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WE'RE BACK

This is our second issue. In an enterprise like THE CATALYST, having a second issue represents no small accomplishment. We have come through the campus solicitation battle, and we have survived the melting of our ranks which came as the novelty were off, and the tiring labor were on.

We hope this issue is a little better than our first, and that inture issues will show further improvement. We are carrying in this issue some articles and graphics we received through LIBER-

ATION NEWS SERVICE (LNS), an underground press syndicate headquartered in New York. The "news" articles from LNS often include their author's opinions. THE CATALYST takes responsibility for the opinions expressed in the LNS articles we print.

Again, we ask our readers and fellow students to critically support campus media: The U D, KTXT, and us. Keep them cards and letters comin'. --ed.



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student senate '69

ELECTIONS

It may be of passing interest to some of our readers that Student Senate elections are at hand once again. You will be postered, handbilled, straightpinned, and subjected to countless testimonials by little pledges, male and female, each of whom will provide you with the startling information that his or her candidate is an active in his or her fraternity/sorority and is "a real nice person," and therefore deserves your vote. You may even meet a few hustling Independents, each conducting his campaign single-handedly.

But despite the hustle and bustle, there is absolutely no way for Tech voters to get enough pertinent information about the candidates to make any kind of rational choice on election day.

In that respect, we of THE CATALYST are not much better off than other voters. We usually vote en masse for whoever is number thirteen on the ballot; if there are enough candi-

dates, number 69 becomes our solid favorite. We suspect that a great number of Tech voters use similar formulas to make their choices.

We certainly don't wish to imply by our voting method that the Student Senate should not be taken seriously. When senators can spare time from their primary functions of planning retreats for themselves and passing resolutions to support the football team, they are, no doubt, capable of very relevant action.

For example, the Senate is right now considering the important question of affiliating Tech with the National Students' Association. This particular action, though, has been stalled for months by opponents in the Senate who insist that they don't need NSA to keep them up on what's going on.

TO CLEAR UP ONE MORE point for those who have wondered: it was not at all through malice that our Senate scheduled this fall's elections on October 15th, the same day the national Viet Nam War Moratorium will be observed on over 500 campuses and in every major city across our country. Senators just didn't know.

Prospects for The Race

IS THIS A GOOD YEAR TO BE BORN? Perhaps in most parts of the U.S.A. But not in 118 other nations of this world. There, the odds are 4-1 that a child will not receive any medical attention at his birth or in

his entire life. If he survives to school age, the odds are 2-1 against his getting ANY schooling. If he does go to school, the odds are 3-1 that he will never complete elementary school. It is almost certain that he will work at age 12. He will work to eat, to eat badly, and not enough. His life will probably end at age 40. His only hope is that you and other responsible citizens everywhere can help his country adopt a political ideology, a freedom and a sound economy which will produce shoes for his feet, education for his mind, food for his stomach, medicine for his fever. He COULD grow up with high hopes for the future -- or with a rifle in his hand pointed at your son.



Wednesday, the fifteenth of October, will represent a day of mourning and of protest against American involvement in the war in Viet Nam. On over five hundred university campuses all across the nation, it will be a time for reflecting upon the cost and the necessity of the military extension of our American sphere of influence.

The national sponsoring organization, the Viet Nam War Moratorium Committee, consists of a coalition of interested groups, such as the American Friends Service Committee (the Quakers) and the National Mobilization Committee. Activities on participating campuses and communities will consist of memorial services, readings of the names of American dead, lectures on the economic and social cost of the war, and the signing of petitions to President Nixon requesting the cessation of hostile action.

The long-range goal of the Moratorium Committee is, of course, the end of American intervention in the affairs of south-east Asia as well as an end to the pointless slaughter of both military personnel and civilians---on both sides. The more immediate goal is a valid protest by the citizens of the U.S. against the policies of

their government. This protest is to be made in such a way as to be relevant to the communi-

ty involved.
Thus, the local organization will deal mainly with the uni-

versity community, although the off-campus population is heartily encouraged to participate. On the Tech campus, October 15 will be a quiet day of sober reflection. Appeals will be made to both the emotion and the intellect.

