

Editorial Opinion

A New Way—Negotiation

Top-level NATO representatives are considering a new proposal that the West negotiate with the East in an attempt to smooth out points of friction between the two worlds.

But there are two beliefs maintained by the West that hinder negotiation. First, there are those who feel that negotiation is senseless, since Russia cannot be trusted to abide by treaties and agreements. Second, there are those who maintain that any agreement with a country so opposed to our aims is unlikely since neither side would be willing to make concessions.

There is some justification for mistrusting Russia, as these persons claim. They have violated agreements and treaties, notably some made with the U.S. But this is nothing new in international politics, as every country has been guilty of similar breaches, the U.S. included.

But to focus attention on the violations to the exclusion of the much more numerous instances of conforming distorts the picture. This country has a number of trade treaties with Russia that are habitually adhered to.

And with the pressure now on in the world to win the favor of the yet-uncommitted nations, isn't it more likely that any country would abide by its agreements?

The second argument—that points of agreement are impossible—has been disproved by the fact that agreement has occurred. One proof that East and West can find mutual profit in an agreement is the division of Viet Nam in 1954. The division was proposed by a Western leader — Anthony Eden — and accepted at the Geneva Conference by Russia.

The reasons for the agreement were quite different on both sides, yet both profited. The West profited because it was advantageous for the French to save what little influence of theirs remained in Indo-China. And Russia profited because it afforded her a means to limit the spread of China's influence in the area. It was also to her advantage in the new "smile diplomacy" that emerged upon the death of Stalin.

But even if these two arguments persist, there is still the most urgent reason for attempts at negotiation —the ever-pressing threat of another war and total destruction.

We tried disarmament negotiations. Does the fact that no agreement was reached preclude the possibility of future agreement? We think not. Even if we assume Russia to be bent on world domination we can still find the likelihood of mutual profit.

The West would profit, obviously, since disarmament would limit Russia's military power and would reduce the possibility of a surprise attack.

Russia, too, would profit. Disillusionment is spreading in Russia; it began with the students and intelligentsia and is filtering down through the population. The communist promises, which are made before every new five-year plan, are ceasing to inspire, or even satisfy, the Russian people. So the communists have a need now, to stress more the production of consumer goods. This they can do only after a reduction in armaments production.

We have tried mistrust and "peaceful coexistence" —it is now time for at least an attempt at negotiation.

Life is not long, and too much of it must not pass in idle deliberation how it shall be spent.—Samuel Johnson

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Safety Valve

Meal Service Irritates Coeds

TO THE EDITOR: Since semester fees are from \$489 to \$500 the coeds in Atherton feel that they have a right to demand their meals ready on time.

Last Friday the coeds who entered the dining room at 5:45 p.m., just 15 minutes after it had been opened, found that there were no fish or meat, salad or potatoes left. These coeds had to wait one half hour until they finally got their meal.

However, this long awaited meal was a different course from the one on the menu and to add to the misery it was COLD. As soon as some of the girls sat down they were hurried along by the help to clear the dining room.

The coeds of Atherton strongly feel that meals should be ready on time or that they should have a choice at the beginning of the semester as to whether they will eat meals in the dormitory or at other places.

—Signed by 27 coeds

Frosh 'Tug' Victim Remembers Larry

TO THE EDITOR: One of my counselees, Ned Kephart, who was hurt in the Tug-of-War and forced to withdraw early in the semester sent me a letter today enclosing \$5.00 for the "Larry Sharp Fund." When Ned left school, the unit took up a collection to purchase him a subscription to the Collegian and this is where he learned of Larry's injury.

I was pleased that Ned was keeping informed about things here. And I think this thoughtfulness of one injured student for another is particularly significant and worthy of note especially in a university of this size where individuals sometimes feel forgotten.

Ned's fellow students and friends might be interested in knowing that he is seeking readmission for the spring semester.

—William P. Barley Resident Counselor, Watts II

Collegian Thanked For 'Food' Series

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of your staff for the recent articles on the Department of Food Service.

