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AN AMERICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT?

1. Present Student Groups
(This is the first of a series of editorials on attempts to form a Youth Movement in America.)

For some time now, liberal writers have been deploring the fact that there is no real Youth Movement in America. They point to the traditional apathy of the American college student, his preoccupation with campus life and his indifference to events and situations outside college walls.

In general, the accusations of these writers are true. It cannot be said with any degree of reality that there is such a thing as a concerted Youth Movement in this country. In spite of the increased interest in national affairs aroused by the depression and subsequent attempts at recovery, a great many American students are simply not interested.

At the present time, however, there are a number of groups endeavoring to interest students in national problems and to adopt a plan of action along some particular line. During the past Christmas vacation, several of these groups held conferences in Washington, D. C. They were the League for Industrial Democracy, the National Student League, the National Student Federation of America, and a combined convention of these and nine other organizations meeting as "The National Conference on Students in Politics."

The National Student Federation of America is probably the most representative of any of the student groups. Delegates to its conventions are usually the student government presidents of the large number of colleges and universities which are members of the Federation. The first concern of the delegates at the conventions is the discussion of strictly campus problems. At the last convention, however, so many of the sessions were devoted to national affairs, that the delegates voted to confine their discussion in the future to campus topics in order to have "less sleeping in the sessions."

Contrasted with this group at Washington were the two radical organizations, the student branch of the League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League. The former is the student socialist organization in America, and is more or less dominated by older, non-student socialists who are members of the League. Its program is militant and along socialist lines.

The National Student League is also a militant, radical group, but it is not officially affiliated with any political party. It seeks to interest the student in national affairs by a militant approach through student problems on the campus such as R. O. T. C., educational retrenchment, and racial discrimination.

Other student groups, national in scope, include the men's and women's Christian associations, the League of Nations Association, the Intercollegiate Council on International Cooperation, the American Student Union, the War Resisters League, and Pioneer Youth.

WE "HASTILY GENERALIZE"

An editorial in Thursday's COLLEGIAN on scholarship racketeering is denounced in this issue by a reader who attempts to give the "truth" in the Letter Box this issue. Although the tone of the letter might suggest satire, the points listed need to be refuted lest anyone get the impression that the situation is truly pictured by the letter.

The "single case" from which the COLLEGIAN (and the Philadelphia Public Ledger and Record) was "guilty of hastily generalizing" was the conviction of a scholarship "peddler" who testified that he had sold fifty scholarships at a profit of no less than \$300 apiece. He named two State Senators and implicated eighteen more, over a third of the total numbers of Senators.

Contrary to the writer's emphatic statement, all scholarships are not worth only \$100 a year. They merely cover the cost of tuition, which is \$100 at Penn State but \$400 a year at the University of Pennsylvania. It is in the distribution of these more valuable awards that the racketeering has taken place.

There is no evidence of racketeering in the distribution of Penn State scholarships. But there is enough verbal evidence that some degree of favoritism exists to suggest that a change would be desirable. There are undoubtedly instances of honest efforts on the part of Senators to award their scholarships to needy and worthy students; the writer cites one touching instance. In contrast, there are quite a number of cases in which student holders of scholarships here admit that they got the awards by means of some sort of "pull."

The fact that there are such instances would be enough to merit a change. At least, the Ledger and Record thought so. The former said, "The utilization of scholarships to serve political ends must be ended, preferably by the surrender by the Senate of this system and its transfer to the Department of Public Instruction, where it belongs. The Record suggested, "This department is now giving competitive examinations for other classes of college scholarships. It could easily take over the Senatorial scholarships as well."

OLD MANIA

We've just been having a good deal of fun glancing through the College catalogue and noting the apparently limitless number of extraordinary courses offered in that volume. For instance the School of Physical Education in addition to its world-renowned course in Eurythmics offers six complimentary and successive courses under the title "ACTIVITIES IN HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION."

