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The Elevation of a Demagogue

A man who believes that the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools was the work of a court "indoctrinated and brainwashed by left-wing pressure groups" today has what amounts to veto power in the Senate in matters involving civil rights, appointments to federal courts, and proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

The man is James O. Eastland, senator from Mississippi. On Friday the Senate handed him power to snafu crucial legislation by electing him chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee.

Eastland, described by the New York Times as "a far-right-wing Mississippi Democrat and a bitter pro-segregationist," was given this power not because the Senate considered him highly qualified for the chairmanship. This, except perhaps in the conscious of a few, was not even considered.

The reason is that Sen. Eastland has seniority, a quality which in the Senate is infinitely more useful than wisdom or ability. Under Senate rules, he automatically succeeded to the head of the Judiciary Committee vacated by the death of Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, Democrat of West Virginia. Eastland's election to the post was only a formality.

Only on three occasions in the history of the Senate has the seniority rule been broken. But the election of Eastland demonstrates its total inadequacy.

Eastland, who as chairman of the committee has the power to delay or block appointments to the federal courts, has denounced these courts. Late last year, on a television program, he maintained that all three branches of the United States government were under the influence of left-wing agents. He has aligned himself with the White Citizens Councils in the South. He is considered one of the loudest spokesmen of the "white supremacy" doctrine,

a doctrine not dissimilar to Hitler's master race theories.

Yet this man has been given power to prevent civil rights legislation from coming to the floor of the Senate.

Eastland is the McCarthy of the Democratic Party. Democrats, by elevating him to his new post, have advanced a demagogue. As the Republican Party saw fit to do with McCarthy in its censure measure last year, so should the Democrats handle Eastland. Instead, they promoted him.

Two Senators saw fit to protest his election and to vote against it. "The mere challenge to Mr. Eastland's elevation was an extraordinary event in the Senate," the Times reported.

Outspoken Sen. Wayne Morse, Democrat of Oregon, "reluctantly and even sadly" challenged Eastland's right to have powers over a judiciary he had so strongly denounced. Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Democrat of New York, called Eastland "a symbol of racism in America" and "a symbol of defiance to the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the Supreme Court." Both voted against Eastland's promotion.

According to Morse, Eastland has indicated he will oppose Senate confirmation of the President's appointment of Simon Sobeloff to the Circuit Court of Appeals because Sobeloff is an advocate of integration in schools.

It is apparent that as long as the Democrats retain control of the Senate—and indications are that they will after this fall's election—and as long as Eastland retains his chairmanship—and he will until he is defeated for re-election, refuses to run, or dies—civil rights legislation will be stymied.

How long will the American people tolerate a seniority custom which defies democratic processes? And how long will the Senate permit demagogues like Eastland to reign unchecked? —The Editor

A New Cure for Academic Dishonesty

The Air Force's approach to the cheating problem, an honesty program for seniors, may be the answer to the University's need for a student regulated system.

The program to go into effect next week will put the student on his honor during examinations. No proctor will be in the classrooms during tests and attendance and tardiness checks will not be taken. Students will be expected to report cheating that they see and the suspect will have to appear before a cadet board of review. The board will hear the case and make recommendations to the Colonel who has authority to drop the student from the program and send a letter to the dean of the student's college.

No doubt, this program has and will meet with the old complaints about honesty policies. "This school is too big to have an honor system."

"It can't work because we don't have an old traditional system."

"There's no stopping the student who wants to cheat."

"The student who cheated in high school will cheat in college."

Because these complaints are tainted with truth an all-inclusive mass honesty policy has never worked here. The general student body may never be put on its honor. But the type of policy the Air Force has devised may be the right way to encourage academic honesty at this "big school without traditional standards."

For example the Air Force's plan affects just one segment of the men enrolled in its program. Only 132 seniors who have voluntarily elected advanced ROTC will be required to sign cards

pledging themselves to adhere to the rules. These men, it is assumed, are interested in their Air Force courses and are willing to rely on study to pass tests rather than cheating.

Theoretically, the two ways to set up an honor system are either in the individual advanced courses where the students have a real interest in learning or in the student's first semester when he can be trained from the beginning that he is not expected to cheat.

Perhaps for good reasons the University has chosen to concentrate its efforts on the prevention of cheating than on the establishment of an All-University honor system. And because there is no centralized effort to indoctrinate incoming freshmen it is now up to the various departments to train their students to discipline themselves in the case of cheating. The Air Force's plan is an example of such departmental effort.

Under their new procedure, men in their junior year will be taught the objectives of the system before they are required to pledge themselves to uphold its standards. The plan is designed to alter the student's attitude toward dishonesty of any sort, not just on tests and in classrooms. The idea is not to prevent the student from cheating at all costs. Rather its intent is to create an atmosphere of honesty and trust.

This same type of program on an experimental basis was called successful by AFROTC personnel during the fall semester. So it is not impossible to start individual honor systems in every department in the University. If and when this is ever done, then perhaps the administration will be convinced honor can be the essence of an honor system. Student self-regulation should replace faculty coercion.

Under the Air Force plan, a lot is expected of students, but according to its originators, "Once the students are elevated to the prestige of being trusted, they will hesitate to lower themselves by violating the rules." They may be right.

