

Lynn Johnson Reigns Over Winterfest

Ugliest Dozen



S'Hiver Potpourri Theme Of '68 Winterfest Pageant

S'Hiver Potpourri - Winterfest 1968. There are many activities scheduled to make this year's Winterfest entertaining and memorable. Friday evening a dinner buffet was served in the cafeteria of the Campus Center. The annual Miss Winterfest Pageant also took place Friday evening. The candidates were presented and judged on their abilities in several areas. Among these were poise, personality and talent.

Candidates for this year's Miss Winterfest were:

Miss Kathie Reiser, a Sophomore from Glenwood, Iowa. Kathie is majoring in Sociology. Her interests lie in sports, her favorite being tennis.

Miss Lyn Marbach, a Junior from LeMars, Iowa. Lyn likes working with children and will receive her degree in Social Work.

Miss Paula Westfall, a junior from Western Springs, Illinois. Paula is majoring in French. She

is interested in sports, sewing and knitting.

Miss Lynn Johnson, a junior from Pomona, California. Lynn's major is Sociology. She is very interested in the theater.

Miss Lela Hansen, a sophomore from Ruskin, Nebraska. Although Lela likes music, she has chosen Social Anthropology for her major.

Miss Suzy Fossum, a senior from Cambridge, Wisconsin. Suzy's major is Elementary Education.

Miss Bobbe Bohan, a senior from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Bobbe is majoring in Education.

Miss Rita Sandvald, a junior from Soldier, Iowa. Rita has decided to major in Mathematics.

Miss Linda Filson, a junior from Santa Anna, California. Linda loves sports and music. She is majoring in Speech with emphasis on industrial communications.

Miss Mary Henningsen, a freshman from Atlantic, Iowa. Mary is majoring in Sociology.

Miss Marcia Methus, a junior from Northwood, Iowa. Marcia is majoring in Business Education. In her spare time she likes to swim.

The judges for the pageant were: Mrs. Passolp, Omaha, Nebr.; Mr. Richard Messenger, Hastings College, Hastings, Nebr.; Miss Eckley, Dana College; Mrs. Kolterman, Blair, Nebr.; and Mr. Murdoch, Blair, Nebr.

Saturday evening will bring more entertainment. The Winterfest dance will be held in the Concourse of the Campus Center from 8:30 until midnight. Music for the evening will be provided by The Shot Heard 'Round the World, a band from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Tickets for the dance can be purchased in the center over the dinner hours; Couples, \$2.00, Singles \$1.50.



Throughout the year Dana is continuously surrounded by handsome young men. Yet, Friday, March 8th Dana will be incompassed by twelve of the most ugly men ever born or created.

The ugly men, will throughout the day try to collect money from the Dana Student body and faculty. The ugly man with the most money will win the contest and be declared the ugliest of the dozen. All proceeds from this collection will be donated to the March of Dimes.

Those men participating in the contest are:

RASMUSSEN HALL
2nd East Ivan Schlichting
2nd West Lowell Thomson
3rd West Greg Woody
4th West John Lippold
4th East Louis Carpenter

HOLLING HALL
2nd North Al Thomas
3rd North John Leitel
4th North Lanny Rulla
4th South Les Hayes

ELKHORN HALL
Doug Hansen

DELTA SIG'S
Butch Salvi

KAPPA CHI'S
Ken Lizer

Chapel Schedule

March 11 9:30 p.m., Student Chapel, DHA
March 12 Father William Shattuck, St. Mary's Episcopal, Blair.
March 13 Hymn Sing: Miss Louella Nielsen.
March 15 Mr. Warman: Civil Disobedience

March 18 9:30 p.m., Student Chapel, DHA
March 19 Pastor Milbern Goetz First Lutheran Church, Fremont.
March 20 "Minor Miracle" Lenten Drama, Grandview College Players
March 21 Pastor Morris Watkins, Lutheran Bible Translators.

Morrison Speaks to S.A.M.



Former Governor of Nebraska, Frank Morrison is shown here with President C. C. Madsen and Daryl Rasey, President of S.A.M. Mr. Morrison was the speaker at the March 5th meeting of S.A.M.



