

The Real Challenge

Russian expert Louis Fischer will probably be remembered as one of this year's best visiting lecturers. From all reports we've heard so far, he was well received.

Rolled into one, comments on Fischer would probably run as follows: "I heard the man, and, what's more, I understood him. And, what's more, he was well worth listening to."

Fischer had much to say about Russia and the world in general. For our money, however, one of his observations overshadowed all others. It was what he had to say about the United States. And it's worth thinking about.

He said that freedom is lost by fractions, a little at a time. That's how it happened in Germany—Hitler gained a little more power each day until there was no power left to stop him. It happened, to some extent, in Russia. But what remnants of democracy remained in Russia after 1917, these, too, were slowly wiped out until communism itself was dead... and only Stalinism remains.

In the United States today, he warned, the same deadly parallel exists. What we call McCarthyism is only Stalinism by another name. It's not an ideology, only a process of rule by fear, character assassination, intimidation, suspi-

cion, use of informers and so on.

It's now to the point, he said, where government officials, educators, intellectuals and writers hesitate to speak out in defense of their own principles. And, by refusing to defend what they believe, they are losing the right to believe it openly.

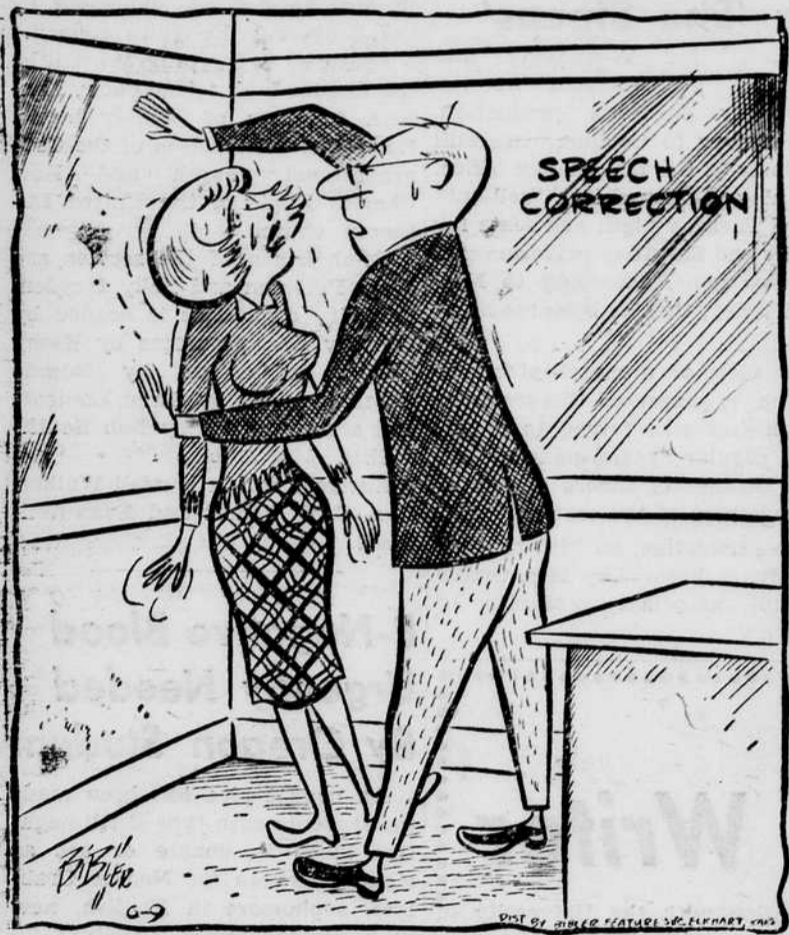
Fischer thinks that we may win the contest with those behind the iron curtain without pitch battles. But it will take a strong America, strong economically, militarily and morally. And we can't achieve that strength with the shadow of McCarthyism hovering over us.

The solution, he says, is for each of us to stand up for our principles. Speak out. They're worth fighting for. Don't let yourself be shunted into the nearest side pocket by the first loudmouth who comes around looking for publicity or votes.

The time may come in your life when you could feel you stood to lose something by saying what you think. It might seem far the easiest thing to keep your mouth shut. Apparently lots of people feel that way today.

But if we lose something by speaking up, by defending our principles, what do we lose by letting others trample them uncontested, unchallenged? Look what's happening today, right now.

Undercover Report: Speech Department



"How do you expect me to see any improvement if you keep saying 'No'?"

