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A Source of Faith

Religion has become "intellectually respectable" again.

We had suspected it for some time, and that's what Time magazine reports in the Nov. 21 issue. Reporters found that students across the nation are showing a new interest in and enthusiasm for religion in a search for answers in an area that earlier students scorned.

The magazine called this return to religion a "revolt against a revolt." Observers say that this generation is discarding the iconoclasm of yesterday—an iconoclasm which had become almost an orthodoxy of its own.

One of the things that Time noted—and one which we have discovered in talking to several other students—is the preoccupation of students with "finding themselves." They seem to feel the need for a religious faith.

Perhaps this is a result of the tenuous times in which today's students have lived. There has been no real peace in the world since most of us were born, so we must seek peace elsewhere. It seems only natural to turn to religion.

It may be just an illusion, but it seems as if there are more students in church Sundays, and more taking part in special religious-observances. Some of the local churches have student chaplains, whose primary concern is for the University student. The man in the clerical clothes has become a common figure to the Student Union as he holds casual conferences with students. Mention should also be made of the interest in RE week, which is still months away.

One of the best evidences of religious concern we have seen on campus has been that presented by several of Oregon's more prominent students. If these leaders express a concern for the religious welfare of the students, then we may well assume that such concern is more widely spread.

All of us, whatever our beliefs, have faith of some sort. Perhaps that belief is in ourselves, or in our nation, or in the more secular things of this life. That is why we were interested in Time's article, which pointed to a growing greater belief.

And that is why on campus after campus across the nation our religious heritage, which has been rather neglected in the cultural history of the United States, is being looked to as a source of faith for living in today's world.—(S.R.)

Sweet Triumph

Another Homecoming has come and gone but still the memories linger on. That is the way it always happens. So many exciting things happen on this one weekend each year that something is bound to take place which will implant itself in the students' mind for years to come.

This year there is no doubt what that one thing will be. Oregon's 28-0 football victory over the supposedly mighty Beavers stands head and shoulders above everything else. Thousands of words have already been written about the game but we think we can sum

it up pretty well with six words — "The Ducks were just plain magnificent."

It would be a slight to the other players to try to single any certain performers out for acclaim. This Homecoming game was just a case of Len Casanova's team putting everything they had into a determined team effort. And it paid big dividends.

An ironic point about the Oregon victory comes to mind when other Duck-Beaver clashes in recent years are recalled. Oh, how well we remember trudging out to the stadium to see our favored Ducks take on the underdog Orangemen. And we remember even more vividly how bitter we felt as we left the stands completely stunned by an OSC win.

But this year the shoe was on the other foot. Oregon State came to Eugene as the favorite and with still an outside chance of getting the conference championship. And this makes the Oregon triumph even sweeter. It is indeed ample revenge for those many upsets in the past.

And before we stop writing we just have to ask a question of those persons who hanged "Cas" in effigy last Monday. Don't you feel ridiculous?—(B.R.)

Footnotes

On top of everything else this term, our country cousins up North seem to excel in blood letting too. In a two-day blood rally in the Memorial Union ballroom, 848 pints of blood were collected for Oregon hospitals. Of course they have an additional motive: ROTC donors are excused from drill. The AFROTC donated 247 pints of blood, the army, 211, and the navy 58.

It was Black Friday at the northern branch last Friday—a day early. In order to rouse spirits for The Game, a day of silence was decreed. Men students were to wear black masks; women, black veils. Even juke boxes were to be silenced as students contemplated the game. We wager that they didn't plan to make the celebration a two-day affair—as it must have turned out to be.

Monday's "hanging" of UO football coach Len Casanova reminds us of the time the star fullback on a state prison football team was paroled two days before their crucial game of the season. The irate inmates hanged the parole board in effigy. Or so goes the story.

The Civil War game must have really been important to have society editors covering it for the papers. The game story byline in the Eugene Register-Guard Sunday read: By Dick Strite, Society Editor.

We like the comment one of the entertainers made in the variety show Friday night: "Remember, Lincoln was shot in the balcony." Never have we seen a more rude audience for Oregon entertainment.

Results of the recent elections reminds of a statement Oregon's junior senator made when he first went to Washington. Anyone for a caucus at 808 East 13th?

Football Banquet



"WHEN COACH SAID 'SUIT UP' FOR THE BANQUET, MCGIFFORD, HE MEANT—"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Allies Escape After Pretty Thin Skating

By J. M. Roberts
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One way you look at it, the Allies have escaped from Geneva after skating on some pretty thin ice.

They went there prepared to pay Russia handsomely, perhaps even dangerously, if she would really cooperate for peace.

There was danger in the Western offer to establish a security system leaving Germany free to choose her own course.

There was danger, as Molotov said, in the American offer of mutual inspection of military concentrations in order to insure against surprise attack.

A good many people have wondered if the President and his secretary of state were not taking a calculated risk on that point, in order to impress the noncommitted people of the world of America's sincerity in seeking to avoid war. Russia was not expected to agree. If she had, the complications would have been terrific.

There was danger that the Eastern European satellites would find their positions frozen in a new security arrangement recognizing the entity of the Eastern military bloc which Russia formed in a show of balancing NATO.

Is it better, then, that there were no agreements? That the pipe-dreams entertained by some since the death of Stalin have been shattered?

There is, of course, only a feeling of depression at the return to cold war. But for the health of the West, a full realization of the facts of life may be a life-saver.

Some of these facts are:

The Soviet Union is a declared enemy of the West. It is an ideological as well as a political enemy. It is not subject to compromise as long as the promotion of world communism is Moscow's chief aim.

The Society Union will make no settlements except for her own purposes connected with this policy of expansion, and she will keep them only as long as they serve those purposes.

The Soviet Union intends to promote her policy by means of disruption of Western affairs, as in her campaign to identify communism with the nationalist aspirations of underdeveloped, or what she calls "colonial" nations, and as in the case of her current attempt to infiltrate the Middle East.

The Soviet Union, if these measures fail, is entirely capable of resorting to wholesale war, once her industrialization gives her a chance against the United States, as it will in the foreseeable future.

Strength, a determination not to relax its vigilance, a dogged pursuit of better economic and political conditions for the underdeveloped countries, and resignation to a long-term contest are the West's only answers.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

The presence of so many foreign students on our campus offers us a rare opportunity. Knowing these intelligent people, learning of their countries and its problems, and seeing world issues through their eyes is sometimes more valuable than travel abroad.

How can one get to know these people? Of course there are organizations which give

opportunity for becoming better acquainted with these friends. But there is another way. Many of these students have language problems which make it difficult for them to understand lectures, and the feeling of being among those who understand well makes them hesitant to ask questions, especially in large lecture classes.

As final exams approach, perhaps it would be well to offer

to review the material of our courses with these foreign students so that they may feel free to ask questions where they lack understanding. Giving information to another is a good way to insure we know it ourselves, but best of all, it gives us a chance to become closer friends of these guests from other countries.

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