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Editors And Officers Needed For 68-69 Term

March 15 was announced by Chuck Scott, V. P., as the deadline for those students wishing to make application for student publications editors.

Applications can be obtained by contacting Chuck Scott or any of the Student body officers. The qualifications required of editors are as follows: (1) Shall have attended Dana at least two semesters, including the semester of nomination (2) Shall have a cumulative grade point average of five (5.00) (3) Shall fulfill the moral standards of Dana College (4) Shall be on neither academic nor social probation (5) may succeed himself in which case he shall not serve on the Board of Publications.

Chuck also stated that anyone interested in any other student body office should also contact him as the deadline for application for these offices is March 27th. Qualifications for Student Body offices can be found in the Viking log.

Korshoj Wins New Contract

The construction contract for the new Charles A. Dana Library-Learning Resources Center was awarded to the Korshoj Construction Co. of Blair.

Korshoj, the low bidder of the four firms submitting bids, received the general contract in the amount of 803 thousand dollars.

Dr. Madsen stated that construction is expected to begin immediately with a tentative completion date set for September, 1969.

"Situation Ethics"

The Intra-Disciplinary Conference in Philosophy will meet Saturday, March 16; in the Campus Center at 9:30 a.m.

The day's activities include an opening address on the topic, "What is Situation Ethics?" by Prof. Robert Dewey of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Nebraska. A talk will be presented by Mother Martinez, Duchesne College, and a panel discussion will be held.

Professors Invited To A. A. U. P. Banquet

Dr. Tom J. Truss of Washington, D. C. will speak at the annual banquet of the American Association of University Professors of Eastern Nebraska at Creighton University in Omaha on March 21.

Invited to the banquet are members of AAUP chapters at Dana College, Midland College, the University of Omaha and Creighton University and AAUP members at Duchesne College.

Orwig Gives Senior Recital

John Orwig, a baritone horn player who is majoring in music, will present his senior recital Sunday March 17 at 2:00 o'clock in A.M.A.

Accompanied by Karen Larsen, John will play five numbers: He has been active in both Choir and Band for the last four years, and this year serves as Band President.

Contributions To "Sower" Wanted

How would you like to see your own masterpiece in print? This is the offer made annually by the Student Anthology, the "Sower."

Original creative works are needed in the areas of prose, poetry; translations, Art, music or photography. Annually, various awards are offered for literary and artistic excellence.

The Joseph Langland Award is presented for outstanding work in poetry or prose; the Hal Evans Cole Award is presented for outstanding work in art; and the Kaj Munk Memorial Award is the best translation of poetry or prose from another language to English.

Along with the art work for the "Sower", a cover design is also needed. The cover design does not have to follow the theme suggested by the word "Sower." The only prerequisite is good design and a 6" x 9" size.

All prose and poetry should be double spaced and in duplicate. Work should be turned in to Mr. Bansen, PM 312, or Sandy Voll, Box 1037.

Deadlines for material are March 20 and April 10, so students should get their work in as soon as possible.

Dave Musich, a sophomore from Blair, will present an organ recital the same afternoon.

His presentation will include an unusual number which uses two trumpets, two trombones and a timpani. Rod and Ron Hutton will play trumpet, Jack Marten and Joe Fryman will play trombone and Chris Anderson will perform on the timpani.

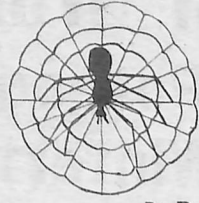
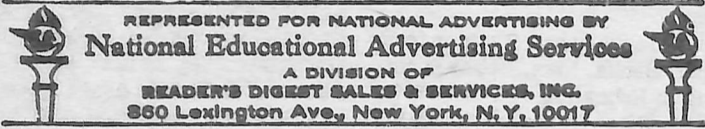
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The Spyder Speaks

By Bob Siebert

Well, two people read my column last Hermes anyway. They obviously took it more seriously than I did.

Sure does seem like spring is here. The grass in some spots is getting green, there are buds on the trees and yesterday I saw my first Robin! I knew it was a Robin cause he was wearing a mask, a cape and a utility belt. That was kind of poor wasn't it.

