

HOW DOES GHS COMPARE WITH USSR



Senior Sue Levine States Opinions On Current World News Problems

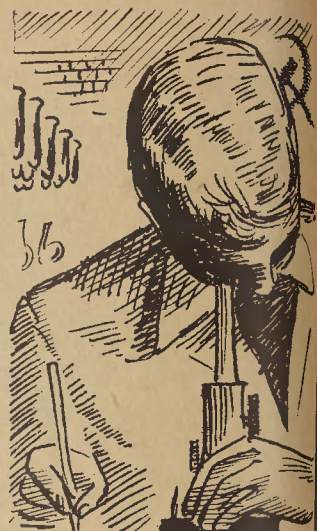
By Sue Levine

It is obvious that the United States is in serious trouble in the Middle East and that it has been for some time now. We have tried to maintain a neutrality in the struggle between Israel and her Arab neighbors. This has made Israel less secure and has inflamed the Arab world anew. For a long time we have acted like ostriches by burying our heads in the sand and refusing to look at the threat of Soviet Power in that area. The United States needs a policy that deals with the realities of the situation rather than one which pretends that problems don't exist or refuses to take a position in moments of crisis. The United States must make an effective military, political, and economic commitment of its strength to help bring about a solution to the Arab-Israel dispute. This is the root of local tension in the Middle East. It is used effectively by Nas-

ser and the Soviets to gain control by driving out all Western influence in the area. If the Middle East is dominated by the Soviet Union, the security of the entire free world will be seriously threatened.

It took Joseph Stalin over a decade to organize the power which fell from Lenin's hands at his death in 1924 and to emerge as the dictator of the Soviet Union. Nikita Krushchev now emerges as the dictator of Russia only five years after Stalin's death. In ousting Marshal Bulganin as Premier of the Soviet Union, Krushchev, who is also the boss of the Communist party of the Soviet Union, has concentrated in his hands the same tools for power that enabled Stalin to rule as absolute master of Russia. But whether Krushchev's real power can be compared to Stalin's remains to be seen. What do you think?

For the past few weeks Life Magazine has been printing a series of articles on the U. S. crisis in education. No one likes to be talked about, so, we, the American students, the persons in question, have taken a special interest in this problem. The headlines above have a startling reality that shocks us all, and even more shocking are the revealing statistics set down in black and white. In the United States only 12 1/2 per cent of high school students are taking any mathematics more advanced than algebra, and only 25 per cent are studying physics. A foreign language's studied by fewer than 15 per cent of the students. Ten million Russians are studying English, but only 8,000 Americans are studying Russian. In the next few years there will be a revolution in the American school system. It has started already. It is only a shame that we need the threat of Russia to convince us that it is time to go to work.



Inter-Club Council Gives Its Views

(Editor's Note: The following is printed in answer to the inter-club council editorial which appeared in last week's issue.)

The Inter-social Club Council appreciates the interest HIGH LIFE has shown towards its organization. We always welcome constructive criticism for a group should profit by it. We are glad of the opportunity to state our position.

The purpose of the Inter-social Club Council is "to provide an organization through which member clubs may plan and develop projects which will result in the best interests of the member clubs." It is the answer to a need which has existed for several years.

Because we wanted our organization to be on a sound basis, we have worked slowly. The council has tried to form a guide and framework for its member clubs.

We have not felt it necessary to outline conduct rules. To the council proper conduct means becoming ladies and gentlemen. We cannot imagine any other interpretation.

The council feels that it has taken constructive steps for the good of its member clubs. Even though the results have not had immediate results, the council must be considered that the council is only six months old. Time will be needed to prove its worth.

