

EDITORIALS

War And/Or Peace

The difference a few days can make in modern history's speeding chain of events has never been more apparent than now. The appalling speed with which the Cuban crisis of recent weeks confronted all of us with potential war or at least the changing of our status from that of a secure and almost cocky people to one of extreme anxiety has shattered any illusions we might have had that a third world war is impossible.

No longer is it possible to predict what the future holds for us as individuals or as a nation. The word "if" has assumed an awesome new status in the thought and philosophy of mankind today.

The effect that the crisis and the resulting realization of its implications had on campus was almost electrifying. Every T.V. newscast was watched with a unimilarity of purpose and grave interest. The bull sessions and campus conversations were dominated by nervous speculations by most, dire predictions by some alarmists and the uniformed, and definite action by some of the better informed and level headed people in letting the rest of us know that preparations have been made for any eventuality, that an immediate war was unlikely and that in any event, the best policy was to keep calm and obey the officials.

Now that the imminent crisis is seemingly over, the atmosphere on campus has almost returned to normal and there is little if any, overt anxiety. The discussions of the crisis have become more relaxed. We laugh at the little dictator who would dare threaten our nation's security, we have won a victory over the evil forces that were supporting him. Now we are ready to turn our attentions to the more normal minor crisis of mid-semester tests and whom to date to the

Homecoming Week-end.

Before we return to our usual state of apathy about foreign affairs, however, we should pause and see what is to be learned from the Cuban crisis, and its effect upon the St. Andrew's campus. First of all, we learned of the presence on our campus of operational plans in case of emergency and leaders, such as Col. Bullard, to carry them out. We also found that the majority of students on campus were unprepared, both physically and psychologically to meet a real emergency. Each of us should learn what to do in case of attack and be prepared to do it. Even more vital, however, than physical preparations for survival is the obtaining of psychological maturity and a sound religious foundation which will allow us to live a productive life in the face of any crisis.

We at St. Andrews, who call ourselves a Christian college, are especially obligated to prepare ourselves in this way.

Had war come last week, we would not have been ready. It did not, and we still have time to prepare for any eventuality. We earnestly pray that war, nor any other great calamity will strike us, nevertheless we can be sure that if we are to live in today's world successfully, we must expect to meet many problems that must be overcome. In preparing ourselves to face these inevitable crisis of life, we will be preparing for war, death or any eventuality. We, like Paul, will be able to say that we perceive that nothing can keep us from the love of God.

W.A.P.

Meekness, moderating human desire, inspires wisdom and procures divine power.

—Mary Baker Eddy

We should aim rather at leveling down our desires than leveling up our means.

—Aristotle

S.G.A. News

Wayne Ballard, Student Association President, called the meeting to order.

Faye Hooks, Senate President, presented legislation passed by the Senate for approval by the Student Cabinet.

1. that fifteen (15) minutes grace be given to women residence students.

The Cabinet wants to establish a "spirit of self-discipline" instead of relying on numerous minor rules. The Cabinet suggests that the Dormitory Councils deal accordingly with each case.

Motion: that the Cabinet reject the Senate's recommendation for a 15 minute grace for women residence students.

—passed.

2. that except for special occasions all dorms will meet Monday nights at 10:30 and the meetings will be required if announced by 12:00 noon on Fridays.

The Cabinet recommends that this part of the legislation be sent back to the Senate for rewording and clarification.

Motion: that the Cabinet reject the recommendation of the Senate as it stands. —passed.

3. that the following be omitted from the former Merit Deduction System:

a. Merits will not be deducted because of a late week end card.

b. Merits will not be deducted because of failure to have lights out on time.

c. Merits will not be deducted due to a student's being out of his room after closed study.

d. The Dormitory Council will deal with each case of failure to sign out when leaving campus (instead of last year's ruling of merits to be taken away for this offense.)

Motion: that the Cabinet accept the proposal. —passed.

4. that the Handbook ruling on alternate week ends for Freshmen be abolished and that they be given 9 week ends first semester and 12 week ends second semester.

Motion: that the Cabinet accept the action of the Senate on the repeal of the alternate week end clause in the Handbook. —passed.

Motion: that the Cabinet reject the legislation of the Senate on the 9 and 12 week ends for Freshmen. —passed.

This part of the legislation will be sent back to the Senate for possible revision.

A report was given from the Committee working on plans for the Homecoming Queen.

The decorations committee will discuss a theme for the Homecoming Week end and bring suggestions to the Cabinet.

The Campus Court will be made up of the following students: Terry Shirah, Margie Rehm, Sandra Summerville, Ted Goldthorpe, and Norwood Maddry, with Honor Council representative Bob Gentry.

