

Sabine Labels McCarthy 'Judas'

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"I am not now a Communist. I have never been a Communist." With these words the dean of Oregon's school of journalism launched Wednesday night into a biting indictment of Joe McCarthy and all he stands for.

The speaker, Gordon A. Sabine, called McCarthy a "Judas to democracy. . . . He has double-crossed our nation in time of need."

Addressing the annual Emerald banquet in the Student Union, Sabine said he was lashing out against McCarthy and what he called mccarthyism (with a lower-case 'm') because: "... I believe it the duty of every American to fight the abuse of the power of the people and the abuse of the freedom of thought and speech and the press."

The objective press has made the present McCarthy, Sabine declared. A fetish for telling nothing but the "very plain self-evident truth" has created distortion in the minds of readers, he said.

The man McCarthy isn't as im-

portant as the "general episode in American life called mccarthyism," Sabine said. The man is not a cause but a result of uneasiness caused by our frustrated post-war hopes for security and peace.

"We now feel cheated, and ready to strike out against real or imagined enemies," Sabine declared.

McCarthy offered a simple solution: Get rid of Communism. He is the self-appointed leader of U. S. anti-communist forces. Thus, Sabine said "... if you're the tiniest bit against him, you therefore, and with no further evidence of proof ... you are for the Communists, and should be eliminated."

Sabine said that journalism and journalists will rid this nation of McCarthy and this chapter of mccarthyism, and after him, the next. The youthful dean began with a long recital of McCarthy's career, which he called "A sordid record of disregard for the bastions of fair play and justice on which this nation of liberty was built."

He cited such parts of McCarthy's career as his hunt for Com-

munists in the state department: "He took some ancient, warmed over figures... and represented them as his own discovery... the record clearly indicates he has introduced nothing new (in the fight against Communists)... and in truth has hurt democracy much more than he has helped it by using Communist-type tactics himself."

In explaining McCarthy as a result of the state of the American mind, Sabine said:

"There always will be a fearful unthinking audience that will be ready to accept such twisted, distorted reasoning as this."

"Demagogues are a part of life," he said, and "If it hadn't been Joe, it would have been someone else."

McCarthyism fosters abuses of two rights, he said:

(1) Of the right of congressional immunity, through which McCarthy has shamelessly conducted "trials outside of the courts," and has "named himself both judge and prosecutor."

(2) Of the right of free speech and free press.

In charging the objective press with creating McCarthy, Sabine said:

"When McCarthy made good copy and good headlines by riding off in all directions at once against Communists," he got the usual straight-news coverage, no matter how wild the charge," Sabine said.

"What mattered it if the editorial pages (told) how preposterous was this pretender. . . . The eggs were scrambled, and who can unscramble eggs?" he asked.

Sabine told of a new trend toward interpretation and background in coverage of McCarthy by such papers as the New York Times and Milwaukee Journal.

"This sort of reporting all the dimensions of the news we used to think dangerous. Today the lack of it creates the danger," said Sabine.

He listed the names of many people and publications McCarthy has denounced because they are unfriendly to him, including the Portland Oregonian.

"The Chicago Tribune, a McCormick tool," was cited by Sabine

as one paper that supports McCarthy.

The dean told of McCarthy hearings that were "virtually inquisitions against a newspaper editor (James Wechsler of the New York Post).

He told of Register-Guard Editor William Tugman's denunciation of McCarthy and his methods.

Sabine warned journalism students in the audience that the danger of mccarthyism requires that they do five things:

(1) Be aware of the power of the press—a power that can "make monsters as well as move mountains."

(2) Know their history, so they can put into context mccarthyism and similar "character assassination drives."

(3) Refrain from becoming panicky in times like these, for "fear and panic combine to produce a sickness from which America might not be able to rise."

(4) Never let down their guards against men like McCarthy.

(5) Fight to increase the respect of the public for the press.

Emerald Staff, Awards Named Wednesday Night

Announcement of the Emerald staff positions for the coming year was made by new Emerald Editor Al Karr Wednesday evening at the annual Emerald banquet held in the Student Union. Karr was selected editor by the Student Publications Board four weeks ago.

Bill Gurney and Elsie Schiller were named associate editors, and Kitty Fraser and Laura Sturges were appointed editorial assistants. Jackie Wardell will serve as managing editor, and Joe Gardner will be news editor. Sam Vahey will continue as sports editor.

Assisting Miss Wardell will be Len Calvert and Bob Patterson, assistant managing editors. Gardner's assistants are to be Sally Ryan, Gordon Rice and Dorothy Iler, assistant news editors, and Anne Ritchey, feature editor.

Other new staff positions include: Paul Keefe, chief makeup editor; Dave Averill, chief desk editor and Anne Hill, chief night editor.

Awards Presented

Larry Lavelle, former Emerald sports editor, received the Turnbull-Hall award as the outstanding senior member of the Emerald staff. The T. Neil Taylor award for the outstanding thesis in J482 went to Donna Pastrouch. Second and third place winners were Mrs. LaVaun Maier and Bill Frye.

