



Beyond the Square

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THE NATION

Once upon a time a man named Lincoln stood on a tree stump and made speeches to small gatherings of citizens from whom he hoped to obtain votes. Since then the methods of political campaigning have changed quite a bit.

The election campaigns of the 1956 Presidential nominees are a studied confusion of plane schedules, press conferences, one night stands at rallies, fairs and festivals and strategy meetings. And still there are the problems confronted by the candidates which arise from just the plain old inconvenience of traveling.

Cursed with a heavy dark beard, the greatest tribulation for Mr. Stevenson to endure seems to be shaving. Twice a day with a 75c razor, he nevertheless faces the problem and fights. In a recent article covering the touring conditions it stated that another headache is caused by the fact that he prefers broadcloth Ivy League shirts (which he packs along with three suits) and which are ever so difficult to launder in a short time in comparison to the nylon quick-dries.

Often his shoes must remain unpolished for two weeks until he goes to the barber shop for a hair cut. Otherwise, they receive a quick rub with a towel or a cloth (Ivy League broadcloth, no doubt).

Despite a frenzied schedule of speeches and conferences with his aides, bedtime does not come until one o'clock. But by 6:45 the next morning he is up and ready for breakfast, which usually consists of poached egg, fruit and coffee.

Mr. Stevenson has a natural aversion to pills and vitamins and even after a day of perhaps eight or nine speeches, he refuses to gargle. A man for whom it is hard to relax, Adlai works constantly on his speeches and writes them all out in longhand. While he is composing, he insists on perfect quiet.

This schedule permits little exercise but when asked about his tanned complexion Stevenson explained that he acquired it making speeches to the voters and not on the golf links. We'll travel with Ike next week.

PEOPLE

Of course the biggest news in the sports world is the victory of the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series. The brightest star in the annual event this year was 27-year-old Don Larsen of the Yankees who pitched the first no hit game in world series history on Monday. It would certainly seem that Larsen is living up to Casey Stengel's prediction when he said "He can be one of baseball's greatest pitchers any time he puts his mind to it."

On August 4th, Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon was sentenced to nine months hard labor, forfeiture of \$30 a month from his pay and dismissal from the Marine Corps for leading 74 recruits on an unauthorized march into the tidal waters of Ribbon Creek. On this march six of the recruits were drowned. Last week Secretary Thomas announced that McKeon's sentence had been reduced to three months of labor, no dismissal and no fine. The heat of public opinion has cooled, you see.

Because of the recent decisions to forbid interracial competition in all sports events in Georgia and Louisiana, Harvard University has

cancelled its scheduled Southern trip for their basketball team. Harvard explained that to play in states with such eligible rules might imply that Harvard was surrendering its right to select its own players on its own team.

From the University of Cincinnati comes the announcement that Dr. Albert Sabin has developed a Polio vaccine which is taken by the mouth and is expected to produce longtime, perhaps lifetime immunity.

If you liked Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward, Angel* or *Of Time and the River*, you'll be interested in knowing that he is the current center of literary interest and speculation. One of the most recent books that deals with this rather egotistical and complex author is *The Letters of Thomas Wolfe*, edited by Elizabeth Nowell.

In his review of the book in the *Saturday Review*, Oscar Cargill tartly comments, "No other collection of 700 letters sticks with such pertinacity to that dearest of subjects, oneself. . . . It is the most unified collection of letters in the world."

The people who had read the play were heard to have been disappointed with the endings of the movie versions of *The Bad Seed* and *Tea and Sympathy*. In both movies the endings were more like incidental additions which reeked of the moralistic viewpoint and seemed entirely out of keeping with the preceding action.

The blame must be given to a Hollywood Association known as the *Production Code*. According to this code the sinner must be punished and the murderer must be caught before the movie can end.

A three-man committee is now taking steps to examine the Code and eliminate some of these unrealistic prohibitions and pieties in the future. But the fact that such artistic dramas are at least being filmed is a step in the right direction.

Two years ago Marilyn Monroe announced that her greatest ambition was to play the part of Grushenka in Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*. And everybody laughed. Last week M. G. M. announced that the part is hers "if she doesn't want half the studio to do it." Who's laughing now?

THE WORLD

France—The French political party system is composed of many parts. If this is an area which is as confusing to you as it is to me, take note. Right now the party that is in power is the party which is a combination of the Socialists and the Radicals and is headed by Premier Guy Mollet. The Communists make up the left wing and the Poujadists are the right.

