Election Aspects

Bribery

AS STUDENTS tramp to the polls today to cast their votes for campus offices, some of them are going to face some pretty tough decisions.

Maybe they thought the lemon drops passed out by one candidate were pretty tasty. Then the cinnamon balls came out in huge quantities. They were pretty good, too. But someone had to dish out candy canes and got the voters all confused.

The taste-test for candidates is no longer a simple matter. How can a student cast his vote for the lemon-drop candidate with an easy conscience when his tongue is still dripping with the candy kiss passed out by a competitor?

Some dead-heads might object to this whole process of familiarizing candidates with voters as somewhat unsavory. There's the item of added expense to the candidates. Maybe next year the only candidates who'll stand a chance are the ones with rich uncles who own candy stores. Then too, some may feel that a piece of candy is a pretty mediocre bribe for something as important as campus political offices.

Frankly I'm completely without scruples myself. I'm going to wait until late this afternoon to cast my ballot. And I don't mind telling you, the candidate who passes out the 72-pound chocolate Easter bunnies will get my first place vote.

—Jo Misner.

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NIGHT EDITOR: GEORGE WALKER

Era of Intelligence

"MY ROOMMATE is a swell guy," confided the grizzled campus campaigner to the innocent-looking freshman. "So if you have nothing better to do, get out and give him your vote, won't you?"

Mentally chalking up another vote, he turned away—only to be stopped dead in his tracks by the high-pitched voice behind him.

"What does he stand for?" asked the freshman defiantly.

Similar conversations in dormitories, classrooms, and fraternities indicated a campus-wide trend last week. And, a few hours after the polls opened yesterday, campaigners and voters alike realized that campus politics were emerging from the confusion of the past into the Era of Intelligent Voting.

True, the transition was far from being complete. There were still visible traces of bloc voting—and many invisible ones. Candidates continued to resort to time-worn but effective jelly-bean and bubble gum seduction—and there were takers.

But the barrage of publicity and information that poured from the Student Legislature, The Daily and from the lips of the candidates themselves had served its purpose.

Polling places became centers of campus activity as students, armed with the Election Committee's "Know Your Candidate" booklet and The Daily's special election page, voted quickly and efficiently for candidates whose qualifications they knew.

With a record-breaking vote almost a certainty, all signs point to the fact that the new Student Legislature will be the most truly representative student organization in the University's history.

—Leon Jaroff.

Prayer Chamber

APPARENTLY the kid-gloved wielders of world destiny, scoffing at such over practical ideas as effective world government, education and cultural reciprocity, have decided to take a new and giant risk in the game of world understanding: They will award their official, if insipid, recognition to the existence of a Supreme Being.

This week, designers of the new U.N. headquarters in Manhattan were instructed to work out some sort of plan for an inoffensive "prayer chamber," not exactly a church, or even a chapel, but some simple, unpretentious place suitable for the simple thousands who have written Dr. Lie requesting a room in which to pray for the guidance of world diplomats.

Thus far, the plan has received no official disapproval. Evidently, these diplomats are indifferent, perhaps even receptive, to the idea of a sanctum for those who would pray for them.

But experts are wary. In regard to the physical characteristics of the room, the architecture, they demand, must be extremely cautious. Nothing dare be done that would offend any of the widely divergent world religions—an understandable precaution.

Also understandable, and indeed unfortunate, is the double care that must be taken lest the official, or unofficial, antagonism of the Russian government toward religion be molested. In other words, the new "prayer chambers" should be suitable for the meditation of the atheistic pilgrim, conducive to thought on any subject, whether reflection upon St. Augustine or mourning the late Cominform.

Unfortunately, because all the atmosphere of a chapel will be excluded, and with it, the desire to worship in a place of worship, the chamber may very well be a barren room, lacking beauty and even worshippers.

And who knows? To avoid the tender toes of the most militant atheists, the designers may merely set off an open plot in the surrounding area, where worshippers may kneel, sans altars, vestries, stained glass and seats. But that too would be amid shocking evidence of God—trees, sky, and grass, all offensive, religious, sectarian trappings.

It is a step, this de jure recognition of God, but a sad, faltering one. Still, no nonsectarian prayer at UN meetings, despite the pleas of most nations.

In the celestial idealism of world government, when human destruction or survival may rest upon the success of its workings, when lives by the millions are in the hands of a few, those few could well afford to call upon a supreme being for guidance, not only as a recognition of their own inadequacy, but as a comfort to the world populace, to whom the whole business is quite serious, and finally in the spirit that something, by chance, might come of it.

