

Sergeant's Advice Radio Review

Sometimes we sit in the office and wonder if the occasional pieces we scribble off to you are even worth the effort. Perhaps it's permissible for us to pontificate on local matters. At least we're close to them. But when we get out in the big wide world, it's another matter.

Yet the problems facing us today are not local in character. And so we tackle subjects of a larger nature, feeling, nonetheless, somewhat inadequate to the situation.

That's why we're exceptionally pleased today to be able to print on page three, "A Letter to Graduating Senior Men." Plenty of men on this campus are affected by the draft. We are hardly the ones to be giving them advice—but Sergeant Frank Pleshnik is.

You may recall a "note to the editor," appearing in the last winter term paper, written by Pleshnik. It was an entirely defensible plea for a little mail from the girls. And, at the same time, he told us he'd be glad to do some work for us if we were interested.

So we wrote back to the sergeant, saying "yes, we'd certainly like to hear from you. We'd like to know, for one thing, something about life in the service. We're inclined to think it's not quite as bad as it appears to be."

He replied:
"Your assumption is cor-

rect—life over here isn't too bad. Everybody gripes, naturally, but there's a saying, 'If a soldier complains, he's happy; but if he's silent, look out!'"

He told us something about what he'd been doing in Europe (he likes it so well he'd like to stay over as a civilian for a couple of years) and then he added:

"The main thing about service life is to try to make the best of it. If you go around with a chip on your shoulder, a lot of people will step up and knock it off—and you won't be able to do a darn thing about it. If, on the other hand, you make it a point to get along with people, it's not half bad."

This isn't the Emerald talking to you. It's a 21-year-old soldier who's been through the mill and who knows the score. It's nothing sensational he tells us, just basic good sense as every man on this campus should be exposed to.

Go into the service expecting the worst, and you'll probably find it. Go into it planning to get something in return and you probably will. It won't be up to your draft board or your commanding officer. It won't depend on where you're stationed or what your job is—all it asks is a positive frame of mind. It's all up to you, brother.

Einstein & Liberal Arts

Of particular interest to a liberal arts institution such as the University of Oregon is a recent statement quoted in the New York Times.

The statement, by the most famous scientist of this century, Albert Einstein, has significance in these times of increasing specialization in learning training.

Quoted in the publication, "What the Colleges Are Doing," and originally quoted in an interview by Benjamin Fine, The New York Times, Einstein said:

It is not enough to teach a man a specialty. Through it he may become a kind of useful machine, but not a harmoniously developed personality. It is essential that the student acquire an understanding of and a lively feeling for values. He must acquire a vivid sense of the beautiful and of the morally good. . . He must learn to understand the motives of human beings, their illusions and their sufferings, in order to acquire a proper relationship to individual fellow men and to the community.

These precious things are conveyed to the younger generation through personal contact with those who teach. It is this that primarily constitutes and preserves culture. This is what I have in mind when I recommend the "humanities" as important, not just dry specialized knowledge in the fields of history and philosophy.

Overemphasis on the competitive system and premature

specialization on the ground of immediate usefulness kill the spirit on which all cultural life depends, specialized knowledge included.

These remarks are especially significant, in that they are by a man who is skilled in one of the most specialized fields, science. (Of course, when scientists expound on matters out of their field, they are open to the charge of being too naive in those strange—to them—waters. But Einstein has always been a man marked by broad concepts, a truly liberally-educated man.)

Admittedly, many educators believe wholeheartedly in this principle. But the current trend toward more specialization in training physicists, chemists, architects, (all of whom are vital to our society) etc., indicates that the belief certainly isn't universal.

We emphatically believe that a true liberal arts education means something far greater than learning a skill or packing one's head full of facts in a particular field. Certainly, the student would do well to prepare for his future work, but the fullness of person gained from acquainting one's self with the problems, thoughts, and approaches of all the liberal arts is even more valuable in the final analysis.—(A.K.).

KUGN Presents Baseball Bloc(k)

by Don Collin

Back at the old stand again this week. Skipped last week because of the obvious seasonal dilution of program content.

Biggest bloc of new programming is KUGN's broad casts of Portland Beaver's Sunday doubleheaders. (FM carries the daily broadcasts).

To the people from the North the voices will not be new. But to the rest, Rollie (apple orchard) Truitt can present the most appalling description of baseball imaginable. Aside from dead air and a twenty year fund of "stock", but worn phrases, Truitt will have a batter catching his own fly ball, a runner scoring after being put out somewhere along the base paths, just plain mixing teams, players and what they're doing. Utter fantastic. The usual Truitt error percentage is way above par for a sportscaster.

On a local scale, KWAX will be broadcasting the Ducks' home games. No decision on who's going to do it—but that decision isn't too pressing until direct wire is laid into Howe Field.

A contender for the ballcasts is John Bree, a KWAX regular, who handles a sportscast at 8:45

p.m. Monday eves. This show is piped into KOAC as well as the new 4-D network.

During vacation Portland police found a headless department store dummy floating in the Willamette River with this note attached: "Good bye, cruel world. They took my brothers and sisters to use in the atom bomb test. That's not for me. Good bye." If J.V. has his way, the old college hoaxsters will be back this term.

Programs worth noting: Curt Massey and Martha Tilton (KORE, 4:30 p.m., daily) present a delightful song fest (average seven per day) that utilizes a new approach—sing it as written. No echo chambers, frills or fancy arrangements. Very listenable.

Musical Souvenirs (KASH, 10:30 a.m., Saturday) spins the very light classics. Best part of program is the music which there is much of. Only one commercial break.

