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At the time of Dr. Compton's death this summer, the main bulletin boards were removed from building 10 out of respect to our late leader. Soon afterwards, the Institute decided to remove all activities booths from the building and leave it as a shrine to the school's war dead, whose names are enshrined upon the walls.

The lobby of Building 10, which had previously served as the location of the main bulletin boards and the center of student activities, and since no location was readily available for a similar purpose, was decided to permit the booths to remain in the building until a new location had been found. At this time it was planned to construct a number of booths along one of the walls in the corridor leading from Building 10 to the main lobby. A large bulletin board would be placed on the opposite wall to serve as the school's main bulletin board.

More recently, however, the Institute has run afoul of certain problems that make it highly impractical to place booths adjacent to the main corridor as previously planned. As a consequence, the school remains without a suitable location for a main bulletin board accessible to all students and personnel. Certainly the boards in building 2 and 5 do not serve this purpose. In the meantime, the lobby of Building 10 stands as a huge, nearly vacant sepulcher, serving as little more than a passageway between Buildings 2 and 4.

Somehow, after seeing the lobby vacant for over eight weeks, we cannot help but feel that it would be a more fitting reminder of the institute of students who have died for our country if it were a living memorial, the center of student activity in the Men's Institute buildings, rather than a cold and lifeless waste.

For this reason, let us return the bulletin boards to Building 10, and make it once more a beehive of activity. Then, and only then, will it be true memorial of the dead in the minds of the living who carry on. If the voices of those who are immortalized on its walls could be heard, they would certainly concur.

CRIME-THINK CRUSHED

A front-page headline in last Tuesday's New York Times proclaimed blantly: "West Point and Annapolis Forked Debates on Recognition of Peking." Reading on, we found that the question of recognizing Communist China is this year's intercollegiate debate topic, and that, because of this, some of the students of both service academies are forbidden to enter the competition.

The reason behind all this? The Army says, "It is Department of the Army policy not to have U.S.M.A. cadets debate on such a controversial subject, on which in any case national policy has already been established." Even more dubious is the Navy's position that one side or the other would have to favor recognition, thus upholding the "Communist philosophy and party line."

We could dismiss the whole episode as just another service snafu, except for its disturbing implications. National policy is no divine pronouncement, out of bounds to critical analysis by blasphe-mous mortals. Free discussion is essential to the workings of democracy. Now, however, someone in Washington has discovered that a novel logoyres lies in merely deeming our China policy, Replacing a novel thought by hysteria, a much more abundant commodity, he has ruled that since the Reds want recognition, patriots must not only oppose it, but must refuse to discuss the matter. The intercollegiate debates are therefore thought-criminal.

We challenge this decision. Our survival as a nation depends not on blasphemous ignorance, nor on a bovine assent to everything official, but on our own ability to weigh the situations and decisions we must face. Our national judgment is no better for such hysterical refusals to examine all possible alternatives. The "someone" in Washington has hurt America far more by his panicked blunder than any conceivable debate could have done.

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