Inter-Social Club Council,
Hugh Blair, President

Science Club In Need

Aware that school will close soon I now wish to air some facts too long obscure. Three years ago the Sophomore Class, now seniors, started a science club directed by Miss Helen Turlington, then a biology instructor. The group has since been spearheaded by that original nucleus of enthusiastic students with a handful of others attracted as the program gained momentum. A high degree of activity was reached this year when our agenda included sponsoring a TV series, a Science Day assembly, and prize-winning participation in the annual science fair. It seems apparent contradiction to allow a scientific organization such as this to degenerate just when the world-wide interest in science is at the fever pitch. It is obvious that unless this graduating group is replaced by energetic juniors and sophomores, it will gradually disappear.

The International Geophysical year is running wide open. In connection with this undertaking the club is planning to enter a year-long co-operation project on cosmic radiation sponsored by the University of Maryland. That is just part of what we'll have to offer next year.

Wonder why the talented people with which our schools is blessed



(Editor's note: Fred Wedler was recently named 1958-59 president of Junior Engineers)

fail to utilize the Junior Engineers Club to broaden and enrich their education. The number of students taking the higher maths and sciences seems an indication of an increased interest in this subject. Now is the time to consider your future—a time when you can choose freely and change your outlook. If you are seriously considering a career in science or merely interested, I urge you to join us. I also venture: You never met a friendlier group of people.

FRED WEDLER,

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COUNCIL CORNER

Now that the year is drawing to a close, your Student Council would like to get some suggestions from you, the student body members, on ways the council can improve for the coming years. When council members come around to your home rooms with their reports, we want to urge you to take part in the discussions and be able to give your 1958-59 officers some good and helpful advice.

The spring Prom is less than a month away! Your student council has been working on definite plans and details and has already chosen the theme. The chairman, Carol Overstreet and Jerry Robertson, would like to have any members of the student body who are interested to help decorate. The Prom will be held in the boys' gym again this year May 30 with refreshments furnished free by the PTSA. The council will be selling tickets two weeks in advance.

As a representative of the student body, I wish to congratulate all the newly elected officers of the student body and of the classes. I wish for each one of you a successful and happy term for the coming year.

HALL TALES

For all you people sweating a foreign language, we have decided to run the following vocabulary list to help you on the test Monday.

FRACTURED FRENCH

- Loin—What you came to high school to do.
- Petit—What you should do to your dog.
- Peu—A garbage heap.
- Votre—What you get from a well.
- Autre—Last name of famous cowboy, Gene.
- Bois—What girls marry.
- Coup—What they keep chickens in.
- Pommes de terre frites—Kick Fritz in the pants.

SPLINTERED SPANISH

- Ayudar—Are you there?
- Castillo—Abbott's partner.
- Tres—What grow in the country.
- No salimos—Don't spit on the floor.
- Que lo haga Carlos—Carl's got a blind date.

LACERATED LATIN

- Lax no scripta—Too lazy to write.
- Hic Haec hoc—Who's been drinking?
- Victoria Gaudet—Vicky's got it.
- Hoc te rogo—Roger runs a pawnshop.
- Pax vobiscum—Pass the biscuits.
- Teacher beginning a lesson: Now before I start I want to say something.

"She told me," complained Ed White to Cookie Wilson, "that you her the secret I told you not to tell her."

"Well," replied Cookie in a hurt tone "I told her not to tell you I told her."

"Oh, dear," sighed Kitty, "Well, tell her I told you that she told her."

Volunteering as a blood donor at hospital, a young woman was asked by the nurse, "Do you know your type?"

"Oh, Yes," came the reply, "I'm a sultry type."

Flirt: The girl who believes it's a boy for herself.

Mrs. Hutton asked Linda Studer to name a great timesaver.

"Love at first sight," she replied.

DAFFYNITIONS

- Discretion—A comb that expels hands us after we have lost our hair.
- Education—That which enables us to get into more intelligent trouble.
- Intelligence tests—Describing a staircase or an accordion without using your hands.
- One girl to another: "If only I could combine their qualities, I'd be the piest girl in the world. Ronal is debonair, rich, handsome, witty. Clarence wants to marry me.
- One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today is tomorrow.