent increases, would contribute to inflation.

These facts have been debated in the halls of Congress and should be clear to any presidential candidate. Either the California governor has an inadequate knowledge of the field of economics, or he was attempting to pull the proverbial wool over the students' eyes in his Monday talk.



PHIL JOHNSON

## -- Letters to the Editor --

### A Great Success

Emerald Editor:

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the living organizations and all the students that participated in our Mock Republican Convention Friday night. The enthusiastic cooperativeness of the student delegates is worthy of commendation.

Please accept the humble appreciation of the YMCA, the YWCA, the Young Democrats, the Young Republicans and Pi

Sigma Alpha, national political science honorary. We are indeed grateful for your response.

"Operation Politics" was a great success; we believe that we have accomplished our purpose of creating a greater interest in the great game of American politics.

So it is with the utmost sincerity that we of the executive committee of "Operation Politics" make the following statement: "We enjoyed the convention as much as you."

Tom Barry

## Our Visitors Speak...

### 'Free Radio Leipzig' News 'Ridiculous'

By Gerhard Zahn

No German newspaper, published in the western zone of Germany, will be sold in eastern Germany. It will also be hard for you to find a paper printed in eastern Germany for sale in western Germany. That's why the German Broadcasting System has become very important for both parts of the country.

Because of the actuality of news, people in western Germany often listen to the Soviet-controlled "Free Radio Leipzig," situated behind the Iron Curtain. Listeners in western Germany know exactly what's going on in the eastern zone of Germany just because the radio speakers of Leipzig are sometimes too careless.

A German in the western zone has a very good feeling of distinction between real news and false one. You would be surprised how well a German radio speaker can tell you about the intentions of the eastern government. It's amazing that people in western Germany listen to the propaganda of the German-Russian. They say a lot of words against Dr. Kefauver, chancellor of the western German government. The result everybody who is against Communism. They report protest meetings in western Germany's towns, meetings which never took place.

If a German wants to have the truth, he listens to the ridiculous propaganda of the "free" broadcasting system in the eastern zone.

A German worker seated at his breakfast table turned on the radio and listened to the "Free Radio Leipzig." His wife and one child were eating breakfast when suddenly the voice of a radio announcer told that in western Germany people are suffering. People have not enough food. People must pay taxes for the American Marshall plan—called in eastern Germany the plan of exploration and colonization of Germany. Coca-Cola was changed to Coca-Colonization. That means Colonization by the Coca-Cola drinker (the Americans).

"Seems to me we have no good breakfast this morning," said the German worker, smiling to his wife, "as the Russians are telling it." "Hard to believe," his wife answered, and took some more eggs for the child.

The "Voice of America" is generally doing a wonderful job in Europe, but how can you reach the attention of a radio listener in the eastern zone of Germany if the Voice of America is not actually enough?

I'm not going too far if I blame the Voice of America for not being smart enough in the selection of news. A German in the eastern zone isn't interested at all in the difference between that American philosophy and the other one. But they are very eager to know what America will do to help the people in eastern Germany, to tell them that they never will be forgotten by all people in our free world.

The Voice of America must help to strengthen the Germans behind the Iron Curtain so that they don't lose their faith in democracy.

Stalin is promising paradise for the workers on earth. German prisoners of war who have been in Russia know that type of paradise. They have no longing for it anymore, even some of them who have been members of the Communist Party in Germany. They changed their minds very rapidly after their experience in the "Soviet-Paradise."