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... And a Popped Quiz Tomorrow

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"UH-OH—LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER MOVIE TODAY."

Greater Oregon: Emphasis on Quality

Great strides have been made since the AWS Cabinet one year ago became interested in forming a "Greater Oregon" committee. Recent reports from the now-well-organized group indicate that approximately 250 students will participate in a grandiose effort to "rush" top high school seniors starting this spring.

It is now co-sponsored by AWS and the Alumni Association and has the support of the administration. All real obstacles seem to have been removed from their path and they are ready to roll.

Lest any of us knowingly offend some alum in telling him of this "new" plan, we should all realize that it is far from new. University students originated it in the middle '20's. And until it was discontinued fifteen years ago it was recognized as one of the most important and worthwhile activities on campus.

Stressed in those years was the attracting of quantities of students to the University. The emphasis today has necessarily changed to quality. Attempts to attract "more" students would never be sanctioned by University officials. They warned the group from the start that it should be concerned solely with the "better" students. Otherwise it would only contribute to adminis-

tration headaches stemming from our constantly increasing enrollment.

We don't question the need for such a group. As long as fine "students, leaders and athletes" do not choose the University because of false conceptions about our school or because they have not heard enough about it this committee will have a worthwhile job to do.

But we hope this huge group of students who will be carrying out the actual "informal contacts" will be fully briefed on all aspects of our fine school. Each of them cannot possibly know the answers to all of the detailed questions they can expect from such a varied assortment as "students, leaders and athletes" without a very special effort made to inform them. They are freshmen and sophomores who, naturally, are not as well-acquainted with the campus as they soon will be.

The proposed "Greater Oregon" magazine would alleviate this problem a bit. But even then these students must realize that they will be representing our entire campus and will be responsible for information about areas beyond those with which they have normally come in contact.

This committee as its predecessor can prove itself to be extremely valuable to the University. We think that it will. (M.M.)

Interpreting the News

Ike's 'Soft Word' Policy Discarded for Criticism

By JAMES MALOW
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Is President Eisenhower changing? He shows signs of getting tougher, of more willingness to criticize. If so, he can expect to be repaid in kind and his second term will be rougher than his first.



A soft word turneth away wrath was the policy of his first four years. It worked pretty well.

But at a news conference this week he was unusually blunt twice within a few minutes: first, about Secretary of Defense Wilson; second about criticism of his foreign policy.

He said stinging Wilson made an "unwise" statement in suggesting the National Guard had been a refuge for draft dodgers. This was the sharpest rebuke he had ever handed a member of his Cabinet.

If he wondered how this approach would work, he soon found out. Mrs. Wilson told reporters Eisenhower's statement was uncalled for, and a pat on the back might have been more in order. This was the first time the wife of a member of his Cabinet had hit at him.

Dulles has been a kind of whipping boy for Eisenhower. Critics of the administration's foreign policy have, for some reason, been reluctant to go after Eisenhower. They beat on Dulles instead, and recently Dulles has been under the most severe criticism of his life, particularly from Senate Democrats.

At his news conference Eisenhower took full responsibility for all that Dulles has done. Then having put Dulles critics on notice that they have been criticizing Eisenhower all the time, the President blasted his critics:

"... These critics... don't bring out any particular project. They just talk about great blundering and lack of leadership. I have seen no proposals, no constructive proposals, for what even should have been done with the benefit of hindsight."

This in a way was Eisenhower taking off the gloves.

Some Democrats—particularly Senators Mansfield of Montana and Fulbright of Arkansas—have voiced criticism of the administration's foreign policy in a way which at the time they said they considered "constructive."

Was it "constructive" for them to say—as they have a number of times in the past year—that Dulles was talking out of both sides of his mouth and ought to follow a policy clearly-stated, clearly-understood and adhered to?

Sen. Knowland of California, Republican leader in the Senate, congratulated Mansfield last April 18 when the Montanan, in one of many long reviews of administration foreign policy, said:

"We have failed, up to now, to come up with the right policy. I do not have the answer, but I hope that with our collective thinking we may give the administration some suggestions which will help them, in the interest of peace in that area of the world the Middle East."

Knowland said of Mansfield: "The senator approaches the problems of foreign policy with fairness, and he has made a very fine contribution to our foreign policy."

Was Fulbright "constructive" when he tried to nail Dulles down on whether he thought the Middle East was going to erupt or was getting calmer? Fulbright probably feels he was.

He said in the Senate last April: "I think the purpose of discussion... is at least to give voice to our views."

The Democrats have been very considerate of Eisenhower. He has now given them less reason to be by lashing out at them.

Campus Capers

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College executive board offered National Catholic Welfare conference four scholarships for Hungarian refugees, according to the newspaper *Fagots* at the Indiana college.

Students will contribute to the scholarships through their college and university relief administration fund.

— Letters to the Editor —

Emerald Editor:

Interest Thursday night was shown in student politics that even the senate admitted was the best of all year, as far as student turn out for a senate meeting. A letter was written to the EMERALD by Robert Fischer, condemning certain actions of the senate recently.

Mr. Fischer read at the meeting a statement defending his letter, and very admirably stayed to answer questions by the senate. During ensuing discussion Mr. Fischer was convinced that many of his strong beliefs were based on campus feelings spreading in the form of discontent and rumor.

Mr. Fischer was convinced of his misapprehensions, and apologized to the senate and the individuals concerned.

The evening was of worth for two points. It proved that closer contact is needed between the senate and the student body. Certain steps should be taken to obtain this. One might be the publication of newsletters or bulletins by the senate, telling of the senate's actions, and beliefs.

This bulletin could contain articles by senate members, and would be able to give a more informal and definite declaration of policy, that isn't always available through news stories in the EMERALD. These bulletins could be sent to all living organizations.

The evening was of value in another fashion. It created student interest, as witnessed by

the turnout. It encouraged student discussion, and I believe made the students more aware of the senate as a representative body, and spurred the students and senate to be more alert as to activities of the senate, and to discriminate and

choose as to truths involved in certain issues.

I commend the senate for its action and Mr. Fischer for his valour.

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Inaugural Prayer Meaningful

From the N.Y. Times

It was no political address that President Eisenhower made to his people and to the world after he took the oath of office yesterday. It was an Inaugural prayer. He said these were the "deepest prayers" of our people. They are worth remembering.

May we pursue the right—without self-righteousness.

May we know unity—without conformity.

May we grow in strength—without pride of self.

May we, in our dealings with all peoples of the earth, ever speak truth and serve justice.

In humility and reverence, we can say God grant that his prayer be answered. These are the things of which we have need. These are the goals to which we have need. These are the goals to which we aspire. This is the base upon which a firm peace can and must be built.

We must pursue the right, in Lincoln's phrase, "as God gives us to see the right," else we are traitors to ourselves. But this

pursuit, also, as the President said, must be in full humility, "without self-righteousness." We must know unity, not compelled and not blind, and not meaningless, conformity. We must have strength, but we must be devoid of the false pride that might come from it. And we must serve that justice that is based upon truth in our dealings with all.

Peace, said the President, is our goal. But peace, he pointed out, must live in the climate of freedom. We must serve that peace through that freedom, and it will not be easy.

In his Inaugural address we are only by indirection within the world of policy and politics. We have been taken, rather, into the field of philosophy and morals. Here are no questions in expediency. Here are the basic issues of the things by which we live.

The President has spoken for his country and has spoken prayerfully. We join in his prayer, in his aspiration, and in his dedication to pursue that which is right, without self-righteousness.