As a concession, the new "prayer chamber" is just that—nothing more. But to the thousands who will use it, it is a very important concession, hinting that what it concedes to may prove the unique basis for world cooperation and international humility.

—George Walker.

I'D RATHER BE RIGHT:

For a Safe Germany

By SAMUEL GRAFTON

VERA MICHELES DEAN, writing from Berlin in the April 15 "Bulletin" of the Foreign Policy Association, goes into the question of finding pro-democratic groups in Germany that we can, as the saying goes, work with. The prospects are unappetizing.

There are the youth, who grew up believing in Hitler, only to have him explode in their faces, and they are now tired and cross. The women are submissive; they "take" politically, from husbands and fathers, and since German husbands and fathers are not exactly political geniuses, as the last thirty or forty years show, there is not much hope for independent action in that direction. There are eleven million German "expellees" who have been put out of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, etc.; these have not yet been organized, but their real interest lies in going home, rather than in building a democratic western Germany; what they probably would want, mostly, if organized, would be a nice, short war.

Only when we come to the German trade unions do we find some hope; here, at least is a group which is anti-Nazi, anti-Communist and aniti-nonsense. But here, finds Mrs. Dean, we come upon a snag. The snag is that this group "has least appeal" for those members of our Military Government who want "untrammeled" free enterprise in Germany and are against all leftist trends.

The snag, in other words, is ourselves. We, in this field, are our own biggest problem. We find it hard to cooperate with precisely those, in Germany, who have the most to offer. And how can it be otherwise?

All of our problems, vis-a-vis the twentieth century world, are tied up in this situation, as in a little nosegay. The conception that it is our role to keep down leftism of every kind, the moderate and democratic as well as the immoderate and undemocratic, is here revealed.

We endanger, rather than save ourselves, by the tight little conception that it is our job merely to organize the world's right wing into a pushing match against Communism. Actually, we need friends on the left more than we need friends on the right. We have plenty of those. Quite unrealistically, we pamper ourselves and snag ourselves, when we try to set up a world policy in the image of the most unquestioning kind of domestic economic preconception. But how can we go about broadening our approach? How can we even get enough sensitive and perceptive officials appointed, in the present atmosphere of pompous suspicion and righteous self-justification?

It is a tragedy, because a revived Germany, especially needs policing at higher than ordinary levels. A strong UN could do it externally; a strong liberal social current could do it internally. Failing the one, we must, at least, have the other, if a new Germany is to be a safe Germany. Without either, we are compelled to build Germany up while tying it down, to create complicated structures of regulation, trying to do with fences and bits of string what can only be done by the emerging hopes of men.

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Triphthongs

"COMES THE REVOLUTION" seems to be the by-word of the new Irish republic, although not in a capitalistic sense.

As far as the revamped, independent Irish state is concerned now, it's "out!" with the English language and long live the archaic Gaelic tongue. Quoting President Sean T. O'Kelly (and a thousand pardons to staunch believers in the spreading afar of the English language), "the winning of the Republic would be an empty victory if the Irish lost their tongue."

And it appears that the O'Sheas and Clanahans have lost their head, to boot. In an all-out effort to reinstate Gaelicism, citizens paraded Dublin streets bearing "Boycott English newspapers" placards. Several signs came right to the point and ordered that since the King was dead, the language tie with Britain should be erased immediately.

The proposed linguistic revolution stems from an upsurge of patriotic fervor occasioned by Ireland's complete independence, following 780 years of rule by the British crown. Now that we're free for good, they feel, why not do this up brown and stamp out all remaining vestiges of English influence here?

Nevertheless, jubilant merrymakers failed to reckon with one hitch in plans for a totally unionized Ireland—six countries in Northern Ulster Province are still keeping allegiance to their neighbors across the English Channel. Prime Minister Costello tried to soothe the blow when he proclaimed that in order to hold their privileges, Ulsterites must place defense and foreign matters in the hands of an all-Ireland regime.

Whether or not Ulster continues to hold out apparently will not dampen spirits of the "return to the Gaelic language" stalwarts. The obsolete triphthongs, characteristic of old Gaelic, might appear once again if free Irishmen persist in abandoning the language they have been speaking for so many years.

It'll be a tough grind—in fact, die-hards will not only be compelled to relearn a difficult tongue, but Gaelic dictionaries must be taken down from dusty attics to enable the people to master a whole new set of spelling rules. The task, therefore, should be Herculean in its proportions, and by the time citizens are tearing shamrocks from their hair in sheer distress, maybe they'll realize that the King's English is a lot easier—and more practical, after so many years—after all.

