

Here And There

By Freda Siler

The biggest, and perhaps saddest, news last week was the fall of Dien Bien Phu. This valley fortress, occupied by the French deep in Red territory, had not been expected to hold out. Expecting the blow, however, did not deaden it.

The fate of the commander, General de Castries, one army nurse, and some 12,000 men is not known. Reconnaissance planes reported columns marching north that might be Red captives, but they could not fly low enough to make sure. In his last report from the fortress General de Castries said, "The Communists are infiltrating at all points. They are only a few meters from the radio on which I am broadcasting. We will not surrender."

The loss of one battle does not necessarily mean the loss of a war. But in this particular case it might mean just that. The French have not been enthusiastic over the Indo-China war. This loss was a drastic blow to an already low morale. The Communists timed the blow perfectly with the talks at Geneva.

The big powers at Geneva last week set aside the Korean issue to discuss the more interesting topic of Indo-China. Secretary of State Dulles' plan for the West to present a firm front had already broken down. Prime Minister Churchill publicly announced that Britain would do nothing to save Indo-China until all possibility of making a deal at Geneva had been exhausted. By a "deal," the British delegation made clear that they meant "partition."

In a news conference in Washington, President Eisenhower said that the West was caught between the unattainable and the unacceptable. He also said the most the U. S. could hope for in Indo-China was a practical basis for getting along, much like the U. S. dealings with the Communists in Berlin and

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like you, are not ready and have no reason to accept such a general conclusion, but we find ourselves forced by fact to accept it in part.

As we set forth last week, "we did not intend to direct this toward anyone except those who might feel a pang of guilt about a past action," as a sort of reminder for the future. These are the ones who constitute the group you speak of—the group labeled "integrity and good judgment misplaced."

It seems, then, that individual location of this misplaced judgment is our only hope for the complete future success of our student self-government ideals. May we hope that this judgment will be located during the Summer months by those who have lost it. If such is accomplished, we will no longer need to publish controversial editorials!

Editor's note: Despite our usual policy of not printing anonymous letters to the editor, we shall make an exception in the following case since the comment was sent to us from one of our readers out in town.

Madam Editor:

If it is proper, let me commend you, your associates, and all concerned in producing an excellent paper which covered the May Day, and especially am I concerned with the editorial page.

Your editorial of the ethical nature was pertinent and one will find that they are always timely, primarily because an individual is prone to become a relativist or one who justifies their own actions by the majority indulgence. Over emphasizing editorials in this phase is almost impossible. This type of writing is not critical as some might think, but is only an urge for the individual to be what he or she really is, without unnecessary adopted bad habits.

I suppose anyone could get away from campus without the authorities finding out and perhaps without being caught. But I would think that this is not a penal institution or such, for one to try to get away with all one can, but more like a

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Germany. Geneva thought it meant that the U. S. was also ready to accept a deal.

It seemed that the only ones who could save the West from such a surrender were the Communists. They now have demanded a coalition government for all Viet Nam. If their demands become too outrageous, even the French might balk. The Allies would certainly have to join France in that case.

The recent trouble in Egypt that ended with Gamal Abdel Nasser in complete control of the government saw its end last week. Nasser arrested some 52 Naziib followers on the charge of intrigue. With the statement from an aide that "there will be no pardon," it seems that Nasser has wiped out all resistance.

From the Panama Canal came the news that there is danger of a landslide that could close the canal for months. Deep fissures have been discovered in boulder-like Contractor's Hill. If the huge rock should split off, it would make a formidable dam. This will probably be averted by removing the threatening slab.

At Churchill Downs on May 1, Determine beat Hasty Road by a length and a half to become the first grey to win a Kentucky Derby. The winning jockey, Ray York, has ridden Determine in six out of seven stake victories this year. The three-year-old's running time for the mile-and-a-quarter was a fast 2:05.

Salemites Aid Arts Follies

The Arts Follies of Winston-Salem are being presented at Reynolds Auditorium May 13, 14, 15. This year's Follies include in its cast performers from the campus.

Frances Horne and Charles Medlin are taking their parts as dancers portraying "Frankie and Johnny" and "Limehouse Blues". Other members of the cast are Jean Miller, a day student at Salem, and Paulette Nelson, a freshman. Peggan Alderman, a special student and member of the class of '53, "departed from her soprano voice and dignified poise to take part in the chorus line this year," according to a local paper.

It is the custom of the organizations of the city to join in a mass entertainment production each year to raise money for their 16 organizations. The Arts Follies has in its complete cast citizens of Winston-Salem.

Salem College has, in recent years, had numerous members of the faculty and student body in these annual productions. Peggan has taken part in former shows and in a number of skits this year.

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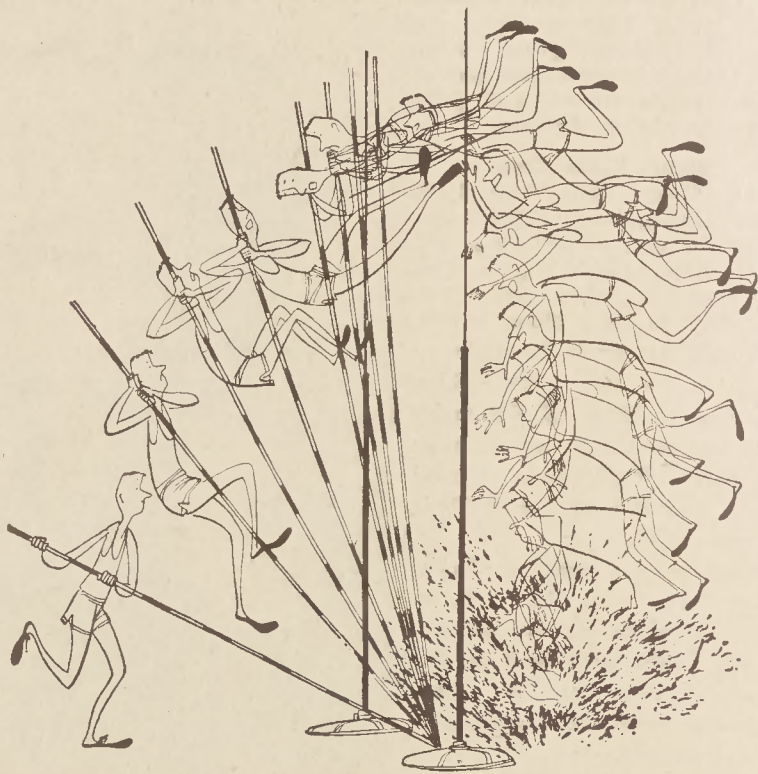
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the floor with chairs piled on top of it. And we don't believe in ghosts, do we?

People find the strangest things to do with their spare time. Phoebe Hall has taken up writing commercials. She is writing one about Frosty's Freezing Frosting (or something like that.) I can hear it right now—"Get your big toe out of Frosty's Freezing Frosting 'cause the ice cream's melting

away," etc.

Speaking of ways to occupy oneself, Betsy Liles is busy packing to go to Norway. Last time I saw her, she was wandering up the hall reading "Forty Ways to Say 'Maybe' in Norwegian."

I'd like to end on the pleasant note of summer vacation. Just one last plea before I leave: Please, fellow classmates, somebody return in the fall with a pin or a ring. I'm getting rather embarrassed for our class. We aren't doing a thing to uphold Salem's traditions.

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