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Our Action On The Draft Fortells Our Policy On War

Vital decisions on the draft and on college students will have to be made in Washington before long. These decisions will serve far better than prepared statements in reflecting what is actually in the minds of members of the administration.

There is salient evidence that the existing selective service law is designed to mobilize in the shortest time possible a giant draft army, presumably to witness something more than field maneuvers.

None of our military experts have indicated that we need this giant army to repel any immediate American invasion. Opinion seems to be that in this day of lightning events such a prospect is comparatively distant.

It may be that our military leaders believe a victory over Germany is impossible without an invasion of the European mainland. Unless that is the case, England will probably never need the land troops we are training. Otherwise, why the stumbling haste?

If foreign developments lead our defense coordinators to believe that the crisis will be protracted five or six years, fundamental changes in the draft seem inevitable.

Three things seem likely to crop up in the next few weeks as regards the draft and all of them will deserve study.

1. A second national Registration Day may be called with a probability that it may be far in advance of the expected October date, perhaps April 1. It is also likely that after the second Registration Day young men will register individually within five days after reaching their 21st birthday.

2. A policy will have to be set up on inducting new registrants into the draft structure—either through a new "fish bowl" or through assignment to numbers already drawn. Possibly the proportion of younger men taken will be increased so as to work toward a policy of universal service at the age of 21 as now suggested.

3. Some definite action will have to be taken on students now in college and those planning to enroll for the 1941-42 academic year.

If the administrators direct their policy towards building up at once a giant and strong army we can presume that some immediate use of the army is contemplated. On the other hand, motions in the direction of a long-range draft policy will indicate that our present technical peace will be prolonged a year or two, and even more.

Classified Trouble

Operating not on the assumption that youth is a lost generation but on the basis that everyone has something wrong, the American Youth Commission last week analyzed youth's trouble.

Youth's problems are outlined thus:

- 1. Difficulties arising from compulsory military service, shared alike by youth both in and out of service.
2. Poor health, subnormal physical conditions, and shattered morale.
3. Extreme disparities in educational opportunities.
4. Employment and widespread unemployment among young men and women.



LION TALES

Mil Ball In Review

If what we've heard is true, Military Ball was a great success. With impressive army and navy uniforms, beautiful girls (really!) and the traditional Grand March, it proved to be more popular than many of Penn State's bigger dances. Too bad the weather man didn't give Uncle Sam's boys a break.

Bobbie Kelly, looking like a storybook princess was one of the leaders of the Grand March. It was an appropriate farewell to Penn State for Bobbie who won't be here this semester. We understand that she plans to enter Boston University next fall. We're certainly sorry to see her go.

Helen Swanson came with an ensign from the University of Washington. Gloria Knepper and Don Davis were there as were Betty Brown and Rog Findley, Pat Behney, and Chuck Mattern, Phyllis Dalton and Lew Corbin, Dot Wagner and Charlie Prosser, Ruth Popp and Ken Stoner, Jeanne McAdam and Ralph Blasingame, and Peg Sherman and Norm Lamond.

Rushing!

The battle of the century is well under way. All the teams have been training for months and well they should. It was the survival of the fittest when they encountered for the first time last Wednesday at noon. At the sound of Old Main, a hundred sorority women rushed up the stairs of Mac Hall, all eager to be the first in the freshman rooms. They had been waiting for some time, and were impatient. At the signal they were off. Leading the pack was Eleanor Benfer who disposed of her nearest Kappa opponent with a well-placed kick in the shins. Following close on her heels were Norma Stillwell, ChiO prexy, Eleanor Derr, Alpha Chi, Peggy Embury, from the Kappa house, and 95 other girls. The freshmen were so amazed that they could hardly answer all the requests for dates. Those that managed to stammer out a reply were ushered into Rec Hall just after the last seats were taken. And so it goes—until next Sunday when amid squeals of delight, the sorority women will greet their new pledges.

Addenda

A young lady from Elmira, N. Y., will be very disappointed, we're afraid, when she looks at her new Sigma Nu pin and finds that it has Don Taylor's name on the back instead of Bob Hummelbe's.

Quote Alice Janota "Jack Thomas was shy and retiring before I dated him my freshman year."

Advertisement for Jack Harper Tailor, featuring 'FORMAL WEAR' and 'For The Coming Season's Social Affairs.' Includes a small illustration of people in formal attire.

Deadline For Teachers Exam Applications Friday

Any student, or any person having a teaching certificate who is interested in taking the National Teachers Examination to be held at Altoona March 14-15 should file application with Levi Gilbert, Supt. of schools of Altoona, not later than Friday, February 14, it was announced yesterday by Prof. C. O. Williams, associate professor of education.

In an increasing number of cities no candidate for a teaching position will be considered unless his record on the National Teacher Examination is available, Professor Williams said.

The examination, including tests of general ability, culture, and preparation of the applicant, require two full days, each including about six hours of actual testing time. The fee for the examination is \$7.50.

I E Society Meets

The Industrial Education Society will hold a smoker in the Sandwich Shop at 8 p.m. tonight, Peter G. Fetzko '41, president of the Education Council, announced. The principal speaker will be Professor Paveleh from the University of Minnesota. Industrial education students and faculty are invited.

Books, Money Available

Students who have books or money at the Student Book Exchange may get them at Student Union between 4 and 5 p.m. any day this week, David I. Finkle '41, senior advisor, announced yesterday. He said that books and money left after Friday will be taken over by the committee.

New Home Ec Course

A new home economics course in foods, Home Economics 209, will meet in 108 Home Economics every Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. It is a one-credit course.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Jascha Heifetz performance of the Artist Course series in Schwab Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets, at \$2.50, may still be obtained at the A.A. windows and in the lobby of the Auditorium before the concert.

All freshmen candidates for the Collegian's editorial and business staffs will report to Room 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. with all sold subscriptions. Roll will be taken.

Tryouts for tenor and bass sections of College Choir, foyer of Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Collegian sophomore editorial men meet in Room 312 Old Main, 4:15 p.m. Important.

R. A. Young, chief engineer of Portland Cement Co., will speak on "Soil Stabilization" at the ASCE meeting, 107 Main Engineering, 7 p.m.

Industrial Education Society smoker, Old Main Sandwich Shop, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Professor Paveleh of Minnesota will speak.

The Forensic Council presents a symposium-forum on "What Should One Get Out of College?" in the Home Economics auditorium at 8 p.m.

TOMORROW: Varsity basketball, Penn State versus Carnegie Tech, Rec Hall, 8 p.m. Student Union dance, Armory, 4 p.m. IMA Central Council, Room 305 Old Main, 7:30 p.m. Meeting of Book Exchange Committee, Room 318 Old Main, 8 p.m.

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