At any rate spring is almost here and the grass on the campus should turn green. Unfortunately the ground around the Center and Old Main is going to be as lush in greenery as coach Pete's head is with hair. There are about three hundred square feet of dirt peering up through the grass. It really is going to look good.

So what can we do about it? Well for one we can stop tramping on it. I'm just as guilty as anyone but I'm going to try to cut it out. I heard that the Kappa's are having their people stay on the sidewalks. I hope everyone can follow that example, except that the sidewalks were designed and laid without regard to shortest routes but will have to make do with what we have.

By the way I'm using the Spyder byline again by popular request. Thanks all three of you. See you next Hermes.

ED. NOTE: The following letter was received in response to an article which recently appeared in the "Hermes".

Dear Bob,

I was amused at your article, "In Demand of Equal Time," of "Hermes" Feb. 23, 1968. As you obviously were a little hazy about your facts, let me set you straight. First of all, to cheer you up, Persian Zoroastrianism is not defunct at all, as the Parsees in India would inform you. But before you "lean" to a religion, you should really know how to spell its name: "Zoroasterianism" is a poor try. But even more important to your criticism of Heaven and Hell. The Bible does promise eternal life to followers of Christ, but did you know that the particular concepts of Heaven and Hell which you so vigorously criticized came to Christianity from Persian Zoroastrianism?!

The Christian's "dogma," believe it or not, is not "if you're bad you stand in the corner." Christ, Christianity's founder, came to help bad people, and offer them strength and inner peace. The price tag for this is one's life, but I, for one, am not sorry I made this bargain of love. The benefits are outweighing the disadvantages more every day.

Sincerely,
 Connie Boehr

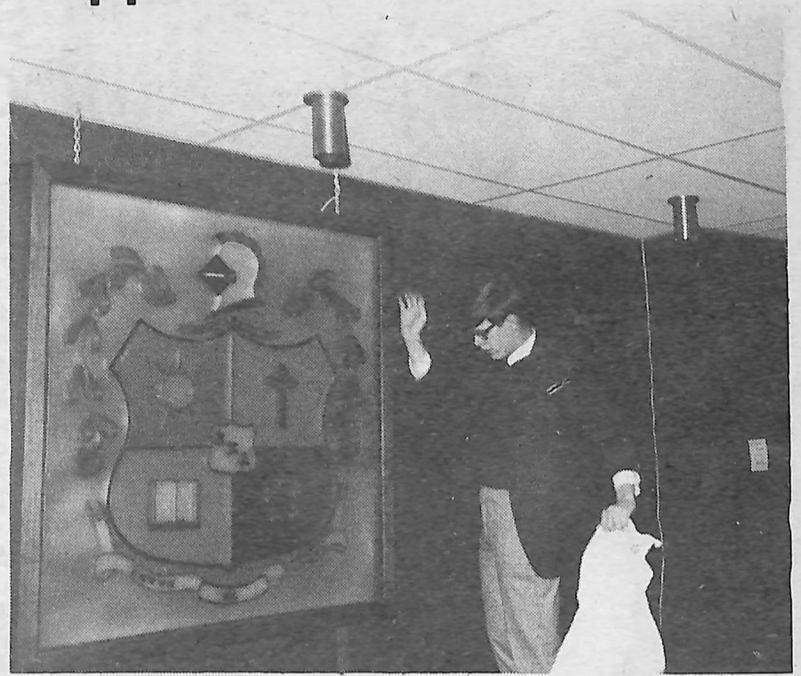
imaginary) weaknesses and imperfections of the Church, of which there are legions. But meaningful criticism can best come from one who knows what the Church is really preaching, teaching and living.

By the way, many traditional Christian views, such as the dualism of God and Satan and the future life with its recompenses and punishments, probably owe their ultimate origin to Persian Zoroastrianism. But then the author of "In Demand of Equal Time" apparently knows almost as little about the religion of the Parsi as he does about Christianity.
 Delvin Hutton

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Kappa Chi's Unveil Crest



Toby Albach unveils the Kappa Chi crest in the Campus Center.

A new addition was recently made to the beautification of the Dragon's Head. An illuminated crest of the Kappa Chi's was unveiled in a private ceremony last week.

