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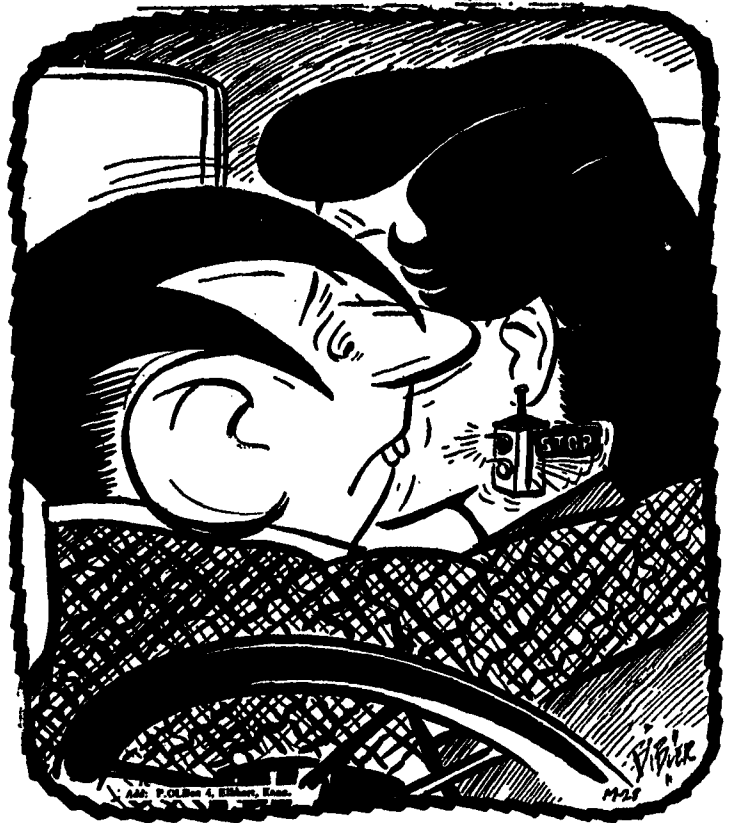
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



From the Roots of the Prejudice Problem

This is the first in a series of editorials on racial and religious prejudice.

The question of prejudice is a broad one—not to be whittled down to fit into the boundary lines of a football field, the columns of a liberal college newspaper, or even in the chamber of a courthouse.

Georgia's governor did not cause a new problem. He just raked the burning coals of one of the oldest social problems in the world. And to dissolve one rift in the controversial tide of religious and racial prejudice is less than a beginning to solve the problem itself.

Such surface eruptions are but symptoms of a problem as vague as it is far-reaching.

In 1951 Arnold M. Rose, professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota, wrote "The Roots of Prejudice" for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The report indicates that the most obvious reasons for prejudice are advantages and material benefits for those who are prejudiced. It can provide an excuse or rationalization for economic exploitation or political domination. It can enable a man to justify to himself acts that he would ordinarily be unwilling to engage in. It can give people at the bottom of the social ladder an apparent superiority over the minority group.

Early settlers of North America had no scruples about robbing Indian "savages" of their natural resources, even their lives. For a Ku Klux Klan member to tar and feather a colored man becomes a service to society under the guise of "race superiority". When a white protestant scoffs at the genius of Ralph Bunche he is convinced of his importance in his culture.

The advantages of prejudice are very real in economic circles. And as the UNESCO publication reported, prices or rents of houses can be kept at a high level by obliging to live within certain small, segregated areas. Wages can be kept low for people who are not allowed to work in any but certain exploited jobs. Public facilities and benefits may be kept at a minimum for people who are segregated to the greatest extent.

"Studies have been conducted," according to Rose, "in several countries which show how

Hitler secured supporters—now called fifth columnists—by offering them the positions and property then held by Jews and by appealing to a latent feeling of racial superiority. In democratic countries where prejudice is prevalent, some politicians successfully base their campaign for office on theories of racial supremacy. Most of the organizations formed for the apparent purpose of fostering race hatred have been shown to have political domination as their ultimate aim."

The Southern segregationist who screams for integrity of both races is playing upon the whites' feeling of superiority and the Negroes' desire for equality. In the political realm the end is to win votes, the means—racial separation, racial disqualification, and logically—racial discrimination.

"Economic or political exploitation as a cause of prejudice has definite limitations," Rose reported. In the long run imperialistic countries could probably have gained even greater economic advantages if they had not employed prejudice, discrimination and violence.

"Another burden they lay upon themselves is the realization that they are exploiting and cheating. Most people dislike thinking of themselves as unfair and dishonest, or without ideals. Even the building up of a psychological defense to rationalize unfairness and dishonesty may be only partially successful; it certainly creates rigidities in the personality. Thus, the advantages of prejudice do not seem great when balanced against its cost. Moreover, there are progressively fewer opportunities for exploitation through prejudice as hitherto subordinated peoples have now organized themselves to stop it. Throughout the world imperialism is retreating.

"Exploited minority groups within nations have also made great strides towards improving their position and reducing victimization. They have had active support from many members of the majority group who have realized the costs and dangers of prejudice."

This has been to explain how personal advantage can be a cause of prejudice. Tomorrow we will see what relation ignorance of other groups of people has to prejudice toward other groups of people.