—Donald Kotite.

DRAMA

PROF. CHARLES E. KOELLA and a highly competent cast gave to La Belle Aventure last night a great deal more success than it deserves.

The play which dates back to pre-World War I days shows its age most unbecomingly and with the possible exception of the first act, the play suffered much from its static nature.

However, the excellent cast transformed the play into a completely entertaining evening for the audience. The main fault seemed to be that many of the participants who acted well, spoke poor French.

There were two notable exceptions, however, Barbara Boucher and Delores Lazich, who played Helene and the Comtesse respectively. As a young woman engaged to marry one man and in love with another, Miss Boucher gave a truly touching performance with just the right amount of sentimentality. And as her aunt, Miss Lazich lent a delightful flavor to her role of the blase, faithless "comtesse" that easily made her the star of the evening.

Harriet Peebles, Ruth Letzter, Richard Burns, Leslie Rose and Michel Johnson all offered sound performances in routine roles.

While the play was not of the best, the cast was and they made La Belle Aventure really just that for its audience.

—Herb Rovner.

IT SO HAPPENS
• *Chapeaux*

It Fits, Too . . .

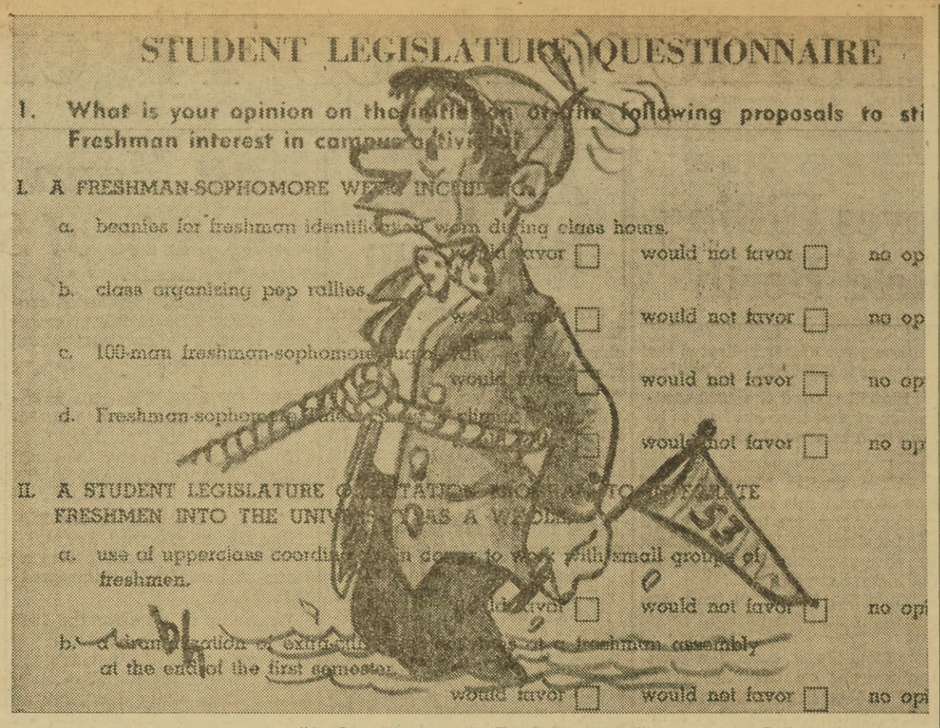
ITEM FROM THE NEW YORKER: "The Man from Mars Radio Hat will presently be on the market, a brain child of the American Merri-Lei Corporation, of Brooklyn, which makes party goods—paper hats, nut cups, horns, razzers, and such . . . (the hat) in shape resembles an ordinary pith helmet. Two radio tubes protrude, hornlike, from the front of the dome. Between them is a plastic tuning knob. A five-inch ring antenna juts out behind, and a single earphone projects downward. The rest of the apparatus is inside the crown, held in place by a cardboard flap, except for a wire with a plug on one end, which connects with a seven-ounce battery in one of the wearer's pockets. You plug in the wire, and the set is on."

The better freshman beanie!

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Just the Thing . . .

THERE MAY BE a practical angle to one of the school spirit proposals. A grad student who was here in the pre-war days when such activities were rampant on campus reports that his two-year-old son is now the proud heir and wearer of his old frosh beanie.



"Anchor Man on the Freshman Squad" —Daily—Bill Hampton

DAILY OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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Academic Notices

Aerodynamics Seminar, Aero. Eng. 160: Wed., April 20, 4-6 p.m., 1508 E. Engineering Bldg. Topic: Diabatic compressible flows with rotation.

