

Letters Defend Views Expressed by Mrs. Chalk

To the Editor: I was amazed that The Eccentric, which has been a regular feature of the paper, would print the letter which appeared on page 5 of its Feb. 9 issue.

I have known Margaret Chalk for many years, and consider her one of the finest citizens of Birmingham. She has been tireless in her efforts to help fellow man through church work, PTA, YWCA and many other civic activities.

For a man to attack her through insinuation, and not have the courage to sign his name, seems to me to be in exceedingly bad taste—even, shall we say, "un-American."

I am disappointed that The Eccentric would be a party to such an affair.

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very good company in her objections to its activities.

It was the Washington Post calling for the abolition of the film "The Bridges at Toko-Ri" by Harry Emerson Fosdick, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Reinhold Niebuhr, Rev. Henry Hilt Crane, Rabbi Morris Adler and the late Honorable Ira W. Jayne, Circuit Court judge.

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SPACE DOES NOT permit further quotes from this article—also one from Washington Post substantiating the Chronicle article, also personal observations from the reporter of "Francisco." They agree the film was distorted. The film taken by TV cameramen were subpoenaed, footage selected and pieced together—the Bridges film was inserted as it was not taken at the time of the demonstration according to reliable sources.

S. L. JOHNSTON

Except for libel and bad taste, The Eccentric does not censor its "Letters to the Editor." Writers are free to express their opinions relating to subjects of general interest. It must be borne in mind that such published opinions subject themselves to favorable or unfavorable comment of others, whether it regard the subject matter, the writer—or the newspaper itself.

—The Editor

With reference to the letter to the editor regarding the student demonstration in San Francisco?

One wonders why consideration to the fact that 165 faculty members at the San Francisco State College and 300 faculty members at the University of California signed protests against the un-American Activities Committee. One seriously doubts these faculty members were Communist influenced.

DESPITE investigations by the FBI all charges against 67 of the 68 persons arrested were dismissed by the judge of the municipal court. The one case is a student accused of striking a policeman.

A quote from the San Francisco Chronicle: "Why I object to the House un-American Activities Committee is a film on the Bay Area called 'Operation Abolition.' I object to a government agency coming and then distorting the truth and then distorting it."

"An engineer" in his letter last week threatens to turn in Mrs. Chalk's name and address to the attorney general because she expresses a belief that the House un-American Activities Committee operates to limit democracy in our country.

Mrs. Chalk demonstrates in her letter the type of responsible citizenship that strengthens democracy. Only by full and free discussion of controversial issues can democratic government exist. Threats of reprisals for unpopular views are the instrument used by the committee to limit democracy in America. Mrs. Chalk is in

FOR EXAMPLE: Among the Communist leaders who had an active part in the S. F. Abolitionists' campaign and the protest demonstrations were (sic) Harry Bridges, who (sic) you see here being escorted out of the city hall by police officials moments before the rioting broke out.

"Now the committee knows perfectly well that at the time of the demonstrations Bridges was eating lunch at Orestes."—Herb Case, bridge writer with San Francisco Chronicle.

Check for Care

Pat Strader (left) and Carol Gale, members of the Birmingham Business Club at Seaholm High School, present a check for \$95 to Christopher Deane for CARE. This was the club's annual contribution to the organization that provides clothing and other articles to destitute people overseas. Under direction of Mrs. Joan C. Marks, the business-student cooperative club makes a contribution each year rather than exchange Christmas gifts. Deane is Michigan field director for CARE.

FORGET-ME-NOTS

With the cold winds whistling (sneez) and the white snow snowing (sneez) and the slick sleet slewing (sneez) it would be worth while to remember the comforts and fun that will keep you alive and happy at a time like this, such as:

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Cooper and his droll sidekick, Arty, crisscrossed and camp along Alaska's famed Inside Passage, living on clams and crabs, and filming big game.

This laugh-packed adventure also features the cities of Fairbanks, Sitka, Juneau, Anchorage, Matanuska Valley and a "Hidden Valley." Included are scenes of landing a 42-pound salmon and a giant Kodiak bear.

Dr. Dreyfus Outlines TV's Impact on Youth

Newspaper circulation has not been affected by television, Dr. Lee Dreyfus told Friends of the Library in Birmingham Feb. 8.

Dr. Dreyfus discussed "TV and What It Does to You" before the Baldwin Public Library friends group.

The magazine business, however, has felt the impact of TV with some magazines going out of business and others becoming by-products, said Dreyfus.

At the present time 90 per cent of the United States is covered by TV programs. Research has shown that children sleep as much as they did before TV. In other words, if a child was allowed to stay up late he would do it regardless of TV. Despite rumors to the contrary, eyes have shown they are not affected by TV.

READING HAS increased in the libraries since the advent of TV. Hobbies and outdoor activities have decreased. The use of plastic models in a hobby program has become very popular due to TV.

Dr. Dreyfus stated that children between 10 and 14 years-old are not unduly affected by TV as they become selective at that age level.

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The taste in program selection generally parallels the degree of the children's parents. It has been found that by the time a youngster gets to the 11th grade, he is more interested in conversation rather than TV. This can be supported by teenagers' use of the telephone.

Dr. Dreyfus stressed the importance of viewers evaluating programs. People should know why they are watching.

THE FRIENDS of the Library meet several times a year to share outstanding programs which are followed by a social hour. Those people living in the area are welcome to join this civic group.

Dr. Dreyfus is listed in Who's Who in Education, Chairman of the International Relations Committee for the National Association of Broadcasters, and is assistant director of Radio and TV for Wayne State University. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

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