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Can Salem Girls Channel Enthusiasm In Other Ways?

During the last four years I've often thought about why Christmas seems a little more special at Salem than it does anywhere else. Our Christmas spirit outshines even that of the downtown shoppers on Christmas Eve, in spite of all the work that inevitably piles up between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Actually it's not too hard to understand. Add "peanuts," dorm parties, and the Candle Tea to the "Ole Salem Spirit" and you've got an exuberance that can't be matched.

But I wonder if our exuberance could be channeled a little better. When it comes to boyfriends, roommates, friends, and parents we go all out—giving gifts and ourselves to others. But what about the help fund, the veterans, our old ladies, and the orphans? How do the orphans, for example, feel about their Salem Santas—and how do they make us feel in return? Take that bus ride Tuesday afternoon and find out.

Even if you're like Suzie Salem in this week's cartoon, take time to enjoy the Salem season. And, by the way, have a very Merry Christmas.

J. N.

Author Analyzes Foreign Policy, U S Attitude Toward Red China

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RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA?
By Robert P. Newman (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1961. 318 pp.)

On March 25, 1964, Senator J. W. Fulbright, in a speech on the floor of the U. S. Senate, urged the American people to discard the old myths of their foreign policy and to address themselves to the new realities of the world of the 1960's. "When our preceptions fail to keep pace with events," he warned, "when we refuse to believe something because it displeases or frightens us, or is simply startlingly unfamiliar, then the gap between fact and perception becomes a chasm, and action becomes irrelevant and irrational."

Perhaps the most myth-shrouded area of American foreign policy today is our attitude toward Red China. Because of the traumatic shock of the Chinese Communist revolution of 1949, large segments of the American public find it unthinkable to discuss the recognition of the Peking regime or its admission to the United Nations. Yet the existence of this regime is a major factor in world affairs and its permanence can be doubted by no thinking person. The present 47-47 tie vote on the seating of Red China in the U. N. demonstrates that the time is near at hand for the facing of hard realities.

Robert P. Newman's *Recognition of Red China?* is a balanced, well-organized and lucid examination of the complex problem of U. S. policy toward the mainland regime. It is a valuable book for both the interested general reader and the student of international relations.

Newman begins his discussion with an analysis of the changing climate of opinion within which the China debate has evolved during the past four decades. He then presents the major arguments for and against recognition from the perspectives of the moral, political, and legal issues involved. The author also deals with such thorny aspects of the problem as the status of For-

mosa, the seating of Red China in the U. N., the possibility of Peking's rejection of U. S. diplomatic recognition, and the danger of a Communist-Nationalist rapprochement upon the death of Chiang Kai-shek.

One of the most trenchant and persuasive chapters of the book is that devoted to "International Law and the United States Precedent." "We began our career as a nation seeking recognition from nations which abhorred our own origin in force and violence," Newman reminds the reader, "and we have rarely shirked from recognizing other governments with revolutionary origins if they were firmly in control and seemed stable." Finally,

this author points out that diplomatic recognition does not imply approval of a regime, only recognition that it exists. Such recognition was accorded Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, and Franco Spain by the United States.

Newman's book is a thoughtful analysis of current reality in the Far East and, as such, deserves the attention of anyone concerned with the problem of realistic discussion of American foreign policy. Our deepening involvement in Southeast Asia should not, in the name of national solidarity, close discussion, but, rather, should impel continued and sustained debate.

'Twas the night in November and all through the dorm, Not a radio was blaring, not even a T. V.

The pins were hung on the girls with care, In the hopes that their pin-mates soon would be there. The girls were all up out of their beds, While visions of lovemaking danced in their heads.

And so jingle bells began to chime for Paige Bishop and Dianne Dove as their joint Lambda Chi serenade commenced. The mischievous troubadours were unable to resist injecting a note of humor by departing "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove!"

Salem's singing group "The Archways" has taped a program for television which will appear sometime before Christmas. The group includes Linda Camp, Sheila Fogle, Peggy Hart, Kathie Carpenter, Carol Ann Derflinger, Bradley Carpenter, and accompanist Charlotte Key.

The Christmas spirit of giving includes all types of fraternal recognition: a Wake Forest KA lavalier for Hannah Nicholson from Bobby Poteat; a Wake Forest Sig Ep pin for Sallie King from Chuck Hollis; and a new pin for Donna Van Dyck from Danny Moseley, after she lost the first one. Donna is certain that she's the only Salem girl ever to have been pinned twice to the same boy with no intervening argument. Ann Richert, in addition to her recently acquired pin, has also been selected as the KA Rose at N. C. State for the next year.

