

**FERGUSON**

**Ludlow Resolution:  
When And Why Will  
U.S. Go To War?**

By DR. J. H. FERGUSON

Representative Louis Ludlow, of Indiana, was re-elected last month after making his proposed war referendum the major issue of the campaign. His proposal is certain to be an issue in the approaching session of Congress, hence its discussion may be appropriate.

The Ludlow resolution, as revised, reads: "Except in case of attack by armed forces, actual or immediately threatened, upon the United States or its territorial possessions, or by any non-American nation against any country in the Western Hemisphere, the people shall have the sole power by a national referendum to declare war or to engage in warfare overseas. Congress, when it deems a national crisis to exist in conformance with this article, shall by concurrent resolution refer the question to the people."

At present, Congress and the President can declare war for any reason whatsoever. The powers are so general and inclusive that the courts could not hold a declaration of war unconstitutional. Moreover, events might transpire in such a manner that a war could be declared, fought, and terminated before an election of any kind could constitutionally be held at which the sentiment of the people could make itself effective.

This actually happened in the case of the World War. President Wilson and a Democratic Congress were re-elected in November, 1918. War with Germany was declared five months later. No federal officer stood again for election until early in November, 1918—less than a week before the armistice was signed. Had the people disapproved of the war, there would have been no way—short of a wide spread protest or revolution—by which the war could have been prevented or stopped.

Ludlow's proposal would not eliminate Congress from the process of declaring war. The people could vote only after Congress had submitted the proposed declaration of war to the people. This would put a check upon the power of Congress and the President. To declare certain kinds of war before the people would be to give Japan, for example, for violating our treaty rights in China, Congress would need to adopt a concurrent resolution, which requires the President's signature, referring the question to the electorate for final determination. If on the other hand, Japan attacked or "immediately threatened" to attack in this hemisphere Congress could declare war as at present.

Underlying the agitation for the amendment is a deep seated fear that is becoming increasingly felt by the American people. That is, that we may be led into fighting again on foreign soil and in distant waters for ends that are illusory and interests which may not be vital.

The American people would fight at the drop of the hat at any attempted invasion of their territories (save possibly the Philippines and a few small islands in the western Pacific), or any country in this hemisphere. Of this there can be no doubt, and they are ready to vote for a defense establishment "adequate" for the purpose. What is not certain is, that they want to fight again for some of the purposes which led them into the World War, and which seem to be uppermost in the minds of the President, the State, War, and Navy departments.

What are some of these purposes? To protect treaty rights in China; to protect American citizens and their property located in Europe, and the Far East; to protect American investments and trade interests in China and the Far East; to protect neutral rights in the event of war; to preserve the democracies of Europe; especially England and France; to impress upon dictators respect for the sanctity of treaties; to raise the standards of international morality; to prevent dictators from flooding us and our neighbors with... (Continued on Page Two)

# SOPH HOP DEFICIT IS \$890

## 'Collegian Unfair,' Friars Write In Criticism Of Honorary Purge

Editorial Comments Draw Scathing Statement

Charging the Collegian as being "incorrect, unfounded and unfair" in its editorial policy, Friars, sophomore campus honorary society, yesterday contended in a prepared statement that they "have kept faith with and cooperated with the College all year to the best of our ability."

"Unless actively engaged in the athletic contest of the moment, the Friars have been fully represented at every College gathering," the statement added. "This you cannot deny."

"We have done our part in every possible way. The financial plan advanced this year and any other proposal of the combined hat societies has met with our approval."

"The men in our ranks have been chosen because they honored the College with their athletic achievements. They have served and honored the College in this sense. They have also served the College as their duty in student control."

"We Lose Our Honor" the statement argued, "if we must do more than that, if we must heed the dictates of the Collegian or any other unauthorized body, we lose our honor and could be more aptly named 'so-called societies.'"

"Phi Beta Kappa, Journalism societies and Agricultural societies are all honoraries," the letter concluded. "Ask them to justify their existence. The fact that they exist is justification in itself."

"The statement, an answer to the Collegian's editorial demand last Friday for the dissolution of the society, was signed by John E. Burt, president, and Beine Claret, secretary-treasurer of the organization."

"Night Must Fall" Is Lauded By G. M. Cohan

5 P. M. Today Set As Deadline For Report Of Conflict Exams

## A Self-Indictment

Editorial

Whether or not Friars has "been fully represented at every College gathering"

Whether or not Friars has offered its assistance "in any way possible" to "all responsible authorities of the College"

Whether or not Friars has done "its part in every possible way"

The Collegian does not know

What the Collegian does know, however, is that there have been no apparent constructive results growing out of any definite action taken particularly by Friars itself.

