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—THE TRIBUNE CREDO

A Sad Day for Northwestern

Alumni and friends of Northwestern university must be profoundly dismayed by the university's response to the demands of black power insurgents who seized and held the old administration building for 36 hours. At the same time a handful of white student sympathizers took possession of the dean's office and were unmoored in their assertion of squatters' rights.

sins of "white racism," that invidious term coined gratuitously by the Kerner commission and eagerly accepted by every masochistic breast-beater in the white "liberal" community.

"This is a private university. You are here on sufferance. You will abide by the regulations which all other students are required to honor. Your color gives you no sanction and no license. If you don't like it here, you are at liberty to go elsewhere. Now, clear out, or the force necessary to throw you out will be mustered at once."

Moreover, it has bent the knee to an element that does not ask equal consideration, but special treatment. The Negro militants were not seeking integration or fraternal equality, but their own form of apartheid. They demanded — and got — racial separatism in campus life, and the very nature of their demands showed their hatred of whites.

But the university officials lacked the courage of any convictions. They temporized and, in so doing, condoned the lawlessness with which they were challenged. They made common cause with the invaders in their stand that laws do not govern society and are made only to be flouted and ignored.

Now that this revolt has succeeded what may we expect next? Are all the members of the Northwestern football squad going to mount a protest strike until they are assured they will be given straight A grades? Every student, and every man who lives, labors under some degree of insufficiency of talent, or energy, or accomplishment. In the name of absolute justice, are we all to be leveled off so that no man possesses any superiorities by reason of endowment or attainment over any other? These are among the implications of Northwestern's surrender.

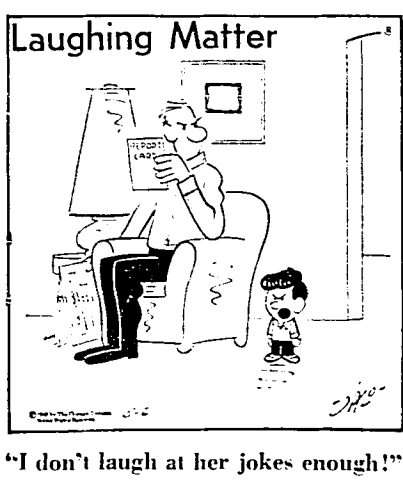
In other days, the dean of a university was considered a man of stature and learning. At Northwestern we had the spectacle of the dean running back and forth between his own captive office and the captive business office where the black occupation garrison condescended periodically to hear his professions of penitence, white mattresses, blankets, and food were passed in thru the windows.

The trouble is, in a family of just two, you not only have to eat leftovers, but left-over leftovers, too! Maymie To Ley

'Normal for Me'

We have been stopped in our tracks momentarily by a brief statement from Edith Stern, the 15-year-old college senior just appointed to the mathematics staff at Michigan State university. "I've missed nothing," says Edith. "I comprehend more than most, I suppose, but I'm not sure how much extra I have. I don't know what it would feel like to be in college at any other age. This is normal for me."

individual nature of everyone's experience. Surely much that happens to youngsters who go thru school at a conventional rate, surrounded by people of their own age, has not been for Edith. But she has not missed what she has missed; that is, she is not aware of what others have experienced that she has not. Nor does she know what her consciousness includes that is absent from that of others. She cannot compare her life in college with that of girls six or seven years older than herself; whatever happens to her "is normal for me."



"I don't laugh at her jokes enough!"

All of us could say the same. Every man is contained within the limits of whatever awareness his life experience has given him. We who are not so obviously out of step with average expectations as is Edith Stern are likely to differ from Edith in lacking awareness of our containment rather than in not being contained.

A LINE O' TYPE OR TWO

Hew to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

MAYBE THE WEEK WILL GET BETTER When the phone rang the first time on Saturday morning, I was sitting on the front porch—rather comfortably, I admit—reading some more of the vague reasons why one of the politicians thought he deserved to be President. The particular politician I was reading about will remain nameless to protect myself from further bruising reaction such as I suffered when I named him recently in this space. I didn't know where Beulah was, but I thought she would, of course, answer it. It would undoubtedly be one of Beulah's girl friends wanting one of her French recipes or trying to arrange a bridge game for that afternoon.

