

The Gus Hall Affair

A Likely Nomination For Our Finest Hour

Now that Gus Hall has come and gone, it is hard to remember just what it was that everyone thought would happen. Whatever it was, it apparently didn't. Probably the biggest single worry was that there would be a repetition of the Homer Tomlinson riot.

THERE WAS another worry, too. Local critics worried that we "immature college kids" would be completely taken in by Gus Hall's speech and that we would become confused in our conception of Democracy.

ANOTHER WORRY was that dissension would spread and that we would be demoralized and disorganized. Governor Mark Hatfield had already said, in fact, that Hall had brought person against person and institution against institution. About Hatfield's latter allegation it is too early to permit comment. At the University of Oregon, however, there can be no doubt that a strong unity was created. In the face of violent and intense criticism the University banded together to present a united front that should be talked about for some time to come.

STUDENTS PRETTY well proved that they were not taken in by Hall's glib re-

marks. Their applause at the moderator's re-affirmation of free speech at the University should adequately demonstrate that they can appreciate the higher values in a free Democratic society.

AND IF ANY worry was dissipated into absurdity, it was that there would be a riot similar to the one at Homer Tomlinson's visit. The students performed to a man in the best tradition of an enlightened student body. The admirable manner in which the student body disported itself should cause a thorough re-evaluation by those who made the blanket accusation that we are merely immature college kids.

AND WHILE THE praise is being distributed, it should not be overlooked that just because Associate Professor of Speech Scott Nobles made the moderator's job look easy, it didn't mean it was. Nobles had one of the toughest jobs possible, and he did it flawlessly.

Whatever criticism is directed at Gus Hall, the University of Oregon owes him something. Ironically, we are stronger for his having come here.

The Emerald Endorses...

The Emerald editorial board this year, as in the past, finds it difficult to endorse a candidate for an office which is by-and-large a figurehead position. Nevertheless, the board endorses Margot Noall over Elisa Thomas for Associated Women Students' President. Both candidates were interviewed for nearly an hour each by the board Sunday night. Both seemed to be well informed about the structure and organization of AWS and about the campus in general. Neither would make a bad president. But more important than our endorsement of Miss Noall is a suggestion that reforms be made in the manner of selection of candidates and in the election of AWS presidential candidates.

WHEN INTERVIEWING candidates for the AWS presidency at this time last year, the Emerald noted that the system that narrowed the candidates down to two in effect screened out any candidates with liberal conceptions about woman's role on the campus. Both of the candidates last year, and both this year, have been decidedly conservative and decidedly pro-status quo. The Emerald is thoroughly convinced that the screening system serves the sole purpose of nominating women who will agree quite thoroughly with the viewpoint of the administration and in essence it serves as

a yes-man for the Dean of Women on any question of rules. It is much like an election in Russia—everyone has the freedom to vote for whomever he chooses, but the only candidates on the ballot are hand-picked.

For example, neither Miss Thomas nor Miss Noall would change any of the present rules or closing hours. Neither conceives of AWS as a body which would present student opinion to the administration and act as a pressure group for the changing of rules. Rather, they see AWS as a body which should seldom oppose and usually work with the administration.

There is a differentiation in the two candidates. Miss Noall has a much more thorough platform. She would also be more likely to have her conservative views swayed by the general opinion of the women students. She will make a definite attempt to determine the views of the women students at the University and act in accordance with them. Of the two, the Emerald feels that Miss Noall will make the better president.

THE EMERALD hopes that in the future the AWS presidential candidates will be nominated in a primary election with all women eligible to vote. Even Miss Thomas and Miss Noall recognize that this would be a better way of nominating candidates who are representatives of those they serve.

Little Man on Campus



"ALL AVAILABLE SEATING HAS BEEN ASSIGNED, MISS LACY, BUT, AS ENGINEERS, PERHAPS WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT."

Letters to the Editor

Clarification

Emerald Editor:

In regard to the news story on the Presidents' Council meeting, in the Feb. 8 edition of the Emerald, I would like to make a few clarifications.

The story stated that a bid for colonization on the Oregon campus by Delta Chi was rejected. This was not the case. No bid was made by Delta Chi; they simply outlined their proposed plans to the President's Council and will present a formal petition for colonization at our next meeting, March 7.

The article also stated that the Presidents' Council took official action on a proposal to limit serenading to weekends only. It went on to say that the Council objected to it, "on the grounds that it curtails fraternity activities." This again was not the situation. The Council took no official action on a serenade policy and the grounds for objection was the opinion of one individual and not of the Council as a whole.

**Dick Sorenson,
IPC President.**

Subversive Dogma

Emerald Editor:

May we take this opportunity to protest the University's decision to allow U.S. Communist Party Secretary, Gus Hall, to the use of campus facilities to expound his subversive dogma.

We have been taught that each and every American has been endowed with certain inalienable rights by our Creator, and that further rights have been granted to us and guaranteed by our Constitution. Among these latter rights is that of free speech. However, each requires an equal and corresponding responsibility to utilize that right in a manner which will either enhance, or at least not detract from, the equal rights of our fellow men. In our opinion, since Mr. Hall has not seen fit in the past to exercise his right of free speech to further mankind's goal of peace and freedom, he has forfeited the right to use a publicly supported rostrum.

SINCE IT IS the policy of our public schools to deny this same rostrum to those who would propound or teach a religious doctrine, it seems illogical that we would now give access to the spokesman of what is in essence a religion,

in which God is replaced by a deified State.

Mr. Hall and the Communist Party constantly attempt to use our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms in order to destroy these very freedoms. It is apparent that our leaders are not going to use every means at our disposal to defeat the world-wide Communist conspiracy. This does not mean, however, that we should aid and abet our enemies in their avowed goal of the destruction of our liberty.

**Carroll Christiansen,
Junior in Mus. Ed.
Dick Bach,
Springfield.**

Mechanisms

Emerald Editor:

Now speaking of defense mechanisms, as Mr. Bergeson did in his letter of February 9, I am surprised he did not recognize his own defense mechanisms. His letter, attacking Mr. Hodge's attempt at satire in John Bird terminology was a masterpiece of inelevance. Mr. Hodge's letter was obviously intended as a two-way slap at both the John Birchers and the proposed athletics stadium. I fail to see how this could have offended Mr. Bergeson unless of course.

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Letters to the Editor

Parlez-Vous?

Emerald Editor:

Organized charity has finally reached the culmination of its development; now it uses the lure of the bawdy house to extort its reparation. Anarchy knocks at the back door and Gus Hall waits at the front.

Après nous le deluge.

**Philip D. Thompson
Somewhere in Architecture**

La Ronde Again

Emerald Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter written by the boy letter writer from Montana, Thomas Monger, published in your paper on February 9th, 1962.

PLEASE EXCUSE the poor composition of this letter in comparison with that of Mr. Monger's, but I have not had

the practice gained by writing daily letters to the editor. This is irrelevant to the letters—but why not put him on your staff—he seems quite anxious to contribute to your paper—or don't the reporters get their name at the top of every article they write?

It seems that Mr. Monger is violently opposed to almost

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