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## What Did Senator Taylor Say?

(Senator Glenn Taylor of Idaho spoke at the University auditorium on October 30. In the main, his speech was a written criticism of American foreign policy. His talk produced violent reactions in some quarters. The CITIZEN editorialized about the "headless horseman." The STAR lashed out at those sponsoring the speech, terming them "either communist sympathizers or guillible infants." For the most part the press did not bother to analyze the gist of Taylor's speech.

We of the AVC helped to publicize the Taylor speech. We could not know beforehand the exact content of his talk. We did know that Senator Taylor was a man who had championed the causes of the little people on the floor of the Senate.

Everyone who attended the speech agreed that Taylor was an entertaining orator. At times he made extravagant generalizations, his illustrations were not always apt, but when he finished, those who heard him knew they had listened to a sincere, courageous man.

Briefly stated, the essence of Taylor's message was that the United States has made enemies, and not friends, among the nations of the world since the end of the war. Wendell Willkie made a world tour in 1942. He returned to tell of the vast reservoir of good will which the United States had among the peoples of the world. This reservoir, Taylor said, in 1947 is almost drained dry.

If any policy is to have a healthy existence, it should be criticized. The most penetrating criticism of the United States foreign policy which Taylor made were not noticed in the local press. To complete the record, the DUCK is presenting a digest of some of the high points of Taylor's speech.)

Senator Taylor asked his listeners as an opening question on the subject of the American foreign policy: "If we want peace with Russia, why have we made an enemy of her? And if we wanted war with Russia, why have we made enemies of the rest of the world?" He added: "Many representatives in our government do not believe that we can get along with Russia. I believe we can! . . . If we could ally ourselves with Russia to wage war, why can't we ally

## What Makes a Great University

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IN SHORT, A GREAT UNIVERSITY IS ONE WHICH DEVELOPS POWERS OF CRITICAL, INDEPENDENT THOUGHT IN THE MINDS OF THE STUDENTS WHO PASS THROUGH ITS CLASSROOMS.

ourselves with her now to wage peace?"

"Both the Republicans and Democrats have endorsed our sacred bi-partisan foreign policy. I am opposed to a bi-partisan policy. I think each party should have its own policy, and that each should criticize the other."

### UN Control

Taylor said he believed that strategic areas like the Suez, the Dardanelles, Panama and the Gibraltar Straits should be under UN control. He asserted that in his opinion the most damaging blow to UN prestige was America's unilateral handling of the Greek situation last spring. Taylor then said: "When the United States bypassed the UN and acted on its own in the Greece affair, world government was the loser. If United Nations had sent unarmed men with nothing but arm bands to identify them, they could have maintained order, AS THEY WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED THE WORLD. In the event the experiment failed, it would have been the responsibility of the United Nations and not the fault of the United States. But, instead, the United States stepped in without consulting any other nation . . . and we wonder why the United Nations seems inept!"

### No Friends

Changing the scene of his lecture to other parts of the world, Taylor asserted: "We have no friends. By our foreign policy we have forfeited the good will of most nations."

On the Philippines: "Take the case of the Philippine. We gave them their independence, but before we did we made them change their constitution. They were proud of their small constitution. It was their own. We forced them to change it. Due to this change, American businessmen are more than ever in control of the islands. We have turned the archipelago into a military base. What kind of independence is that? We have  
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### A NOTE TO OUR READERS

The Ruptured Duck is faced with a minor crisis. We have been publishing under a small deficit, and the executive committee of the chapter has advised us that the chapter can no longer assume this deficit.

The life of the DUCK rests in the hands of its friends. A few small contributions will achieve the necessary transfusion.

See any member of AVC, or mail contributions to Box 4658, Univ. Station.

## "JOHNNY'S KID"

"Johnny's Kid" was the title of an editorial appearing in the Arizona Times last week. It is typical of the "new journalism" being served up by the Boettiger daily. The Duck has two motives in reprinting the editorial: (1) the subject is timely; (2) it is a first class piece of editorial writing.)

"You have noticed that story in The Times yesterday about how a war veteran by the name of Johnny Garcia and his family, consisting of his wife and three children, have been unable to get a nice home in a decent neighborhood because they are Spanish-American. He can pay for it, but his money is no good.