It rang again. "There's the phone," I called to her. "Answer it," she called back. "Answer it yourself. It's always for you."

"ELMER, ANSWER THE PHONE, WILL YOU?" she shouted quite imperiously. "It will probably be one of the boys wanting you to play golf."

"What do you mean, you can't leave it? An omelet doesn't need bedside care." It is probably not necessary to point out that Muffwinkle is a fellow who feels quite strongly that such concentration as contemplating the so-called merits of one political candidate versus another should not be interrupted by answering the telephone for some ultimate trivial outcome as local woman-to-woman gossip or arrangements for a bridge game among friends of his wife. Surely, I thought, Beulah understands that a thoughtful man's mind at work may be the solution to the problems that are vexing our nation at this time. On this basis, I went on in my thinking, it was Beulah's patriotic duty to answer that phone.

"Hello," I said, but all I could hear was the nice clear dial tone.

ELMER MUFFWINKLE HIPPOCRATICAL OATH Because Doc's trained to heal, His way of life does not reveal That he has many duties to attend And that his working hours never end.

REFLECTIONS On the long walk to work, One thinks of many things— The hills you have to pay; How sweet a robin sings; The children on the bus Wave gaily as they pass; You think how long it's been Since you attended class; By now you're almost there; The same old door awaits; Good-by, familiar street; I join my working mates.

Historical Scrapbook from THE TRIBUNE'S files of 50 AND 100 YEARS AGO May 6, 1918. By the Associated Press—Over the battle lines along the Piave river and in the mountainous region of northern Italy, where allied forces have held position since the great Italian retreat from the Isonzo last November, there is increased tension. Heavy hostile artillery fire rages along the Lombardy-Trentino line is believed to be the preliminary for the long-threatened blow by the Teutonic allies on this front. For many weeks the Italian war office has been aware that the Austrians have been assembling the legions withdrawn from the Russian and Romanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies. The central powers are expected to make another effort to reach the plains of Venetia.

HOW TO KEEP WELL

By T. R. VAN DELLEN, M.D.

MUZZLE THE SNORER ARE THERE any new remedies for snoring? asks a Brooklynite. "With each passing year my husband snores louder. I'm afraid the vibrations will shake the pictures off the wall." We can offer very little to Mrs. Snorer except our sympathy. More than 300 anti-snoring gadgets are registered in the United States patent office.

Muzzles for snorers are not new and the idea is good even though it may not work. Our reader can attach a dog leash when hubby starts to snore, and give it a gentle tug to lower the boom. The alternative is separate bedrooms or ear plugs.

Snoring can be serious and troublesome. In all probability, all of us have snored at one time or another. But some have built-in vibrators that start the minute they hit the pillow. Sleeping on the back is the most common cause and most of the gadgets keep the mouth shut, the tongue flat, or the sleeper on his side.

The problem is compounded when the individual snores in any sleeping position with the mouth open or shut. In many instances the person must be fully relaxed before the nocturnal rumblings begin. This explains why snoring usually begins after being asleep for an hour. Some snore only when fully relaxed as when "dead drunk" or anesthetized.

stop. The rumbling returns on reaching adulthood and tends to worsen with age. One woman contributed a most sensible and serious observation. She wrote: "The only person who will give anything to hear her husband snore is his widow."

25 POUNDS UNDERWEIGHT K. T. writes: Why do some women become skinny as a rail after childbirth? Since my child was born a year ago I have been 25 pounds underweight and have a figure like a girl just starting to mature.

PRE-ARRANGED BIRTH I. D. writes: Is it true that in "pre-arranged" birth, the woman has no labor pains?

HOUSEMAID'S KNEE Mrs. I. writes: Is housemaid's knee a bona fide medical condition?

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Writers should confine themselves to 200 or 300 words. Give full names and addresses. No manuscripts can be returned. Space for letters is obviously limited. Incoming mail far exceeds it. The right to condense letters is reserved. Address letters to Voice of the People, THE TRIBUNE.

A MASTER TEACHER Macomb, Ill., April 30—The distinguished man of letters Donald Davidson, who died April 25, is less well known in the Midwest than in the south and in New England besides his regular teaching at Vanderbilt university, he taught for over 30 years at Bread Loaf, the Vermont summer school founded by his friend Robert Frost. Perhaps partly because he remained in the south, he is less well known today than the other three principal "Fugitives," John Crowe Ransom, Allen Tate, and Robert Penn Warren. But he was the cohesive influence within that group of poets of the 1920s.

