

Danger in Yielding To Reds — Douglas

By C. C. Lynch and Jim Meloney

America may postpone a showdown with Communism by yielding, but our children would then have a much worse chance of winning over aggressive forces in years to come. This was the view taken by Senator Paul H. Douglas in answering a Cluster reporter's query on how eminent all-out war seems to be.

The senior senator from Illinois said he feels that the choice is either in resisting now while we have allies or in waiting until many of our present allies are overcome as a result of our yielding ground to prevent an immediate struggle.

A group of Cluster reporters and journalism students interviewed the visiting statesman Tuesday morning following his address in the student chapel service. The Senator has a way of putting a person very much at ease, and the whole interview carried the atmosphere of a campus "bull-session," such as those so popular during Religious Focus Week.

Favors Strong Defense

Douglas said his opinion is that the Formosa situation is bringing the threat of war closer, but there is always the risk of all-out war. He said he favors a strong navy and air force, but he believes there is still a big place for ground troops.

The Democratic leader was himself a combat Marine in World War II, and during training at Parris Island, he was rated the "best all-around man" in his platoon. The man responsible for much of his Marine training, his former drill sergeant, was in the audience Tuesday morning. He is now stationed at the local Naval Ordnance Plant.

Commenting on a new book by newspaper columnist Walter Lippman in which Lippman advocates a foreign policy removed from public opinion, the Senator said he feels that foreign policy should be the direct result of public opinion, but that we need a more educated public where such matters are concerned.

One of the main troubles about the A-bomb and the H-bomb, Douglas said, is that the people do not know much about them and that they do not make the decisions about their use. He reiterated that we need a staidier and more educated public.

Asked if he thought our government is right in supporting the "seemingly defunct regime of Chiang Kai Shek," the former University of Chicago economics professor answered that he personally does not like the Nationalist Chinese leader, but feels that we can never have ideal allies. He said we should support Chiang because he is anti-communist.

If the Communists should attack Formosa, he continued, the U. S. would resist. He feels that a great deal of the present situation in China is due to the loss of confidence in Chiang by the Chinese people, caused by corruption in his government.

Dissatisfaction in Russia

A stiff policy is to be the result of the new Russian rule, says Douglas, but in the end they cannot make a go of running farms as huge factories. He notes a growing sense of dissatisfaction among the Russian people indicated by the admission by Malenkov of responsibility for the farm policy failure, which he did not actually control.

Dressed in a grey business suit, the Democratic leader fiddled with his clear plastic-rimmed glasses while answering questions.

Rearming Germany

As for the result of re-arming Germany, the former Chicago city councilman said nobody may predict. He fears, however, that some

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SAYS SENATOR DOUGLAS

We Must Find the Way To Avoid Worst Road

By C. C. Lynch

The greatest moral decision that faces the world today is not what is the best road to take—that is already known; we must decide what is the worst in the world. This was the key-note of Senator Paul H. Douglas' speech in Willingham Chapel Tuesday morning.

The Illinois Democrat was brought to the Mercer campus by the Student Government Association. He was in Macon to speak at the Mercer-Wesleyan Inter-Civic Dinner on Tuesday night. The Mercer choir sang for the occasion.

The grey-haired senator began his speech by pointing out the contrast between love and war. He said that, although the last two wars have used up a most terrible 40 years, the third war might make the other two "look pale in comparison."

When police state comes to oppose a liberal state, the liberal state is never truthfully represented to the people of the opponent, because totalitarian rule does not allow a free press, free education, or multiple parties.

In pre-World War II days, had democracies waited another year to oppose Hitler, Douglas said, the German dictator would have taken control of much of the world. The same situation faces the world today, he added, and "successive acts of yielding will bring the danger even closer." If no resistance is made at the starting point of danger, the police state will only come closer to us, much as a fire which is allowed to rage awhile before it is stopped.

Too Long by Good Will

But the former college economics professor said even pacifists will be more favorable to resistance when faced with eminent danger of oppression. He predicted that it would take thousands of years to generate enough good will alone to moderate the police state.

The question he posed was which is worst: war or tyranny? Should we destroy the aggressor now by combat, or should we refuse to resist and risk a long-continued reign of tyranny which will stay with our descendants.

We take our relative amount of freedom for granted, Douglas emphasized; we must not, for we may lose it. He said that the A-bomb and the H-bomb do not create new moral issues—they just enlarge existing ones. We must decide what is worst and try to avoid it.

What of Sermon?

Turning back to the contrast of love and conflict, the speaker asked what then is the effect of all this talk of resistance on the Sermon on the Mount and other Christian teachings. "Is it to be rejected? Is it obsolete? It would be a calamity if we came to that conclusion. A great place for the application of these principles is in world relations."

