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MILITARISM AND PACIFICISM

Memorial Day is no longer, it might seem, dedicated to the soldiers of all nations who died, whether praised or scorned, in war. If we are to judge by the addresses forced upon us year after year, Memorial Day has become an occasion on which, the dead being returned to their neglect with a brief prayer, we become the subjects of propaganda which looks not toward reverence nor toward any memorial, but toward reasons why war should or should not be, and toward attacks, accusations and recriminations of organizations against organizations.

Unfortunately, when propaganda is unleashed, it cannot remain long within the range of judgment. To call war good because warlike nations have grown strong is as bad as to call peace good at the sacrifice of country and home without defense. Both arguments have been used, with variations, by those who employ propaganda.

An attempt to justify war, no matter on what occasion, on the grounds that no country can endure without war, is out-dated. True, we can point to countries in the past that have fallen in battle. Yet if the world is to continue to worship the sword for the gain that its use brings, no internationalism can be possible at any future time. An attempt to outlaw war, hastily and without sanity, on the grounds that peace is an ideal to be paid for at the cost of submission to every aggressor, is equally absurd.

We find militarists who link all churches with communism and an implied devil, who see the schools "a stronghold of atheistic communism," calculated to bring about "the bloody terrorism of Godless communism as in Russia," failing to distinguish between churches and church organizations and individual churchmen, between all schools and a few. We find those who can see no wrong in an enforced military drill, who see no reason why military training, whether it is taught well or ill, should not be compulsory.

There is another side, the side that calls for abolition of all armed strength, that would gladly see its nation unprotected at the mercy of a world which, despite theories and ideals, is still distinctly eager to take advantage of those who have no defense.

Until these groups can combine the practical and the theoretical, there will exist as great a clash of opinion as that which existed during any war. Neither can be called right. Both declaim and argue, accuse and denounce, call upon very accessible, Biblical quotations, and further propaganda whenever the opportunity comes. Internationalism, which must rest as the foundation of a desirable peace, cannot come from the efforts of either of these groups.

In a thousand million graves, a thousand million men—young men who died to save the ends of others—he buried and forgotten while speakers argue with more young men, that they, too, may serve the purposes of a minority.

A SEVEN HOUR DAY

For the first time since the 7-hour class day was suggested some months ago by Director of Athletics Hugo Bezdek, a plan has been worked out by the scheduling officer whereby its adoption next year is highly probable.

Since the plan seems feasible to the extent that only seventeen percent of the College students would find it impossible to eliminate the 4 o'clock class, there seems to be no plausible reason why the two-hour recreation system could not be adopted here in the fall. There is no doubt that student sentiment is strongly in favor of such a plan.

Both varsity teams and intramural sports will receive untold benefit if the period from four to six o'clock every afternoon is set aside as a definite recreation period. Dividends in the form of more zest for study resulting from better physical condition would more than compensate for the loss of an hour in the day's scholastic schedule.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

The prize this year for College Cut-up goes to Catherine Longley, who made the most of an opportunity and had a lot of fun without breaking anything.

One day when Mr. Stevens couldn't get around to a History section he asked Catherine to put the assignment on the board and dismiss the class. "Well, well, well!" thought Catherine, for she is a girl with ideas of her own, and here was a grand occasion.

So she walked into class and took charge of things in the following gay manner. First she told the boys and girls that Mr. Stevens was sorry but he couldn't be there, and she announced the assignment, just as she was supposed to. And then she produced a neat set of questions and forthwith gave the classmates a quiz. Some fun, eh? Well, after that she collected the papers and dismissed the class. Mr. Stevens hasn't heard about it, and the class never suspected that a pretty neat hoax had been worked.

That was very good, Catherine. Congratulations, and may you get all three's in all your courses, especially History.

We thought we were all through reporting these people who have so many dates, but here we are with the results of an investigation into the case of Jo LaBarre & Duke Miller, Inc. Duke claims that he positively has licked everybody on the campus and established a new record. Two dates a day and three on Sunday for three years.

Our roommate has gone home with the shingle and we're practically helpless without him, but we figure that the total is around 143914. We supposed that there were sixteen weeks in a semester, time two semesters, times three years, times two dates a day for six days of the week. Then we added three dates on Sunday, times sixteen weeks, times two semesters, times three years, and the grand total was 1440 dates. But last Saturday Duke & Jo loaded a big market basket with food and started to go on a picnic. Only it rained before they got very far, and they had to come back. So we counted that half a date, which brings the total to 143912.

Before we go home we've got to commend Sphinx Society for striving toward Those Ideals for Which the Society Stands. Just like all good honorary organizations, the Sphinxes have Purposes, Endeavors, and Such. One of those Purposes is to promote good feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity men; and when the new members paid their fifteen bucks per each they were told how the Sphinx is the Most Secretive of Secret Societies, and how they were going to Stave this year to Attain Those Worthy Ends.

Well, since that time nobody has heard about the Sphinx Society, not even the members. They haven't had a meeting; in fact, they haven't yet elected figure-heads for next year. That's our idea of Working Secretly, and hushah for the Sphinx Society.

About Town and Campus: After four years of R. O. T. C. Cy Sobler is "qualified to serve as a private in the Organized Reserves." . . . Julie Epstein earnestly searching for the owner of a buck he found in the Schnapszammer. . . Doc Harper is known as "Junior" in his home town. Charley McNeal says the appropriate graduation gift this year is a lounging robe. . . We hear they danced at the Froth banquet this time. . . Well, so long, everybody, and Happy Fourth of July.