The day will open with the installation of crosses in Memorial Circle dedicated to the memory of the 45,000 American servicemen who have lost their lives in Vietnam. A silent vigil with limited participation

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By Hugo Hill Liberation News Service

SAIGON (LNS) -- Have you ever wondered why the Hanoi govern-ment doesn't permit the International Red Cross to inspect its prison camps? The offi-cial reason is that there is no declared war in Vietnam and that captured American pilots, therefore, are not prisoners-of-war (POWs) but criminals under the jurisdiction of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

That's not a bad reason, but there's a better one. It was



provided me Christian Hauser, head of the International Red Cross delegation in South Vietnam. Mr. Hauser, a Swiss, convinced me that the International Red that the International Red Cross is not the neutral body it claims to be but is rather a stronghold of white racism.

Being already familiar with the torture routinely inflicted on captured Liberation soldiers (NLF) in the south, I went to see Mr. Hauser in order to learn the Red Cross position.

"I have never heard a reliable report of torture," said Hauser, who has been here for 15 months.

"Really?" I exclaimed. "Well, let's say it's very re," he replied thoughtrare," fully.

"You've surely handcuffed prisoners displayed in the streets," I continued. "Has the Red Cross protested that?"

The innocent Swiss: "I've

never seen such a thing.*

(I have seen it at least half a dozen times, without

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Nifty Nixon Hassle

peration Intercept

MEXICO CITY (LNS) -- Touring astronaut Neil Armstrong described here his view of Mexico when he was in lunar orbit. 128,000 miles from earth. He gushed, "We could see no border between our countries."

If you happen to be on the ground and Mexican, you notice. Operation Intercept, Nixon's misbegotten scheme to force Mexico to stop the flow of marijuana into the U.S., is well underway -- and the Mexicans are furious.

U.S. Customs guards have started close. inspections of automobile and pedestrian traffic at all border points. Delays as long as six hours have kept outraged motorists waiting in line in the broiling sun at international highways leading from Mexico into the United States. Some travelers have been forced to strip naked as inspectors searched for marijuana and narcotics.

Two million Mexican commuters

to the U.S. have been affected by the Customs search. The News, Mexico City's Englishlanguage newspaper, reported that thousands of Mexican work-ers have lost their jobs in the U.S. because of Customs inspection delays.

The border towns that depend heavily on the U.S. tourist trade have been severely hurt by the inspections. The News stated: "Border cities are facing economic collapse."

These are not merely the disagreeable side-effects of the U.S. crackdown on marijuana. The inspections are not meant to effectively curb the flow of drugs into the United States. Rather, establishment sources indicate, they are a strong-arm tactic designed to so cripple the Mexican border economy that the Mexican government is forced to upgrade their own drug control measures, thus ridding the U.S. of the whole "problem."

Academic Criticism

Texas Tech-A Comedy of Errors



Socrates is gone, and with him the art of persuasion, the meeutike techne, that dialectical relation between student and teacher trying to approach truth by questioning each other's position until the last contradiction has been clarified. A socrates is not looked for nowadays. He has been replaced by an authoritarian who guides and directs the process of "teaching and learning," although second-hand, common place information spiced with biographical anecdotes from the instructor's life hardly deserves the name. The sight of students scribbling

down every single word which flows from their master's mouth proves their secretarial skill rather than their intellectual training.

In too many classes one can make the same observation that Gulliver made among the Laputians where visitors of the king "have the Honour to lick the Dust before his Footstool." That difference is there be-

tween the situation of the student who gets irrelevant information, or at best, gets facts which he may read better organized and formulated in his textbooks, and the situation of the visitor to Laputa who "with his Mouth so crammed with Dust, that when he had crept to the proper Distance from the Throne . . . was not able to speak a ord."?

GOVERNMENT

As long as American institutions of higher learning continue to concern themselves with the Renaissance concept of education, American students will be faced with the problem of required courses.

Actually, the problem is not inherent in required courses, but in the manner with which they are dealt. At Tech, required courses seem to be considered a necessary evil by both faculty and students and, as such, are of little value to either party concerned. A

case in point is the Government department's course in American democracy. Government 231-232 is required of

gin to deal in earnest with the subject of academic criticism. It may be helpful to point out the purpose of academic criticism in order to avoid possible misunderstanding. The purpose of this series will be to focus attention on more reflective methods of teaching and learning. In too many courses, no method at all is visible. In these courses, teaching is restricted to calling the roll, assigning textbooks and topics, and giving humiliating tests which assume parrots instead of thinking subjects. A photographic memory seems to be so much more appreciated than an analytical mind.