Four awards were also made by Sigma Delta Chi, national men's journalistic fraternity. The scholarship awards went to Mrs. Maier and Jim Haycox, while the achievement award was presented to Larry Hobart. Len Calvert was named outstanding sophomore in journalism, and Sam Vahey, outstanding freshman in journalism.

Scholarships Given

Theta Sigma Phi, national women's journalism honorary, named Jackie Wardell and Laura Sturges, outstanding sophomore women in journalism, and Sally Ryan and Anne Hill, outstanding freshman women in journalism. Pat Gildea was tapped for membership in the honorary at the banquet.

The Time magazine book awards for highest scores in a current events quiz sponsored by that magazine went to Averill, Karr, Hobart and Haycox.

The Hillsboro Argus scholarship was presented to Miss Schiller, and the Myrtle Creek Mail scholarship went to Jerry Harrell.

Correction

Jerry Olson, sophomore in chemistry, received one of the Traffic Court scholarships awarded at the Mortar Board Ball. The Emerald previously reported that the award was given to Dennis Olson.



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Law Student Files Motion on Hearing

A motion to postpone the hearing of the contested graduate student amendment until fall term has been filed with the ASUO constitution committee, according to K. J. O'Connell, professor of law and chairman of the constitution committee.

Toby McCarroll, first year law student, filed the letter with O'Connell Wednesday afternoon. McCarroll's reasons for requesting the postponement of the hearing were:

1. It is an important decision.
2. There is not time for both sides to prepare adequate cases for the hearing because of finals.

O'Connell stated that he would have no comment on the motion to postpone the hearing until he could

contact the other members of the constitution committee.

Mrs. Helen Jackson Frye, ASUO vice-president, who is in charge of elections, stated Wednesday afternoon that she will attend the hearings on the contested amendment as a representative of the election committee and to give any factual information that the committee might request.

"I believe that those contesting the elections have a good point in their charge that the amendment printed in the Emerald and the one printed on the ballot are different," Mrs. Frye stated. "Those contesting the election appear to be quite sincere because they are not contesting the entire election but just the part they believe violates the constitution," she added.

TROMBONIST FEATURED

Band Set for Tonight's Concert



UO Concert Band

The University concert band will be presented in their final concert of the year tonight in the Student Union ballroom at 8:15.

Directed by Robert Wagner, associate professor of music, and assistant conductor Ira Lee, instructor in brass, the band has performed in every part of Oregon, as well

as in California and Washington.

Special features of tonight's program will be two student arrangements, written by Richard Ramsdell and Gerald Paine, both graduate students in the school of music. Ramsdell's arrangement of David's "Concertino" will be played by trombonist Raoul Maddox,

with a band accompaniment. Paine's arrangement is of "Escalades," by Ibert.

Also included in the program will be Mozart's overture, "The Impresario," Jacob's "Music for a Festival," which was commissioned by the Arts Council for the Festival of Britain in 1951, and a group of selected marches.

NAACP Decision Labeled 'Mistake'

The faculty senate went on record Wednesday as considering "a mistake" action by the Student Affairs committee in refusing recognition to a campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Senate action on the matter came in the form of acceptance of a report submitted by a senate sub-committee which has been studying the policies of SAC regarding recognition of student organizations. The report was read to the senate by R. T. Ellickson, head of the physics department and associate dean of the graduate school, who served as chairman of the sub-committee.

Interests Damaged

The report read in part: "... we (the senate sub-committee) feel that the Student Affairs Committee should have some discretion in the recognition of student organizations, but that recognition should be given to any student group which seems to represent a legitimate student interest and which does not threaten, by its existence, to damage the best interests of the University. Therefore, we believe that the Student Affairs Committee made a mistake in refusing recognition to the NAACP. It is conceivable, and even likely that the Committee damaged the best interests of the University far more by refusing to recognize the group than the group would have done if it had been recognized."

Policy 'Restrictive'

The recognition policy found in the rules of SAC is: "It is not the policy of the Committee to approve the establishment of any local organization which derives its charter from, or is responsible or subordinate to, a national organization not primarily educational in nature or which is foreign to campus life."

The Ellickson report stated "it is significant that this statement was adopted after recognition of that organization (NAACP) was refused." The sub-committee "does not recommend so restrictive a policy," continued the report.

Recognition of NAACP was originally refused about a year ago. Certain items in the group's constitution were listed as a basis for rejection. On Feb. 19, 1953, the group petitioned to SAC with changes made in the constitution. The vote for recognition failed for lack of a majority. The vote was three to three with two abstaining. No motion to recognize NAACP was made at a subsequent meeting of SAC.

'Brigadoon' Tickets May Be Available

Due to last minute cancellations there may be a few tickets available for tonight's special performance of "Brigadoon." Tickets may be obtained by calling the University Theater box office.