Naturally we enjoyed reading about ourselves, but we also feel that the information will be most helpful in letting students understand more fully what really goes on "behind the scene."

—Robert C. Proffitt Acting Director of Food Service

Gazette

TODAY AIM JBR, 7 p.m., 218 HUB B-Physics Open House, 7 p.m., 113 Frear Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB New Bavarian Schuhplattlers, 7:30 p.m., 1 White Building Chess Club, 7-10 p.m., 7 Sparks Riding Club, 7 p.m., 217 Willard TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB WGA Senate, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB Youth for Eisenhower-Nixon, 7 p.m., 317 Willard Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 113 Frear UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Larry Bogatz, Myron Boice, Maryanne Dawson, William Dawson, Edward Erickson, Daniel Davis, Gerald Gydan, Gerald Hanaker, Lawrence Kennedy, Joseph Kessinger, Norman Lockman, John Mastilak, Alan Sexton, Anthony Straks, Kurt Strovinik, Stanley Turel and John Williams.

TONIGHT ON WDFM 6:45: Sign on and news; 7:00: Telephone Bandstand; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Jazz Panoramas; 9:00: Local, National and World News; 9:15: At Your Service; 9:30: Music of the People; 10:00: News; 10:05: Virtuoso; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

Bendix Establishes Eng Scholarship

The Bendix Aviation Corp. has established a scholarship which will pay full tuition and fees for a senior majoring in engineering or a science field of interest to the corporation.

The scholarship is to be known as the Bendix Aviation Corporation Honors Scholarship in science and engineering. Students will be selected by the University on the basis of scholarship, ability, character, promise and citizenship.

Preference will be given to sons and daughters of employees of the corporation.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"... so he asked his adviser how to improve his grades."

Earthlings on Moon—Pros and Cons

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—At least one expert has predicted that a live Russian—well, anyway, live at the start—may whirl into outer space within three years.

And Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex) has said: "We have left a period in which the idea of going to the moon is wishful

thinking. It is a practical reality which is rapidly drawing near."

All right. So some earthling may land on the moon and run up a flag. Will his country then own the whole shebang?

Fortunately, George Washington University here has been trying to find the answer in a television series called "Project: International Space."

Unfortunately, the answer isn't clear cut.

Yes, says Andrew Haley, a lawyer for the American Rocket Society.

No, say Dr. Raymond W. Young of the George Washington University law school and Lt. Cmdr. Horace K. Robertson of the Navy judge advocate general's office.

They both feel merely landing on the moon isn't enough. Or, in Young's word: "Putting a landing party there and then leaving would not give sovereignty."

The experts seem to agree only on this: It's going to take study, and it's time the nations did more combined thinking on outer space legality.

Complicating the lawyer's lot is the moon itself, which doesn't fit in nicely with our earthbound patterns of thinking.

The Rev. Francis Heyden of the Georgetown University Observatory also was on the program, and he seemed to take a sly delight in pointing out the obstacles facing the first moon tourist or homesteader.

As you no doubt know, the

moon has no atmosphere. This means that deadly ultraviolet rays pound down steadily; that temperatures range from extreme cold to extreme heat; that meteors, which burst into flame and usually burn up as they enter our atmosphere, pound the moon relentlessly.

Father Heyden pointed out that meteors would be no picnic. Even a tiny one, he said, could be lethal since it would move in faster than a slug from a .45 revolver.

Apparently the mooners will have to lug along a spun glass tent of some sort, to keep out excessive sunlight. Anyone who camps out this way undoubtedly could claim sovereignty to that area, but it wouldn't amount to much.

You don't cover much moon real estate with a circus tent. Possibly the Russians have the right idea. The program included a Russian film in which they showed how they had moon travel figured.

The rocket lands, and unfolds. Inside is a small tank. It runs up an antenna, and moves out on exploring trips, busily sending television pictures to earth as it prowls around. It would be unmanned and would work automatically.

Which seems like a fine idea. If any argument ever comes over who owns the back 40 on the moon, let's confine the fight to a couple of tanks, both unmanned.