All articles in our Academic Criticism series will be published without the name of the author. We have two reasons for doing this. The security balance and, consequently, the power balance between a professor enjoying tenure more than deserving it, and the criticizing graduate student who as teaching assistant can be fired on two weeks notice, is far too unequal for a fair confrontation. The other reason is that personalities are not the main issue, even if they are sometimes the main hindrance to proper teaching and learning. Our purpose is to reflect upon methods -- methods which will lead us to a more rational process of learning and teaching.

Asking ourselves what the difference is between Texas Tech and Yale University, we first have to analyze the work done in our classrooms. If the premise that academic education at Texas Tech is based on exclusively rational proceedings were valid, then academic criticism would be welcomed. We shall see.

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every student at Tech. In theory, the course should be both interesting and informative, but unfortunately, that is not the case. The department seems to have gone out of its way to make the course as tedious and worthless as possible.

The text, American Democracy in World Perspective, reads like John Birch Society propaganda: American government is

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news from BEYOND

Many years had passed and the lucky and not so lucky Lubbockites had passed away. They sat now on Bible-Belt clouds and, as in life, repeated over and over arguments on things long decided. "The name-change issue will never die," the U D had remarked long ago (Sept. 15, 1969), and this issue in-



Because the world is round, it turns me on...
Because the wind is high, it blows my mind...

Because, Lennon-McCartney

Well, they did it again.
When the Beatles released Sgt.
Pepper and Magical Mystery Tour
the feeling was that this was
it. What could there be after
this? But then along came
The Beatles and this had to be
it. There could not possibly
be anywhere to go from an album
as great as that.

But here we are with yet another album, Abbey Road.
Some of it is fantastic -- other parts are good but clearly borrowed. But taken as a whole, the sound clearly belongs to the Beatles and to no one else.

I won't attempt a critique. It simply can't be done. There are a lot of good writers, a lot of great groups around. But off by themselves, above and oblivious to all others, are the Beatles. They do silly songs. They do heavy songs. They do things other groups could never get away with. In short, they just do their own thing like nobody else.

So form your own opinion as to whether or not this album is good. But by all means hear it.

And remember what the song, The End, says:

"...in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

Maybe that is why the heatles have held the hearts of their fans for so many years.

deed, was the most heatedly argued topic in the cloudy region of the Beyond. Because of the scarcity of available room on these clouds, people sat together there who on earth had cut off all contacts between each other. Kline Nall was still assuring Doc Blanchard that he never meant that the senator had been "bought" in the literal sense of the word. And again, the senator threatened to shoot him right off the clouds.

ONE DAY THEY HEARD a voice from another cloud sailing by: an oily, loud, and very self-confident voice. First they thought that it was the Lord himself, and they were almost right, for it turned out to be the well-known opinion-caster Paul Harvey-now addressing his fellow Americans of the upper regions.

As in life, the Lubbockites listened attentively as the great anti-communist reported the perils of creeping socialism in heaven. They were especially pleased when Paul Harvey devoted page two to their own Texas Tech.

"Through long struggle," said Paul Harvey, "Texas Tech has

remained the only intact university in the whole nation. The groundwork which was laid in the fifties and sixties two or three centuries ago finally paid off. Texas Tech, its students, faculty, and administration never wasted a minute with critical, so-called intellectual discussions. The subversive theories of sociology, psychology and political science bypassed Tech and have left this "University" in its virginlike intellectual state. Other universities have given up their hierarchical structure to become battlefields of discussion. Not so at Texas Tech, which never forgot the fact that it was also responsible to the parents of the students.

