

## + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

**Something for Each**

Last May several students, faculty members and various religious organizations began working on a project that finally culminated this week in the Parliament of World Religions.

After much correspondence, seven men representing seven of the world's most prominent religions — Greek Orthodoxy, Protestantism, Hinduism, Moslem, Buddhism, Judaism and Roman Catholicism—were chosen to appear before Oregon students on an academic plane.

Another Parliament was held on the campus four years ago. This year's committee has decided to recommend that a quadrennial Parliament should become a tradition.

The Parliament, this year's Religious Evaluation week, is not just another weekend to have fun or another activity to rack up points. There is something for each student to gain from this experience.

Over \$2500 has been raised to bring these people famous within their own field into our own Student Union. Such an opportunity should not be wasted. Surely every student can take at least one hour out of this week to attend one of these events.

Perhaps every student could go a little farther and take 5 minutes more to ask himself just what religion means to him. But participation should be now. Remember, the next Parliament won't be here for another four years.—(A.H.)

**'Starving' Vets**

Five days ago "hungry" veterans of the University extracted many brown envelopes from respective mailboxes. Contained therein were checks from the treasurer of the United States. Single men received \$110, and married men, \$135.

This "G.I. Bill" money arrives every month in the same little brown envelope. The amount never changes, but the veterans seem to think it should.

So now these same veterans, or at least some of them, are petitioning Congress for an increase in this handout. They maintain that everything is going up—the cost of living, books and supplies, tuition and fees, everything but the checks.

We do not question their right to the money they are getting now (the editorial "we" in this case spent four years earning that "right"), but we do doubt the good sense of the recent efforts to secure a bigger dole.

In the first place, when Congress passed the Korean G.I. Bill, it did not intend to give everyone a "free ride" through college.

Rather, it designed the legislation to encourage veterans to seek higher education. Only an extremely frugal student could go through school on \$110 per month.

Up until now, Oregon's veterans have prided themselves—perhaps rightly so—in being a mature species, not inclined to such "intellectual" pursuits as panty expeditions to girls' dormitories. But this present campaign bears the stamp of downright immaturity.

Why? Because those who are involved (and the number probably is small) simply are not facing reality. It doesn't take a political genius in this instance to realize that the entire operation is a complete waste of time.

Perhaps they are unaware of the fact that the present servicemen have been entirely cut off from benefits. And a congress that is reticent about foreign aid commitments, that must spend billions to keep the farm vote, that is working at the same time for a balanced budget, certainly is not going to pay much heed to a handful of "starving" veterans who can't live on their monthly handout, even if it is election year.

Richard Neuberger undoubtedly will discover this fact this session.—(J.C.R.)

**Cattlemen's Beef**

It appears that the nation's cattlemen have a beef, or rather, too much of it.

Thus Representative Ben E. Jensen (R-Ia) says that he is going to ask the administration to start buying up sirloins in order to boost drooping cattle prices.

Meanwhile, the hog raisers don't have any beef, but they've got a lot of troubles, too. So Rep. H. Carl Andersen (R-Minn) reveals that he wants the government to increase its purchase of pork chops to keep the bottom from falling out from under the chops' market.

Still to be heard from are the poultry producers, rabbit raisers, and sheepmen. They, too, undoubtedly must have problems. After all, a lamb chop should get just as much consideration as a pork chop.

However, be that as it may, the question that bothers us is this: where is Uncle Sam going to store all these steaks and chops? The old boy already has ships loaded with the Korean G.I. Bill, it did not intend to give grain anchored at the mouth of the Columbia river. In fact, the situation is so bad, he has been storing food surpluses in caves in Kentucky. Sooner or later he is going to run out of ships and caves, and then what?

Here's a suggestion: We've got a roomy refrigerator at our place that is in its usual state of emptiness. Those steaks and chops would look mighty nice in that old icebox.—(J.C.R.)

**Letters to the Editor****Emerald Editor:**

Also as a veteran, I would like to comment upon the "sophomoric" viewpoints expressed by Sophomore Boesel, re the G.I. Bill situation.

As a man of pride and satisfaction, in being a God-helps-those-who-help-themselves type, Mr. Boesel has taken one (1) single solitary aspect of the G.I. training program, and made it appear like robbery so great, the Brinks job was proverbial duck soup, in comparison. This no-doubt-terrible program, just happens to have (5) other points in its favor, which are over and above any consideration of the individual benefits it happens to bestow as a by-product.