With the other chief Fugitives he formed the nucleus of the "Agrarians," who published in 1930 the famous symposium of social criticism, recently reissued, "I'll Take My Stand: The South and the Agrarian Tradition." According to Randall Stewart, he was "the most trenchant and fearless" American social critic since Thoreau.

Davidson, the teacher, however, was careful not to press his own views, kept to his subject, and so gave his students a high example of intellectual decorum, a term obviously meaningless to many in our universities today.

Such was his example, tho, and his kindness, that students made themselves disciples. The most notable instance is the late Richard Weaver of the University of Chicago, who was an active liberal when he first enrolled in graduate courses under Davidson. He became, of course, one of the most brilliant thinkers American conservatism has had, and he always looked upon Davidson as his master.

Novelists and poets who studied under Davidson include Warren, Elizabeth Spencer, Jesse Stuart, and Madison Jones.

NO PHONES TO TEACHER Chicago, May 1—As a teacher in one of our city's high schools, I should like to direct several considerations to a writer in today's Voice of the People who indorses the publication of public school phone numbers.

REPLY I suspect that you are using excess energy on your home and child and are not replenishing the supply with enough foods. Have a thoro examination to determine whether there are complications resulting from your obstetrical experience or a new disease has developed during the last year.

REPLY Yes, but the disorder is not limited to housewives. Bursitis occurs among athletes, those who work on their knees, or following injury. The condition is commonly called water on the knee.

TIDY OR SLOPPY? Mendota, April 20—Slum and ghetto are nasty words. So, too, are squalor and crowding. And when one thinks of words so nasty, it is almighty hard to think straight. Yet we should try.

Man's notions as to tidiness, and as to how close together human beings ought to live, are controlled in large part—perhaps altogether—by the "overprint" of the group in which he lives. And, just as group "overprints" (behavioral patterns) differ from group to group, so also do those notions.

Thus, what would strike the people of one group as a slovenly way of life might seem just cozy disarray to those within another. Thus, again, a seemingly impossible state of overcrowding, in the eyes of one group, might be the ideal of togetherness in the eyes of another.

NO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OVER 70 Chicago, May 2—A Chicago Tribune editorial of May 1 discussing Mayor Daley's Advisory Commission on School Board Nominations states that "in 1964 the Citizens Schools Committee, an independent group, made a report urging that the commission be reconstituted." That is correct.

REPLY I would like to call attention to a statement on page 8 in that report citing criteria for school board service. The report states that, "The citizens schools committee believes that the commission should not recommend for board membership anyone beyond the age of 70."

ONLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE Elmhurst, April 30—Can anyone explain the difference in political philosophy between Rockefeller, Johnson, Humphrey, Kennedy, and McCarthy? We need a change in Washington but on the basis of their records in public and private life none of these men can give it to us.

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STUDENT WANTS DISCIPLINE Chicago, April 29—It is my understanding that a student freely chooses whatever school he wishes to attend and provided that he has the proper academic standing is admitted there to study. Upon enrolling he then disciplines himself to attain academic excellence.

Any privileges granted him by the faculty would be just that, privileges. The only "right" a student has is the right to leave and go to another school. Altho he may have few privileges as a student, he has tremendous opportunities, upon his graduation, to serve himself and humanity.

It seems that today students demand everything but what a student really should be asking for, discipline. Without discipline there is anarchy. With anarchy knowledge is lost—the main purpose of an education.

COLLEGE 'PUNKS' VS. COLLEGE 'MEN' Atascadero, Cal., May 1—My parents met and married while students at Stanford university, back in the wonderful 1890s. Afterward, they resided in nearby Palo Alto where I was born. During my childhood, male students were called "college punks." They dressed like men, comported themselves like mature individuals, and were welcomed as desirable neighbors.

IN HUMAN WARFARE So did Lt. Col. Neil McLean, an British MP for Inverness. So did the International Red Cross.

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The Neighbors



"Yachts are only for millionaires! Why doesn't some guy get smart and build some for the average man?"