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Platforms and Issues

One of the arguments used by the proponents of campus political realignments was that there were no real issues separating Greeks and Independents, and no real problems dividing the student body.

This has been emphasized in the past by the slipshod methods used by parties at various times to draw up planks for their platforms. Once the elections were over, the platform, which hadn't been taken too seriously in the first place, was forgotten.

Let's take a look at the 1955 platforms of both parties to see how they have fared in the year since they were announced. Since AGS won, let's look at its platform first:

1. "Elimination of unjust discrimination against Greek living organizations through student affairs use of the pledge fee for its own purposes."

This plank has been followed through, apparently to everyone's satisfaction. The Ore-N-ter has been given to the ASUO, and the Greek houses are getting a fairer share of the pledge fees.

2. "Examination of the University deferred living program and its dorm counseling program."

This investigation was started under Dick McDaniel, but never got off the ground. McDaniel has graduated and the whole thing is dormant.

3. "Two o'clock closing hours on Saturday night."

Practically nothing accomplished. Two o'clock closing hours are allowed once every term, and 11 p.m. closing hours are now in effect on Wednesdays.

4. "Discontinuance of the all-campus primary."

This seems on the verge of being accomplished, due in part, to the fact that it is backed by both Greeks and Independents.

5. "Continuance of the Canoe Fete and restoration of the Millrace."

They were probably for God, Mother, and country, too. This was no issue; as far as we know, no one has committed heresy by suggesting the Canoe Fete be abolished. Progress toward restoration of the 'Race has been made, but it has been backed by all students.

6. "Functional innovation in the legislative and executive branches of our student government."

We don't know exactly what this means,

so it's a little hard to tell whether anything has been accomplished.

7. "Popular election of Yell King."

No action has been taken on this. The suggestion has been made in the Senate, but nothing ever happened.

That's a fair record. Now let's take a quick look at the losers' platform.

Only two of the nine UIS planks have been accomplished, but even more serious, only three have ever been brought up by Independent senators for consideration. This is a fine example of how seriously the platform was taken.

It may be true that platform planks, like promises, are made to be broken. But if any party thinks it necessary to issue a platform this year, we hope they put a little time and thought to it.

Illegitimate Child

From the Stanford Daily:

Braving election year repercussions, President Eisenhower refused to abandon his fundamental philosophy on the nation's policy toward agriculture in refusing to sign the compromise farm bill.

The bill was an illegitimate child of the President's January proposals and farm-belt Congressmen who sought to retain rigid parity for the folks "down on the farm."

It was strongly opposed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, who called it "a bad bill." The President thus took his stand firmly alongside of Benson—a position open to the heaviest attack from farm sectors desiring 90 per cent support.

Once again the American people have seen the President as a man not to be compromised on what he believes is good for the country. He is also not a man to desert his subordinates when the pressure is on.

As for the farm situation, failure of the Eisenhower proposals can be placed on the shoulders of those Senators and Congressmen who succumbed to the big-time agriculture influence. Their efforts turned a promising step toward solution of farm woes into a crippled crawl.

Result of the President's action may hurt farm-state Republicans, although it isn't likely that Eisenhower will be seriously injured politically, judging from the strong support he got from Illinois farmers in the recent primary as the veto possibility was looming.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Cease-Fire Agreement Eases Fear of an Immediate War

By J. M. Roberts
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Fear of an immediate war in the Middle East has been greatly eased by the cease-fire agreement between Israel and Egypt produced by Dag Hammarskjöld's mediation mission.

The adherence of Jordan and Syria should not be so difficult to obtain.

The important point is whether this return to the armistice terms of 1949 can be made to stick. There is considerable doubt.

If the Western powers, having obtained this first objective, now slacken their efforts to produce a lasting settlement, another crisis will begin building up immediately.

For this is not merely a political conflict. It involves personal hatreds, especially on the Arab side. Arab forays into Israel will not stop until they cease to be welcomed by the authorities of their governments.

It also involves the Russian

effort to obtain a position in Middle East affairs, and the Western determination that she shall not succeed.

They recognize her presence not merely as a threat to peace and stability, but also to their access to oil.

If the cease fire can be extended to all of Israel's borders, and the cross-boundary raids stopped, the chief product will be time. Time in which to seek permanent settlements of such things as boundaries and the Arab refugee problem.

The refugee problem could have been settled a long time ago. The Western powers have been prepared to see that the displaced Arabs were reimbursed and resettled under circumstances at least as good as they enjoyed before they left Israel.

Settlement has been prevented by the Arab governments, which use refugee hatred in their preparations for reconquest. Hammarskjöld has made no apparent dent in this determination for reconquest.

