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Draft for Dads

University male students ought to be pleased by the recent presidential order, virtually relieving fathers and men over 26 from any likelihood of being drafted.

As a result of the executive move, eligible draftees will be placed in the following order of selection: (1) Draft delinquents; (2) volunteers up to age 26; (3) non-volunteers 19 through 25, who do not have a child; (4) non-volunteers 19 through 25 who do have a child; (5) non-volunteers, 26 years or older, and (6) non-volunteers between 18½ and 19.

Up until now, fatherhood has not been a ruling factor in the selective service. The practice had been to call the oldest eligible men first, and work down to the younger.

The government saw, however, that this was not giving the military the best available men, and that it was also running into more money, from the standpoint of dependents' allowances.

We're pleased that the government has seen the advantage of selecting the younger men, who are certainly better qualified physically to serve our country; and who would not have dependents to run up the monthly allotments which we tax payers give them.

And we're also pleased because many of our University married students can breathe a little easier now, not having to think so much about the draft when they get out of school and settle down with their families.

—(S.V.)

Confused Picture

A stirring defense of the political debate was made in a letter to the editor Wednesday in answer to a recent editorial on the same subject.

The letter-writer castigated the editorial writer for his seeming reflections on the dubious merits of these debates. However, the letter-writer failed to take cognizance of one fact—and in this case a rather important one. That is, the editorial did not question the overall value of political debates, but only their benefit to the politician himself. This makes quite a difference.

Let's be realistic. Aside from all responsibility the politician may feel to expose the "facts," his ultimate concern in any election campaign is to win votes. Does he accomplish this through the medium of a political debate? Perhaps he does, but many feel

that in order to do so he must change the opinions of his opponents. Most people who attend a debate on a specific subject have an interest in it and probably a pre-conceived opinion—one that is not easy to alter. Any politician that does so is accomplishing a great deal.

We are quite willing to agree with the letter-writer in his assertion that these debates bring issues to the public, but question his use of the words "truth" and "facts." Who was telling the "truth" and giving the "facts" last fall in the Coon-Neuberger debate over the John Day dam partnership proposal? Rep. Coon said electric rates would be 2.5 mills, and Sen. Neuberger said they would be from 8 to 10 mills. They may have stimulated the public's thinking, but they didn't necessarily give them the "truth" and the "facts." A public that is crying for enlightenment may get a rather confused picture from the political debate. If this public is induced to think and weigh conflicting viewpoints, then it has gained, otherwise not.—(J.C.R.)

Respect for Rights

The United States is now well into Brotherhood week, being held this year February 19 to 26 and sponsored annually by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

A Brotherhood week when all Americans should recognize respect for each other's rights, is indeed a good thing to observe in this time of tension in which we are living.

In America a conflict is growing in the south as manifested by the refusal of admittance of a Negro woman to the University of Alabama. While this is happening in the South, northerners tend to criticize the southern whites for refusing to accept the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation. At the same time, Southerners resent "outside" criticism.

Nor is tension confined to the United States. "Trouble spots" are appearing all over the world—Israel, Egypt, Morocco, to mention a few.

Respect of individual rights is urgent and important at any time, but especially so in these years of conflict.

This concept of brotherhood, emphasized during this week, should be stressed all year so that America may present a united front to other countries, while at the same time she works for understanding and mutual respect of citizens of other countries.

—(A.H.)

Lecture Methods



"HOW CAN YOU BE SO ATTENTIVE TO LECTURES AND FLUNK ALL MY TESTS?"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Cold War May Require Revision of Attitude

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One thing the United States may have to do to meet the new-type cold war adopted by Russia is to revise her attitude toward the colonial relationships of her Western allies.

Colonial peoples used to be called backward, until political expediency produced a more polite term — underdeveloped. Measure against what the West considers standards of progress, they are backward in many ways.

But many of them have ancient and deep-seated cultures which match those of the West in philosophical soundness if not in practice, despite widespread illiteracy. The greatest disparity is in what both East and West agree are desirable economic conditions.

These peoples are now being told that they can leap the long period of gradual economic development which has marked the capitalistic systems and arrive at full-fledged economic security through a new state-controlled system.

Despite their knowledge of the tribulations of individuals in the Soviet Union, they admire the substantial progress made by Soviet industry. Even the idea of subjugation of whole generations to the welfare of future generations has a certain appeal to many of them.

Among the newly emerged and newly emerging nations, Western colonialism is looked upon as the cause, rather than

the corollary, of their backwardness, an extremely human if not a rational attitude.

To oversimplify, the policy of the United States toward the rise of nationalism in these nations since World War II has been to support, by mediation, their urge for independence, up to the point where it threatened the economic position of the Western allies.

This, too, has been a natural attitude, since the avowed policy of the Communists has been to cut the economic ties between underdeveloped raw material producers and the Western powers, so weakening the latter that they might fall easy victims of Red-incited unrest at home.

What is so greatly needed now is injection of a new factor into this policy. Trust must be developed through aid without strings. A factual demonstration must be given that independence can be had without severance of economic ties, and that such ties with the West, which has arrived at standards of living for which the Reds only hope, are the true means of leaping through economic time.

The approach is very difficult and very chancy. It might be made through offers of real independence, instead of the half-and-half measures the Western powers usually offer, accompanied by simultaneous economic treaties entirely divorced from political pressures.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor

A freshman pledge fell through the ice in a New England lake and drowned. So? Maybe Oregon should fill in the Millrace. It has been suggested, and would prevent any of Oregon's freshmen from falling off a bridge and drowning. It COULD happen! And a pledge at OSC went to the infirmary for a day because of an initiation. So? Maybe Oregon should do away with athletics—look at all the participants who DO get hurt. Athletics are voluntary, you say. But how many of the athletes have to compete to keep up their grant-in-aids so that they are financially able to remain in college?

NO one is ever forced to join a fraternity, nor is any one FORCED to go through an initiation. Can the same be said for the girls who get doused annually in Fenton Pool or the freshman boys who are hacked every way but easily twice a year? But perhaps the Order of the O is next on the list of that

great Crusader, S.R. They might be worthy of tearing apart when the fraternity subject gets so boring and exhausted that only one or two editorials can be written about them each week, instead of the present three, four or more. But then our saviour, S.R. is already repeating herself in places, so she could just run the same old editorials over again and get the same effect.

When the city of Eugene begins to do even a small fraction as much for the fraternities of this University as the fraternity system does for the city of Eugene, voluntarily, necessarily, but mostly under pressure, then, PERHAPS, we should invite outsiders who know little if anything of fraternities to tell them how to run their internal operations. If S.R. would just remember that college men join fraternities because they want to, she would have to find a new topic for her daily gripe session under the guise of an Emerald editorial.

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Each year the "Y" Round Table and Cosmopolitan club of Oregon State college set aside a week known as International week. This year the period of two weeks from February 19 to March 2 has been so designated and a program has been planned. The theme "Bondage or Brotherhood" was chosen and a program of firesides, assemblies, movies, and panel discussions on various areas of the world have been planned.

The purpose of International week is to acquaint students with the United Nations and to promote friendly relations with foreign students and an intelligent understanding of the problems of their countries.

As co-chairman of this event I would like to extend on the behalf of Round Table and Cosmopolitan club an invitation to any and all students of the University of Oregon to participate with us in our program.

We'll see many of you we hope!

Bruce Klunder, Co-chairman International Week



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