In fact, the organization intimates openly in its own statement that the only reason it has done anything is because of pressure from the outside.

"The men in our ranks have been chosen because they honored the College with their athletic achievements," the statement says. "They have served and honored the College in this sense. They have also served the College as their duty in student control."

In other words, Friars relegates the justification of its existence to "athletic achievements" and promotion of "student control." And that's all.

For to "do more than that," the statement says, to "heed the dictates of the Collegian or any other unauthorized body" would mean the loss of its "honor" and Friars then "could be more aptly named a service society."

That one sentence alone stands out distinctly as a self-indictment.

NOW THE Collegian holds no grudge against athletes. It holds no grudge against any individual member of Friars. In fact, the Collegian holds its members in high respect.

Yet, while individually they may have contributed some priceless services to the College, Friars as an organization has contributed practically nothing. And the Collegian admires its frankness in admitting this.

Furthermore, the Collegian has never dictated to any honorary society. The Collegian merely has been trying to justify ITS existence as an AUTHORIZED student organization, an organization devoted not to the welfare of any special-interest groups on this campus but devoted instead to the welfare of every single student, regardless of social, educational or financial status.

"PHI BETA KAPPA, Journalism societies and Agricultural societies are all honoraries," the statement adds. "Ask them to justify their existence."

"The fact that they exist is justification in itself," Friars says.

The fact that they exist is NOT justification in itself, the Collegian contends.

Krauss Heads Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society Elections Follow Founder's Day Radio Program

Tribunal Hits Six Violators Customs Enforcers Help Frosh Realize Customs Must Be Obeyed

Radio Address Heard The election was held after a radio address to chapters and alumni groups all over the world given by Dr. Frank Pierpont Graves, national president of Phi Beta Kappa, in honor of the fraternity's Founder's Day, December 5, 1938.

Speakers at a dinner preceding the meeting included President Ralph D. Retzel, Dr. Carl E. Marquardt, Dean Marion R. Trabue, Miss Pauline Locklin and Dr. Pauline B. Mack.

## CAPTAIN ELECT



SIDNEY S. ALTER

## Sid Alter Will Lead Gridmen In '39 Season

Hanley Is Named Honorary 1938 Captain At Annual Dinner Wednesday

Sidney S. "Spike" Alter, regular junior wingman, was elected captain of the 1939 Nittany Lion football team and Dean H. Hanley, veteran tackle, was elected honorary captain for the past year, at a meeting of lettermen during the annual football banquet in the Nittany Lion Inn Wednesday.

Robert Cochrane, president of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club, served as toastmaster at the affair. Enthusiastic short messages were given by Dr. Carl P. Schott, Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, Head Coach Bob Higgins, Marty McAndrews, freshman mentor, and Dr. Joseph P. Rittenour.

Higgins was presented a travel bag by the members of the team and managers in appreciation of his service to this year's outfit.

## J. W. White Scholarship Exam Tuesday

All Latin-American students interested in taking the examination for the John W. White scholarship for proficiency in English are to report to the main office of the English Composition building by 5 p. m. Tuesday.

## \$100 Gold Hoard Gave Dean Watts His Start

"One hundred dollars in gold, saved in an old trunk by my mother, was my start at Penn State," said Dr. Ralph L. Watts, retiring dean of the School of Agriculture, yesterday.

Turning back the calendar to 1886, when he enrolled here as a student, Dean Watts revealed that he wanted to become a dirt farmer. An older brother, training for the ministry, impressed upon him the value of a college education even for farming.

When asked what has given him the most pleasure while connected with the College, Dean Watts replied quickly "Unquestionably, my student contacts," he said. "My happiest days were when teaching horticulture. I feel I've lost something while in administrative work."

## '42 Campus Clique Sweeps To Victory

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By A WILLIAM ENGEL, JR.

Pledging to uphold the seven-point platform upon which he was elected, Dean A. Phillips '42 stepped into the office of freshman class president as the Campus clique made a clean sweep of the four posts in elections Monday.

Robert D. Baird, defeated Independent presidential nominee, automatically becomes vice-president. Phillips garnered 308 votes, Baird registered 216, and Wilson S. Geisler, lone Progressive Lion candidate, polled 29, as 553 votes were cast.

George A. Ladner, won the secretary post with 304 votes, with Earl L. Horst getting 247. Closest competition prevailed in the battle for treasurer as John A. Petrella won by 50 votes, over George R. Ross Jr. The count was 301 to 251. Gardner E. Lindzey completed the Campus cleanup by polling 305 votes to Francis S. Maxwell's, 245.

