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LIFE SHORTENED

Minnesota's Plan

Greek Week (a 10-day affair) is currently in progress on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

"The Ivory Tower," a magazine supplement to the campus newspaper reports, "Campus Greeks, generally considered to be frivolous and funseeking, are buckling down to serious business this week."

"... And this year they are taking the lead again as the first college sponsors of the Crusade for Freedom and Radio Free Europe." (For the past three years, the proceeds from Greek Weeks have gone to the Minnesota Heart Fund — a total of \$15,000 has been contributed).

Displays, including tape recorded broadcasts, on Radio Free Europe will be shown during the 10-day period. Proceeds from a variety show and Greek-solicited contributions from firms in the Minneapolis area will be donated to the Crusade for Freedom.

Social Service Day is an innovation of this year's celebration. Top acts from the variety show will appear at the Veterans' hospital, and two or three members from each chapter will tour social service agencies like the Big Brothers and the Society for the Blind.

Continuously interwoven are social activities, including exchange dinners, the "Minnesota Olympics," and faculty dinners. Progressive parties will be held in five fraternities.

The Tunic Twirl, an all-Greek dance, and a traditional banquet will conclude the affair.

One of the largest institutions of higher learning in the country, Minnesota can easily stage such an affair.

Size notwithstanding, the service aspect of the observance is certainly equal to the social aspect.

It's food for thought.

A Good Investment

Skepticism and cynicism appear to be among the signs of our time. The dictates of fashion have elevated these characteristics as marks of maturity.

Certainly a dash of skepticism to temper youthful idealism is a desirable thing, but we believe that few minutes time devoted to contemplating the words of Douglas MacArthur can be a good investment.

Celebrating his 75th birthday in Los An-

geles, the soldier-statesman said in his main address:

"Youth is not entirely a time of life — it is a state of mind... It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions... When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you grown old..."

Presumably, the college students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. If this is to be the case, it would be valuable for the college students of today to carry MacArthur's words with them into the complex, troubled world in which we live.

A Good Move

We're glad to see that the offices of the athletic department are soon to be moved. They have always seemed to be stuck off in the area of McArthur court, which would better serve as storage space.

The new offices will be located in the new addition between Mac Court and the Physical Education building and will be a great improvement over their present facilities.

The area which is now occupied by the ticket office will be made over into a Lettermen's Lounge. This cannot be done until there are fewer activities in the building and the remodeling would be less disturbing.

It will be nice to go up to Mac Court and be able to pick up the term's athletic card in what can be called an office instead of a "hole in the wall." — (P.K.)

Footnotes

It must have been a trusting soul who left their bicycle parked out by the library all night Monday. Or was it one of the women of Susan Campbell hall who couldn't find room in the parking lot at closing hours?

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We spoke too soon about the SU service. It's back up to 14 minutes to get a hamburger and 16 minutes to get a grilled ham and cheese.

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Overheard during radio news broadcast the other noon. The announcer told of an exhibit on campus to be in the school of "agriculture and allied artists."

Delayed Effects Of Atom, H-Bombs Told

WASHINGTON AP — A Senate subcommittee studying the effects of atomic and hydrogen bombs was told Tuesday that a "possible delayed effect" of radiation exposure "is a statistical shortening of life expectancy."

Dr. John C. Bugher, head of the Atomic Energy Commission's biological and medical section, told the armed services subcommittee headed by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn):

"A... possible delayed effect of radiation exposure which has been demonstrated in animals is a statistical shortening of life expectancy. This phenomenon does not result from any specific cause of death but apparently from a general acceleration of the aging process. Whether this factor can be recognized in a human population is as yet unknown."

Opening the hearings, Kefauver said:

"The last thing this subcommittee wishes to be is alarmist. But it is our view that for the maximum safety of the people that it is time that the facts regarding these problems should be brought more fully into the light."

The committee is searching for means to protect the public in the event of atomic attack.

The AEC medical chief said while there is suggestive evidence that atomic radiations can cause genetic "mutations" as heredi-

tary effects, it is still uncertain what effect this would have "on the welfare and survival of populations."

He said "reckless" pronouncements have been made that are "based upon assumptions which go far beyond our knowledge."

"We have dire predictions of many monsters and even the obliteration of mankind itself from radiation exposures which are only a small fraction of that from cosmic radiation, from the radium and radon of the soil and air, and from the natural radioactive potassium and carbon of which we all are partially composed," he said.

"It is most essential that we keep our perspective in such matters and base our generalizations upon substantial evidence."

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Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

F for Effort



"Certainly I think it's a good piece of creative work—I thought so in 1951 when I first graded it."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

SEATO's Vast Military Problems Expected to Create Dissension

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
The SEATO nations, meeting at Bangkok today with the idea of setting up their new organizations and perhaps getting an economic program started, now find themselves with a military problem.

The British, particularly, with large number of troops still tied down by Communist guerillas in Malaya, had been hoping that military implementation of the pact could be left in a paper-work stage at this meeting.

Thailand's announcement that she was threatened with invasion by a so-called "Free Thai" army based in Communist China sounded however, very much like advance notice that the Asiatic members of the new organization were anxious to give it a military form immediately.

Prime Minister Pibulsonggram did not say that an immediate attack was expected. He just

said the threat was there, with 20,000 troops headed by Bjrmmer Thai Prime Minister Pridi Phanomyong, whom the Thai government has been accusing of seeking Communist cooperation for a comeback.

Pibulsonggram said his government could handle the situation unless the Chinese Red army did cooperate, but wanted a strong SEATO organization.

Prior to his statement, the Bangkok discussion had been expected to center around establishment of an economic aid program flowing from the Western members to Southeast Asia.

This discussion, too, comes at an unfortunate time, when the Washington administration still has not settled its internal dispute over what should be done about an Asiatic aid program.

Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Aid Administrator Stassen favor a broad program. Treasury Secretary Humphrey is trying to hold back on the money.

There is a division, too, within SEATO as to how the program should be approached. The Asiatic members want to make it a direct treaty project, with economic and military aid tied together. The Western powers, particularly Britain, would prefer to enlarge the Colombo plan on the economic side and keep military aid separate.

As delegations began arriving for the meeting, observers were wondering if the military questions might not produce another division.

The Asiatics are interested in immediate establishment of a defense front. Britain and the United States have no intention of forming a treaty-managed force such as that of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe.

The whole situation poses the question of whether discord may not be the first fruit of a tempted accord in the far Pacific.



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