

Editorials

Santa sleeps.

'Tis the season to be jolly! The Christmas spirit is upon us. In only a few days Christmas will be here. Some children will wake to face an empty stocking with an empty stomach instead of a house full of toys or a warm meal.

The Christmas spirit has become nothing more than a time of the year when the economy rises, due to all the shopping. Now days we hear nothing but advertisements about Christmas shopping and how important it is for us to get gifts for all of the kinfolk. Nobody thinks of the starving thousands in Pakistan or the poor child in the ghetto. It is a shame that people are starving, right here in Columbus County and many of us "well to do" will sit down to a table with more food on it than some of these children will see in three months.

The merchants of our town are more concerned with giving away a car to the thousands of Christmas shoppers that will flock to Whiteville, than they are with giving that much food to the starving people of our county.

Just think of the amount of food and medicine that could be bought with the money that is spent on gifts that will never be used or the "well to do."

The original spirit of Christmas was to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by helping someone who was suffering but everyone seems to have forgotten that, and no one is interested in helping anyone who is in need. Some people will give a ten dollar gift to a member of their family just so their feelings will not be hurt.

It is time that we made the merchants realize that there is more to Christmas than a big give-away contest and millions of dollars spent on gifts that will not help anyone. Least of all those starving thousands who need it. Santa Claus today has been made a pig.

VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

Palo Alto, Calif.—(I.P.)—Creation of a commission to make "a fair and comprehensive examination of all major issues related to campus protest" has been recommended at Stanford University.

The recommendation is contained in a report prepared by the Ombudsman's Interim Study Group. Some of the broad goals and problems facing the proposed commission were described in these words by the ISG:

"The commission should examine acts of violence on the Stanford campus, but it should also examine the charge of complicity on the part of the University in acts of violence perpetrated upon minority groups elsewhere in this country, and by this country elsewhere in the world.

"It should look into all matters that have direct relevance to the sources and effects of protest in the life of the University, without, however, straying so far afield as to concern itself with problems whose resolution falls entirely outside of the frame of University administration and community.

"The commission ought not to become a vehicle of propaganda for one viewpoint or another, yet it should not shirk from unequivocally stating what it believes to be operationally relevant and morally significant.

"Of course, so broad a charter confronts the commission with grave dangers of diffusion, and confusion. The issues of protest to which it will address itself are intimately related to a vast and everexpanding network of social problems and interpersonal conflicts.

"The commission will have to start with the realization that many highly significant and apparently germane issues may nevertheless fall hopelessly beyond its capabilities of resolution.

"But it cannot therefore restrict its attention to the very narrow and specific issues framed by local problems that are currently the focus of protest on the Stanford campus, without encountering the absurdity of attempting to understand the Stanford community in isolation from the rest of the world."

The commission would spend the year in providing for full exchange of views by all members of the Stanford community, as well as studies initiated and conducted by its own members.

"In each case," said the ISG report, the commission "would examine the facts underlying the basic substantive issues, the facts concerning the University's initial disposition of the issues, the emergence of dispute over the issues or that disposition, early expressions of dissent and the University's response to them, later protests, their forms, the University's response, the effects of the protest and the response, and alternative, more productive means that might have been used or created to deal with the situation at various stages of its development.

"From such an examination, we think, will come a clearer understanding of the problems that have occasioned and surrounded campus protest, and, we hope, also the beginnings of recognition or development of widespread agreement, where such agreement already exists unperceived or is developable, concerning solutions to the problems."



Mood on Kent campus

New Haven, Conn.—(I.P.)—President Kingman Brewster, Jr. of Yale University recently issued a strong statement in support of student leaders at Kent State University.

The Yale President made his appeal at the annual meeting of the Yale Law School Alumni Association attended by more than 700 men and women. Among the distinguished guests were two Associate Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court Byron R. White and John Marshall Harlan.

President Brewster called on the members of the Bar to give active support to student leaders, such as Craig Morgan of Kent State, in the fight to defend student civil liberty. His statement:

"There is an eerie tranquility on campus. I just hope it is not born of apathy. It would be even worse if it were the result of fear.

"If this generation is not to lose hope, if it is going to have conviction's courage in defense of freedom, then their fathers must speak up against injustice, against group slander, and against intimidation.

"The graduates of the Yale Law School have always been willing to stand fast in defense of liberty when others were cowering visibly or were hiding behind rationalizations of their fear.

"The Kent State student leader, Craig Morgan, has become a symbol of student civil liberty under attack. Maybe the type is frozen, or maybe the airwaves are jammed; but Mr. Morgan and his generation have not received audible or visible support from elders of the Bar.

"If you do not want to discourage the vast majority of moderates, if you do not want to encourage the malevolent destructive minority, I urge all of you who are believers in civil liberties and civil rights to speak up.

"We must make it clear that we are not cowed by the political rhetoric which would desecrate liberty with the smear of 'permissiveness' and which would whip up fear of violence in order to throttle dissent."

Are you prejudice?



He wandered around a lot from town to town not staying in one place too long at the time. Folks didn't usually notice him at first. The young folks liked him. He usually got through to them. He got them to talking about their

problems, to looking at the situation of the world and deciding what they could do about it.

In April, he blew into this town to look over the scene. As usual he made a few friends—usually like himself—long hair, beard, flowing robes. A few people would give him hand-outs. He liked soul food a lot.

About a week after he got to town, he became a big hit. He was hitting a new pad every night. Music and singing and philosophical lectures. Pretty soon the church people began to complain about him and his crowd. The committee made of preachers and policemen went out one night to bring him in.

He didn't resist arrest, but there was a minor riot when a friend of his took a wack at one of the policemen, injuring his ear.

So they hauled this young, long haired, bearded, pacifist into jail. The judge questioned him and was about to let him go—but at the churchmen's insistence locked him up again.

The whole town was in an uproar. The prisoner was clubbed (police brutality) and brought back to the judge. The judge was up for re-election, and knew where votes came from, so he found the young man guilty of disturbing the peace, inciting to riot, and preaching without a license. That wasn't too serious, you say, but the mob of scared citizens and outraged church people were screaming for blood—and blood they got.

The young man was lynched in the spring of the year. His name was Jesus.

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