"I wish to thank the Class of 1942," Phillips said in a written statement to the Collegian. "For the honor which has been conferred upon me I shall do my best to uphold the platform upon which I was elected and try to insure the freshman class the best student government possible."

The complete Campus platform follows:

- 1.—The continuation of freshmen and sophomore competition, especially for the removal of freshman customs.
- 2.—The origination of an all-College dance sponsored by the freshman class.
- 3.—The establishment of raised standards in boarding houses by periodic inspection.
- 4.—Closer, more friendly relations between students and faculty by means of informal gatherings.
- 5.—A more efficient College telephone system.
- 6.—Continuation of agitation for the establishment of an inter-collegiate 160-pound football team.
- 7.—A more satisfactory water supply.

## Carol Sing Monday On Old Main Plaza

With the front plaza of Old Main as the site, the annual Christmas Carol Sing, sponsored jointly by the department of music and the Christian Association, will be held Monday at 8:30 p. m.

Mass singing of carols will be directed by Prof. Hummel Fishburn and supported by the College choir of 110 voices and a brass quartet consisting of Elliott Treece '39, Bruce Garner '40, Walter James '39 and Russell J. Myers '42.

Prof. John H. Frizzell, College Chaplain, will give a short reading on Christmas as a feature of the program.

## WSGA To Hold Feast Monday

Lord and Lady MacAllister To Reign at Traditional Dinner in Mac Hall

Once again Lord and Lady MacAllister will reign at the women's annual Old English Christmas dinner in Mac Hall at 6 p. m. Monday, but this year a new custom has been added to the tradition. Following the dinner, the court of nobles and their ladies will march to Athon Hall in a formal procession for coffee lounge and a reception in the lounges.

Faculty members will be invited to the festival. W. S. G. A. officers and senators and W. A. A. officers will play the parts of the noble lords and ladies in Old English costumes. The Louise Homer Club will furnish the music, and song sheets will be passed out for carol singing.

## Record Loss Incurred By Class Dance

Berigan Gets \$1,100 As Largest Item Of Expenses

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An estimated deficit of \$890, transcending all previous losses for the affair, was incurred at the annual Soph Hop last Friday night, according to a tentative statement released yesterday from the office of Neil M. Fleming, Graduate Manager of Athletics.

Although a total of 355 paid admissions (22 more couples than last year), and booth rentals and checking aggregated a total income of \$1,407.95, the amount was exorbitantly over-balanced by expenditures, conservatively estimated at \$2,297.89.

Fifty-nine complimentary tickets, 19 more than last year, were issued. Biggest expense item, as usual, was the music. Bunny Berigan and his orchestra received \$1,100, a flat \$100 more than was paid to Red Norvo last year, for playing. The net expense for Soph Hop last year was fixed at \$708.24, about \$180 less than this year's estimated loss—Twenty-four booths, only two more than last year, were rented to fraternities. The tentative statement:

**INCOME**

Admission (tax included), 355 at \$3.30—\$1,180.20, Booths, 24 at \$5—\$120, Checking, 395 at \$25—\$987.50

**EXPENDITURES**

Music—\$1,100, Decorations—\$375, Programs—\$120.06, Tax on admissions—\$124.20, Compen-sations—\$100, Checking—\$98.75, Advertising—\$97.02, College labor (estimated)—\$90, Catering—\$53, Ticket printing (estimated)—\$30, Doorman—\$22.50, Telephone and Telegraph—\$20.36, Flowers—\$13, Ticket seller—\$10, Piano Rental—\$10, Women's attendant—\$5, Miscellaneous (estimated)—\$15

## Mavis To Fill Walker's Post

Iowa Professor Will Replace Civil Engineering Head Here Next June

Dr. Fredrick T. Mavis will succeed Prof. Elton D. Walker, professor and head of the department of civil engineering, who will retire June 30, 1939. Pres. Ralph D. Hetzel announced yesterday Professor Walker, who has been a member of the faculty of the School of Engineering since 1909, will be named professor emeritus.

## Relations Club Sends Five To Convention

Five delegates from the International Relations Club and Mr. John H. Ferguson of the department of economics and political science left today for a two day national session of the group at Swathmore college. Those attending are Phillip Laiteman '42, Mary Jean Popp '42, Emerson Rupert '41, Adam Smyser '41 and Rosine Winkur '41.

## MI Division Smoker

The petroleum and natural gas division of the Mineral Industry School will hold a smoker in room 110 Mineral Industries building at 7 p. m. Monday.