—Jackie Hudgins

Above Reproach

Tribunal members demonstrated their mettle Monday night.

The senior members of the men's judicial body, who also sit on the Supreme Court in conjunction with the senior members of women's Judicial, will decide Sunday, the constitutionality of the retroactive compensations which All-University Cabinet has passed.

Under the compensation set-up, the senior Tribunal members were scheduled to receive \$10 for their services. The chairman was to receive \$75.

But the Tribunal members have disqualified themselves from the compensation lists whether or not the payments are awarded.

The Tribunal members apparently wanted to remove the possibility of any suspicion of bias from the case. Although their decision was probably unnecessary, it demonstrates their desire to keep the court system above reproach.

If any suspicions of bias has existed their action has certainly nullified it. The refreshing idealistic manner in which the senior Tribunal members have acted certainly merits the applause and admiration of their fellow students regardless of the decision that is ultimately reached on compensations.

—Mike Miller

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Watch your talk — that's one psyc major who stops to analyze anything you say."

Arms Controversy

Race Continues In Middle East

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Several years ago International Communism consolidated into a continuing program several lines of action which previously had been laid down for different parts of the world.

Briefly, this program calls for separation of the European powers from their markets and sources of raw materials in Asia and Africa, which could then be acquired by Communism while the Western economy was collapsing. Communist hopes for conquest of the West always have been predicated upon such a collapse.

The program was adopted when the West failed to collapse after World War II, which the Communists had done so much to bring on when they signed their 1939 pact with Hitler. The post-war situation was saved very largely through the economic strength of the United States.

Now Russia is acting in the Middle East very much as she acted in Middle Europe in 1939. While the United States and Britain were working very hard and very carefully to prevent a new war in that area, the Communists moved in to disturb the balance of power by practically giving heavy arms to Egypt.

That made Russia the virtual sponsor of one side in the Arab-Israeli dispute, a position into which the United States had refused to be maneuvered when she insisted that she would supply only defensive weapons on a cash basis.

The problem now is the very delicate one of trying to restore the balance, either by arms or security pledges for Israel, without creating a situation similar to that which developed in Korea. There the United States and the United Nations sponsored one side and Russia another, and a war resulted in which the Free World had to fight very largely Communist-controlled forces.

The danger in the Middle East is not to be minimized. The Arabs are bitterly dedicated to reconquest of Israel. Arab children are drilled in hatred. Their elders are drilled in fear that the dynamic Israelis will eventually attempt to expand the territory they have been given.

Thoughts of war, therefore, take on preventive aspects on both sides.

There are no indications Russia will do anything to help alleviate the situation. Instead, she seems to have deliberately taken advantage of a long-watched-for opportunity to inject herself into the Middle East and Africa, and is working hard at it.

In the meantime, the Big Four conference at Geneva exerts itself toward better cultural understanding. Better political and military understanding. A square face-up to what the Communists are doing, is more important.

Campus Lights In 'Blackout'

Coeds walking back to the dormitories last night did so in the dark as most of the campus street lights were out for about an hour and a half.

The Power Plant first noticed that the lights were out about 8:30 p.m. and called an electrician to find the trouble.

Shortly before 10 p.m. the electrician started out to replace fuses in the contractors, which control the lights, according to Power Plant officials.

The contractors, which are situated at various locations on campus, turned the lights on earlier last night as they do nightly at 6:30.

Plant officials last night did not know the exact cause of the "blackout."

Seely Will Air 14 Appointments

All-University President Earl Seely will ask Cabinet's approval of 14 appointments at tomorrow night's meeting.

The appointments are: Rules Committee: George Yingling, chairman; Barbara Mensinger, Joanne Caruso, Fred Seipt; Radio Committee: Sandra Greenspun, chairman; Eleanor Moran, James Raleigh, Jerome Radosh, Bruce Lieske.

Encampment Committee: Daniel Reidenbaugh, chairman; Louis Fryman, evaluation; Robert Gellman, business manager; Julie Mayberry, secretariat head; Joan Chase, Head of the National Student Association Secretariat.

Chimes to Meet Today

Chimes, Junior women's hat society, will meet at 12:30 p.m. today in the walnut lounge of Simmons.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Marquee Memories
8:00	Open to Question
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	BBC Weekly
9:15	News
9:30	Virtuosos
10:30	Sign Off

Gazette

- ACCOUNTING CLUB, 7 p.m., Beta Sigma Rho
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 106 Agricultural Engineering
- ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 7 p.m., Atherton lounge
- FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 7 p.m., Atherton lounge
- HEBREW CLASS, Beginners, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
- LUTHERAN Lenten Communion and Breakfast, 6:45 a.m., Student Association
- NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Church
- NEWMAN CLUB INQUIRER'S CLASS, 7 p.m., Student Center
- NITTANY GROTTTO, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
- PRIN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
- PI MU EPSILON, 8 p.m., 235 Sparks

University Hospital
David Bamford, Vincent Lukach, Anny Rice, Sally Schellenberg, Leonard Toppolaki, Robert Walsh, Diane Warner, Lorida Causbrook, Judith Hartman, Robert Bronson, Marilyn Kriebel, Patricia Eifer, Joseph Krufka, Al McGraw, Donald Moses, Clayton Hakes, Terrence Donnell, Amelia Baily.