The right center are the Independents and the Popular Republicans. Since World War II the average life span of one party has been about five months, but as Mollet's regime begins its ninth month in power the predictions are that it will continue to stay on top. As one Frenchman said last week, "It all goes to show, a divided opposition is as good as a solid majority."

The problem of the Suez Canal was being handled in three different areas of the world last week. In the Canal region Egyptian pilots were struggling to keep up their services for the passing vessels, in London the Suez Canal Users Association was set up to propose a solution agreeable to the fifteen member nations and at the United Nations in New York, the Security Council was debating a resolution for Egyptian cooperation with little hope of its success.

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Salem 1800

I doubt that the Salem girls of 1800 would ever complain if they saw our campus today. And the maidens of 156 years ago certainly wouldn't know what to think of some of the privileges we take for granted now. Sisters', South and Main Hall were here at the turn of the 19th century, but their appearances and uses were slightly different.

The appearance of Sisters' House hasn't changed much, but the single Moravian women lived there and had to serve as "domestics" for the Female Academy.

South's musty, dark basement was the dining room. The girls had to be served in two shifts. There weren't enough pewter plates and other utensils for everyone to eat together.

The meals wouldn't pass even the most elementary of Miss Petrie's nutrition requirements. For breakfast, the young scholars had milk, butter, and bread. Lunch proved little better with meat, vegetables, bread, and water. A supper consisted of leftovers and corn meal mush.

After meals the girls couldn't rush back to the dorms for a game of bridge. Cards were not allowed. And smoking was unthinkable. Of course, R. J. R.'s factories didn't even exist then. Young men seldom called, but when they did chaperones were certain to be present, with an all-seeing eye.

There was recreation, however. Often the girls bowled. (There was an alley under Main Hall.) Imagine bowling in long, full grey skirts! The girls took Phys. Ed. in a gym where the new Student Center is now. What they would think of our current bopping sessions?

Another phase of 19th century Salem was the "wash house." The Alumnae House was a lean-to affair where everyone bathed. On a large hearth the water was heated. And metal tubs covered the brick floor.

There was no singing in the tub either. Absolute silence prevailed. The girls had a set time to bathe. Not going to the "Wash House" on time meant waiting until next Saturday. Quite different from Clewell's Friday night shower and bathtub stampedes, isn't it?

—Anne Fordham

It Could Be Contagious

The Athletic Association is understandably perplexed about the apathetic attitude of the student body toward the first of its athletic endeavors, the hockey season.

There seems to be no explanation for the fact that not more than six candidates for class teams have been down to practice at one time.

But the fact is obvious. And it is disturbing because it seems to reflect an unconcern which could become contagious and which could eventually affect other areas of campus cooperation. Perhaps it is already doing so.

But at the present, the Athletic Association program, well-planned and proved by time to be both pleasant and beneficial, is hardest hit of all by whatever is wrong with us.

Even the freshmen, who traditionally come through in the finest form and quantity, have failed to appear.

It is true that the new class schedule often runs into the Athletic Association's five-to-six hour. But not every day for everybody.

And only three practices, of about forty-five minutes each, are necessary to qualify for a class team.

So far, in the Salem experience of the oldest of us, no tournament, in any sport, has been called off due to flat lack of participation. This is one precedent we should try not to set this year.



From the President

Judy Graham

This week your Student Council was faced with the idea of how a general rule covers a specific situation. Let me emphasize that by no means do we consider our little black and white rule book complete. It would be an insult to your intelligence if it were.

For instance, nowhere in the handbook is there a rule saying "Girls cannot entertain dates in their rooms." But, of course, it is thoroughly understood that this is not to be done.

You yourself have a sense of right and wrong. We on the council only ask that you use it. If you feel that you have done something wrong, nine times out of ten it will be true.

Also, the council feels that a great deal of emphasis should be put on the girl's individual responsibility to secure all of the necessary sign-out information from her

date. This should be done when the date is made, for it is very important that you know if you're going to a party and if the chaperones are listed. Saying that you did not know where you were going is no excuse.

To be a little more specific, there has been confusion about the chaperone rule. 1. Chaperones must be listed for all parties both on the local campuses or in hotels. Chaperones are not considered necessary for parties in public places, such as the College Inn. 2. This is an excerpt from the handbook: "Students may attend officially chaperoned cabin parties in or near Winston-Salem with special permission from the Dean of Students."

Your observance of these rules is expected and appreciated. If you have questions about any party, please have it cleared in the office.