—Jackie Hudgins

Interpreting the News

Britain Expresses Pessimistic View

By J. M. Roberts
Associated Press News Analyst

The British press has taken the occasion of the announcement of Anthony Eden's impending visit to Washington to express an extremely pessimistic view of the international situation.

Two themes received major attention in the Tuesday morning papers. One was expression of pleasure that President Eisenhower's recovery has

progressed to the point where he can resume such activities. The other was that there has been a great worsening in the relations with Russia, requiring a reshaping of Allied policy for the long haul.

Ever since Geneva the British, who have clung for years to every straw of hope, have discussed this situation in terms almost of despair.

They have now been further stirred by the anti-Western tirades of Khrushchev and Bulganin in Asia, in which Britain has been accused of encouraging Hitler's attack on Russia.

Britain is particularly sensitive about her reputation in India and Burma. Her empire builders left a bad taste there which she has been trying for years to eradicate. To be attacked there by straight out lies enrages her, and tends to enhance her feeling that the hopes of the world have been blasted.

The feeling in London that a new and very serious phase of cold war has opened is, however, widely shared in the United States despite official efforts to depict the Geneva conferences as something less than total failures.

A great many students of international relations are saying, as the British are saying, that the Allies must begin planning immediately to meet the newly formed threat.

Most discussions of ways and means has centered so far around aid for the underdeveloped nations which Russia is wooing. Not only economic aid, which launches new industries, but aid in all the fields which contribute to better living standards.

Much attention is being paid to

ways of doing this so that there will be no political strings which the smaller countries can consider manacles.

For instance, medical teams from the Philippines, serving the people of South Viet Nam without becoming involved in politics, are reported to have made a tremendous impression. They stress human brotherhood.

There are no great problems in Anglo-American relations for the moment, although there are always differences in the tactics they prefer in any approach to Oriental affairs. The matters which will occupy the President and Eden are primarily matters of principle and procedure.

Today Is Deadline For Senior LA Photos

Today is the last day for seniors in the College of Liberal Arts to have pictures taken for LaVie.

Seniors in the College of Mineral Industries will have pictures taken tomorrow through Tuesday. Men are asked to wear white shirts, dark jackets and long ties. Women should wear dark sweaters. Pearls are optional.

Engineering Group to Meet

The American Institute of Industrial Engineers will meet at 7 tonight at Beta Sigma Rho fraternity.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	Marquee Memories
8:00	Behind the Lectern
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	BBC Weekly
9:15	News
9:30	Virtuose
10:30	Thought for the Day
10:50	Sign Off

Safety Valve...

More Book Store Blue

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to Miss Hudgins' article of December 2, might we quote "it does not reflect careful thinking" and "logical decisions and sporadic efforts along shaky lines toward questionable ends must be intelligently considered—then crystalized or dropped altogether."

Many colleges and universities, not nearly as progressive as ours, have bookstores connected directly with the school and have not as yet fallen into financial ruination. Is this beyond Penn State's powers? With the HUB, and all the construction undertakings at present, a building would present a relatively minor problem.

How many books are fair-traded by companies? The tremendous number not fair-traded would be just compensation for those which are, and why should the faculty go thru all the extra labor of helping town bookstores stay in business by providing them with relevant information?

Certainly student councils and intelligent students here can better realize the school's needs than an unknown entity in the form of an editorial writer. Let us strive for that which is to benefit each and every one of us!

—Roger C. Hollenbach
Barry Hughes

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1955 Student Encampment made up of student leaders, past and present borough council representatives and administrative leaders, including Dr. Milton Eisenhower, went on record as opposing a

Gazette...

- Today
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., Beta Sigma Rho
 - ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL, 7 p.m., Atherton Lounge
 - ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MEN FIRESIDE, 9 p.m., Hamilton lounge
 - CONFESSION, 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - JUNIOR-SENIOR FACULTY RECEPTION, 7:30 p.m., Simmons Lounge
 - LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION MATINS AND BREAKFAST, 6:45 p.m., 412 W. College Ave.
 - NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 209 Hetsel Union
 - NOVENA, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., Olympic Weightlifting room of Recreation Hall
 - PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
 - PENN STATE MARKETING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Delta Sigma Phi
 - PERSHING RIFLES INITIATION CEREMONY (class A uniform), 7 p.m., Armory
 - TOWN INDEPENDENT MEN, 7 p.m., 216 Hetsel Union
 - TOWN INDEPENDENT MEN FIRESIDE, 8:30 p.m., Penn Haven Club

University Hospital

John Anderson, Patrick Boob, Richard Elder, Burton Federman, Dorothy Ford, Karl Goetz, Earl Grisinger, Robin Harrison, Marie Harvey, James Headings, Paul Hill, Louis Klein, Dolores Kominski, Gilda Koplovitz, John Larimer, Lanice Moore, Philip Mullen, Thomas Osgo, Frances Rosenberg, Robert Stitzler, Dorothy Thompson, and George Weimer.

student-run book store. Its report stated: "The committee feels that a student-owned book store is not needed at the present time providing the faculty make a stronger effort to put out more accurate book lists for the book stores earlier in the season, and providing that the book stores cooperate more fully in ordering books and supplies."

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