

Editorial Opinion

Showing Cause, and Spunk

We hope we will not be boring those proponents of the wonders of compulsory ROTC when we again say we support the vigorous actions of the Liberal Arts faculty in their attempt to bring a conversion to a voluntary system.

The faculty has spunk. They have been given every chance to rescind their liberal viewpoint, to maintain the status quo, to keep the services in business and they haven't done it.

Rather, they actually undertook to show reasons for making ROTC voluntary—something the Senate Committee on Military Affairs sardonically challenged when it gave its "status quo" report in November, 1960.

This, added to the dubious theoretical and practical compulsory ROTC, carries more weight than the student political platforms, posters and petitions that flood campus with each campaign.

There is one vital point of concern about this committee report—it is dated April 24, 1960. That was five months ago. Mr. Brewster, to whom the report was submitted (he is head of the LA Planning Committee), said yesterday that the delay in presentation to the faculty resulted from lack of time for committee meetings last spring.

He further stated that it would be "about a month" before his committee could produce any facts. Simple arithmetic says that five and one is six, also known as one-half year.

If a planning committee ever is going to plan anything it will have to be a vigorous committee, which infers a few meetings here and there.

We do not think it presumptuous to infer that inaction kills any committee report, quietly, perhaps inadvertently, but most effectively.

In addition, the Liberal Arts faculty can debate and decide, but no action can be taken until the question is brought before the University Senate—a body that meets only monthly.

The postponement by the Planning Committee, therefore postpones Senate discussion and gives those who feel "every red blooded American lad should want to take ROTC and if he doesn't we'll make him," more time to gather ammunition for the fight.

We therefore earnestly entreat that this faculty act before facts become dim, energy diverted and hope lost.

This is the same faculty that prepared the 1960 report on the state of the Pattee Library, a report which was influential in getting the library a \$100,000 grant.

If any faculty can take an intense interest and create a strong and persuasive case, this same group can—and must.

Wondering...and Waiting

Dr. Walker will return from the University's underwater laboratory in La Spezia, Italy this weekend, and on Monday he may make a statement on the Student Bookstore report.

We have once requested that he send a copy of the report to all the members of the Board of Trustees before their meeting in mid-October.

We have many times written about, suggested and endorsed various methods of establishing and managing a bookstore that would return its profits in dividends to the student body.

Now all we can do is wait—wait to be told something about the report, wait for it to be sent to the board, wait for the board to meditate and mediate, wait for a decision.

This waiting isn't new to us. We do it downtown all the time.

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Next Crisis: Southeast Asia

by joel myers

The first country to applaud Russia's decision to resume nuclear testing has been the first to feel the damaging results of those tests.

A western province of Communist China, which adjoins the Soviet Union, has been put under a state of emergency according to intelligence reports that have reached Taipei, Formosa.

Those reports indicate that radioactive fallout from Soviet atmospheric nuclear explosions is approaching harmful proportions.

Communist China has been plagued by drought and severe storms during the past three years, which have caused widespread crop failures and starvation.



Now the nation that was most anxious for Russia to resume nuclear testing, is under assault from deadly fallout.

The hungry, overcrowded Chinese population is undoubtedly becoming restless.

The Communist leaders, in order to perpetuate their system and themselves, must raise the hope of better living conditions and divert the population's attention from its own misery.

Expansion is the only solution.

The two principal directions open for "aggression" are the west and the southeast.

Russia lies to the west; Laos, Viet Nam, Thailand and Burma and nations protected by the SEATO pact lie to the southeast.

Russia is well aware of the threat that the restless Chinese pose to their eastern frontier. In fact, I believe this danger is what prompted Premier Khrushchev to develop the militarily inefficient 100-megaton bomb.

Military experts have stressed that five 20-megaton bombs are considerably more useful than one 100-megaton device. However, a 100-megaton nuclear weapon would seem to be a very efficient weapon of human destruction.