"Now let's set up a purely hypothetical situation. Let's suppose you live in one of those neighborhoods that Johnny Garcia couldn't get into. And let's suppose that one of Johnny's children is old enough to know what's going on and to ask questions about it. And, finally, let's suppose you're the one he picks on to ask those questions . . .

"He starts out by going right to the nub of the thing, like most kids do when they ask questions. He says:

"My father says we can't have a nice home because people won't sell us one. Why is that?"

"You think out very carefully what you're going to say, because you don't want to hurt this kid. But still you want to get the idea over and make him understand, somehow.

"Well," you reply, measuring each word, "it's probably because people think your father is a little different than they are. Of course I don't think so, but some people—"

"How is my father different?" "You take your time about this one, too.

"How is he different? Well, he's not exactly an American." You muffed that one, so you take a new tack. "Oh, he's American, all right. But he's not the same kind of American everybody else is. Not quite, that is."

"What kind of American is everybody else?"

"You scratch one eyebrow and look thoughtfully at the ceiling.

"That's a little hard to say. All of us are Americans, of course. But some of us are—well, like I was saying a minute ago, different kinds of Americans."

"My daddy was in the army for three years. Doesn't that make  
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# The RUPTURED DUCK

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## Mr. Rankin and Free Speech

As president of the university, Dr. Alfred Atkinson made it a policy to deny "controversial speakers" the use of campus facilities. By limiting the free exchange of ideas, he forfeited the respect of his faculty — and stagnated his school.

President McCormick and Vice-President Nugent have indicated they may re-open the classrooms and auditoriums to outside speakers. Already, they have permitted the International Relations Club to sponsor a speech by Senator Glenn Taylor.

The Taylor speech brought forth a criticism of those who permitted it by the Daily Star. "Next," said the Star indignantly, "another group of students will claim the right to bring in Congressman Rankin of Mississippi."

The DUCK detests Mr. Rankin and all of his works. Yet, if free speech is to have any meaning in Tucson the DUCK insists he should not be denied the right to air his odious views if he wished to speak here. In fact, the DUCK cannot think of anything that would discredit "white supremacy" more thoroughly than a Rankin speech.

Freedom of speech is the great concept of democracy. It is an indivisible concept. It ceases to exist when men try to limit it or classify it.

The university officers apparently are inclined to allow unlimited free speech on the campus. They should stand their ground. Students and faculty members should openly commend and support their action.

## The Men with the Haunted Eyes

"Anyone who has talked to Sizilard, Urey, Einstein and the other scientists who have inquired into the effects of atomic warfare cannot forget their haunted eyes." Thus spoke Ralph E. Lindstrom, prominent Los Angeles attorney and long time student of international law and politics, on the Sunday evening forum of October 19. Lindstrom even doubted the practicality of a "preventive war." "If the United States were to unleash a successful atomic blitz on Russia next week," he said, "these scientists fear the atmosphere of the entire northern hemisphere would be so saturated with radium particles that most living organisms would be doomed."

Lindstrom termed the United Nations "no more than a government by temporary agreement," and called for the formation of a genuine federal system of world government. He stated that such a government would rest on: 1) a surrender of sovereignty by each nation; 2) a world police force; 3) world courts with actual power to take jurisdiction, and 4) world control of atomic energy.

Urging his listeners to work for world government thru the United World Federalist organization, Lindstrom summed up:

"Our science has progressed so far that there is no good except the general good, and no security except the general security."

# DUCK SOUP

One of our members has an ingenious idea on (1) how to get publicity for the AVC; (2) how to get new members. "In our next meeting," he suggested, "we will send invitations to all campus veterans and hold the meeting under a bridge at 3 o'clock in the morning."

The university now has a course on marriage. Now that the students are being taught how man and wife should live, the only remaining problem is — where to live?

Overheard in the Arizona-New Mexico game: "You know I would be enjoying this game if it were not for Russia."

The un-American Committee is shocked at the situation in Hollywood. They are alarmed that some people could be so un-American as to express their own ideas on the silver screen.

Labor and capital, the Republicans and the Democrats are the only groups that seem to have recovered from the effects of the war. They have resumed fighting where they left off.