In the first course the student picks an activity, in the second he becomes more proficient in that activity, and so on until when he's finished with all six courses he's a regular whiz. Perhaps we're not quite clear. Well, suppose a student wants to learn how to run a flight of hurdles. In course number one he is taken out on the track and taught how to walk. His instructions would go something like this. "Place the weight of the body on the left foot. Raise the right foot carefully to a distance approximately six inches from the ground and advance it eighteen inches. Place it on the ground. Now shift the weight to the right foot and advance the left foot following the same procedure that was used in advancing the right. You have now taken a step."

By the end of the first semester the student would have learned how to walk correctly and would be ready to learn how to run. The same methods would be expected to be more proficient and therefore able to move his feet faster. It would be interesting to continue the explanation of these courses but unfortunately this wouldn't be ethical for the reason that explanation makes the matter so simple that the College would be overrun with athletes, the Physical Education School would go on the rocks, and the cause of EDUCATION would receive a staggering blow from which it might take years to recover.

FLASII! Prominent Varsity Football Player Married During Christmas Holidays!
POME
Bloomers
Prevent Rumors.

Economics professors are always taking the joy out of life. Why just the other day Hawkins made this statement in one of his classes: "The only hopeful aspect of Repeal is that a tremendous investment will be made in capital goods."

Just another page has been added to the Saga of "John Silver" Carr. When the Varsity Ten stopped in Washington during their recent travels someone introduced Carr to a beautiful travellin lass. The whole band went on a date at four in the afternoon. At three in the morning the rest gave up and went home, but the Redoubtable John stayed on. At nine-thirty in the morning he showed up at the hotel. At exactly eleven-thirty the gal called the hotel, and he went back on duty and stayed on until the dance began that night. Yeah Man!

Mania Brave Heart...
Cutie (Charlotte Rousse) Caretson with Philadelphia Charlie at eleven-thirty Wednesday night... Sally Cramer at the Sigma Nu dance... and Connie Glace... and Sentner and Boop Taylor... Collegian neophyte Willie Henderson is minus Sig Sig pin since vacation... Frankie (Thebanian) Peck is back in town... the gent with the cowbell at the Susquehanna game... Josh Kligerman Sig Tau Phi has the loveliest eyelashes... The two peeping Tom Kappas who had a bucket of water heaved on them—from Watts Hall... Bhye!

—THE MANIAC.

Letter Box

'Ledger,' 'Record,' Please Copy To the Editor:

In your editorial column of this issue, your article on "Scholarship Racketeering" exhibits ignorance of the subject as well as fallacious reasoning on the same. I believe that in fairness to the Senators, their recipients of awards, and the taxpayer, a clarification of this so-called racket should be printed so that those who were unfortunate enough to read your flagrant denunciation may know the truth.

The basis for the above-mentioned denunciation was the conviction of a scholarship "peddler" in Philadelphia. You have fallen guilty, however, of hastily generalizing from a single case. You do great injury to the names of honorable men who have conscientiously administered their awards according to the worth and the need of the applicant. A true account of the happening would have borne the names of the individuals connected with the peddler's racket. You may find that doing violence to legislators at random may have far-reaching effects.

Anyone that makes a statement that the peddler "had received large sums of money for his services" neglects a vital fact. You may be interested in the fact that these scholarships are granted semi-annually in payments of \$50.00. Further, the recipient must prove his worth of the award by achieving a scholastic record of good collegiate standing. Cancellation of awards because of low grades is in the hands of the administrative authorities.

I do not know your source of information on State Scholarships, but in the popular vernacular, "You're all wet!" There are eighty such scholarships given each year on a competitive basis. The Senatorial Scholarships can and do supplement these eighty in meeting the needs of worthy students. And your statement that "the more valuable scholarships to some of the other State-aided universities were being sold at a profit" is wholly untrue in lieu of the fact that all of the awards of this nature are for \$100.00 per year.