Replies from Operation Match have at last arrived and each girl who applied to the program has re-

ceived several names for potentially compatible dates. Judy Campbell has further received a brief note from a Davidson candidate requesting that she express a sincere belief in Protestant Christianity and send a picture of herself. At least he's a man who knows well his own likes and dislikes, as he concludes that they are both wasting their time if she fails to meet his qualifications.

Lucy McCallum was even more stunned than Judy when she re-

ceived a surprise caller during Follies practice. It turned out to be one of her "mates," who works for IBM in Winston-Salem!

Florence Pollock may now have need of Operation Match since two dates called for her at the same time on Saturday night. As Florence opened the reception room door, she overheard one boy ask the other who he was dating that night. And it all ended in a Merry Christmas!

BOUNCING OFF THE BRICKS

By Nancy Thomas

Prisoners' Release Causes Rumors Of "Brainwashing"

By Sybil Cheek

Rumors of "Brainwashing" have recently aroused public attention to focus once more on one of the world's trouble spots—Viet Nam. Two American prisoners of the Communists Viet Cong arrived at a Cambodian border post Sunday evening, November 28, after their release on the previous Saturday.

Sgt. George E. Smith of Chester, West Virginia, and Specialist 4, Claude M. McClure of Chattanooga, Tennessee, returned to the free world accompanied by La Van Diep, a Viet Cong representative. Later, at a news conference, Diep read a statement to the effect that the Communists had freed the men "because of the popular movement in the U. S. against Johnson's policies."

At another news conference Tuesday, December 1, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, both officers were reported by the United Press to have expressed the desire to quit the Army in order that they might head campaigns for U. S. withdrawals from Viet Nam. The two are quoted as stating, "the U. S. has nothing to gain from the war in Viet Nam, for the Viet Cong are the people."

Sgt. McClure reports that their captors treated them "very well," and never tried to brainwash them. The men made statements that they were fed "as well as possible," forced to do little physical labor, permitted to write to their families, as well as receive Red Cross packages, and were never beaten or tortured. During their two years imprisonment neither say that he saw any North Vietnamese regular soldiers. Other Americans had also been in their camp, but a number was not estimated.

Here in the States contrary opinion has been voiced against the denials of the two Americans that they were brainwashed by the enemy. General Wallace M. Greene, commander of the Marine Corps expressed belief that the GI's had been brainwashed. A member of Greene's staff, Marine Major General William R. Collins is of the opinion that the men were probably released "because they were willing to make statements favorable to their captors." Sangord Gottlieb, political director of the committee for Sane Nuclear Policy also supports this theory of indoctrination.

The men had been held since November 24, 1963, when they were captured during a Communist run on the Hiep Hoa Special Forces camp southwest of Saigon. A third captive of this raid, Sgt. Kenneth Roraback of Chester, W. Virginia, was a victim of execution on September 26, 1965, as "revenge for the firing squad deaths of Communist agitators." This news was unknown to these men upon their release.

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Letters to the Editor

Faculty Clarify Decision

Dear Editor,

There has been a great deal of comment from the student body about the faculty decision to do away with Faculty Follies. I wish the students would answer just one question for me. How in the world is the cause of "unusually close, yet respectful, friendships between faculty and students" to be furthered by the faculty making a public spectacle of itself? You girls who are here at Salem now have never seen one of these productions, but let me assure you that they are an embarrassingly bad collection of silly and undignified skits. For all but a very few of your faculty members, this revue is an ordeal to be endured once in four years in the name of good sportsmanship. In my opinion it should have been done away with years ago. You say that you would like to know your professors as people and outside the classroom. I think this is a fine idea, but get to know them as they really are and as they really act—not as they look on a public stage being silly and self-conscious. Surely there are many activities

that faculty and students can both enjoy—let's find them.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nancy Jordan

Dear Editor:

In asking or inviting someone to do something I am saying, in effect, he has a choice. If he refuses, I may well be disappointed, but should not reprimand him for the choice he makes when I myself asked him to choose. If he is a stranger to me, I may wonder whether he refused my invitation because he did not want to have anything to do with me and regard his refusal as a rebuff, as closing the door on any genuine relationship. If, however, he is my friend, although a choice in a particular matter may cause me disappointment, it does not cause me to think our friendship is in any way impaired. For it is only in friendship that one can say "No" with confidence that it will not be misinterpreted.

Yours sincerely,
Mary S. Hill