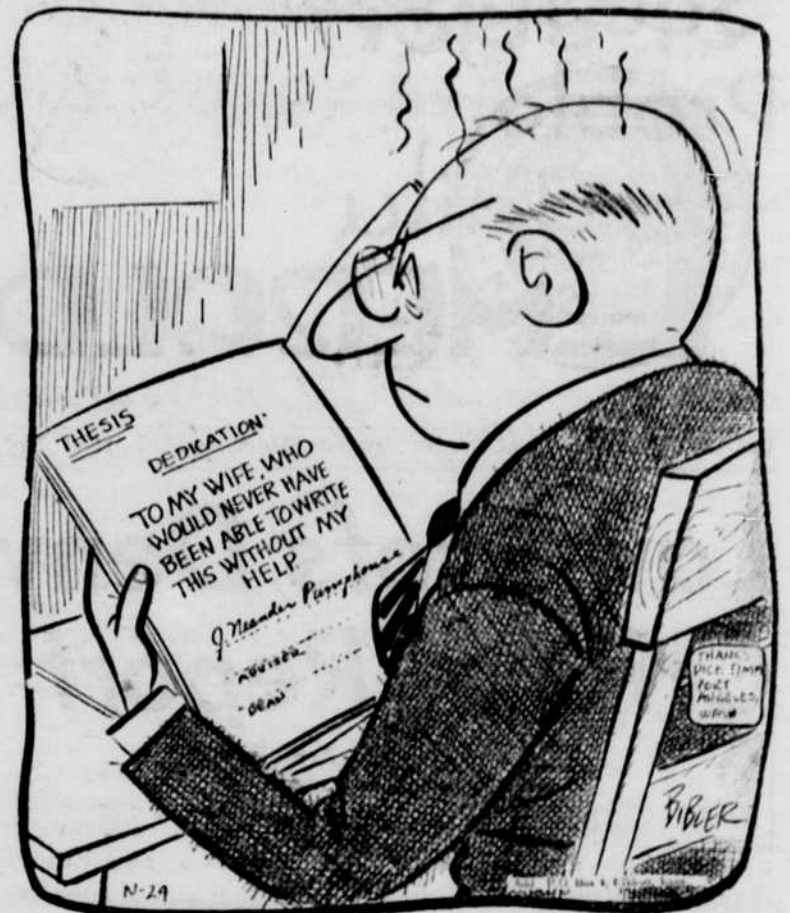
Something also will have to be done about the arms race. So far, Russia's offer to help solve Middle Eastern problems has not included any definite suggestion on this point. The test can be made through a Western offer to make arrangements about the amounts and types of arms which anyone can sell to the nations in the area.

The United States has not furnished arms to Israel during the current crisis because it did not appear that Communist shipments to Egypt had actually upset the balance of power. Israel is still credited with being able to take care of herself for the time.

If the Communist buildup of Arab military strength continues, however, the West will be unable to stand idly by until Israel can really be threatened with extermination.

The U.N. secretary general, following a program suggested by the Western powers, has set the stage. The acting, however, must be done by the powers.

T-Day Dedication



BLUE MONDAY

Likes and Dislikes; The Lazy Man's Way

By Scott McArthur
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Springtime is a hard time of the year in which to do any work. Especially when you have a deadline to meet.

Even a newspaper columnist is prone to procrastinate once in a while. So we might as well start right now.

Man by the name of Jack Jarvis writes a Monday morning column for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. And it's a good column, too. Once in a while he lists a few of his likes and dislikes.

His is a good idea — one meant to be used.

We dislike:

Gals who giggle.

Snap quizzes.

Editors who scream about deadlines.

Housemothers whose clocks

run fast.

SU coffee.

Elvis Presley records.

"Rhythm 'n Blues."

Gals with long hair.

We Like:

Dixieland jazz.

Bartenders named George.

Band music.

Salesclerks who smile (even when you don't buy anything).

Cowboy movies.

The Fourth of July.

Sunday afternoons.

Mickey Spillane's writings.

HEADLINE OF THE WEEK:

Saturday's snipe at the UO law school by the legal education adviser to the American Bar Assn. makes today's quote from the Emerald headline chart interesting, at least. It reads:

"HOLLIS LEAVES UO FOR PRO BALL"

As long as we're filching things from P-I's Jarvis, we might make mention of his specialty. For the last 10 years, every Monday morning, Jarvis has "created" another "organization."

Our "membership" card is dedicated this week to the tellers of great "war stories." It is the:

HARD-BOILED VET'S LEAGUE

- ☐ ROTC
- ☐ FORESTRY SERVICE
- ☐ BOY SCOUTS
- ☐ MacLAREN SCHOOL DRILL TEAM
- ☐ GAR

(check one)

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