First, it creates jobs by taking labor off the market. Instead of being out plumbing, selling or setting up cue balls, men are going to school. Second, it increases the technical capacity of industry. Only God knows how many Einsteins have already died unknown and unheralded on the farm simply because their latent talents remained latent, for the lack of an opportunity to be expressed. Third, it puts pure, red-hot, care-free Buying Power into circulation. This means more homes, more groceries, more insurance, more sidewalks, and generally more everything nice. Fourth, it increases the cultural level of the citizenry. Granted that noise parades ain't so cultural, but by osmosis or some other process, the general college graduate is more sensitive, more alert, and of more benefit, than those who ain't. And Fifth, it strengthens and preserves the basic idea of fairness that make up one little peg of what Daughters of the American Revolution like to call, "Americanism." My friends with the ear, back and toothaches who "bugged out" of the service when the Korean War was on, have homes, cars, jobs, and sons and daughters now, and are about a half mile ahead of me in this little canter we call the "race of life." Is there anything basically wrong with the idea that everyone ought to be given a chance to crowd and elbow their way to the front door when Opportunity knocks? I think not!

This "something for nothing" kick of Mr. Boesel's is a little out of whack, too. Happens that the service is a 24 hours a day, for at least two years. At a puny, miserable, stinking one-dollar-an-hour, that would be \$17,500 the government should have paid me. It takes a lot of \$110's a month to make up seventeen thousand. I just keep thinking of all that time I spent

running around the middle of "Nowhere" (namely, Labrador) with a little old neurotic M-I rifle clutched in my grubby little fists, and then have people "grudgingly" knock the G.I. Bill as something-for-nothing handout. Hah!

I suggest that it is not too late for Mr. Boesel to contribute his "Shame Money" to the March of Dimes for 1956.

Name withheld by request

P.S. The more I think of it, the more I believe I'd like that seventeen thousand!

**Emerald Editor:****An Open Letter to Wilmer Boesel:**

As veterans who take a different view from that expressed in this column recently by you, we would like to make a few pertinent observations.

Perhaps all of us are not of the "money grabbing sort" who are circulating the petitions, but if you ask us to believe that if we "money grabbers" who signed the petition can muster enough strength to help through Congress a bill increasing veteran's aid, that you will refuse to accept this aid, don't you think you're expecting us to stretch our credulity past the breaking point?

We don't contend that the fact that we "suffered for two or three years" entitles us to a free ride; but one of our main concerns at this point is to make up for the time we lost in those two or three years by getting through this institution as quickly as possible. If grasping the available means to help makes us the "money grabbing sort," then we are.

If you, Mr. Boesel, are so stricken with pangs of guilt in accepting your veteran's benefits, why not do your conscience a favor and not sign the little white slip at Emerald Hall on the first of next month? If your sense of guilt is really overwhelming, it's not too late to return the check you received Friday!

If your moral standards are so high that it hurts your super ego to accept the money, why don't you just quietly set your own standards and leave the rest of us "money grabbers" alone? Yours for bigger and better benefits,

Dave Slagle

Ed Grier

Warren B. Winarsky

James C. McClellan

Cecil L. Wilder

P.S. We can hardly see that a twenty-five dollar increase in the aid constitutes a key to Fort Knox.

**INTERPRETING THE NEWS****Eden Says He and Eisenhower Will Try to Work Out Message**

By J. M. Roberts  
AP News Analyst

Anthony Eden says he and President Eisenhower are going to try to work out a "message that will give greater confidence in peace."

The world has just been through six months during which messages of hope for peace have flowed freely, only to run into the cold fact that peace is far off.

There is a question whether additional messages of hope at this time will not prove more enervating than helpful.

The main thing that Eden and Eisenhower will be trying to do when the prime minister gets here will be to work out a joint position in the Far East and the Middle East.

Britain is in much the same position in the Middle East,

that she was in with regard to Greece after World War II. She is being squeezed out. Then it was because of her economic weakness. Now it is because of rising resentment against the political and economic hold she has exercised for so long.

America's strong ties with Greece made it easy for her to step into British shoes there. She has no such ties with the Arab states. To them she looks more like a big ally of Israel.

There is another difference, too. Britain wanted out of Greece because her responsibilities there were too heavy. She doesn't want out of the Middle East; merely wants to help in staying.

In the Far East, Washington would like assurance that Britain will hold out at least another year against admission of

Red China to the United Nations.

Eden, on the other hand, is under strong pressure to obtain blockade easements. This is due not only to the British desire to trade, but also to ideological pressure from Socialists who believe in a certain amount of cooperation with Peiping in an effort to relieve tensions.

As for his "message for peace" suggestion, every international conference these days ends on that note.

It is a period of reluctant acceptance of the necessity for adjusting the harness for a long pull. Any false hope that the load is going to be relaxed can only make it seem more difficult. There have to be factors for peace in the world situation itself before "confidence in peace" can be helpful.



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