Toby Albach, Kappa Chi president, commented that the crest represented the Kappa's expres-

sion of service. The Kappa's feel that they, as an organization, have added to the development of the school and this crest is an outward symbol of this.

The idea of the crest was initiated in last year's pledge class and was realized this year. The Kappa's received technical aid from Tuf-Glas of Blair.

Editorially Speaking - - - - -

It's About Time

An unusual event took place on Campus last Tuesday evening. It was unusual in the aspect that it is something that for unknown reasons, is never allowed to happen at Dana.

Two lectures were scheduled for the same time, which in my opinion was a fortunate happening. Both speakers were well worth hearing and were well received by their respective audiences.

This break-thru in scheduling showed that two events can be successfully held at the same time. Students are not merely given a chance to hear a speaker but also a choice of which to attend. I applaud this approach as being the only way to provide events that will please a majority of the students. The taste and preferences of each student are different and therefore they should be allowed to choose between varied possibilities.

Another unusual and interesting aspect of Tuesday evenings speakers was the parallelism of their two speeches.

Former Governor Morrison spoke to the Dana Chapter of S. A. M. on the aspects of personal involvement which would have as its goal the improvement of the quality of human life. He also spoke of becoming aware of what's going on out side the classroom and committing oneself to a cause bigger than oneself. Strangely enough, Mr. Schoenburn also talked of an involvement and commitment which required pushing oneself out of his egocentric shell. He said we must evaluate our past, present, and future, and thus plot a course out of this "cesspool" world given to us.

Both, spoke of a commitment, a personal involvement. Both wanted to cure the ills of the U.S., and both men were out trying to do something.

We, as students must take the next step. Mr. Morrison exclaimed that college people should be running for town councils, listening to legislatures, and viewing the outside world with impatient discontent. Yet, 70% of the students are never involved in any type of activity outside the classroom.

Where have we as citizens failed? Where does the root of our complacency lie? Will we meet the challenge of the times and be able not only to identify our problems but to solve them?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Christian Church can be, should be, and has been criticized by thoughtful prophetic voices, both from within and without. Christians who naively place their faith and life above reproach are guilty of self-delusion if not self-idolatry. Responsible criticism from friend and foe has been for the ultimate benefit of the Church. But such critics as the author of "In Demand of Equal Time" (HERMES, February 23, 1968, page 2) are neither a credit to their intellectual and spiritual predecessors nor of benefit to the Church. The stereotyped "Christian view of Heaven and Hell," there so sophomorically ridiculed, is an imaginary straw man out of the Middle Ages, the "defeat" of which is at best only a commentary on the "victor's" naivete. If the critic of the Church truly wishes to offer a meaningful critique then he must address himself to the actual (and not

Wild Strawberries Second Film In Art Series

Professor Isak Borg awakens early on the day he is to receive an honorary degree, disturbed by a dream of his own death. He decides to drive with his daughter-in-law to the university. On their drive, she criticizes him for his coldness, causing him to examine his life.

They stop at the house where he lived as a child, and he remembers his rejection by the beautiful Sara. Shortly thereafter they pick up a girl who in looks and in defiant attitude is like Sara. Then they are involved in an accident. The husband and wife who were in the other car join the professor's party, but they fight, and Marianne orders them out.

In the peace that follows, the old doctor dreams again, this time of failing a medical examination. He wakes and they stop to visit his old mother, whose coldness to him shocks Marianne. They reach the University, and the doctor is honored. As the day ends, he makes his first tentative efforts to break through the shell of coldness he has built around himself.

Film Schedule

WILD STRAWBERRIES 3/15/68
 THE SEVENTH SEAL 3/29/68
 THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY 4/19/68
 WINTER LIGHT 4/28/68
 THE SILENCE 5/10/68

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Virgin Spring In Retrospect

By Karen Larson

Since the film "Virgin Spring" involved the fate of revenge, there is indeed an element of fear, tension, and intense dramatic irony. The rape of the virgin; being the center of all, revolved around the happening, makes the film even more intense. The characters reflect true life. Each one has his role or part and each one in turn revolves around Karin's fate. This is the reason that it is such an excellent character study. A medieval air sets the film right away into one of inevitable and grim fate. Tension starts to pinch as the rape scene begins and from there on continues in a fever pitch as the father ponders death for the three at fault. It truly shows 14th Century Sweden as it really was, the mud home being a castle to them and the tension between Paganism and Christianity.

