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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

The nation-wide anti-war strike of April 12 has had many reverberations. At Harvard twenty students dressed in military uniforms tried to break up the strike. Four thousand students took part in the strike at the University of Minnesota. This was in direct defiance of a "red scare" raised by the school authorities. A terrific battle took place on the campus of the University of Chicago when several hundred students were attacked by a group of students and R.O.T.C. men. Eggs and fists flew, but in the end the strikers were victorious and drove away the disrupters and held a successful meeting. A few hecklers at C.C.N.Y. and at Columbia were quieted and successful meetings were held.

The national convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution deplored students' pledging themselves not to bear arms in an imperialistic war. And our own American Legion of "take down those posters" fame, passed a resolution. The main points of the resolution are these:

"Whereas: the members of Brooks-Doll Post No. 33 of the American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, believe that the public schools of Pennsylvania and state-aid institutions of learning are fostering Communist propaganda, due to the laxity of the school officials allowing teachers, instructors, and others to bring and spread such literature and beliefs among the student body, and whereas: such teachings and beliefs are detrimental to the institutions of the United States and good government, be it resolved:

"That we, the members of the American Legion, do insist that all the officials and instructors take the oath of allegiance of the United States, and that they encourage that allegiance among all students, and use all their influence to counteract the spread of Communism in our public schools and all places of learning in our Commonwealth . . ."

The COLLEGIAN proposes that the Brooks-Doll Post No. 33 of the American Legion accept another resolution. It was proposed as a bill in the Illinois legislature to bring the "patriots" there to their senses by pointing out the injustice and futility of such a measure. This is the bill:

"That male teachers be required to wear red, white, and blue collars, and female teachers red, white, and blue cuffs; that at the opening of school each morning teachers and pupils stand facing the northeast, extend their right arms, kink elbows at a 90-degree angle and remain at attention for one minute."

The Legion, unfortunately, has adopted the attitude of so many unthinking organizations and individuals in this country—that of calling any person with whom you are not in sympathy a Communist. The term has thus become one of opprobrium, having no connection at all with its true meaning.

A great deal less than one per cent of the students on this campus are Communists or have Communist leanings. But a large percentage of them are interested in the welfare of the country—their own welfare. They are tired of being led around blindly under the guise of patriotism. They want to think things out for themselves.

They have little patriotism, for patriotism, as George Jean Nathan once said, is too often an arbitrary veneration of real estate over principles.

They do not believe that it is "detrimental to the institutions of the United States and good government" to protest, *en masse*, against war. The youth of the world do not wish to settle other peoples' economic controversies by shooting lead into each others' bellies; neither have they become a lot of bomb-throwing radicals with designs against all that is sacred.

If war comes, conscription will be compulsory and unavoidable. War must not come. Students today are using their only weapon—mass protest—to combat it. It may be a feeble weapon, as contrasted with newspaper chains and munitions monopolies; but it is still worthy of attention because it involves not only the principles but the very lives of those advocating it.

The country's dyed-in-the-wool patriots will go on passing resolutions to insure protection against menaces, red and otherwise; meanwhile the youth of the nation has its first blow—well aimed and well struck—to remember, and to repeat when and if the need for it may be even greater.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF THE BOX SCORE

For those who like their rhetoric with a sob in every syllable this could be one of those moving dramas that deal with tragedy under a painted smile. Or perhaps it might be simpler if we thought of it along the general lines of the case of a trusting youth from the mountains of Pennsylvania whose heart was broken in the big city, namely Washington, D. C.

It all began in Annapolis, Maryland, a week ago Wednesday where, thanks to the benign geni and Frank Smith, the local baseball club nosed out the Middies 4-to-0. A gentleman left fielder, Lloyd Harold Heckendorn by name, was complacently sipping a coca cola in an Annapolis drugstore that night after the game in the company of Johnny Stocker, Al Mikelonis, Mark Hall, and others on and of the baseball team who were waiting about for something to happen and still wishing it wouldn't so that they could get to bed by eleven o'clock as Joe Bedenk had told them to do.

The menace was supplied when into the store strolled two pashy blonde biscuits for their nightly rations of coca cola and romance. Hecky, still meditating on his run scored in the afternoon, was caught off guard. Two charmers caught sight of him, swooped down on him, and besieged him with questions and demonstrations of affection.

For a moment Hecky was confused, but being accustomed to strategy and squeeze plays he soon collected his wits and discovered by adroit questioning that their worship was transmitted to him via the shiny A. K. Pi pin on his manly vest.

It seems as though the A. K. Pi rate very highly at St. ohn's College in Annapolis and with the maidens in the surrounding public school districts. . . . All of this was more or less of a pleasant mystery to Hecky, but he basked in the adoring glances and was really getting to first base and had their phone numbers when his teammates dragged him off to Bancroft hall a few minutes before eleven.

The next day at the Georgetown game in Washington things went rather unfortunately for Hecky. He didn't get any hits out of three times at bat and put only one man out. Moreover, he slugged Pero Miller on the back of the neck when he attempted to throw over his head to Cockey Robbins on second base on the recovery of an outfield fly. This is considered very bad taste even in baseball and is technically known as an error.

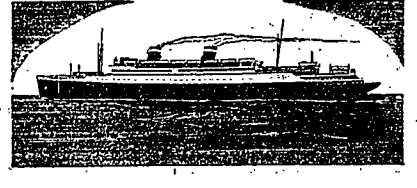
The pay-off came that night after the burlesque show (yeah, the Gayety on Ninth street) when a portion of the team assembled in a beer parlor above the theatre to toast the girls of the show who were accustomed to make the place their hang-out after the last performance.

