

THE FORUM

Ernst Koch, instructor of German at Penn State from 1929 to 1931 and recipient of two degrees at this College, writes the third controversial letter in this column. It is now living in Clifton, N. J.

To the Editor PENN STATE COLLEGIAN Dear Sir:

Recently there was brought to my attention a COLLEGIAN article reporting on the first Liberal Arts lecture of the season. I was aghast. The statement that "Germany can pay but won't," coming from a supposedly eminent economist, was simply sickening—sickening not only because of the light it reflects upon the department of economics at State College, but upon the entire institution.

I think Professor Boucke's motive is clear. He wants to give State College a big idea, something that no one else could do; something no one else possibly had thought of doing; an affair in a startling manner something that everyone else had deemed as being possible.

It is regrettable that it is necessary to argue as to what are the facts. But I am not so sure that Professor Boucke is thoroughly conversant with them. There is much "mush" about reparations. There is too much to the subject for almost anyone but an expert to know about thoroughly. The lecturer apparently did not try to inform the audience about some of the more technical and important aspects of the problem. Now when, you say, can Germany pay reparations? You must ask when? Now or later?

No one except Professor Boucke has denied Germany cannot now pay them. And those who have carefully studied her Balance of Payments know that reparations and her adverse trade balance (adverse until quite recently) have both had to be paid for by lending her money on short time to pay them. Germany has not therefore been able to pay reparations. As to whether Germany "can pay reparations" in the future—well, Boucke is right—the probably can. But he doesn't make quite clear just what he means. He also weaves aside the whole problem of transfer—which is very important.

He speaks of the great internal indebtedness of Germany and says that that would not prevent her from paying reparations. In this he is correct. But then he immediately goes over to telling how great a country Germany is—the second in the world industrially—and therefore could easily pay reparations of say, 480 millions a year. But this is nonsense, for this too has very little to do with Germany's ability to pay external indebtedness. If exchange is not available, outside debts cannot be paid. This should have been and apparently wasn't made clear.

In conclusion permit me to quote from a very long and very exhaustive report of the Basel committee. "It is evident from the facts outlined that Germany would be justified in declaring that in spite of the steps she has taken to maintain the stability of her currency, she will not be able in the year beginning in July next to transfer the conditional part of the annuity."

Very sincerely, ERNST KOCH

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Tanger, Hasek Recommend Japanese Economic Boycott

Professors Agree With 270 Others Backing League Measure

That the United States should support the League of Nations, if the League decides upon an economic boycott of Japan, is the opinion of Dr. Jacob W. Tanger, head of the department of history and political science, and Dr. Carl W. Hasek, head of the department of economics and sociology. This opinion is in accordance with the petition recently submitted to President Hoover by 270 college professors, economists, and specialists in international relations.

"If the League of Nations undertakes a project of that sort, it would not be effective in disciplining Japan unless the United States joins in with it," said Dr. Tanger. "That action on the part of the United States might also be in keeping with the position taken by Secretary of State Stimson when he has charged Japan with violating the Nine Power treaty and the Kellogg pact."

"A boycott of this sort has never been tried and it seems worth trying to see whether a nation can be disciplined by other than military means," he continued. "It is possible that a united threat of boycott on Japan's silk industry would bring her to realize the seriousness of the situation."

Dr. Hasek, advancing much the same opinion, said, "I am for the backing up of the League of Nations, when apparently its somewhat shadowy authority has been flouted by Japan. It would be desirable for us to go along with the League if Article sixteen, authorizing a boycott, is invoked."

If a boycott were instituted, it could bring pressure to bear on Japan, Dr. Hasek pointed out. However, a boycott will damage both parties, and there is danger that when a boycott is instituted, it might lead to the severance of political relations, and that means war, he said.

HARRIS ANNOUNCES 6 MORE EXHIBITIONS PLANNED HERE

Six other exhibitions to follow the present display of American woodcuts and lithographs in Room 307, Main Engineering, have been announced by Prof. Clinton L. Harris and Wendell P. Lawson, of the department of architecture. Architectural drawings by Prof. Percy Ash, of the department of architecture, will constitute the next exhibit opening March 14. Pen drawings by Stewart Wheeler and an exhibit of faculty work will be shown next month. Willard P. Lewis, College librarian, will sponsor an exhibition of prints April 23 to May 7. A display by Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary fine arts fraternity, and an exhibit of student work of the department of architecture will conclude the exhibitions for the semester.

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March 20 Set as Deadline for Entries in Eliminations Here April 8, 9

With March 20 as the closing date for registration, college boxers from all sections of the United States are now planning for the National Collegiate championships and Olympic trials to be held here April 8 and 9.

A collegiate champion in each weight will be crowned as the result of the tourney, and in addition the four ranking men in each division will represent college boxers at the final amateur bouts in Chicago July 15 and 16. The winners in this will be allowed to represent the United States at the Olympics in August.

Announces Student Rates The first session of the preliminaries will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, while the second group will start at 7 o'clock that night. The semi-final rounds are scheduled for 2 o'clock Saturday and the finals for 7 o'clock, according to J. Fred Winstead '32, boxing manager, who is in charge of the tournament.

Contestants are scheduled to weigh in at 11 o'clock Friday morning and will be entered in eight divisions, according to the Amateur Athletic Union standards. Bouts will be conducted in the following classes: 112, 118, 126, 135, 147, 160, 175, and heavyweight. One-hundred pound will be allowed over the specified weight.

With the field open to all classes, a requirement provides that entrants must be eighteen years old. Only one man may be entered in each weight by any institution and no one can compete in more than one bout.

Reduced rates for students here have been announced by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, with fifty cents set as the tax for each of the three preliminary events and seventy-five cents for the finals. General admission will be seventy-five cents, and one dollar for the finals.

GUIDANCE SERVICE PLANNED

A special vocational guidance service for students referred by the Christian association, Y. W. C. A., and the deans, has been arranged by Dr. Bruce V. Moore, Dr. Robert C. Bernreuter, and Miss Mary J. Wyland, all of the School of Education.

WATTS ATTENDS MEETING

Dean Ralph S. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, attended a meeting of the commission on the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg Friday.

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Athlete Seeks Loan Fund Aid

(No begging tone appears in any of the letters which ask for loans from the student fund. The men who need money put the facts in their applications and ask that their case be given consideration on its merits. This is another letter asking for a loan.)

Dear Dean Warnock: I desire to be considered an applicant for one of the student loans. I am a member of the class of 1933. I am keeping myself in College by working in the kitchen for my meals and doing other jobs.

During previous summers I have worked, but last summer I could not find steady employment. I worked on the new buildings here just before the start of the first semester and also helped issue the R. O. T. C. uniforms. Thus I earned enough to start the year.

My father is not in good health and does not send me much money. He lives with some friends and does not work more than three months in a year.

Anything you can do for me in connection with a loan will be greatly appreciated. (The writer of this letter is an outstanding player on one of the major College teams.)

TO HOLD CONFERENCE HERE WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

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Campus Bulletin

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Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity, will meet in Room 406, Old Main, at 7 o'clock tonight for the election of members from junior candidates and for the election of delegates to the national convention.

Members of the Aero club will meet in the Main Engineering library at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow night to attend the Larsen lecture in a body.

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