The peak of your misinformation is found in the following: "It is a well-known fact to most students here that the awarding of these scholarships has largely been on a political basis. The student whose father knew the State Senator was ordinarily in a better position to get a scholarship than the otherwise worthy student who had no political 'pull'."

Then, again, the federal government's loans through the R. F. C. may be converted into "real" assets soon, if the banking situation does not clear up. Great help to the administration should be forthcoming from the banking interests, but thus far they have not swung into line behind Roosevelt with proper spirit and support. At a time when the managing boards of some of our Federal Reserve branches should have strengthened our government bonds they placed them on the market for sale. Excessive rates are now facing depositors in banks throughout the country. Evidently the banks are unwilling to accept their proper burden, and the administration already regrets its failure to take over the banking system following the bank holiday last year. With less opposition from Wall Street, the financial aspect of recovery would be far less difficult.

AGRICULTURE MEN TO TALK AT SHOW

Dean Watts and Vice-Dean McDowell To Participate in Program Of Annual Affair

Members of the faculty, of the School of Agriculture will take prominent parts on the program and the judging staffs of the State Farm Products Show to be held in Harrisburg from January 15 to 19.

Dean Ralph L. Watts and Vice-Dean Milton S. McDowell, both of the School of Agriculture, W. S. Hagar '18, and Miles Horst '14 are members of the Show Commission which is directing the program. Governor Gifford Pinchot is also a member of the Commission.

This is the seventeenth successive year that the Show has been held. It will cover 440,000 square feet of floor space, and premiums will amount to over a thirty-six thousand dollars. Thirty different agricultural organizations are cooperating in the exhibits.

Those on the faculty who are to speak at sectional meetings on the program are Prof. Mark A. McCarty and Prof. William L. Henning, both of the department of animal husbandry; Prof. Francis J. Doan, of the department of dairy husbandry; Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, Prof. Frank N. Fagan, Prof. Warren B. Mack, Gerald J. Stout, and Prof. Charles E. Myers, of the department of horticulture; Prof. Ernest L. Nixon and Prof. Henry W. Thurston, Jr., of the department of botany.

STUDENT UNION BULLETIN

All notices will be received at the Student Union desk in Old Main until 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for a Thursday issue, and until Saturday noon for a Monday issue. Additional notices may be phoned to the Old Main COLLEGIAN office on Wednesday and Sunday night.

TOMORROW
Fraternity house eaters and transurers will meet in Room 405, Old Main, at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

Members of Pi Delta Epsilon will meet at the Penn State Photo Shop for their La Vie photograph at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night. A short meeting will be held following the picture.

Candidates for the editorial board of the COLLEGIAN will meet in Room 312, Old Main, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Additional freshman candidates may report at that time.

WEDNESDAY
Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter will address an open meeting of the Social Problems Club on "Sex and Social Health—The View of Science" in Room 417, Old Main, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

THURSDAY
Groups of the Agricultural Extension Conference will meet in Rooms 302, 318, 417, 420, Old Main, from 9 until 12 o'clock Thursday morning.

LOOKING OVER THE NEWS...

According to President Roosevelt's budget message Thursday, the total cost to be incurred by the national government in fighting the depression will be \$10,246,773,200 by June 30, 1935, when he says recovery will be achieved. He places the total recovery expenditures for 1934 at \$7,923,406,700.

Included in this figure are the expenditures incurred by the R. F. C., A. A. A., P. W. A. and other alphabetic arrangements, and through which the government at present holds assets of \$9,558,516,189 in loans. This money will revert back to the treasury in time thus cutting the true recovery cost to just about one-half of the announced figures.

In general, the criticism that has greeted President Roosevelt's budget announcement has been favorable. Taking in account work that has been accomplished thus far the cost has not been excessive. Even so strong a critic of the President as Senator Reed of our State has commended the administration's plan and sees no danger in raising the national debt to \$31,834,000,000 by June 30, 1935. However, the returns to the government from the various recovery agencies, such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Home Loan Board, should greatly reduce the debt by that time.