The smoldering situation in Southeast Asia, which features guerrilla warfare, assassinations and Communist infiltration may soon explode into open war as the rainy season comes to an end.

Already, reports indicate that the Chinese are strengthening their military positions, and many Red regulars have been sighted.

United States concern for possible Chinese aggression in Southeast Asia is apparently what prompted President Kennedy to restate in his U.N. address our determination to prevent Communist gains in that area.

Red China must expand! Russia is holding the 100-megaton nightmare over her head in the west, and we are giving her erratic resistance in the southeast. The path of least resistance is obvious.

The Berlin crisis seems to be diminishing, but the United States may soon be faced with another situation on the other side of the world that may not have the alternative of negotiation.

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Sweet Immunity

by meg teichholtz

A blue-capped, orange-carded, bicycle toting, pony-tailed member of the class of '65 ran breathless into my room the other day. She had just discovered the HUB, and in particular, the Lion's Den.

The discovery thrilled her young, double scoop ice-cream cone loving soul.

But she ran into the room in the middle of a discussion of the world situation (we were just about done reworking civilization after THE war) and I'm afraid her picture of the good life shifted a trifle after our pessimism.



It was something like bathing cement—not to appealing—and she walked out in search of her "roomie," also blue-capped, also ice-cream loving.

She wished, I think, to be immune from the human race, which as we saw it (and see it) is a barbaric lot.

After four years, she may find cotton candy not quite so consoling, rubber cement a bit too sticky, and may ask herself as Satre does in "Troubled Sleep" "by what phony trick am I responsible for this?"

Granted, there doesn't seem much we can do about Red China's hoards waiting around to pick up the pieces after we demolish civilization. Granted, we could all just run back and forth to the HUB, thinking ourselves into intellectual immun-

ity. And granted, too, we could take the course of least resistance and accept it all with granite complacency.

We could, but I hope we won't.

We all have a duty to ourselves that gets more and more apparent as the animal seems to dominate our world. This isn't a selfish duty, nor a divinely inspired one.

It's the simple duty of living life to its fullest. Not, mind you, hedonistically, nor purposelessly, but carrying our innate capacities to their proper fruition, training our minds to their fullest awareness, developing the guts to stand up for what we believe.

Some among us may one day have to reconstruct whatever is left of the world. Sorry to mention it, but this just might happen.

Whether it does or doesn't has little to do with most of our present opinions on the world situation—but in either case, that responsibility to ourselves is going to make a great deal of difference in the world we live in.

The world is only composed of people you know—so the kind of day-to-day world it is depends only on people. If you magnify that into society, you get the point.

Interpreting

Precarious U.A.R.

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For some time the Western powers have been keeping a nervous eye on the not-very United Arab Republic.

There are conflicting facets of the interest.

They are glad to see anything which interferes with the dream of U.A.R. President Gamal Abdel Nasser of turning the Arab States into one country. Such a development would inevitably require a Western decision regarding its obligations to defend Israel.

At the same time there has been hope, in the present strained state of the world, that nothing would happen to disturb the precarious balance of another front in the conflict between the West and the Sino-Soviet bloc.

This attitude involves more than the desire to hold in check Soviet efforts to interfere in Middle East politics.

The relations of Red China with the underdeveloped countries is the source of increasingly great concern.

Chinese Communist emissaries are contriving a sympathetic relationship in both African and Latin America because their problems at home are so closely a kin to the problems of the revolutionary elements in other economically and politically backward countries.

What appears to have been primarily a fight between poli-

ticians for authority in Syria may turn out to have been merely a power play by which one faction which promotes Syrian subjection to Egypt sought to gain an advantage over another faction with similar aims.

But in its first moments, it appeared to be an effort to restore Syrian independence and end the tenuous union of two states whose cultures and interests are disparate at many points.

And the Syrian nationalists, like those everywhere, are perfectly willing to accept help from any quarter in which it may be offered.

