

Editorial Opinion

Building U.S. Prestige

The Administration's request for an extension of the reciprocal trade agreements faces a stormy battle in Congress. The present provision for agreements expires in June.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn has warned Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks that unless the Administration eases up on its demand for a 5-year extension of the agreements and greater presidential tariff-cutting powers, the plan will not pass the House.

But Weeks refuses to be swayed by this warning, and justly so.

In times of accentuated interest in international affairs, it is particularly necessary for the United States to lead the way to establishing harmony between the sovereign nations. Reciprocal trade agreements between countries can go a long way toward obtaining this harmony.

It also seems rather contradictory that the United States—a country which has prospered under a system of free enterprise and division of labor—would refuse to extend this same internal theory system to its foreign trade policy.

Under a reciprocal trade policy the principal of comparative advantage (which the United States has adhered to) would operate, with each nation producing the commodities which it is best suited to provide.

Congress's refusal to accept the Administration's request could lead to severe diplomatic set-backs which we can not afford.

Congress must consider Russia's recent proposal to open her markets to European goods the U.S. has been importing under the reciprocal trade agreements. This, Russia said, would partially alleviate the "depression" the U.S. is presently suffering.

Aside from being a blow to our morale, this proposal, if carried out, would strain the working relationship we now enjoy with the western European countries. They are becoming intensely interested in trade markets, as evidenced by their recent agreements concerning a European market.

We may not be dependent on these countries for their goods, but we are dependent on their friendships.

Reciprocal trade agreements started with the McKinley Tariff of 1890. Since then, the President has been permitted to negotiate tariff agreements with countries willing to make concessions. This assigned power is particularly important to the President now in handling matters of foreign policy.

Eisenhower wants the extension of his authority in tariff-cutting to enhance the position of the U.S. in international affairs, and Congress cannot afford to refuse this request.

Financial Fiasco

Thirteen former Lion party officers have been absolved of any responsibility for a \$150 debt incurred last year, and justly so.

The bill—along with a larger debt contracted for in 1955—was incurred by individual clique chairmen for party supplies. The clique chairmen apparently did not follow a required procedure of acting through the Associated Student Activities office.

Under a ruling reversed yesterday by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, present students—including some who were in high school when the debts were incurred—would have been held responsible for the irregular actions of former party members.

The confusion surrounding the debt exemplifies the utter inadequacies of the present archaic political party financial regulations, which have not been strictly enforced in years.

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Letters

Whoosh! There Goes a Student

TO THE EDITOR: Is it possible that the University has finally found a way to get rid of students?

The excavators who are digging a hole between Home Economics South and Home Economics Building have left—right in the open—a large gaping pit. A person during the day, who is following the usual path that used to be there before this hole was dug, might be idly daydreaming and, all of a sudden, disappear from the scene.

The whole construction area is enclosed, but a gate conveniently leaves an opening so that one may walk on this path. The area around the excavation does not contain any lights; therefore, it fails to warn the oncomer of the eminent danger during the night. Around the excavation there is not a railing which would almost totally do away with the danger.

Would you want to be the one to walk into this pit? Let's get on the ball, University, and clear up this menace.

—Jerry Plavin '61
—Joel Kollin '61

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Readers Question Pressman's Views

TO THE EDITOR: We were disappointed and discouraged as we read Mr. Pressman's article to find that he considered Aldous Huxley as being more important than God. Although some of Huxley's prophecies have come true they are as nothing when compared to the events prophesied in the Old Testament and fulfilled centuries later in the New Testament.

Is Mr. Pressman using common sense to place "sociological problems" above spiritual realities, or the corruptable above the incorruptable? Is it reasonable to consider things of temporal value more precious than things of eternal value? We don't believe so!

The purpose of this letter is to question Mr. Pressman. Does Mr. Pressman suggest that the U.S. eliminate "dire poverty, slums and mass juvenile delinquency" as the Russians have done by the establishment of concentration camps? Who does Mr. Pressman think he is to attack a man like Dr. Graham who is not only a close friend of our nation's president, but is also dearly beloved by the millions who have through his message found peace with God and joy in life.

He might note that even television concerns (such as WFIL-TV) realize the need of spiritual as well as scientific and cultural programs in the lives of people united, "one nation, under God."

This young electrical engineer might be wise to spend his last year of college informing himself about the facts of God's world of which he at times seems so ignorant, rather than being concerned about hanging sliderules, tobacco spitting, and Aldous Huxley.

—Len Brenner, '60
—Robert Davis, '60
—Charles Larson, '59
—John Hendrickson, '60

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Gazette

TODAY
Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 219 HUB
Fluid Mechanics Seminar, "The Design of Vane Systems for Turbo-machinery," 4-10 p.m., 1 Sackett
Newman Club Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center.
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Dorothy Annerman, Thomas Asalone, Marcia Gorin, James Johnson, Richard Metherney, Barbara Moor, Richard Russell, Gerald Sciler, Robert Swanson, John Wagner, William Walsh, Judy Wharton, Lee Cunningham.

Job Interviews

Westinghouse Electric: May 29; June and August grads in EE. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.

Grad Students to Take Foreign Language Tests

All graduate students who are planning to take the written foreign language reading examinations or the preliminary oral tests must arrange for them at 229 Sparks for the German tests and at 300 Sparks for the French and Spanish tests.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Biber



"You only fall asleep once in HIS class."

Washington Beat

Say Can You Sing A New Version?

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress has begun considering whether to adopt an official version of the Star-Spangled Banner.

And almost before you could say, "O say can you see," it got itself tangled up in questions.

Suppose an official version became law, could a president send in troops if some school band leader didn't play it the official way? And would there be bootleg Star Spangled Banners, with one knowledgeable audience sitting and a less tune-conscious group standing?

To anyone except, possibly, a congressman, the issue seems simple.

In 1931, Congress adopted the song as our national anthem. Unfortunately, it didn't spell out either the words or the melody. Many a patriotic person thinks this should be corrected, and several bills have been introduced in congress.

Many think it ought to be more singable. Those who think so include Lucy Monroe, who has sung the song 5000 times, and very stirringly, too. She favors some minor tinkering with the high and low notes which, she says, "would allow all of us to join in with greater assurance of joy."

The leadoff man before the House Judiciary subcommittee was Rep. Joel T. Broyhill (R.) of Arlington, Va. He favors going back to the earliest written version by Francis Scott Key for the official words, and to a melody worked out by the National Music Council.

A special recording had been

made for the subcommittee, showing how the tune could be played in different keys for different performers, for a beginning piano player, for example, or the zippy U.S. Army band.

The record caused a mite of uncertainty in the committee room. Mrs. Charles Haig of Washington, D.C., representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, said in a stage whisper, "We ought to stand." But no one did, and the scientific demonstration continued.

Rep. Basil L. Whitener (D.) of Gastonia, N.C., said he can't understand what the fuss is about. "I mentioned it in the barber shop down home, to see what reaction I'd get," Whitener said. "The barber said, 'The devil! We've had one for over 100 years, haven't we?'"

WDFM Programs

Friday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, "A" Train; 8, Hubzapoppin'! 8:30, Faintly Reminiscent; 9, News; 9:15, Starlight Review; 10, News; 10:05, Light Classical Jukebox; 11:30, Sign off and news. \*Also carried on WMAJ.

Saturday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Hi Fi Open House; 8:55, News; 9, Campus Beat; 11:30, Sign off and news.

Sunday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, The Third Programme; 11:30, Sign off and news.