"At a later stage, Fech even became so popular among parents that the latter also moved on campus to be as close as possible to their kids to protect them from all outside influence. What a joy was this: parents and students and local residents enjoying the Carol of Lights, the Goofing-Off Day, the T-Ouibble Day, the Suspect Everyone Day, and all the other campus highlights. As a matter of fact, every day brought a little happiness on campus, which by then, of course, had been beau-

tified. The Disillusion Day
was changed to Illusion Day, and
was later extended to a whole
semester. con't on p. 7

Group Hippieness

Communal Life

Communal living is not new. It has its roots in the beginnings of mankind. The great emotional drought brought on by the invention of the printing press is once again giving way to an atmosphere of total involvement that tribalized societies have always enjoyed. The T.V. set has created a twentieth century tribe. It is reflected in our youth, who sit in ceremonial circles and partake of the middle class sacrament of pot. It is reflected in the liberalized sexual folkways as they struggle to evolve from a state of pure anarchy into one of tribalized morality. It is most vividly reflected in the hippie communes springing up across the U.S. and Sweden. Communal living is communism at its finest and most personal level. It threatens

the older generation in a way that flappers or crew cuts or long hair never could. This year ten thousand youths moved into New Mexico to set up com-

munes. It is no wonder that the mayor of Taos grew frightened and screamed, "we must stamp out this cancerous growth." The citizens of Taos responded by beating the commune's boys and gangbanging the girls. Mankind has always reacted with hostility to any change in the social order. However, hostility seldom terminates the evolution of culture. In the years to come it is likely that Western society is in for a real face-lifting, and people will probably react to the change with even more violence than we have seen in the turbulent sixties.



CHARLES A. GUY, editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, died today, as he does everyday, shortly after writing the A-J editorial. The causes of death were: bitterness, hatred, racism, prejudice, and ignorance. Plans for services are still pending, since no one has claim



This is a good time for all rock freaks to be buying albums deliriously. There is a plethora of really good stuff out now.

Blind Faith - wow! Blind Faith - wow! It's got to be one of the best rock albums ever released. lyrics, generally by Steve Winwood, are actually hymns, dealing with a wierd mixture of God-worship, dope-worship, and life-worship. It adds up to some really trippy sounds.

Clear, by Spirit, (their third album) combines the sound of a tight jazz combo with a simple rock beat. Vocals by Mark Andes and Jay Ferguson are rather weak, but their music is hard to fault. "Dark Eyed Woman" and "Ground Hog" are really heavy cuts.

Canned Heat's latest effort is Hallilujah, a soulful marriage of light blues and witty lyrics. One cut, "Sic 'Em, Pigs" calls openly for revolt:

"Get your guns, firebombs too, City Hall, sic 'em freaks on you!"

Blue Cheer, frankly, is a trashy group. They have to work hard to sound trashy

with such great musicians as Paul Whaley and Dick Peterson in their midst. Whaley is one of the best drummers around and Peterson plays really heavy bass. Hopefully, this group will fulfill its considerable promise, but for now, they just don't come across.



Friendship-Music-Food-Debate on Politics, Religion or whatever, can all be found at The Inner Ear coffeehouse, half a block east of University on 13th. The Ear will be open this semester Friday and Saturday nights from 8-1. Included will be programs such as student-produced prizewinning movies, speeches by professors and other prominent community persons, "Hot Seat" discussions on controversial topics

Music stays on the folk and blues side. Coffee comes in many flavors. The atmosphere is heavy.

For a meaningful evening that is even inexpensive, we push the Inner Ear.

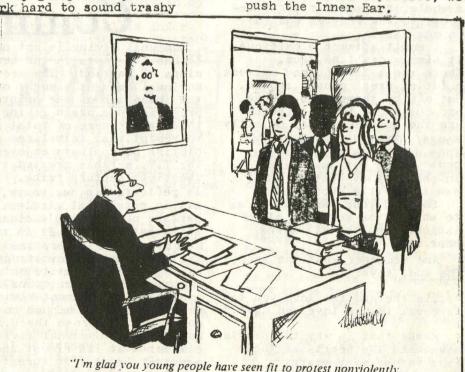


ed the body.

"Tech had never believed in discussion, and a very good example had been the name-change, when Tech's real friends courageously decided what Tech needed against the rumbling and unsatisfied, but easily appeasible, students and professors.

"Education at Tech had remained, to use a more fitting comparison from Tech's closer environment, like the hog and cattle husbandry of the region: one had to kick and push them a little, but their bodies and souls and minds were crammed with useful things, and like their animal friends, they finally were able to fulfill their determined function in life."

THUS WAS THE good news from Paul Harvey, and the Lubbockites and Texas Techsans thought themselves luckier than ever.



"I'm glad you young people have seen fit to protest nonviolently. It shows you're civilized. Now get out."