A week or so ago, a downtown theatre featured a horror picture. It was the most terrifying thing next to the newspapers.

The Duck believes that Senator Taylor offered a constructive suggestion when he advocated "more food and less guns" for the war-battered peoples of Europe. So far the people of Europe have been getting "a ham sandwich at the end of a bayonet." The American foreign policy has proved that the starving people of Europe are more concerned with food than with politics. America can pass any law she wishes if she will also Europe are talking with their stomachs. And their stomachs are empty. The hungry people of Europe need a square meal. But what is more important to world peace is that they get a square deal.

Willie Pena, who left his arms in France, was refused membership in the American Legion at Pearsall, Texas, because he was of Mexican descent. In Hood County, Oregon, the American Legion removed the names of all Japanese-Americans, who made the supreme sacrifice, from their roll of honor. Perhaps, the American Legion and the Ku Klux Klan should form an alliance. Then they can boast of an organization that is 200% Americans.

The UNO failed to accomplish anything in its last session. No delegate won anything. No delegate lost anything. Every one left with the same idea he took in.

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**TAYLOR SPEECH**

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placed in power a man that had declared war on America, a Japanese puppet—President Manuel Roxas. We are helping the present government shoot down the guerrillas that resisted the Japanese to the bitter end. The Filipinos do no love us. I don't believe they will support us if there is another war."

Taylor said the U.S. had antagonized the Communists in China by giving support to the Chiang government, a government he labelled "the most corrupt in the world," and added that since the U.S. has stopped aiding Chiang, Chiang himself has turned against us. He mentioned Indo-China and Indonesia, asserting that American war equipment was used to stop the native's desire for freedom. Taylor concluded that none of the Asiatic peoples would be on our side if it came to another armed conflict. "You can buy friends," he said, "but once bought, they will not remain your friends."

**Food for the World**

On Greece and Turkey: "I opposed the Greece-Turkey loan because Greece was getting three-fourths of the loan in guns and one-fourth in food, while Turkey was getting all guns. I wanted the loan to be more food and less guns."

On Germany: "I believe we should help Germany, but I don't believe they should have a higher standard of living than the countries they conquered. We should move some of her industries to the occupied-countries as a war compensation."

On Britain: "We should give, not loan, money to the British at the present. After all, they held the front while we got ready. No one loves the man he owes money to. As a result, both the Conservative and the Labor party are indignant at the terms of the loan. The British people are so divided at present that in the event of war, their aid would be more a liability than an asset."

Although he is opposed to the present foreign policy, Taylor told his hearers he would vote for the Marshall plan because "maybe someone will get a ham sandwich on the end of a bayonet."

**A HOT TIP FOR VETERANS**

The host of veterans still searching for house-and-lot bargains, or casting about for a business opportunity which might warrant a GI loan, will be interested in an ad appearing in the New Yorker magazine last week. For their convenience we reproduce it here-with:

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Versus **Plaintiffs**  
**Tucson Children**

Tucson has its share of public-minded people. Too, it has prominent citizens who occasionally do the community harm by serving selfish or shortsighted ends. From time to time the DUCK will single out some of these men and women and praise or criticize the citizenship they display.

This week poor citizenship citations go to: FRED W. FICKETT, Republican bigwig, and high-powered legal counsel. His citation: Fickett's motto as a lawyer is "Protect your client!" True to his pledge, he usually spares no effort to see that his clients' interests are cared for. However, sometimes the public is sideswiped in the process. The public was decidedly hurt by the taxpayers' suit Fickett has been prosecuting.

Juvenile delinquency is a major problem in Tucson. The county board of supervisors decided on a parks and recreation program to keep the children occupied. It was this program which was brought to a standstill by the suit.

Taxpayers' suits are drastic remedies. They sometimes allow a few "wilful men" to frustrate an undertaking which the community as a whole favors. It is a legitimate criticism to suggest that if Attorney Fickett wanted to choose a test case for Arizona's budget limitation law he might have set his legal roadblock on some other hiway. His present case cannot but heap further distrust on legal machinery — and the legal profession. Such suits, well within the letter of the law, trample on its spirit.