Botanical Seminar: 4 p.m., Wed., April 20, 1139 Natural Science Bldg. "Development Anatomy and Regeneration of Hevea brasiliensis" by Thomas J. Muzik. Open meeting.

Physical Inorganic Chemistry Seminar: Wed., April 20, 4:10 p.m., 1300 Chemistry Bldg. Mr. Edwin Benjamins will discuss "Uranium Hydride" and Mr. Henry Habgood will review "The Determination of Dipole Moments from Microwave Spectra."

Wildlife Management Seminar: Dr. G. A. Ammann, Game Biologist of the Michigan Department of Conservation, will present an illustrated talk on the recent attempts to introduce Ptarmigan into Michigan. 7:30 p.m., Wed., April 20, Botany Seminar Room, 1139 Natural Science Bldg. All wildlife students are expected to attend and anyone else interested is invited.

Preliminary Ph.D. Examination in Economics will be held during the week beginning Mon., May 2. Each student planning to take these examinations should leave with the Secretary of the Department not later than Fri., April 22, his name, the three fields in which he desires to be examined, and his field of specialization.

Students who expect to do directed Teaching in Elementary Education during the fall semester, and who have not filed applications, should do so at once in 2509 University Elementary School.

Concerts

Concert: The Women's Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Mtarguerite V. Hood, will present a Spring concert at 8 p.m., Wed., April 20, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre. The Dance Workshop, directed by Dr. Juana de Laban, will also perform on the program. The Glee Club will sing a group of Elizabethan madrigals, folk and art songs, and a group of songs from the Gibson Girl era. Soloists will be Doris Kays, Patricia Herman, and Charlotte Boehm.

Events Today

Research Club: 8 p.m., Rackham Amphitheatre. Annual memorial meeting, celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Papers: Prof. Henry W. Nordmeyer, "Goethe and Human Values." Prof. Harley H. Bartlett: "Goethe as a Scientist." Members of the Science Research Club and the Women's Research Club are invited.

A.S.M.E. field trip to the Ford River Rouge plant: Wed., and Thurs., April 20 and 21. Busses will leave E. Engineering Building, 12:30 p.m. All those wishing to go must sign the list on the A.S.M.E. bulletin board. Cost to members, 50c; non-members, 75c.

AIEE-IRE joint meeting will present Mr. George B. Saviers of Westinghouse Corporation who will discuss "Strateovision." 7:30 p.m., 348 W. Engineering Bldg.

U. of M. Radio Club W8AXZ: Open meeting, 8 p.m., I-M Bldg. downstairs golf range. Guest speaker, Mr. Tom Talpey, EE Dept. Lecture and demonstration of Electronic Golf Ball Machine.

United Nations Council: Special program on UNESCO, under the leadership of Prof. William Clark Trow, chairman of the Michigan Preliminary Committee for UNESCO, 7 p.m., University High School auditorium. Faculty-student panel. Members and interested students are invited.

The Film Study Group will show 'The Thief of Bagdad'—1928 Version with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., Lane Hall, 7 p.m.

West Quad Radio Club: Meeting, 8:30 p.m., Open house schedule will be drafted. Joint meeting with W8AXZ begins at 9:15. All members please attend.

U. of M. Sailing Club: Meeting of all regular and probationary members, 7 p.m., 311 W. Engineering.

Sociedad Hispanica: Meeting, 8 p.m., Hussey Room, League. Father Kern, of Detroit, will speak on the legend of "La Virgen de Guadalupe."

Ullr Ski Club: Special Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 35 Angell Hall. Official elections. All members are urged to attend.

Modern Poetry Club: Meeting, 7:30 p.m., E. Room, League. Marsh Campbell will lead a discussion of Hart Crane's poetry.

Graduate Coffee Hour: 4 p.m., 3201 East Engineering Bldg. Dr. L. L. Kempe, Bacteriology, will discuss the topic, "Disposal of Industrial Wastes."

Coed Folk and Square Dancing: 7:30 p.m., W.A.B. Bring dues.

Westminster Guild, First Presbyterian Church: Informal tea and talk, 4-6 p.m., Russel parlor, church building.

Roger Williams Guild: Weekly "chat" and tea at Guild House, 4:30-6 p.m.

Michigan Christian Fellowship: Bible Study, Book of Acts, Chapter IX, 7:30 p.m., Upper Room, Lane Hall.

Wesleyan Guild: Record Tea, 4 p.m., Wesley Lounge.

U. of M. Dames Bridge Group: Meet in the Henderson Room, League, 8 p.m.

Women of the University Faculty: Tea, 4 to 6 p.m., club room, Rm. D, League.