Around the Corner

"THEY SHALL NOT CRASH"

No longer may a Brother attend his own fraternity dance on this campus with the fear of having an elbow pushed into his ribs when its owner makes a dash around the orchestra, and no longer may he search in vain among the dancers for a familiar face, for, according to the action of the Interfraternity council, the "crashing" of dances is passe.

The council has made it mandatory for fraternities to report to the dean of men the names of uninvited "guests" at their social functions. Co-operating with the dean of men in stamping out this nuisance, the council further will recommend that upon their first offense dance "crashers" be deprived of their social privileges. In order to make this rule practical, the council adopted a motion requiring each fraternity to issue doot cards to all guests for each dance held at its chapter house.

Under the new ruling, the list of guests for a fraternity dance must be approved by the president and the social chairman of each house, and then forwarded to the president of the Interfraternity council on or before the night of the affair. Any fraternity which allows a "crasher" to remain at the dance without reporting it to the dean of men will be liable to the loss of its social privileges.

The Interfraternity council is to be commended upon inaugurating a rule which is aimed at the pestiferous practice of dance "crashing." The rule, however, is no stronger than the machinery set up to enforce it, and its effectiveness will depend upon the co-operation of the fraternities with the Interfraternity council and the University administrative authorities in ridding the campus of an obnoxious practice.

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SENIORS TO BEGIN GRADUATION WEEK

(Continued from first page)

Chapman, Slipper Girl, Bruce V. Wiedner will read the class history and Otvis W. Hidinget the class poem. J. Neely McCown is to give the pipe oration, to which H. Aubrey Myers, next year's senior president, will respond.

Marie I. Keeperts will present the mirror oration, after which M. Lynda Hallett, women's class president for next year, will accept Margaret F. Knoll will read the women's class poem. Raymond A. Bowers is to make the presentation of the class memorial to the College. Addresses will be given also by President Ralph D. Hetzel and Col. J. Franklin Shields, president of the Board of Trustees.

With twelve classes, ranging from 1871 to 1926, planning reunions, Alumni day will open with the annual golf tournament on the College course at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. At 11 o'clock the same morning, alumni representatives to the Board of Trustees will be elected. A luncheon for all alumni will be held in the Armory at noon, while the following morning an alumnae breakfast will be held at the Nittany Lion.

A Commencement reception for faculty, seniors, juniors, and guests, beginning at 10 o'clock in Recreation hall, will precede the annual Commencement dance. The dance which is to be held at the same place, will begin at 10:45 o'clock and last until 2 o'clock. Music will be provided by Ted Brownagle and his Orchestra.

Graduates will assemble according to Schools at 2:15 o'clock Monday afternoon for the Commencement procession to Recreation hall. The place of assembly will be in front of the principal building of each School, and for faculty members in front of the Library. Members of the College band will meet at the North Liberal Arts building and those to receive their diplomas in the Graduate School in front of the New Botany building. Faculty and student marshals will lead each School's graduates.

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Editor, COLLEGIAN

Dear Sir: After considering the speeches delivered at the Memorial Day exercises, including the malevolent benediction, I wonder how much longer intelligent students will tolerate a foisting of propaganda upon them, and this was propaganda of the rankest sort. Fortunately, the good taste of our R.O.T.C. student body, together with the fear of failing the course, prevented many mutterings of disapprobation and "razzberries" from being made openly. It is encouraging to note that many of those present considered the remarks of the reverend general the bunk.

I would first suggest that army officers, and some ministers, investigate those two bugbears of which they are so fond of talking and about which they know very little, namely, Pacifism and Communism. A thorough Pacifist, and, incidentally, a regular Democrat, I am inclined to regard "Red Attacks" as humorous. Our officers, and some ministers, are obviously color blind when they accuse people who are so thoughtful of their country and of mankind that they are desirous of saving not only their ideals, but lives, of being Communists. Warnings that war will come are true; war will come as long as a mob of half-hysterical "defenders" clamor that it is coming. Are these "defenders" sure that sane, intelligent people will love to die, the horrible deaths? I feel they are too optimistic. At any rate, they are hasty.

Investigations have proved to me that many of the "1800 fine, manly youths" who paraded considered the parade as a spice opposing their wills. Even if they were not compelled they would not parade. I would not attempt to count the few who conscientiously listened to the remarks stereotyped by repetition and banality.

Such exhibitions as this are encouraging for they show their own ridicule. Love of country is not manifested by clamor for killing; it would rather be a plea for more peace, more economy and less jingoism and fanaticism. The students are slowly realizing the foolishness and insincerity of militarists. I am eagerly awaiting the day when they will refuse to be led about like dumb sheep following a selfish shepherd who is leading them to an abattoir.

(Signed) B. W. MEHLMAN '31

ENGINEERS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE IN WISCONSIN

Professors Fred G. Hechler, Paul H. Schweitzer, and Kalman J. DeJuhasz, of the engineering experiment station, will attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the University of Wisconsin from June 23 to 26.

Professor DeJuhasz will address a meeting of the oil and gas power division. He will explain the dispersion of oil sprays in Diesel engines, a field in which outstanding research has been conducted.

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