The businessmen who instigated the suit, and who deserve similar citation, are: OAKLEY T. NORTON, M. O. HOEFFLE, VANCE GOODMAN, HENRY DALTON, R. H. MARTIN, and MALCOLM MIDDLETON. By placing legal arguments before the solution of community problems they have worked against the common welfare.

GEORGE DARNELL and J. R. SNYDER.

Citation: Homeowners in Tucson are going without gas and light service due to the activities of these two gentlemen. Snyder is president of the Tucson Gas & Electric Company. Darnell is his lawyer. The Corporation Commission ordered the Company to serve the new home owners. The Company, which has masterfully delayed the city's condemnation suit for four years, refuses to obey the order and has gone to the courts. If the Company is in an awkward position today, its position is due to its own stalling tactics in the courts.

Good citizenship citations:

Heading the list of unsung civic servants are the fifteen odd anonymous recreational workers who gave their services free while the taxpayers' suit was awaiting trial.

For their contribution to free speech (see editorial page), President McCormick and Vice-President Nugent deserve a citation. Their policies have given life to a new spirit on the campus.

MRS. MARY JEFFRIES merits civic praise. She has served for some time past as chairwoman of the Sunday Evening Forum. Mainly through her hard work the forum has become the principal center of intellectual stimulation in Tucson.

**JOHNNY'S KID**

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him an American like other people?"

"Of course. Well, no, not exactly—"

"But enough of that. It's a silly sort of hypothetical situation anyway. No kid is likely to ask questions like that, and, besides, there's less than one chance in a thousand that you'll be the person he picks on to ask them. If he does, you had better tell him you're busy. Tell him to go away and please don't bother you."

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## Realtors Shun Rent Control Hearings

Rent regulation for Tucson was at stake on November 12. The Pima County Rent Control Board met on that date. The Board had the power to decontrol rentals, or to recommend their continuation. In open hearing it solicited testimony for, and against, rent control for Tucson. Few tenants appeared for the hearing. Apparently they took it for granted that the housing shortage in Tucson was so acute as to be a matter of public knowledge. Those who stayed away risked de-control—which, it was agreed, would have meant rent increases ranging from 50% to 200%!

### Meenan Testifies

Pressure groups who protested de-control were: The Tucson Central Trades Council, The Railroad Brotherhoods, The American Legion, and the American Veterans Committee. The strongest testimony favoring a retention of rent control was the report of the local director of rent control, Mr. Meenan. Meenan said the demand for rentals was so great that a removal of controls would result in rent increases averaging 50 to 100 percent. He said auto court rentals, de-controlled last July by Congress, have increased 200 percent.

Meenan's report was supplemented by statistics from the housing department of the Chamber of Commerce. Thelma McQuade of that office summarized: "This morning we had a waiting list of 800 families, and there were three renters who phoned our office. They offered houses renting for \$125, \$500, and \$700 per month respectively. Most of our applicants cannot afford to pay more than \$50 or \$60."

### Greer of AVC

Chairman Dick Greer spoke for the AVC. He said his organization opposed de-control at present, and would seek to have Congress extend rent control when the present law expires next February. Greer said de-control would work a particular hardship on students at the university who live off-campus. He estimated less than 35 percent of the married veterans attending the university were now living in Polo Village. Greer cited figures to show that 350 veterans are on the waiting list to get in the housing project, and that the men at the end of the list have been told they cannot hope to be accommodated for two or three years. "In most cases these veterans are forced to spend half of their \$90 subsistence allowance for rent," Greer stated.

Little testimony was presented in favor of de-control. Several landlords protested unfair treatment at the hands of the rent control director. Board Chairman Andy Martin suggested to Meenan that adjustments be made in "hardship cases."

### Realtors Stay Home

The Tucson Real Estate Board

was not represented at the hearing. It had been anticipated that the realtors would make an all out attack on the present law, but the fireworks did not materialize. The National Association of Real Estate Boards lobbied the current weak rent control law through Congress 1st July, and hopes to see it expire on February 29. "The realtors were afraid to come out and fight," said one onlooker, "their arguments were too selfish to stand up under criticism."