Seeing the sensuous brunette star of the show tossing them down in solitude, Hecky approached her with the confidence of those who know God is on their side and asked her for a dance. He opened his vest so that she might be hypnotized by the shiny fraternity pin.

Something went wrong, though. Evidently she didn't quite hear the question distinctly or something for she just smiled at him as wanly as it is possible for a burlesque queen to smile and said: "Certainly, but you'll have to ask my husband first. He's at the next table."

Hecky's jaw and the conversation dropped. He chalked up the second error of the day for himself, this time a fumble.

OVERTONES—This Bunny Heagney-Russ Crisswell conclave is beginning to look permanent . . . Author John Naylor attended the Thespian rehearsal for the Phillipsburg performance in a salmon pink bow tie . . . King Burke, star boarder at the Fletcher Club, remained in town over vacation and got so lonesome he was driven to study . . .



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Co-Edits

Miss Carol R. Hagenbauch, a former member of the class of 1936, became the bride of C. Ewing Hamill '34 at Wilkes-Barre, April 13. Miss Hagenbauch is a member of the Chi Omega sorority, while her husband is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Helen Heinbach and Dorothy Perkins spent their vacation in Atlantic City. Others who spent their vacation in travel were: Emily Espenshade and Jean Woodruff, New York; Vera Loomis, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Betty Welles, Washington, D. C.; Esther Burkhardt, New York.

Alpha Chi Omega will hold its annual spring dance at the Delta Sigma Phi house Saturday night.

Jane M. O'Connell '35, a student of architecture, visited Washington, D. C., and New York on an inspection tour.

Gamma Phi Beta initiated eight pledges last night. They are Kathryn Dippel '36, and Helen W. Knouse, Fern L. Warner, Louise G. Stebbins, Helen I. Denman, Dorothy L. Marquardt, Sarah M. Mitchell, and Arlene R. Weaver, of the freshman class.

Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity will entertain Gamma Phi Beta, at dinner tonight.

Among The Greeks

Sigma Nu: House elections—President, Joseph P. Swift '36; Lieutenant Commander, George M. Hacker '37; Recorder, David Weddell '38; Reporter, Theodore E. Howe '37; Marshal, John E. Derriekson '38; Sentinel, William J. Hager; Chaplain, John H. Lotz.

Phi Kappa Psi: Forty Omega Epsilon alumni were initiated into the chapter recently. House elections—President, Harvey W. Huffman '36; Vice President, George A. Robeson '38; Treasurer, Robert E. Carey '38; Corresponding secretary, Charles M. Wheeler '38; Secretary, Benjamin F. Miller '38; Statistician, George H. Gromel '38; Chaplain, Henry K. Beaul; Properties, Robert M. Beddau.

Landsberg Gives Talk To Geophysical Union

Dr. Helmut Landsberg, in charge of the geophysical laboratory in the School of Mineral Industries, reported on "Correlations Between Deep and Shallow Focus Earthquakes" before the Geophysical Union in its annual meeting at Washington, D. C., yesterday.

Today, Dr. Landsberg will present a paper on "Temperature Distribution in Pennsylvania" before the Meteorological Society of America. Two of his papers have been published in scientific journals recently.

Tschan To Be Delegate

Dr. Francis J. Tschan, of the department of history, will attend the meeting of the American Association of University Professors to be held in Washington during this week-end. Dr. Tschan is acting as the representative of the local chapter of the A.A.U.P.

Twisting The Dial

TODAY
Ruth Etting, with Red Nichols' band, can always be recommended—WJZ at 8:30 . . . thrilling best describes "The March of Time," heard on WABC at 9 . . . Ben Lillie works awfully hard for her laughs on WJZ at the same hour . . . Col. Stoopnagle and Budd do much better by their listeners—at 10:30 on WABC . . .

TOMORROW
The Penn Relays get plenty of air time with WJZ going on the air at the following times: 2:15, 3:15, and 4:45; and WABC at 3 and 4:45 . . . The Music Guild will present a Beethoven program on WJZ at 3:30 that is decidedly worthwhile . . . Lenie Hayton and his band present a new show called the Hit Parade, with Gogo DeLys and Johnny Hauser as vocalists—swell talent and it's on WJZ at 8 . . . the Radio City Party at 9 on WJZ replaces Ray Noble with a new set-up that includes Nat Shilkret and his orchestra, the Victor Light Opera company, and John B. Kennedy as master of ceremonies.

works from the pen of Sigmund Romberg will be featured . . . Al Jolson headlines a new show, also with a raft of talent—George Raft, in fact, as guest star, with Bonny Venuta, singer, and Victor Young's orchestra . . . Orville Knapp on WABC at midnight and you'll go to bed happy . . .

SUNDAY
Mary Boland, character actress of stage and screen, will star in the Radio Theatre at 2:30 on WJZ in the play, "Ada Beats the Drum" . . . and we go for the following: Major Bowes Amateurs, on WJZ at 8; the Silk-en Strings show, with Countess Olga Albani and Charlie Previn's orchestra on WJZ at 9; and Wayne King's music on WABC at 10 . . .

MONDAY
Richard Himber and his band will pay an Alumni Day tribute to Notre Dame in their regular broadcast on WJZ at 8—Eddie Dowling, Broadway star; Elmer Layden, football coach; and Father John F. O'Hara, president of the university, will participate in the show, as well as the Notre Dame Glee Club . . .

Gladys Swarthout, radio prima donna of the golden voice, will be heard on WJZ at 8:30 . . . Maxie Baer turns actor again, this time portraying the role of a private detective in a script show which will probably include a broadcast of the Braddecker Baer go June 13—the premiere is slated for WJZ at 10:30 . . . Glen Gray at 11 on WABC and Flo Richardson on WJZ at 12:08 round out the evening . . .

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