Douglas said there should be no hesitation to accept the title

"do-gooder." We should win friends by deeds of kindness. The best solution to problems, he added, is to join the weapons of the flesh to the influence of the spirit.

Some people, the former military man said, fear that there is a danger of our becoming a police state as a result of active resistance to police states. We came out of the last war all right, he remarked, and we can do it again. We must press toward and come closer to the American ideals of equality, etc.

The best hope for peace, according to the Illinois statesman, lies in offering a sufficient deterrent to aggression. Douglas repeated several times that he realized the bitter, unpleasant note of what he spoke about, but he feels that the issue must be faced.

The library is now featuring a display of souvenirs belonging to Dr. McLeod Bryan, who got them in countries visited on his European tour last summer.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"My advice would be not to drop school to go into your father's business—you need a college education these days to find success and financial security."

SG Election Set Tuesday April 12

April 12 has been set as the date for spring elections this year, according to Student Body President Joe Hendricks. The Student Government, in its final meeting of this quarter and the next to the last for the group as it stands, officially approved the date Monday night.

Qualification date, when the candidates publicly declare intention to run, has been set for March 28, the first Monday in the spring quarter. The reason this was set on Monday instead of the customary Tuesday is to allow for two student chapel programs before the election. This will give each party one Tuesday to hold chapel.

At the same meeting it was announced that Peggy Carlisle, secretary-treasurer of the student body, will graduate at the end of the winter quarter. Janet McLaughlin was named to fill her unexpired term to take care of receiving an-

nouncements of candidacy from the political aspirants. She will be in the Co-op the afternoon of qualification day for that purpose.

Meanwhile, Joe Hendricks gave notice to Progressive Party officials that he did not intend to serve as chairman of that group for this election. As successful bidder for the student body presidency on the Progressive ticket in last year's election, Hendricks was automatically considered party head.

The SGA presiding officer also revealed that Bear Day Weekend cost the Student Government approximately \$200 above other costs.

Owen Bear Day Queen; SAE Wins Float Award

By Gilbert Wildes

Parades, queens, alumni, and basketball provided entertainment during the gala Homecoming celebrations here last weekend.

Blonde, pretty Diane Owen of Atlanta was crowned Homecoming Queen to reign over the activities. She and her court were formally presented at the annual Inter-fraternity Council dance Friday night held at the Dempsey Hotel.

Her court consisted of the five finalists—Freda Cagle of Chickamauga, Barbara Senft of Decatur, Jo Kidd of Newnan, Jean McRay of Gainesville, and Connie Adams of Macon.

SAE Cops Top Honor

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity float took top honors in the downtown parade which was centered around the theme of Holidays. The SAE float depicted the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a Liberty Bell to illustrate the Fourth of July.

The Mercer Independent Co-Ed Association copped second prize with a dogpatch special, Sadie Hawkin's Day.

The Easter float sponsored by the Alpha Delta Pi sorority placed third. The BSU used Washington's Birthday and the Kappa Alpha fraternity portrayed an Aviation Salute to merit honorable mention.

Other Holidays used were the

Mardi Gras by the Phi Mu sorority, St. Valentine Day by the Chi Omega sorority, Memorial Day by the Lambda Chi fraternity, Bear Day by the Sigma Nu fraternity, Armed Forces Day by the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and New Year's Day by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Bar-be-cue Staged

A genuine Georgia special bar-be-cue directed by Mr. Van Landingham was staged near the co-op after the parade at 5 p.m. for all comers, students or visitors.

The parade ground was the site for a pep rally with all the trimmings as the cheerleaders kindled the old Mercer spirit prior to the last regular season cage tilt in the Porter Gymnasium.

Each year the "M" Club invites one of Mercer's past great teams to be special guests at the annual Homecoming game. The Dixie Conference Champions of 1951 received special honors this year

and they were presented at half time intermission by past "M" Club President Joe Watson. Members presented to the audience were Lamar Clements, Richard Reed, Bob Reeder, Bobby Wilder, John Jewett, Bill Harris, and Emory Wilson.

Awards for Toby and Tot this year went to Milton Gardner, Sigma Nu, of Americus as Toby and Frances Wiatt, Phi Mu sorority, of Macon as Tot. The students raised \$506.75 in the annual Toby and Tot March of Dimes campaign.

Worship Service

Religious emphasis was given the weekend in an 11 a.m. worship service in Willingham Chapel Sunday morning, when Carwell Hughes of Moultrie spoke. The program was given entirely by Mercer Students.

Gene Temple of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity headed the planning and direction of Bear Day events as chairman of the Bear Day committee. Other committee members were "Red" MacDaniel, Cindy Sartin, and Janet McLaughlin.

Lehman Lindsey, president of the Inter-fraternity Council, directed plans for the IFC functions.