Symbolism makes one think of reality here. Every symbol, from the snow falling on the little boy as he watches over Karin's dead body, to the spring that breaks forth under Karin's head as the family moves her. These symbols, or clues, allowed me to watch with better understanding and thought. Color, if it had been used, would have detracted immensely from the deeper meaning of the symbolic black and white. Photography; especially of the expressions of characters is incomparable. Few words are spoken and few are needed because of the speech of the facial expressions. The little boy's acting is superb and maybe it is because of the fact that he says not a word. He symbolizes, perhaps, those of us who just stand and watch, listen and are dumb, but seldom speak. There is nothing I do not agree with, repulsive as some parts are; because it provokes my thoughts to a film of which I have never seen similar. There is certainly enough entertaining in our theaters of today and we do need as much, if not more; of the thought-provoking type of revelation.

SPORTS

Primates Lead "A" Intramurals

The Class A Intramural team to beat is Primates. With good balanced scoring and strong outside shooting by Mike Hogzett the Primates have won 12 while losing none. Barring a major upset it looks like the Primates will take the Class A championship with no trouble.

Predicting the class B race is a lot more difficult. Two teams remain undefeated, the Ducks and the Fardguards. Two other teams are hot on their tails with only 1 loss apiece, the Dyaks and the Nads. They way it looks now though, is that class B will be decided when The Ducks and The Fardguards meet on the final night of competition.

Intramural Standings

A League	
1. Primates	12-0
2. Raiders	9-1
3. Off Campus	8-2
4. Mad Mooners	7-3
5. Fardguards	7-5
6. Married	4-7
7. Grinders	3-7
8. Valhalla's	2-10
9. CA's	1-9
10. AMF's	1-11

B LEAGUE	
1. Ducks	9-0
2. Fardguards	8-0
3. Dyaks	7-1
4. Nads	6-1
5. Mad Mooners	4-5
6. Amaral-ladaces	4-5
7. AMF's	4-4
8. Off Campus	4-4
9. Primates	3-4
10. Scavengers	2-5
11. Grinders	1-8
12. Raiders	0-7
13. Married	0-6

Girls' Intramurals

Third Argo easily took their second victory from 2-4th Argo in girls basketball intramurals. The score was 79-9. Linda Cleaver, Pat Welander, and Toni Bailey were the high scorers for 3rd Argo with 27, 27, and 18 respectively. Gleeann McClannahan scored 6 for the losers.

The second game saw 3rd Mickelsen beating 2nd Mickelsen, 46-35. Connie Timm was high with 24, followed by Karen Gailey with 14 for 3rd Mickelsen. Elaine Winterhoff and Candy Holverson had 11 and 10 respectively for 2nd Mickelsen.

Both 4th Mickelsen and the Units forfeited in the last game.

The standings after two rounds:

	W	L	F
3rd Argo	2	0	0
3rd Mickelsen	1	1	0
2-4th Argo	1	1	0
4th Mickelsen	1	0	1
Units-Off-Campus	0	1	1
2nd Mickelsen	0	2	0

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Cagers Lose To Wesleyan

Feb. 29 - Good outside shooting by a 5'10" guard and strong rebounding by a 6'9" center proved too much for the Vikings as they lost the final game of the season, to Nebraska Wesleyan, 82-65.

Rex Mahlman had over 20 points for the sixth time this season and Gary Shuck playing his final game for Dana hit in double figures with 11. The rest of the Vikings averaged only 4 points apiece.

This was not a successful season for the Dana basketball team, but with only two players leaving by graduation, and some help from promising under classmen, the future of Dana basketball looks pretty good.

Those Keglers Are At It Again

The Physical Education classes conducted by Grant Walls are having a good time bowling in their own leagues. Each class is divided into several teams of three men each. The teams are named by the letters of the alphabet as Agnes's, Beatrices, Clarissas and so on, including the Zeldas. The teams play a round robin, meeting each other only once. The winner is determined by the combined total of all three team members. Teams were chosen by averages so each team has total equal ability.