Unless rent-payers wish to fork over an extra \$20 to \$50 per month to their landlords they must lobby themselves for rent control extension. It is easier to write your Congressman now, than to fight eviction next March!

## AVC FORUM

By Ken Birkhead

We in AVC rightly spend a majority of our time fighting for decent jobs, homes, lower prices and peace. But we must never lose sight of one of our most important jobs — fighting against discrimination, against the bigots and hate-mongers, fighting for a more tolerant United States.

Potentially AVC can become the most powerful force in our country in opposition to those who preach racial and religious hatred. Potentially, I say, because sometimes I get the feeling that we don't put all we can into this job.

We start right in AVC. Everybody can come in regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. And within the organization we are strong. No one is put in the rear ranks because his color isn't the color of this paper. No one asks a candidate for office whether he worships on Friday night or Sunday morning.

### Proud of Enemies

We can be proud of the enemies we have made. Down south where we fight for the needs of the veterans, and not just white veterans, the Rankins and Talmadges pour out their venom against AVC. Gerald L. K. Smith can hardly make a speech these days without taking one more slam at AVC. Upton Close calls us "Communists" which in his vocabulary is equivalent to latrine language in most people's speech. Westbrook Pegler racks his brain (sic) to compound new diatribes against us.

As I say, we can be proud of these enemies. If you aren't getting under their skin they ignore you. And we aren't being ignored. Never have these men and their cohorts in hatred poured out more vociferous hatred. They don't like us because we represent all that is democratic, all that is enlightened, all that is liberal and humane. They know that they must hit us now when we are young and growing, before we grow up and become too big for them to hit.

And, in case Mr. Rankin, Talmadge, Smith, Close, Pegler, et

al., get the idea that maybe they are getting some place, let me assure them that they've gotten about as far as a moth in a Florida hurricane. And, they must be further disappointed — they haven't seen anything yet.

### Anti-Discrimination

I said earlier that I thought AVC was potentially the most powerful anti-discrimination force in our country today. I think one of our biggest jobs now is to make our potential force an actual force. I don't think it will be very difficult.

The biggest reason AVC is still a potential and not an actual force for tolerance is because we sometimes live internally and not externally. What I mean is this: we look around us at meetings, at conventions, at dances, at picnics and other functions and say, "Gee, look, no discrimination. See, here we are, Negroes and whites, Protestant, Catholic and Jew, all working together, meeting together, having fun together. No friction, no segregation, no hatred. All's right with the world." This is what I mean by living internally.

Lest I be misunderstood, let me immediately say that I am in no way minimizing the terrific jobs we have done—fighting segregation in the south, Gerald L. K. Smith in Kansas City, and all the other real struggles we have engaged in. I'm arguing that I don't think we are exerting our full power.

AVC has a force of 100,000 men who know what freedom means. This force believes in our democratic way of life. It must quit sitting around talking to itself—convincing the convinced.

### Move Into Community

We must move out in the community. We must show our full indignation to the public when we find evidence of discrimination. We must expose to public view every instance of bigotry that comes into our view. We know the bigots and the discriminators ourselves but we must make sure that our community knows also. We must turn the full force of our feelings loose on the hate in our midst.

Let's quit fooling ourselves that because we have democracy in AVC and because we eat and live AVC that democracy is running rife in our country. It isn't. We know it but we've got to get out and let the people know we know it.

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A recent address by General Omar N. Bradley vividly demonstrates that there is at least one outstanding friend of the veteran who has the courage to affirm that veterans are interested in more than beer and bonuses.

Here are a few quotes from General Bradley's address at the Amvets national convention.

"Because the veteran of World War II is a symbol—rather than just a part—of his generation, he is likewise a symbol of our hopes for the future. But if his future is to count for more than his past, he must resolve now not to repeat the mistakes of those veterans who returned in 1919. He—of all citizens—can least afford to forfeit the costly investment of life and goods which has already been made in our effort to achieve security in the world.

"The nation today needs men who think in terms of service to their country and not in terms of their country's debt to them. There is too much work to be done, too many problems to be solved, too many issues to be met for you to waste your time on the economics of being a veteran. The question you must ask yourself is not what does the nation owe to you but what you still owe to the nation?"

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