Motion: that the Cabinet make the recommendation that the joint Student-Faculty Judiciary Committee, the Honor Council, and the Campus Court get together and discuss the Judicial system before recommendation to the Student Life Committee. —passed.

Motion: that the meeting be adjourned. —passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Brooks
Secretary,
Student Association.

Letters To The Editor

Highland Players

The Highland Players would like to say thanks to the Lance for the introductory story in your first issue of the year. Also, we thought you would like to be kept up on our plans for the year and our progress in carrying them out. This year, in addition to the comedy classic, "Arsenic and Old Lace," we plan to present a more serious dramatic work, and have already settled tentatively on "Inherit the Wind" as our next major production. Casting for "Arsenic and Old Lace" has already been completed; "Inherit the Wind" will be next semester's project.

Our thanks also go to the student body for the interest they have shown in us; we hope to

reward that interest with as many quality productions as time and financial considerations will allow.

Not that the Players are confining their activities to the traditional two major annual productions. Player members are also involved in the C&C medieval drama productions. Participation in these and any other activities which contribute to campus dramatic entertainment will, we hope, aid in making the Highland Players as well as the Lance a permanent and valuable tradition at St. Andrews. Again, thank you for introducing us to those on campus who may not have known much about us.

Yours truly,

The Highland Players

Dr. Moore

The attached clipping is a very powerful thing, and I wonder if you would like to use it in its entirety in an early issue of THE LANCE. I think it carries a real message for all of us today. I am confident that some students do not realize what they are doing in this regard.

ACM

Friday, September 14, 1962

DID I HURT ANYBODY

(Responding to a number of requests, The Enterprise herewith reprints a feature article written by Bill Dover and published in the Shelby Daily Star.)

The heavy-set man was sitting on a table in the X-ray room at the hospital. His face was bloody. He covered himself with a sheet.

Three highway patrol officers stood next to the table, asking the man questions. The officer in the center had a clipboard. He was taking notes.

The man told the officers he had been to the Sportsmen's Club on Charles Road. It's a small private club.

"I had a few beers," he said, in a sorrowful, low tone. "I had quite a few beers."

Then he asked a pitiful question. Everybody knew the answer but him. "Did I hurt anybody bad?" One officer nodded and said he had.

"I didn't kill anybody, did I?" the man hesitatingly asked. The officer said he had. A couple of more questions were asked by the officers.

"And I killed somebody," the

man said, almost in disbelief. "I must have went to sleep. I was under the influence a little bit?"

The officers left the room. The man was charged with murder and driving drunk.

Out in the hall, a 13-year-old boy lay on a movable bed. His pants were splattered with blood. He grimaced occasionally, with the tears almost coming.

At the other end of the hall, another 13-year-old boy lay on a bed in the emergency room. His pants were also splattered with blood. The doctor was busy sewing up a cut on the boy's face above the left eye.

Somewhere in the hospital two other young children were lying on beds. They had already been treated and admitted to the hospital. The little girl was nine and the boy, only three.

Their mother was dead. She had been killed only minutes before in a headon collision. She died instantly. The children did not know this then.

The mother had taken her three children to the Colfax fair at Ellenboro. They enjoyed themselves seeing all the lights, riding the rides, eating cotton candy . . . children love the glamour of a fair.

Around 9:30 p.m., the mother decided they should go home. All four returned to the 1954 blue automobile which the mother had borrowed from her step-father and her mother who live just down the street.

The little girl got in the front seat with her mother. The two 13-year-old boys were each sitting

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Carroll Brooks

A BELL RANG . . .

If I had a bell,
I'd ring it in the morning,
I'd ring it in the evening,
All over this land.
I'd ring out justice,
I'd ring out freedom,
I'd ring out love for my brother and my sister,
All over this land.

. . . American Folk Song.

A bell rang this week in Oxford, Mississippi.

It tolled not the ending of segregation as some had thought it might. Its message was rather the seeming success of Gov. Ross Barnett, who literally "stood in the schoolhouse door" and denied admission to James Meredith, Mississippi Negro.

We are concerned that Meredith did not gain access to the University of Mississippi. We think he should have been admitted.

Morally, there is no justifica-

tion for his rejection.

Legally, there can be no doubt he is entitled to become a student at Mississippi.

But this is not our prime concern.

James Meredith's rights have been denied before and will no doubt, be denied again. This is not to suggest that these denials are justified, for they are not. But it is to suggest that he probably has been forced to rationalize his existence in the society to which he was born.

We are more concerned with the precedent that has been set at Oxford, and the trend that may have been established.

People say that Meredith should not be allowed to attend the University of Mississippi if a majority of the people there and throughout the state do not want him.

This argument has frightening implications in terms of where it might lead. Does freedom of speech mean that the

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