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UNPARDONABLE SIN

ADVOCATES OF compulsory military training must be in a hell of a dither today...

True to form, the propaganda sheet—a release from the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company of Minneapolis—extols the "virtues" of military training in universities and colleges.

True to form, it claims the "effectiveness" of the training has given the United States "a reserve of competent commissioned officers numbering just short of 100,000."

True to form, it says "With a United States standing army of 178,000 and an almost negligible number of trained reserves, supplemented by a National Guard strength of approximately 192,000, the War Department's problem is to provide for expansion in time of emergency to a numerical strength capable of combating European or Asiatic armies numbering millions of highly trained men."

True to form, it repeats over and over again "The training is heartily approved by the vast majority of students, campus communists to the contrary notwithstanding."

True to form, it says "With a United States Army department is the favorite target of radical and semi-radical organizations, particularly in those schools where drill is a required subject for the first two years, three out of four students are heavily in favor of such training."

True to form, it says "Seventy-four per cent of the male students and 77 per cent of the women students favor military instruction at universities and colleges."

SO FAR, so good. But here the propagandists, blinded perhaps by the bigotry of their own convictions, fall down and commit the unpardonable sin.

For they tell the world that although 56 per cent of the students are against compulsory military training, those students are "campus communists" or "radicals" or "semi-radicals" if they demand a choice in the matter, a choice that would give them the right to take or not to take military training.

Of course, the report doesn't say this flatly. It doesn't even mention 56 per cent at all.

But its whole argument falls by the boards in these words: "Forty-four per cent of the men favor military training as a required subject, while the remaining 56 per cent of those in favor of military instruction felt that it should be on a voluntary basis."

Yes, 50 per cent of those favoring military training want it to be optional. And, another 26 per cent don't want it at all. Which, as the report so negligently forgot to say, would make 56 per cent of the students aligned against compulsory military training.

NOW OF COURSE, we could take the report of this survey and refute it paragraph by paragraph, sentence by sentence, word by word.

We could say, for instance that the poll was as inaccurate as the memorable Literary Digest poll that didn't give Franklin (Forty-Six State) Roosevelt a chance for the Presidency.

We could say that because the poll admittedly reached only four colleges—New York, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon—it was basically unsound.

We could say that the Collegian participated in a nationwide student poll last year that reached 101 colleges—31,515 students—which showed nearly 80 per cent against compulsory military training.

We could say that the resort to name calling—the like of "communists" and "radicals" and "semi-radicals"—usually is an indication of a sad weakness in the offensive.

We could take issue with the claim that the "effectiveness" of training has given the country a competent reserve of 100,000 men capable of leading an army of from three to four million men.

But we won't do that. We'll just take for granted the results of the poll as reported and say:

Thank you, gentlemen. Now, how in the world can you reconcile the strong faith in democracy which your propaganda indicates you have and your steadfast refusal to permit the majority of students to have educational freedom in the 72 colleges in the nation which still force students to take military training for two full years—three hours each week?

Yes, gentlemen, you must be in a hell of a dither.

OLD MANIA

Stepping Off The Deep End:

Maniac is going to pick a Miss '42! Since the Collegian managing board will not run the risk of choosing a freshman queen, the Maniac has decided to pick one all by himself. Now we don't want to jump to any conclusions, so we'll spend a couple of weeks looking around in the meantime, we'll start a list of candidates for the honor and add to it in next week's Old Mania Freshmen women who have caught our eye so far are June Dye, Betty Martin, Beverly Wilson, Elsa Grubelton, Betty Mason, Frances Tally, Helen Swanson, Laura Hill, Elsie Broelway, Maudie McMahon, and Jane McAdams.

We know there are lots more of you, Gals, but Maniac hasn't seen you all yet. So, look pretty, and keep happy.

Bucket, Bucket, Bucket:

It all started this summer. Eddie Duchin recorded Old Man Moose People listened were curious to Grange's Friday night non-daters were curious to Eddie Glick, beta sig, obliged. He lent them his record. The girls gathered in a back room. The record was played once. The record was played twice. Parts of the record were played much more than twice. The windows were open. The lights were bright. Fifty odd freshmen from the men's dorms gathered outside. They liked the record to a girl saw them. The girls screamed, were embarrassed. Down went the windows. Out went the lights. Oh went the record. Why, they were only listening to the music, anyway.

Idiot's Delight:

Bob Mall, Theta Xi frosh from Pittsburgh, came to Penn State. The heat of his heart back home started her freshman year at Muskingum in Ohio. Bob received letters daily. The stamps were always upside down. But Friday things went amiss. The daily letter contained the heart-stopping news that she had had five dates in five nights and with such dashing boys. Bob left Friday night for Muskingum, 100 miles west. Sunday his folks arrived from home to see how Bob was getting along. He was getting along all right in Ohio.

The Taming of the Shrew:

Nobody's fool nowadays is Bursat Clark. Non-Penna students agree that it's one tough job to pull the wool over his eyes. Russ really is a good egg even if he is hard-boiled on out-of-state-fee skippers. And it doesn't always pay, you know. For instance, a year ago last June, just a half-hour before commencement, an angry mother came into the Registrar's office and complained about the programs. Her son was listed from Philadelphia and everyone knew he was from Red Bank, NEW JERSEY. To the tune of 600 smackers.