● Campus Briefs

● All religious news notes should be turned in to the Emerald Shack by 3 p.m. today and every Wednesday. The news will appear in the Friday issue as usual.

● Georgene Porter, junior in architecture and allied arts, was pledged this week by Gamma Phi Beta, according to an announcement released by the office of student affairs.

● Ken Whittle, KWAX chief announcer, will hold auditions for the announcing staff today from 4 to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m.

● Junior Weekend committee chairmen will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the Student Union.

● Newman club will hold Lenten devotions at the Sacred Heart hospital chapel at 7 p.m. today. Communion will be at 7 a.m. Thursday and Rosary at 6:30 p.m. the same day.

● Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration, and Mrs. Morris will be special guests of honor at a potluck dinner celebrating the fourth birthday of Christian house tonight at 5:30. Carl Cobb is general chairman of the dinner featuring past presidents of the organization.

● Application blanks for the graduate record examinations must be filed in Los Angeles by Friday.

● Junior girls who plan to apply for the Hazel Schwering scholarship for a senior woman should contact the office of Mrs. Golda Wickham, associate director of student affairs, by Friday.

● All freshmen women who have above a 3.5 accumulative grade point average and who are already members of Alpha Lambda Delta should contact Mrs. Golda Parker Wickham at her office in Emerald hall immediately.

Castell Inaugurates Iowa TV Program

Alburey Castell, head of the philosophy department, will inaugurate an experiment in educational television over station WOI, Ames, Iowa, next week. He will give a series of lectures which will be subsidized by the Ford Foundation through Iowa State college.

Castell, currently giving a series for the National Association of Educational Broadcasters and the state-owned station KOAC, will use as part of the lectures his series "The Window in the Ivory Tower." The remaining lectures will consist of the four Knoles lectures recently given at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Petitions For 'Sing' Due At 5 p.m. Today

All-campus Sing petitions are being called for by co-chairmen Sally Palmer and Jean Mauro. Members are needed for the following committees: judges, set-up, decorations, contact, programs, and tickets.

Petitions may be turned in at Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega until Wednesday, April 1, at 5 p.m. Members of any class are eligible to petition.

Petitions are also needed for the queen contest and coronation, Junior Prom and luncheon committees.

TRACK MANAGER

Any freshman interested in helping to manage track this spring is asked to see Track Coach Bill Bowerman in his office.

Exhibit Features Modern Textiles

Thirty-two examples of modern textiles are being exhibited in the architecture and allied-arts school today through April 10.

The show has been compiled by the Scalamandry Museum of Textiles in New York City and features all modern textiles. Both woven and printed material will be shown. The prints were done by the silk screen method, according to S. W. Little, dean of the school.

The exhibit is open to the public at no charge.

Law School Names Nine to Honor Roll

Nine men are on the law school honor roll for winter term. The roll includes those students having a cumulative grade point average of 3 point or higher and who carry a full study program in the law school.

Third year students are William E. Duhaime and Steve Tyler; second year students, James Hershner, Malcolm Marsh and Malcolm Montague; first year students, John Gill, William Linklater, William Norval and James Moore.

Volunteers Needed For Music Room

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Peter Benson Howard music listening room during spring term. Staff members have free access to the room at any time. Students who are interested in music and have one or more free hours a week are eligible.

'Brigadoon' Tryouts Set For Thursday Evening

Tryouts for the non-singing roles of "Brigadoon" will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Villard 102. Any University student is eligible to read for any of the available parts.

"Brigadoon," this season's University theater musical production, will be presented May 22 to 27 and June 3 and 4, under the direction of Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech.

Sports Staff

Desk Editor, John Whitty. Staff, Sam Vahey, Jim White.

Oregon Instructor Wins Speech Post

Herman Cohen, instructor in speech and director of forensics, was elected vice president of the Pacific Forensic league at the 39th annual conference held at the University of Southern California during spring vacation.

The league is an affiliation of speech departments of Pacific coast schools participating in competitive speaking tournaments. Members include Oregon, University of Idaho, University of Washington, Oregon State, Stanford, Southern California, University of Nevada, University of California and University of Arizona.

Cohen returned to the University faculty this fall after a leave of absence during which he taught and studied at the University of Iowa for one year. He formerly headed the University forensic department.

Earl W. Wells, professor of speech at Oregon State, was elected president of the organization.

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