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# Ignorance as a Cause of Prejudice

(The second in a series of editorials on racial and religious prejudice.)

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The next consideration in our analysis is the relative effect of ignorance on prejudice.

According to Rose's "Roots of Prejudice," prejudice is nearly always accompanied by incorrect or ill-informed opinions regarding the people against whom it is felt.

Southern hatred of the Negro as a race is enhanced by Southern belief that the colored man is inherently stupid and dirty.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's report placed a good deal of emphasis on what social scientists call "stereotypes".

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"These are exaggerations of certain physical traits or cultural characteristics," states the UNESCO report, "which are found among some members of the minority group and are then attributed to all members of the group. When stereotypes exist, an individual is judged, not on the basis of his own characteristics, but on the basis of exaggerated and distorted beliefs regarding what are thought to be the characteristics of his group. All members of the group are falsely assumed to be alike, exceptions being ignored or their existence denied."

This so-called identification is blown up by many Southern newspapers which consistently refer to thieves, murderers, and prostitutes as

many Southern newspapers which consistently refer to thieves, murderers, and prostitutes as "the 31-year old colored robber," "a murderous gang of Negroes," and "a house full of Darkies." Without thinking, even reasonably fair-minded people tend to classify all Negroes along with the few among them who have broken laws.

"The ignorance which supports prejudice has great range," according to Rose's UNESCO report. "It may take the form of false information

about people's physical characteristics, cultural practices, or beliefs. It may take the form of myths about super-human powers or child-like weaknesses. The prejudice of Germans about other peoples included stereotypes about the French as immoral degenerates, about the British as bumbling fools, about the Americans as narrow-minded wastrels, about the Russians as

stolid and stupid ignoramuses, about the Jews as scheming perverts."

People who refer to the most obnoxious of certain racial and religious groups as "typical" are responsible in part for encouraging group hatred.

"One of the requirements for ignorance about a group of people," the report stated, "is isolation, which can occur even where there is considerable contact. People can live next door to each other as neighbors, one person can even work in another's home or shop, but still they will not necessarily get to know each other as human beings. Both physical and social segretation usually accompany praintings: they are gation usually accompany prejudices: they are among its effects, but also among its causes, as they promote ignorance and ignorance bolsters

And it is this consideration, among others, that prompted the Supreme Court of the United States to declare racial segregation in public States to declare racial segregation in public schools and in places supported by public funds unconstitutional. To prohibit one race from associating with another race is to imply strongly that the two races are not equal. So, in many instances prejudice has been the product of segregation rather than the cause.

Tomorrow's editorial will deal with the "superiority complex" as a cause of prejudice.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Safety Valve... Reader Outlines Advanatges of FMA

TO THE EDITOR: It was encouraging to see that two fraternities joined the Fraternity Marketing Association this week, but it comes as a disappointment to find that another fraternity

has withdrawn its membership.

At present there are 28 members in FMA which is only about one-half of the total number of fraternities on campus. It seems to me that these non-member fraternities are over-looking future potential advantages which may accrue to them through membership.

Many of them give the argument that they can get the same or better discounts outside of

FMA. This may be so, but did they ever consider the possibility that they would not receive these discounts if FMA was non-existent.

There are not too many of us left who remember that before FMA contracted to handle

meats in 1953, meat prices were exorbitantly high. I am inclined to think that if FMA was dissolved, there would be a reoccurance of this undesirable situation. It is obvious that the vendors . . . are giving these discounts to nonmember fraternities in order to discourage them from joining FMA. Do you non-members believe that you would still receive these discounts if

that you would still receive these discounts if FMA competition was removed? I do not. In conclusion, I would like to quote from the FMA circular: "Fraternities do an annual business of approximately \$1 million in the local area. Although this volume of business represents one of the largest single blocks of purchasing power in this area, fraternities as a whole effect few savings and command no lower prices than the average individual customer.

tomer. "If organized properly, this purchasing power could command respect and could bring tremendous savings to the whole fraternity system. FMA is the specific agent to effect such savings and to organize such purchasing power—but only if all fraternities cooperate and participate."

"This is the ultimate goal of the FMA idea." -Ralph T. Vernot Treasurer. Beaver House Fraternity

## Gazette...

ANDROCLES, 10:15 p.m., Phi Epsilon Pi
BIBLE TEXT COURSE, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
MI PROSPECTOR STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 7 p.m.,
121 Mineral Industries
NEWMAN CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., Student Center
RABBI'S COURSE IN BASIC JUDAISM, 7 p.m., Hillel
Foundation
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, 7 p.m.,
1-2 Carnegie

UNIVERSITY PARK PROMENADERS, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB, 8 p.m., 104 Willard

### University Hospital

John Anderson, Patrick Boob, David DiFebo, Richard Elder, Dorothy Ford, Karl Goetz, Robin Harrison, Marie Harvey, James Headings, Paul Hill, Louis Klein, Dolores Kominski, John Larimer, Lanice Moore, Philip Mullen, Ellen Steinberg, Robert Stiteler, Dorothy Thompson, George Weimer, Thomas Wolfe, Lester George, and Gains Frost.

### MI LaVie Pictures

### Leetch to Speak Tonight MI 'Prospector' Staff

Seniors in the College of Mineral Industries "Proseral Industries will have pictures taken for LaVie today through Tuesday at the Penn State Photo Shop.

Men are select to wear dark.

G. N. Leetch, Director of the University Placement Service, will speak on "Opportunities in the Field of Public Relations" at 8 tonight in 209 Hetzel Union.

The Mineral Industries "Proservice will meet at 7 tonight in 121 Mineral Industries.

Men are asked to wear dark jackets, white shirts, and long Sigma Phi, national woman's ties. Women should wear dark sweaters. Pearls are optional.

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### Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"PLEASE pass the rolls."

### Interpreting the News-

# Labor Party Faces Crisis

Associated Press News Analyst

Clement Attlee's retirement as leader of the British labor party involves a great deal more than the mere selection of a successor, which will in itself be a noisy fight.

More important in the long run will be whether the new leader can preserve the tenuous threads which hold the moderate and leftwing sections of the party together.

Several times the ideological schism between the two factions has threatened a final splif. Aneurin Bevan, left-wing leader, has been constantly shooting at the party's leadership and trying to take it himself. Att-lee's pro-American attitude and his unradical socialism were anathems to Bevan, who will now try once again, although apparently without great hope of success, to grab the reins.

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Attlee will go down in history as the man who engineered the welfare state for Britain. Despite Bevan, and despite very great difficulties with some failures, he did it in fairly orderly fashion. He overestimated the willingness of the voters to assume the necessary expenses of his various health and industrial nationalization programs, and they turned conservative after his years as prime minister. But he was looked upon, even by Winston Churchill in the periods when there was no heated political battle, as a good heated political battle, as a good man. During the war, he and Churchill presented an amazingly united front against Britain's ene at Phi Epsilon Pi.

successor, is a youngish intellec-tual who is about as far removed from Bevan as a Socialist can be. In person and politics he is not very far removed from the more liberal members of the Conservative party. Where Att-

compromise his own views and submerge his own personality in order to keep peace with Bevan-it is hard to see how Gaitskill can do so.

On this particular point, Herbert Morrison, anohter leading candidate might do better. Morrison is a genial man who, more than any of the others, reminds one of an American labor leader. But he is getting along in years,

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