

Still 'No Comment'

The word from Moscow Tuesday was still "no comment" on the fate of Marshal Georgi Zhukov. No one in the free world knows for certain whether the fact that Zhukov has "been relieved" of his job as minister of defense meant that he had risen to greater power or had been ousted by Nikita Krushchev, leader of the Communist party.

If the latter was true, the tough old soldier appears to be putting on a battle. Beloved by the people and the Red Army, Zhukov would be a hard man to purge, and Krushchev & Co. may be finding out the hard way.

The fact that no word has leaked out of the iron curtain since that first cryptic announcement could mean that a death struggle for control of the country is going on inside the Kremlin. Or, it could mean that the party boss is merely biding his time before letting the world know what he intends to do with Zhukov.

All we can say is, "more power to you, Mr. Zhukov." The more internal trouble that Russia has to contend with, the less likely she is to stir up trouble outside her borders.

Not Far Off

Nippy fall breezes have touched the campus with the tingle of wintery frost this week, turning the thoughts of many to ski wax and schussing.

Snow and winter aren't far off—you can feel 'em in the air no matter what the calendar may say. Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood optimistically opens this weekend, snow or no. Other ski areas will open as soon as conditions are ready for skiing.

One of the fastest-growing sports, skiing gains new converts every year as thousands learn the thrill of christening down an unbroken white slope with a crisp wind whistling past the ears. At the end of the

day there's warmth and fun around a fire.

Guess we'll go home and take a look at our skis. Snow and skiing can't come too soon for us.

The Die is Cast

The die has been cast. Republicans and Democrats have squared off in Salem, with both parties sticking by their own ideas on how to rid the government of that embarrassing \$70 million surplus, and the chances of an early end to the special session are slimmer than ever.

The Democrats dropped their bill into the hopper on Monday, asking for a 10% tax cut and a \$10 per school child increase in the education support. Tuesday the Republicans came right back with a demand for a 25% cut in taxes and school support increase of \$25.

Many factors must be considered before a decision can be made, and we trust that there will be serious thinking—and not just partisan interests—behind the final vote.

Perhaps the most serious of these factors in the economic recession which presently has Oregon in its grasp. If it becomes more serious, then the state may need most of that surplus to guard against a sharp drop in income next year. If, however, Oregon recovers from its economic version of the Asian flu, that surplus will be awfully hard to explain to the voters in 1958.

It looks as though a shipment of crystal balls is in order for Oregon's legislators.

Footnotes

The game Saturday provided more than football thrills. Other culls: public address announcer (for second time in season) makes himself man without a country by calling the crowd's attendance to "your national anthem." And Air Force part of color guard may not have been flying high, but their marching precision seemed to consist of eight left feet.

Could This Be You?



Wynn Dahlgren

Social Pro, Not Used Fairly, Can be a Dangerous Weapon

The present publicity concerning the Beta's "social pro" is doing a great disservice to the members of the fraternity. The Register Guard has now joined the clamor for the facts and next week we can expect the Hearst newspapers to compare it to the Zenger case.

Not because I disagree with the new policy of the IFC — withholding the specific details pertaining to social probation — but because the publicity has been extremely unfair in its implications, here are the facts.

The disturbance was primarily caused by four upper-classmen, three members of the Beta House and a fellow who is persona non grata at another fraternity. The four, who are veterans, were beerily celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of MacArthur's return to the Philippines. The noise disturbed someone and in the course of human events, the gendarmes showed up at the front door.

Politely asked into the living room, they proceeded to search the house from basement to attic—said search, by the way, having confusing legal implications because the fraternity is private property. Four "loaded" students and a sizable number of empty bottles were the sole discovery. The forty or so other members of the fraternity are plenty burned up at these four, incidentally.

The important point in all this is that the above mentioned celebration was not a house function. It should also be noted here that the other recent case of social probation (for half a term) had to do with a sponsored party.

This is in no way meant as an apology for the Beta's who, as are most houses, skating on thin ice in this matter most of the time, but indefinite social probation seems as unfair as the amount and type of publicity given to the house.

It is a well-known fact that social probation can be and has been used as a weapon. The idea of the IFC policing its own members is basically sound and should be continued. This power, however, has to be tempered with justice and fair play. Any attempt on the part of the IFC to use it as a weapon against one of their members should result in that power being taken

away from them.

Some years ago a large sorority was kicked off the campus for infractions of the social code. They have been back for several years but have never regained the stature they previously held.

In other words, social probation is not a weapon to be lightly used if the best interests of the Greek living organizations is uppermost in IFC policy.

In a future column my views on the problem of social probation for social living groups and of individual disciplinary action will be further spelled out. Suffice to say—it is not the answer to the problems caused by beer on the campus.

Our Contemporaries

(ACP)—The Leader, newspaper for Teachers college, Fredonia, N.Y., says this happened there:

The other day the psych class lecture was on job aptitudes.

The prof finished, "The point is, a good poker player can hold down any sort of an executive position. Now then, are there any questions?"

Came the voice from the back of the room, "What would a good poker player want with a job anyway?"

From the Minnesota Daily's Ivory Tower edition comes this classical story of rush week confusion:

The rush chairman of one Fraternity Row organization was suddenly confronted with a beaming young face.

"Hi, remember me?"

"No."

"I pledged last night," said the beaming face.

The rush chairman, who should have known every pledge, searched the far corners of his memory and drew up a blank card.

The new pledge introduced himself, looked around, didn't recognize any of the bewildered actives he saw in the living room and thus proceeded to introduce himself to everyone.

Suddenly he stopped. His jaw dropped. He gasped in the direction of the dining room.

"Ohmygod," he said on his way out the door. "I'm in the wrong house."

Intelligent Leaders Wanted

(ACP) — Needed: intelligent leaders in today's college world. So think the editors of the University Daily Kansan. In this recent editorial they defined leadership this way:

Not enough could ever be said about the value of intelligent leadership in our collegiate world today.

There are two meanings of "lead." One has the connotation of guidance and direction; the other means, in the words of Webster, "a metallic element heavy, pliable and inelastic."

At this time of year many organizations are thinking about choosing men and women who will offer them guidance and direction during the coming year. In selecting these leaders they must be careful to choose

persons who will fulfill the first rather than the second definition of the word.

One danger a leader must guard against is the desire to be heavy handed in his leadership, to prod and push rather than to persuade.

A certain amount of telling rather than asking is always necessary, but the leader, especially if he is leading for the first time, must guard against expressing his own insecurity by forcing others to constantly conform to his own ideas.

A greater danger than "heaviness" on the part of the campus leaders is that of pliability. All too often leaders are little more than putty in the hands of professors, administrative officials or other advisers.

In order to earn the title of leader, a student needs to be more than a figurehead. The man or woman who stands up for what he believes even when "the guy on top" disagrees with him often wins the respect of his colleagues, his adversary and more important, himself.

Along the same line, a leader must not be too easily swayed by people within his own group. He must walk the narrow line between spinelessness and dogmatism. He must be firm in his own convictions and still be able to accept the opinions of others.

One final danger of the lead-like leader is inelasticity. Like heavy-handedness this often is a symptom of lack of faith in himself. Only the leader who is firm in his own beliefs and who has self-respect can afford to be flexible in his leadership.

However, flexibility and pliability should not be confused. The great difference between elastic and putty is that elastic can be stretched and it will snap back into shape. Once pushed around, putty loses all semblance of its original shape.

No one can tell a person how to lead. It is an art which must be acquired through practice. Leaders are made, not born, and self-respect, the art of persuasion, flexibility and firmness of conviction are some of the basic elements in the formation of a leader.

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