



EDITORIALS ---

A great deal of criticism has been leveled at Franklin and Marshall college concerning the circumstances surrounding its recent commencement exercises — no "Star Spangled Banner"; Mickey Mouse suits, etc etc.

Locally, the furor centers on the local college. But, be aware that similar situations have occurred across the country. They have happened at liberal schools, at conservative schools and at those which would be called middle-of-the road.

One mid-west school which by any standard would be expected to sedate and traditional saw large, white "peace symbols" blossom out and appear unexpectedly upon the black robe sleeves just as graduates moved forward to receive their diplomas.

Stunts have been traditional at some schools for years and years, each grad-

uating class attempting to dream up some kind of "horse play" which would be different, amusing, entertaining and perhaps just a tiny bit shocking.

We recall once, at an outdoor commencement of a big, big state university, how seniors of the law school secreted under the folds of their voluminous graduation gown dozens and dozens of colorful gas-filled balloons.

On signal, all were released into the air to drift skyward and off into the distance on the June breeze.

At some of the U.S. service schools, even, there is traditional departure from the solemnity of the occasion as the graduates toss their caps in the air and for a moment display boyish exuberance.

It is not at all unusual for friends and relatives to clap and cheer as "their" graduate is handed his diploma.

The "last man" — academically speaking the lowest ranking member of the class—at some commencements is given a big cheer and special treatment.

But, all of these are in good fun, without spite, malice or rancor. All are "special" recognitions of the accomplishments of the day.

Some of the 1970 meddling into the plans and into the traditions of the colleges and universities may be within the confines of good clean sanctioned "funnin'". But, we suspect that a great part of the departure from the norm is intentional disruption.

Display of the peace symbol (which in itself is a pagan sign of the devil—called the "broken cross") is outside the bounds of adding a little spice to the occasion, only

Commencements, 1970 style — not in colleges and universities but even in some high schools—have gone outside the boundaries of good taste. They have become embarrassing to parents, alumni and even to part of the faculty and student body.

The things said and done have been crude, uncouth, unnecessary and offensive—a slap at the educational system which has made possible the very achievement which is being recognized.

We lay the responsibility squarely upon the doorstep of the chief administrators of the schools. They are in charge; they are responsible and they are the ones who must answer to an aroused public.

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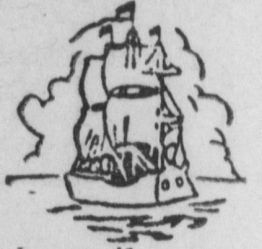
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Despite the predictions of gloom, this Nation's economy remains basically strong. The adjustment from a war-dominated and war-oriented economy to a peace-oriented economy has produced some imbalances. Putting the brakes on to curb inflation has caused some difficulties in the financial community. But, while there are politicians trying to make the worst of these few economic facts, the big picture reveals that the economy is holding up very well.

The economy is currently in a transitional phase. The fluctuations of the stock market, the rise in unemployment and the drop in corporate profits are reflections of a transition from an overheated economy to a moderate and acceptable rate of financial growth. Inflation is being tapered off without the kind of recession that usually follows a spending spree like that the Nation went on in the Sixties. Like most transitions, this one has its periods of rough going, but the momentary hardships can be understood once the desired results are obtained. In this case, the result desired is an end to skyrocketing prices.

The important thing to realize is that the anti-inflation efforts are not harming the basic fabric of the economy. Although the unemployment rate is up, total employment reached an all-time high level in March of this year. In addition, today's unemployment figures compare to the average rate of unemployment prior to the huge Vietnam buildup.

The money available to in-

dividuals for spending after allowing for taxes and inflation reached the highest rate in history during the first quarter of this year. This is another sign of a basically sound financial picture. Also, industrial production rates have declined very little throughout this whole period of what some people have called economic crisis.

The talk of economic critics is a good bit political. In reality, fundamental economic stability has been maintained. Meanwhile, we are passing through the first phase of a potentially successful campaign against inflation — the phase in which the rate of inflation slows its rise. The second phase will see the rate of inflation begin to drop. At that point, probably toward the end of this year, I would predict that some of the present economic restraints will be lifted. The lifting of restraints will help assure that the recession predicted by the prophets of gloom will not occur.

Operating the national economy is such a complicated business that figures are available to prove nearly anyone's point. And during this election year, I would imagine that nearly any figures that can be used will be used. But the figures are not important as the results. Controlling the price rise spiral while sustaining a healthy economic outlook is the present goal. Whether the goal is being reached depends upon those figures you listen to. I am personally more optimistic than the prophets of gloom because I see a real chance for success.

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