Neither Dr. Myers nor Wright were hurt, but Mrs. Myers, wife of the driver, received internal strains and minor bruises about her face. She is recovering at her home. The accident occurred when the automobile driven by Dr. Myers was sideswiped by a truck and skidded into the Wright car, according to witnesses of the accident. Doelp was thrown against the windshield and four stitches were required to close a cut in his nose.

Speaking Of Books

"The Journey of the Flame" by Antonio de Fierro Blanco.

The author says it is not all fiction. He claims to have heard it from the one hundred and ten-year-old lips of Juan Colorado (The Flame) himself. There is much of history, of the missions, of fish and plants that rings true from the rich California country. The author himself is a rich and mysterious character, a man of about eighty who has lived mostly in Spanish America and owned many peons and Indians. Colorado's real name—if he was real—was O'Brien and he was said to be the son of an Irish sailor and a Mexican. O'Brien became O'Brien and then from the color of his hair he was surnamed Colorado.

The journey itself was taken as a boy of twelve in the train of the Spanish general, Don Firmin Sandoval, from the tip of Lower California to the San Francisco region. Of course, all the Californias at this time were Spanish. The journey was enlivened with many a rich and interesting incident and is so well told that one is intrigued to know more about the author, de Fierro Blanco, or at least his translator, Walter de Steiguer. A new mine of rich historical material has been discovered. The Indian life and customs are graphically described. The Jesuits and their successors, the Franciscans, receive credit for their efforts. "Hell caused the only great rebellion in those days." Father Tamarel preached hell-fire in

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the coolest weather. "Father lead us to that eternally warm place," the Indians cried as unclothed they shivered in the chill north winds. But Father Tamarel, incensed by the demand of the Indian flock for hell-fire, curtly refused them the warmth they thought he controlled. Whereupon, rising in rebellion they killed him and others saying "They refuse us their comfortable hell, why should we serve these cruel foreigners?"

"Over Here, 1914-1918" by Mark Sullivan.

Allen Nevins says of the author, "He has brought into American historical writing a current of such originality and freshness that his work is likely to prove more influential than anything else done in years."

Here are the comments and attitudes of the American man on the street during the Great War. Here are clippings and illustrations from contemporary newspapers and journals. Here are propaganda, Liberty Loan drives, battle reports and many other scenes from the days of 1917-1918.

CATHAUM PHONE 616 SHOWS DAILY—1:30, 3:00, 6:30, 8:30 And a Complete Show as Late as 9 P. M.

TODAY AND TUESDAY

Fredric March, Miriam Hopkins and Gary Cooper in Noel Coward's "Witty, Naughty "DESIGN FOR LIVING"

WEDNESDAY

Otto Kruger, Ben Lyon, Uma Merkel and Roscoe Karns in "THE WOMEN IN HIS LIFE" Note: A Complete Show After Tonight's Basketball Game

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

John Barrymore, Bebe Daniels, Doris Kenyon in Elmer Rice's "COUNSELLOR AT LAW"

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
Lionel Barrymore, Alice Brady, Conway Tearle, Mary Carlisle in "SHOULD LADIES BEHAVE" A Sensation in its Christmas Holiday Showing at the Cathaum You'll Rave About this Hit!

THURSDAY

"THE WOMEN IN HIS LIFE"

JANUARY CLEARANCE NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY! \$25 Men's Suits \$19.50 \$20 Men Top Coats \$15.00 \$5 Men's Trench Coats \$3.49 Men's Shoes \$7 Shoes \$5.85 \$5 Shoes \$3.85 \$4 Shoes \$2.85 Men's Haberdashery HATS At Greatly Reduced Prices 2-for-1 SALE Women's Dresses Shoes Not All Sizes in the Group You Buy 1 Pair at Regular Price—Extra Pair for \$1.00 THE HUB EAST COLLEGE AVE.