Invitation to Learning (KERG, Sunday morn at 11 a.m.) has started a new 13 week series on "Man and His Passions." The basic passion of jealousy will be discussed from Shakespeare's "Othello" this Sunday.

Time Capsule (KASH, 7:30 p.

m., Sunday) will record for posterity the "Language of our Time." Special feature will be Al Capp on teen-age slang.

This week saw the passing of the daily "Bob and Ray Show." R-G's "Mike highlights" didn't seem to think an explanation was needed for them losing a sponsor. It's the same problem "newness" encounters anywhere. Any attempt to alter established patterns will meet disaster when commercialism is involved.

Leaders can attempt to keep people from going astray, but it's difficult to lead them into the unknown. Headstones of "newness" include — Henry Morgan, Kenton's progressive jazz, modern art.

But when air time is released the gaps are quickly filled. Last week another sad event occurred—the 'Gab' Heater of Hollywood groaned into a quarter hour slot. Walter Winchell once suggested because of Louella Parsons' long stay in Hollywood that it be named "Lollywood." (By the same token N. Y. city might be called "Weepchell Ville.") Some touching observation Walter thought of when he ran out of stuff on FDR, Valley Forge and World War Three.

Special Report on--Germany

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Within the last week General Chuikov, Soviet commander and head of the Russian Control commission in Germany, has suddenly changed his tone in one of the first moves in the current Soviet conciliation strategy toward the West.

He invited the three Western powers to join in talks to prevent future East-West air incidents over Germany. Besides this, he stated that his government is fully in favor of a four-power conference to consider the reunification of Germany.

His declaration took the form of an open letter to Dr. Josef Wirth, 73, who was Chancellor of the Weimar republic in the early 1920's. Dr. Wirth signed in 1922 the special treaty between Germany and Soviet Russia at Rapallo, the first diplomatic agreement between a European country and the Soviet Union. He is now leader of a West German Communist-front organization called the "German Rally."

General Chuikov's letter was printed as the main and leading item on the first page of "Freies Volk" (free people), the official newspaper of the West German Communist party.

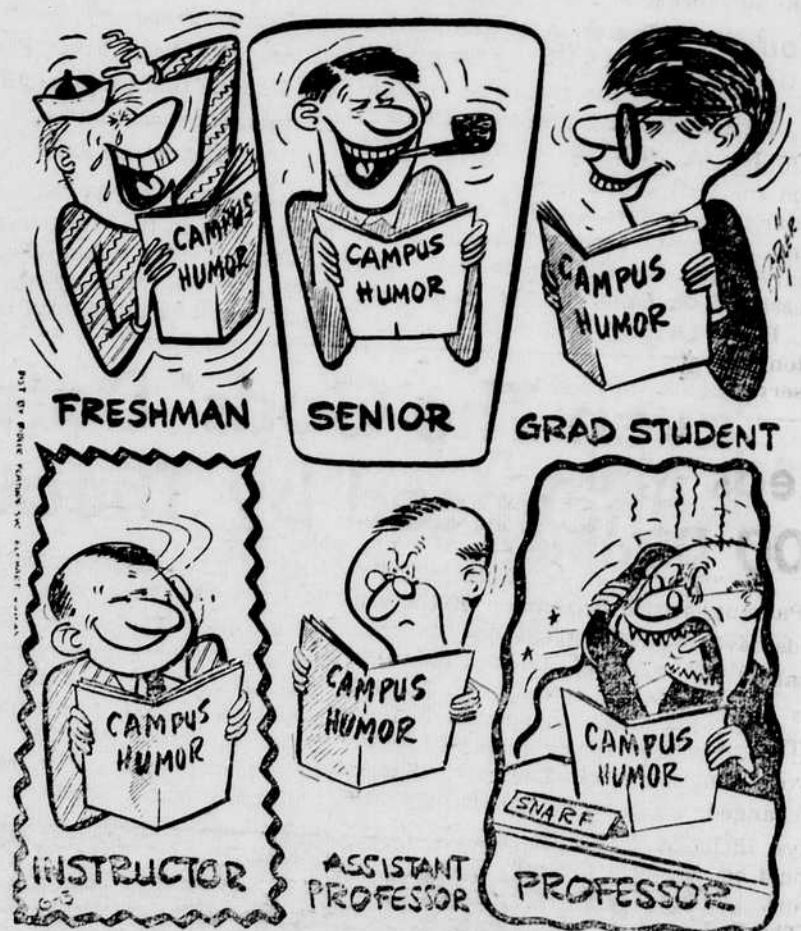
General Chuikov's statement was made in a manner that created considerable doubts as to whether it constituted a new step in Communist maneuvers to conciliate the Western world. The letter gave at least momentary prominence to the German Rally, an organization that was until recently utterly insignificant, with as little popular support as any Communist-front body in West Germany.

In the past two months, however, it has begun to receive more attention from the Communist papers in East Germany. Dr. Wirth has been pictured by them as a new champion in the propaganda fight against the European army treaty and the Bonn peace contract.

Dr. Wirth, chief representative of the Rapallo spirit, was the leading advocate of a clique of Germans who wanted to strengthen their country against the West after the First World War by making friends in the East. Thus he followed the main conception of Prussian diplomacy in the 19th century and Bismark's policy which was based on an "entente cordiale" between Germany and Russia.

Dr. Wirth, who lived abroad from 1933 to 1948, mainly in Switzerland, neglects in his thinking the political development in Europe since 1939. Nevertheless, he seems to be unable to resist the temptation of being once again a champion in a world completely changed. Furthermore, he doesn't recognize so far that champions in our time are the creations and creatures of managers today.

Darwinism



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