Going into the Wednesday, March 6 matches two teams in section I were undefeated. The Clarissas, led by 180 plus average Tim Wiggins and the Elviras, led by Mike, Strike It Lucky, Moore. On March 7, only the Clarissas were undefeated, having beaten the Elviras 419-403.

Section 7 is also a two team race with the Jaquelyns, led by Gary Shuck and the Imogenes, led by Rod Christenson both yet to be beaten. Good luck keggers! (C. A.'s note spelling)

Baseball Team Starts Season

By L. Edgell

Baseball coach Dale Lemon has 28 men now working out in preparation for the coming season. With 11 returning lettermen and 2 real promising transfer students, it looks like a promising season for the Vikings.

Several positions look a little crowded right now, with several strong fielders and hitters working for starting positions.

One of the hottest contests for a starting berth is at the catcher spot. *Jon Boustead, returning sophomore letterman, is going to be pushed by Phil Facendola and transfer student **Steve Miller.

Another position I wouldn't want to have to pick a starter for is first base. Senior *Jim Erickson, transfer student **Jan Haugen and Freshman Jim Deupre all are working hard and looking good.

Second base looks wide open. With the graduation of Don Perkovich, this is the only position with no returning lettermen. Four boys are working out at this spot, Greg Rodgers, Brian Moerer, Dane Meuschke and Rod Christenson.

It looks like everybody wants to play third base. *Paul Dietrich, Craig Moran, Pete Christensen, Jim Anderson, Gordon Putnam and Paul Toole are all working out at this position.

At shortstop is *Brent Peterson who hit over 300 last year.

In the outfield are *Ron Bernier, *Mike Moore, Marvin Richardson and John Lydon.

Of course you can't win baseball games without pitching and Dana has four returning lettermen, team captain *Jerry Larsen, *Denny St. Clair, *Keith Benson, and *Al Thomas. Others who intend to do some pitching are: Jeff Maddocks, Dan Jackson and Phil Coughlin.

The first home game is on March 28 against Doane.

** - transfer students

* - returning lettermen.

Three Place In Tri-State Meet

Feb. 24, - The 1968 Tri-State Conference Wrestling tournament was held today at Midland. The Vikings received two thirds and a fourth individually but as a team ended up in last place. Westmar repeated as conference champions.

Ron Briggs took third place in the 145 Lb. class after drawing a bye and then defeating Jim Rutherford of Concordia, 7-1.

Ron Johnson also took a third in the 167 Lb. class after being pinned by Conference champion Dick Grauer of Concordia and then pinning his next opponent, Tower of Sioux Falls.

Bob Buss took fourth in the Heavyweight division after drawing a bye in the first round, losing a close match to Bliley of Yankton in the second round and winning a close one over Luhrs of Concordia in the third round. He then lost to Jim Dacthler of Sioux Falls who took third place.

We appreciate the enthusiasm shown by Coach Bob Simpson and his team during his first year at Dana and look for a lot of exciting wrestling from the Vikings next season.

Jerry Rainforth New B. B. Coach

March 7 -- Dr. C. A. Christiansen, dean of the faculty at Dana College today announced the appointment of Mr. Jerry Rainforth to the college staff.

According to Christiansen, Rainforth will assume the duties of head basketball coach for the Vikings, assist in other sports and serve as an assistant to the dean of students. He will take over his new duties with the opening of the 1968-69 academic year.

Rainforth, who has been teaching and coaching at Blair High School for the past eleven years, represents an addition to the Dana athletic-physical education staff. He will relieve Dale Lemon of coaching duties in basketball allowing Lemon to devote full time to coaching baseball and teaching. Mr. Lemon will also continue as an assistant coach in other sports.

Rainforth is a native of Hastings, Nebraska and a graduate of Tekamah High School. He received his A. B. degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln and taught for a short time at Clatonia, Nebraska. In September of 1957 he was appointed to the teaching-coaching staff of Blair High School, a post he has held until the present.

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ED. NOTE: The following article was written by a Dana Student from Nigeria. It is his opinion of what has been going on for the past nine months in this war torn nation. It is of particular interest to us today when we are so pre-occupied with the Vietnam War.