CONTROL?

DURHAM, N. H. (LNS) -- Under a Bird! the headline "It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's Birth Control!", the AP sent out a wire story about the proposal of botany professor Richard W. Schreiber for the steriliza-tion of all women in a given area by means of an airborne virus. The projected purpose was population control.

In a two day symposium on population at the University of New Hampshire, Dr. Schreiber, proclaiming fears that man was "fatally close to breeding himself out of existence," reported that virolo-

A professor who very prominently advocated "Texas State," who went to Austin to represent the majority faculty viewpoint, and who crossed the paths of Board members and a local legislator, has been FROZEN at his last year's salary. Recommendations for a merited increase by his Dean and Chair-man were ignored. Instead his contract was apparently dictated to the administration by the Board and local politicians.

Years ago Dr. Goodwin, then president of Texas Tech, made the following nationally publicized statement at a faculty meeting: "Well, yes, you have academic freedom, but if you exercise it, you may have to suffer the consequences."

Today, in spite of pious pronouncements in the A.J. that faculty members cannot be "censured" for what they say publicly, and in spite of the dedication shown by the administration in getting Tech removed from AAUP censure, the Board of Directors and its lackeys in the East Wing are still practicing the policy of punishing the outspoken.

There is no way of knowing exactly how many similar cases there are on campus, but at least this one has come to light. Undoubtably Dr. Kline Nall will appeal this arbitrary action taken against him.

gists had told him that a virus to accomplish the sterilization, and an antidote for it, could be developed in

three years. He estimated the development

cost at \$5 million.

Since an antidote would be available, Dr. Schreiber maintained that "nothing is actual ly changed" and people could have as many children as they wanted -- after they made the conscious decision to go in and get the injection which would provide the antidote.

The antidote would be geared last no more than six months, so that the woman would have to come in for a new injection each time she

wanted a new child.

Dr. Schreiber did not discuss who would be in charge of administering the antidote, nor on what basis the decision would be made to give it out, if it would have to be paid who would assume for, costs, or how many times a woman could get the antidote.

More important, he did not discuss who would make the decision of what areas would be sprayed with the airborne virus, and whether all the inhabitants of the area would have to consent before it was

administered.

He did state that "no government would dare to do it"-which is probably true, no government would dare to impose that on its OWN population. But it is not so clear at all that the U.S. government would not dare to do that presumed "Viet Cong" areas of Vietnam, on black ghetto areas, on guerrilla areas in Latin America, etc. In fact, we can probably expect it any

We wish him well. The solution however, is not merely in the rectification of this single injustice. EXPOSURE of this and similar flagrant violations of academic freedom may serve as a fresh baceze into a closed room. The secret operations of an arbibrary administration become less terrible when people are apprised of them.

Although THE CATALYST is primarily a product of the Tech community, many of the same questions which concern us at Tech will be of equal interest to you, either as high school students or as future Tech students. We hope that you will support THE CATALYST. We would even like you to leave your copy around the house so your folks will see it, for about the only means we have of reaching the Lubbock community is through vou.

We hope that you will correspond with us at our mailing address listed in our masthead.

You may also attend our general meetings, Thursdays at 7:00 pm, at 2412 13th Street.



The nationwide issue again this year is the Vietnamese war. Perhaps we are closer to ending it than we have ever been before. We students have been more or less isolated with our own problems for the past few years. Now that a beginning has been made toward ending the war, we need to throw in our support and end this war as soon as possible. As we reported in our first issue, there is a united movement in 500 universities across the nation to offer resistance to continuation of the war.

There is now a group working locally with the national coalition. On October 15th, Tech will have a peace vigil to coincide with a moratorium in every major city and on every major campus across our nation.

The purpose of this article is to encourage support from you in the Lubbock high schools In truth you have more at stake than we who are of college age.

As you know, President Nixon's plan is to draft nineteen-yearolds first. This means that if the war continues, it will be You who are fight an immoral war. If you are in-terested in working with this local group, come by 2420 15th or call Po2-8749, or ask someone wearing a black armband.

the most perfect political system ever practiced by man, and American politicians make Boy Scouts look like Communists. It's a lovely idea, but hardly objective or truthful. The purported function of education in America is to instruct, rather than submerge the student in nationalistic propaganda. According to American Democracy, nationalism is taught only in totalitarian systems. In point of fact, the text is a veritable contradiction, totally worthless for its avowed purpose.

