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Beichman on Kissinger, Moynihan and the UN

London's Daily Telegraph, December 2, published a news column from the colonies penned by Prof. Arnold Beichman (Politics II) in which he assessed the "Concert of Euramasia"-- whose headquarters are inside the brain of Henry Kissinger--and the role of tough speaking Patrick Moynihan at the U. N.

Dr. Beichman notes that Moynihan, who was appointed to the U. N. at Kissinger's urging, is winning favor with a politically realistic President Ford but his sponsor is "madly jealous", according to a Beichman source, because of Moynihan's worldwide publicity.

Despite Moynihan's frank talk, Prof. Beichman sees a death rattle for the U. N. and that Kissinger is inventing his Euramasia concept.

The Telegraph article goes on to say: "Now one can get terribly annoyed at the New York U N's hypocrisies. These have always been latent in an organization which by its Charter, absurd offspring of American utopianism, must operate in a parliamentary fashion while three-quarters of its members reprobate genuine parliamentarism at home to the extent of jailing, exiling or assassinating their loyal oppositions. So if the New York U N is no longer taken seriously then create something else that works.

"Without saying so aloud, without even the breath of a de jure accord but rather by the workings of a diplomatic 'unseen hand' our 'international civil servant,' Dr. Kissinger, in the historical tradition of the Concert of Europe which he so admires, has been allowed to create a Concert of Euramasia-- the Atlantic Community, Russia, America, China, Japan with temporary memberships for the Arab world and Israel. The new concert has re-created an international system where power is once again centralized and hierarchical rather than being meaninglessly dispersed among Grenada and Sao Tomé as part of the 'one-man-one-vote' heritage in the multilateral chaos of the New York U N. Dr. Kissinger's role as an activist 'secretary-general' as well as Secretary of State has led to an astonishing number of conferences, accords and their implementation without the usual debates by 142 member nations. Whatever has occurred has been embodied in communiqués drafted behind closed doors and announced by the Secretary-General-Secretary-of-State."

A Letter to the Editor
(Boston Globe, That is)

After the decision to locate the Kennedy Presidential Library at UMass-Boston, a young Harvard tutor expressed dismay in the Letters column of the Boston Globe. Prof. Charles Bowen, English I, in a most distressful way viewed the tutor's tantrums. Herewith is his response to the letter:

"Mr. Keith Raffel, a tutor at Harvard, has written to express his fear that the location of the Kennedy Library and Archives at Columbia Point 'will prove detrimental to scholarship.' He explains that the scholars of the Kennedy Institute 'will now be deprived of the opportunity to study in the neighboring archives amidst the presidential memorabilia.' I sympathize with Mr. Raffel: as a graduate student at Harvard, I too frequently entertained doubts that there might be life (or, anyway, scholarship) outside the University. Subsequent experience has provided some revelations I could never have anticipated. However, I am willing to share them in order to quiet the apprehensions of Mr. Raffel and others like him.

"There is, for instance, a rapid transit line with one terminus in Harvard Square. The modest investment of twenty-five cents will suffice to transport even the most prestigious scholar to Columbia Point, where she or he will find the libraries free of further charge (unlike those at Harvard for riders in the opposite direction). All that is necessary is to board the older and noisier trains (Ashmont, not Quincy), and to stay aboard beyond Park Street. Contrary to the belief of some, the cars do not plummet off the edge of the earth after they leave South Station. Harvard scholars who make this journey will not only benefit from the use of the Kennedy Archives; they will also demonstrate their diligence and intrepidity in being willing to pursue the truth all the way to Dorchester. That isn't bad for a quarter.

"In the meantime, our merely local institution will go on with the business of educating Bostonians at Columbia Point, confident that President Kennedy, had he known of it, would not have been ashamed to be associated with that enterprise."

Give Us a B
Give Us an E.....

Three cheers for the UMass-Boston Beacons, the basketball club representing the university in some intercollegiate basketball competition. The cheers are in order. In their first three games the Beacons quintet has won all three encounters against the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Grahm Junior College, and Essex Community College. Coach Charlie Titus and his stalwarts are earning our applause and merit our very best wishes.

Women's History

The December 8th Newsweek story on the blossoming of women's history courses on U.S. campuses notes some observations by Linda Gordon (History I). Historian Gordon "has found that most feminine egalitarians of the nineteenth century believed that sexuality and reproduction should be separated--not by mechanical means but by prolonged periods of abstinence. In this way, Gordon argues, radical feminists used prudish Victorian morality to gain greater control over their fertility." Also in the Newsweek report is that attendance at the Berkshire Conference on Women Historians jumped from an attendance of 600 in 1973 to over 2000

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last year and that the American Historical Association's national conference this month has scheduled 30 papers and six workshops on Women's History.