By Bruno Orji

To many of us, the world is a glowing jewel but to some of us from Nigeria, it is one of isolation and doubt. This is caused by the civil war and mass genocide going on in Nigeria for the past nine months.

Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, was a British colony until 1960 when she became independent and assumed a republican status under the British Commonwealth of Nations. Since then, Nigeria has been a sick child. The colonial masters divided the country into three political sections: Northern Region, Eastern and Western. The North is bigger than the East and the West combined. Later, Midwestern region was carved out from the Western region. The Northerners are Moslems and dominated by the Hausas, the East by the Christian Ibos, and the West by the Yorubas who are mixtures of Christians and Moslems. These ethnic groups have various divergent views and cultures, thus, they never agreed on any major issue.

In January, 1966, a bunch of revolutionary elements in the army mounted a coup and assassinated the Prime Minister and the Premiers of Northern and Western regions. Not long after, there was a counter coup in which the Major General of the army, who was designated as the head of the state, was assassinated also. The seed of the present unrest was planted in the first coup when it was alleged that the Premiers of the Eastern and Midwestern regions, who happened to be Ibos, were deliberately left scot free. Prior to these episodes, there had been a mass hatred for the hardworking, adventurous Ibos of the Eastern region who explored all the parts of the country and established progressive businesses all around.

In July 1966, over ninety thousand Easterners, both civilians and army officers, living in the North were massacred in cold blood. This made the Easterners start doubting their safety in the Federation. As a result, there was a mass exodus of all the Easterners from all the parts of the Federation back to their native Eastern region. This caused unimaginable strife, inflation and hardship in the region. At this junction, the daily lives of the civilians were packed full of uncertainties, and law and order were almost on the fringe of breaking to shambles.

CONFEDERATION

To foster the safety of the Easterners, Lt. Col. Ojukwu, the military governor, who holds a



master's degree in Economics from Oxford, advocated that Confederate form of government would be the only way out of the strife-torn situations. On the strength of that, a summit conference was summoned at Aburi, Ghana, a neighboring country and a compromise was reached on confederation, but later it was dishonored by the central government.

BIAFRA

Eastern region, pressed to the wall and drained of the last drop of her patience, proclaimed secession as the only way out. She heralded her cause by saying that if the Aburi compromise was not honored, she would be forced out of the Federation. In May, 1967, she seceded and answered Biafra. This was the last stroke that broke the Camel's back, and thus sparked off domestic fury and fierce civil strife.

ECONOMIC SANCTION

Immediately after secession, the central government imposed an economic sanction on Biafra; this means that nothing goes in nor comes out. This factor has been the most embarrassing one because it makes it impossible for us to write letters home and vice versa. Biafra now lives strictly on what she produces. Her avenues to the world market and communication have been closed since then. You can imagine the feelings of some one far from home when he is shut off from his people for that long.

CIVIL WAR

Worse still is the civil war which has claimed over a hundred thousand lives from both sides and has devastated the economy of the country. Right now, we can not say emphatically if our people are still alive. There have been some external influences on the war such as the Soviet Union equipping the central government and the Portuguese being sympathetic with the persecuted Biafrans.

PEACE

The OAU (Organization of African Unity) led by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia have tried to effect a peace talk in their flying visit but unfortunately the two sides were too optimistic over victory to listen to OAU's move. Right now, the British Commonwealth of Nations is trying to work out a peace settlement.

The much acclaimed conviction that the Easterners are seceding because of the natural resources they have is an unfounded fallacy. Instead, they are taking refuge in secession as a last resort after having run out of patience as a result of much persecution and pressure and after all attempts to live as one entity ended in a fiasco.

From the above, one can see what I mean by a life of isolation and doubt. We are isolated from our people at home since our normal chain of correspondence with them has been shattered and in doubt because we continue to doubt their obvious existence and safety. All these ugly situations create problems for the mind.

BRUNO ORJI
March 3, 1968

College Master Policyholder OF THE WEEK

Richard Vierk an accounting major from Grand Island, Nebraska will graduate in May and begin work in the Public Accounting field. Richard is currently Editor of the "Hermes" and is past editor of the "Sower". He is a member of S. A. M., Dana Folkdancers, Concert Band, Alpha Chi, Student Council and Who's Who Among American College Students.



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