

THE OBSERVER

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Fisher on Dissenters in America

It is seemingly a paradox that the United States, the haven of the oppressed from all over the world has oftentimes resorted to oppression of those who disagreed with the status quo. From New England to the slaves states of the south, minorities were either not tolerated or exploited.

This distrust of those who are different is carried down to this day against people and groups that speak out against poverty, injustice or preach a belief that differs from the majority. Far worse is the toleration of such organizations as the KKK, in the north as well as south.

In the eighteenth century, the status quo was upheld by the Tories while the rebels were the revolutionists, a point often overlooked by certain groups. In its time, slavery was considered as an established institution. The abolitionists were the great dissenters. William Garrison and John Brown standing out as the great radicals of that period. For those who believe that planned economy is a foreign importation would do well to study the Utopians among whom was numbered Albert Brisbane, the father of Hearst's late editorial stogie, Arthur Brisbane.

Even amongst the economists, there were those who like Henry George and Thorstein Veblen preached unorthodoxy. Veblen's "Theory of the Leisure Class" is a classic study of modern society, his "Theory of Business Enterprise" has had much influence on modern economic thinking. John Alcott, the greatest governor that Illinois ever had, was ruined because of his insistence of right. In the early days of the twentieth century unionism was proscribed, and men like Eugene Debs, who at one time drew almost a million votes as a presidential candidate, were condemned and jailed for union organization.

These are a few of the dissenters,

who endured ostracism, social disapproval, sometimes even imprisonment, yet they have left their stamp on America. Perhaps they were not successful, but at least they called attention to inequities in the social order. This is in marked contrast to many newspapers and community and political leaders who try to place all action and thought into one common mold and condemn those whose views are different. A greater tolerance should exist for those whose beliefs differ from the established norm, yet are striving for a better America within the framework of American ideals and aspirations.

● FRATERNITIES, Sororities (Continued from page 2)

of the founders of Triangle fraternity. He spoke on the early formation of Triangle and its growth.

Wm. Bloudek, EE Jan. '47, was recently voted as the graduate contributing most to the activities of Triangle. His name will be engraved on the fraternity plaque.

SIGMA-BETA THETA

Sigma Beta Theta held their formal rush dinner at A Bit of Sweden Friday. Among the guests were the officers of the Sigma Alumni Association and Mrs. Ido Gilbert, character member. Ten young women: Claire Brough, Betty Litsinger, Shirley Schultz, Audrey Salomon, Barbara Sandstrom, Jean Rasmussen, Audrey Read, Betty Griswold, Kathryn Kamalick, and Arlene Edwards were entertained at the dinner.

Man Of The Week

Air Corps Veteran Don Asire Is A Sparkplug of Senior Class

by John F. Wolfe

The senior class will lose one of its sparkplugs this June when Donald Asire graduates. Known as the man with the flashiest smile among the ME's, Don came to Illinois Tech in 1941 after graduating from Farragut High School, where he was trustee of the radio club, member of the National Honor Society, and chairman of his class.

After two years of school, Don left to join the Army Air Forces, where he became a fighter pilot.

While in the service he married Eula Mae Dotson, a Utah girl. After his discharge in October, 1945, Don returned to IIT, when, because of his experience with aircraft, he changed from a CHS to an ME (aero).

Don's popularity on the campus is evidenced by the number of offices to which he has been elected. He is chairman of the Inter-Honorary Council, vice-president of AIES, and

has been vice-president of Tau Beta Pi. Continuing to maintain a 2.8 average, he is also active in Rho Epsilon, Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Omega, ASME, and IRE.

In spite of his numerous school activities, Don still finds time to operate his own "ham" radio station, W9AKV, at his home in Fox River Grove. With a group of other radio fans, he helped found the McHenry County Amateur Radio Club. Some of his other hobbies include swimming, basketball, and private flying. Don, an active member of the Army Air Corps Reserve, envisions great things in store for aviation.

After his graduation from IIT in June, he plans to head for Pasadena, where he will work for a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at California Institute of Technology. He intends to "live in the Southwest and raise a family."

● SLIPSTICK

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It and make you lose ten bucks. That's your Hard Luck.

But—when a man looks for an apartment, finds just what he wants, and when the manager asks, "Have you any children?" puts on a long face and answers, "Yes, but they're in the cemetery"; pays six months' rent in advance; gets a receipt; then goes out to the cemetery, gets his children and brings them to the apartment. That's Brains.

—IIT—

Three ways to avoid embarrassment when you fall on the dance floor: (1) Just lie there;

they will think you fainted. (2) Get up gracefully. (3) Start mopping the floor with your handkerchief; they'll think you work there.

—IIT—

Mother: "Son, I don't want to see you going around with that wild girl any more."

Son: "Aw, heck, maw, she ain't wild. Anybody can pet her."

—IIT—

"Your girl is spoiled, isn't she?" "No, it's just the perfume she's wearing."

—IIT—

I think he's regaining consciousness, doctor, he tried to blow the foam off his medicine this morning.

INFORMATION FOR FREE

Wild Bill Furlong

Comes as a revolution... Hospitalization insurance may eventually become a more hotly disputed contract condition among college professors than salary. The mortality rate among that working class is being hiked yearly—and not through altogether natural causes.

An item from Italy via the Associated Collegiate Press sheds light on the situation. A professor at the 700-year-old University of Naples earned the dubious distinction of helping to boost the soaring mortality rate. He had slipped up in the matter of grades and carelessly failed most of his students. Incensed by his action the students, all war veterans of the Italian army, yanked door handles from the nearest doors and proceeded to beat the hapless, but deserving, professor with them (the handles, that is). The sedate university, one of the kernels of European culture, had to be shut down because of the brawl.

The revelation of this incident opened new vistas to college students who once covered under the lash of professors. When things were not running smoothly the student could scot for the nearest door, yank off its handle and wave it threateningly at the professor. Additional doors might be built into every room to supply the demand.

Final exams would become a strain to the instructors instead of to the students. It would be the profs who would fear the results of the quizzes for they may have provided their own death warrants. From the professors' point of view the only solution is to tack another freedom right under that "from high funeral costs"—freedom from loose door handles.

EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER—

1945 NEWS ITEM!
Cigarette Shortage Still Acute

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T FOR THROAT...

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