Study of Volunteerism
Economics

Prof. Harold Wolozin (Political Economy II) has submitted a report on the Economics of Volunteerism to the National Office of ACTION. This study entitled "The Value of Volunteer Services in the United States" was submitted to ACTION, which plans to publish it for national distribution.

One of the major findings of his research is that the dollar value of volunteer services in the United States for the year 1974 was 33.9 billion dollars in current dollars and 22.0 in (1958 dollars) constant dollars. When an additional category of volunteer work, unorganized volunteer services, is added to the former which represents only organized volunteer work, the respective new totals are \$66.8 and \$44.0 billions. The great importance this study attaches to the hitherto unrecognized contribution of unorganized volunteerism in our society as reflected in these figures.

The study also presents estimates of the value of volunteer services in 1974 for a number of demographic characteristics of the U.S. population. These include such subclassifications as region, family, marital status, sex, education, employment status, poverty area, age, major occupation, etc. For the period of 1965-1974 the study presents estimates for low, moderate, and high-trend values of volunteer services in the United States.

One section of the ACTION study explores volunteerism as an important economic institution in our society; one whose importance extends much beyond the types of volunteer services contributed under the auspices of formal organizations to encompass a wide range of services contributed by informal or unorganized volunteerism.

Among the study's major recommendations for further research and survey activity are (1) inclusion in the 1980 census of questions on volunteerism, (2) in-depth studies of volunteer activities at family and community levels as well as project case studies, (3) extensive data gathering projects for an annual panel survey of volunteers and finally, (4) regular publication of statistics and indicators on volunteer activities and related subjects.

For the first time anywhere a course on "The Economics of Volunteerism" will be offered by Prof. Wolozin next semester in the Department of Political Economy. This course will range from a broad overall discussion of the role and economics of volunteerism in the U.S. economy to specific case studies and field research by each student in the course.

Osorio Publication

María-Luisa Osorio of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, College II, has written an article on the Spanish novelist and short story writer, Ana María Matute, which has been published in Volume 4 of the Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century, pp. 243-244, Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., 1975.

Foreign Student Meetings

Bette Davis, Foreign Student Advisor and International Programs Advisor, attended the NAFSA (National Association for Foreign Student Affairs) Mid-Year Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. She participated in the three-day meeting as a member of the National Executive Council of SECUSSA (Section on U. S. Students Abroad), one of the five sections which comprise NAFSA. The primary purpose of the meeting was to begin planning and preparation for the 1976 NAFSA National Conference.

She was also one of 15 foreign student advisors invited to participate in a three-day workshop, last month in Washington, D. C., sponsored by the Washington International Center. The meeting highlighted foreign student orientation, particularly the use of cross-cultural exercises in such orientation programs. Participants were chosen according to experience and geographical area. Ms. Davis was the representative for the New England area.

Anthropology Scholars

The Anthropology Department of College II was represented by three of its faculty at the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association during the first week of December. Golamreza Fazel presented a paper entitled "Court or Mediation: Some Aspects of Change and Continuity Among the Nomads of Southwestern Iran." David Landy's paper was on "Magical Death Reconsidered: Social and Cultural Correlates." Frederick Gamst organized and was the discussant of a symposium on "Industrial Ethnology in the United States."

David Landy's latest book, Culture, Disease, and Healing: Studies in Medical Anthropology has recently been accepted for publication by Macmillan. Ideas of Culture: Concepts and Uses, co-edited and co-authored by Frederick Gamst and Edward Norbeck, will be published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston early in 1976.

Maureen MacDonald

Adieu to Maureen MacDonald (Media Services) who is moving to the West Coast. She will be leaving us on Friday, and a loud thank you is in order for all her dedicated work on campus assisting faculties and staff on the booking, renting, tracing, scheduling, and locating films for use in classrooms and seminars. With the university for the past two years, she has won our admiration.

Skeleton Day

Friday, December 26th, will be a skeleton day. Payroll checks will be available sometime on Wednesday, December 24th. Departments will be notified when checks are available. Friday, January 2nd, will be a regular work day.

TOYS FOR TOTS

There will be a Christmas barrel decorated in the holiday fashion on the G-2 level of the Administration Building for the purpose of donating toys (used, or new) for unfortunate children for whom Christmas and Santa Claus do not exist. All contributions will be donated to the Marines "Toys for Tots" Program for needy children. The deadline is December 22. Many thanks for your help and support.

Anything that you can do to help, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and Merry Christmas to you and yours.