Pitter Patter:

SCOOP Amy McClelland and Paul McCormick, now unmoored to be engaged, have been married since June 4. add lovely transferts Jane Holland and Grace Hendershot. Russ Gohn '37 gets up to see kappa Buzz Acker every other weekend when a Blue Key asked a frosh the name of the president of the college he answered Joe Peel. add pin transferts Jack Kulp to Ann Boss. Midget Shelton '37 back to see Dann. DeMunio help coach the frosh gridlers. Bob Sigel '37 got a job this year in Pittsburgh. So Doris Evans is going to transfer to Pitt. Cecile Metz pointed a beautiful orchid Friday night with Bob Rosenberg. a birthday present from her boyfriend in the Navy. Rockmaker rated a date with Sophie Maisel for the frosh game but had to turn her over to Jack Hish, when Ike Gilbert asked him to keep time. those freshmen outside Grange Friday nite were sent by the dorm upperclassmen for a baysiere with the threat that they wouldn't get back in the dorms without one they got one. Marty Mansford combing Lloyd Liles' hair in the cinema Sat nite they were turning 'em away at the bookiehoff in Bfite that same evening. Warren Elliot TKE with smooth Winnie Briscoff, transfer from Wm and May. Chuck Hughes with Chris Mveis. Alex Cowan with Midge Govier.

Thespians Plan Fall HP Revue

Burlesqued 'Romeo and Juliet' Considered by Kennedy; Sixty At Tryouts

Plans for a "review of revues" were formulated Sunday night at the initial Thespian meeting of the year held in the Little Theatre. As usual, the fall houseparty show, of the Thespians will be a combined performance given by the Thespians and the Glee Club. Approximately 60 turned out for the tryouts held Sunday, with the predominating number being girls.

For incorporation in the show, which is planned to feature outstanding Thespian tunes and dances of 1938, a projected burlesque skit on "Romeo and Juliet" is under consideration.

Edwige Sock, Kennedy, director of the Thespians, states that the tryouts revealed a glazing shortage of male talent, particularly in the dancing field. He pointed out that no exceptional ability is required for men trying out for Thespians.

Among the women there is a wealth of talent with six outstanding performances being given at the tryouts. Among these was a clever, skipping and toe dancing routine given by one of the coeds.

New faces seen trying out for dancing parts were Barbara Thiele, Miriam Shaffer, Joseph Wazney, Elizabeth Reid, Marjorie Watts, Lois Jane Hunter, Bernice Maurer, Mirielle Paquit and Martha Stringer all freshmen, Jack Heck, a sophomore, and Mildred Shames, a junior.

Trying out for acting parts were Bob Maeser '42, Monroe Katz '42, Edward Brooks '40, John Welckow '41, John Casimir '41, William Britton '42, Helen Atkinson '40 and Charles Reid '41.

Among the new singers were Thomas Campbell, Ruth Bentz, Hilda McGuire, Leonora Krumline, and William Hennig, all freshmen. A large group turned out for the technical staff which is composed of stage hands, scenery painters, scenery designers, costumers, prop men and lighting electricians.

Technical Staff Listed Those turning out for technical positions were Russell Forsyth '42, Robert Jones '41, Robert Lyman '42, Harry Mangroff '39, Vernon Patterson '42, Hugh Ryan '42, Marie Kase '41, Jeannette Vandervelde '41, Ann Lanthorn '41, Betty Groff '40, Nancy Ventick '42, Gwendolyn Spencer '41, Kay Chew '41, Margi Handwick '41, Kay Albert '41, Kimbly Hefferan '41, Ruth Lachowicz '40, Alice Janota '41, Jack Lannade '40, Eugene Entz '41, and Tomietta Catter '39.

Also among this group were Laura Hill '42, Harriet Stubbs '42, Connie Smith '41, Lucy Pascoe '39, Marcella Anderson '39, Edward Hecht '41, Bob Hanau '41, Elwood Solouff '39, Harold O'Neill '42, Betty Van Keuren '39, Virginia

Church Leads Modern China

Noted Lecturer Tells Chapel Audience Of Chinese Progress Today

"You will be interested to know that Christian institutions of higher learning have come into the leadership of my country," said Dr. T. Z. Koo, secretary of the World Student Christian Association, on Sunday morning in Chapel. "After the revolution of 1927, six out of the eight new ministers of state were graduates of Christian schools," he pointed out. "In 1905 the government fashioned a new school system after the American system, since then there has been a steady decrease in illiteracy," Dr. Koo said.

Both the girls and boys in the new China receive education—more than 15 million between the ages of 4 and twelve, the speaker added. From 95 per cent illiteracy in 1905 the Chinese have advanced until today the percentage is only 65, he said. However, less than one-half the children are getting education today.

"A scholar is a man whose hand doesn't have enough strength to tie up a chicken," is an old proverb known to all Chinese.

Keatus '39, Macla, Moring '39, Ruby Eder '41, Alice Grest '41, Betty Wettstein '41, and Miriam Skladel '40.

Use West Entrance

Rav V. Watkins, College scheduling officer, requests the cooperation of all students in using the West entrance of North and South Liberal Arts instead of the East.

which aptly described the scholar of the classic school, Dr. Koo said. Today, exercises for the body and a new scientific outlook have prepared the Chinese scholar to cope with a new China, he concluded.

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