Coming Events

Phi Beta Kappa: Annual Initiation, Thurs., April 28, 5 p.m., followed by banquet at 6:30 p.m. Dr. James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, will speak at the banquet on "Science and Common Sense." Reservations should be made at the office of the Secretary, Hazel M. Losh, Observatory, by Tues., April 26. Members of other Chapters are invited.

The biennial Open House for the College of Engineering: Fri., April 22. Classes will not be held in the College of Engineering on that date.

The Political Science Round Table will meet as scheduled Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m., Rackham Bldg. Graduate students in the Department are expected to attend. Wives are invited.

Graduate Student Council Meeting: Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m., West Lecture Room, Rackham Bldg.; Dr. Travers and Dr. Angell will discuss the Graduate Examination Program.

Recreational Swimming—Women Students: Union Pool every Saturday, 9 to 11.

American Ordinance Association: Meeting, Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m., 301 W. Engineering Annex. Mr. Harris, Vice-President of Argus (Cameras), Inc., will speak on "Optical Fire Control Instruments and Conversion From Peace to War." Field trip, Tues., April 26, Tour of Argus plant. All persons must be at Argus main gate by 1:15 p.m.

Student-Faculty hour: Thurs., April 21, 4-5 p.m., Grand Rapids Room, League, Germanic languages department will be guests. Cosponsored by Assembly and Panhel associations.

International Center weekly tea for all foreign students and American friends, 4:30-6 p.m., Thurs., April 21, International Center.

Gilbert and Sullivan Society: Full chorus and principals rehearsal, Thurs., April 21, League.

Phi Eta Sigma: Meeting of all January initiates, Thurs., April 21, 4:30 p.m., Union.

Committee for Displaced Students: Meeting, Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m., Russian Tea Room, League. Sponsorship and scholarship reports.

Planning for Fall semester D.P. students coming from European D.P. camps must be completed by May 1.

U. of M. Rifle Club: Big Ten postal match, Thurs., April 21, 7 p.m., ROTC range.

Deutscher Verein: Meeting, Thurs., 8 p.m., Union. Student participation program and popular German recordings.

I.R.A.: General membership meeting, Thurs., April 21, 7:30 p.m., Union.

UWF: Meeting, 4:15 p.m., Thurs. April 21, Union.

U. of M. Dames Drama Group: Final dress rehearsal for the skit which will be presented at the Spring Dance by the U. of M. Dames Drama Group, 8 p.m., Thurs., April 21, Basement, 1472 University Terrace Apartments.

Roger Williams Guild: Members planning to attend Michigan Student Christian Convocation, April 30, hand in registration blanks as soon as possible to Faith Whitnall or at Lane Hall.

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

The Daily accords its readers the privilege of submitting letters for publication in this column. Subject to space limitations, the general policy is to publish in the order in which they are received all letters bearing the writer's signature and address. Letters exceeding 300 words, repetitious letters and letters of a defamatory character or such letters which for any other reason are not in good taste will not be published. The editors reserve the privilege of condensing letters.

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Where'd He Go?

To the Editor:

WHATEVER happened to Whittaker Chambers?

—Ted Sachs,
Irwin Lapping.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: No word).

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Circumvention

To the Editor:

MR. BERSHAD is distressed because Mr. Schultz has circumvented a fact. He has become fixated on this circumvention. It never dawns on him that he has circumvented the concept of human decency.

Who, outside of the Hitler Gang or the Politburo, would condone a sentence of life imprisonment for slander? Mr. Bershad does. He gloats that a man got "life" for criticizing Soviet misgovernment.

We are not unoccustomed to outlooks like Mr. Bershad's. A group of reactionaries of like fiber, with a gloomy outlook on mankind, recently begged to set our state back a hundred years with capital punishment law. At the same time the atrocity of the Mindszenty mistrial reverberated through the UN and grated on the conscience of humanitarians everywhere. Let us hope that morality will eventually prevail over bestiality.

In addition Mr. Bershad wastes his time in a card-stacking process attempting to prove that George Seldes has never twisted a political concept to fit his own purpose. He must be quite a pillar of virtue. An unprejudiced extremist, either rightist or leftist, would be a rare phenomenon.

—Robert E. Zwickey.

In Washington the other day the delegate from Hawaii and the delegate from Alaska drank pineapple juice chilled with Alaskan glacial ice estimated to be 30,000 years old. The ice from a glacier symbolized the speed with which Congress has acted on admitting the two territories to the Union.

—The St. Louis Star Times

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