Equally useless for their avowed purpose are the examinations used for the course in question. The validity of multiple choice questions as a learning device, especially in a course of this type, is highly debatable. It seems that they serve little purpose above providing an uninspiring exercise in semantics. The tests: are designed in such a manner that it is impossible for a student to make a score of 100. The reasoning behind this phenomenon is a bit of highly circuitous educational theory nonsense about "correct distribution" on the sacred bell curve. Under this system, the possibility exists that a "correct distribution" could occur with the students having learned absolutely nothing except how to outguess the testmakers. Anyone who considers this type of gambling to be learning is slightly misguided, and possibly a little stupid.

Since the text and the examinations provide so little incentive for the student, class attendance is required. The entire notion of mandatory attendance on the college level is ridiculous. If the student is able to pass the course without coming to class, fine; if not, he should have enough ambition and self-discipline to attend class without being coerced. A student who has neither ability nor self-discipline does not belong in

college.

A student with a desire for knowledge will attend class without being forced to do so, especially if he is lucky enough to have a good professor. In the government department. luck seems to have a lot to do with getting a good professor.

It seems that the negative attitude toward required courses has permeated the faculty to the point of stagnation. Some of the professors who teach required courses seem to regard the task as a punishment rather than a challenge. As a result, their lectures tend to be uninspired, irrelevant, and inspired. If the student feels discouraged by the text, the exams, and coerced attendance. the lectures will thoroughly convince him that he is wasting his time and money. To reiterate, the government department has gone out of its way to transform a course with interesting possibilities into a monument to boredom and stupidity. Perhaps the faculty has no interest in remedving the situation, but the student who feels cheated has legitimate grounds for vociferous complaint. Certainly there is someone in the government department with a little imagination, someone who could select a text by an objective author, someone who is interested enough in the field of government to prepare interesting and informative lectures. The multiple choice examination is worthless and should be discontinued. Probably the best replacement is the essay/short answer test. Although such a

Moratorium from p.3 will begin at the completion of the crosses, and continue throughout the day. From 10:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30, aminter-disciplinary, facultydirected symposium on the war and its effects, both here and abroad, will be presented.

At 7:30 in the evening the Lubbock Ecumenical Council will present an inter-denominational service. Both this program and the symposium w111 take place at the new "free speech area." Upon conclusion of the program, there will be a candle-light march to Memorial Circle, and participants will be asked to stand for a short time with those who have kept the vigil all day.

It is the hope of the campus-wide local coalition that the activities of the day will allow the unspoken majority to make an effective commitment against the war in Vietnam, and that those activities will serve to re-affirm those who have already made their commit-

ment.

test is a bit more time-consum ing to grade, the extra effort is worthwhile, especially if its value to the student is taken into consideration. An essay examination provides the student with an excellent vehicle through which to demonstrate what he has, or has not, learned. The more rigorous testing system can be beneficial to both student and faculty in that it stimulates more thought on the part of the student and provides better feedback to the instructor. At least the student will be given an opportunity to acquire

knowledge and to earn a grade, rather than vegetate in an atmosphere of dullness and receive a grade by playing gambler's odds.

from ever looking for it.)

"In general," I inquired, "how would you characterize the treatment of POWs by the Saigon government?"

Hauser thought about it for a minute, and then replied, "I think it is as good as you can

expect from Asiatics."
"Does it meet the standards of the 1949 Geneva Convention? I asked.

Hauser leaned across his explained solemnly, desk and "You have to remember that the Geneva Convention was written by white people -- white people who had little experience with Negroes and yellows. Rules for white people are one thing; we're civilized. But these countries things are different. Asiatics have a different attitude toward suffering and death.

Hauser speaks for the International Red Cross here. If says everything is all right, then, officially, every thing is all right. Any exprisoner can give a vivid account of torture, but Hauser, who doesn't speak Vietnamese anyway, would not be likely to take the word of an "Asiatic."

The Red Cross chief believes that white people are more civilized than "Negroes and yellows," the evidence of napalm, defoliation and B-52s

notwithstanding.

Why then should the indepen-North Vietnamese governdent ment (yellow) let the International Red Cross judge its treatment of American pilots (white)?