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Facing All The Facts Over 1,500,000 Coffins

Senator Wheeler has brought out some facts which will make the American public sit up and take notice:

Our defense order includes metal identification tags for America's soldiers and 1,500,000 coffins.

Senator Wheeler certainly must have calculated that if the first fact didn't lift America's eyebrows, the second one would.

Dead soldiers filling 1,500,000 coffins should give us pause.

1,500,000 coffins filled would represent 1.15 per cent of the American population. They would represent a wasted 52,500,000 years. They would represent a wasted potential earning power about the size of the present national debt.

Of course, talking in figures like these is pure drivel. Few men care about anything more than 100 years, fewer can conceive even that.

That we have bought 1,500,000 coffins is nothing extraordinary. We are building an army on the chance we may need it. We should know full well that if we do need it we will also need a good supply of coffins

That's the risk we are taking. That is what is back of the whole defense program. Senator Wheeler has made all that clearer than it was before. He has demonstrated vividly the awful size of the risk we are running.

We are gambling on the chance that this army will not have to be used and that its very existence will remove the threat. If our bluff is called, coffins are as essential a part of the defense as any. Unfortunately, our conception of an army is of one, natty, well-groomed, and organized in neat straight lines.

We are running the risk of losing—by some equipment-buyer's estimate—1,500,000 men. Say what you will that is quite a stake to lay at the altar of democracy.

We may be willing to tell our government to go ahead, gamble our wealth, take that risk. But it seems reasonable that we should also find out what the stakes are. What are we playing for?

The only public word America has received of us and Britain's war aims (besides beating Hitler) is the establishment of President Roosevelt's fluttering four freedoms. But how?

Will we fight for another Versailles? Are we going to set up all over the world a type of government we would not be willing to fight for? How will the political boundaries be drawn? Who will govern who? How? Just what are we fighting for?

No one in authority has ever stated these aims specifically. No one has ever tried to tell the American or the British people what these peace terms will be, to produce, for instance, a model compact.

In truth, if we are aiming at a really fair and lasting peace, as we should be, it might help our cause to publicize it to the peoples of our enemies.



LION TALES

As the last pledge was welcomed to the last sorority house late Sunday afternoon, and the last squeal of delight died away, women's rushing came to an end. Once again life at Penn State has returned to normal. Corner Room booths and Sandwich Shop tables are available to all who want them. Freshman women no longer wear that hunted look and the sorority women seem to be recovering from those sleepless nights of unnecessary worry. Everyone seems to be happy, that is, almost everyone. For the benefit of those who do have troubles, we will run our own little Want Ad column.

Have A Door ?

If the culprit who begged, borrowed, or stole the SAE's bathroom door will please return said door to the house as soon as possible and save the brothers the necessity of buying a new one, they will be very grateful.

Want A Date ?

If any of you smoothies who don't have dates for next week-end would like to go out with delegates to the Student Government Convention, please call Arita Hefferan at the Alpha Chi Omega suite. Fifty delegates have applied to the committee for dates. There are both boys and girls and they come in assorted sizes. All applications will be gratefully received and the committee guarantees you a good time at the Collegian dance, Friday, and the Drydock, Saturday night. Of special interest to you girls might be the statement of the committee that a large percentage of the fellows who applied are six feet tall or over.

Also Wanted

Wanted—another coed dance like WRA's Sweetheart's Ball on Friday. We can't get enough of these dances where the girls pay for the tickets.

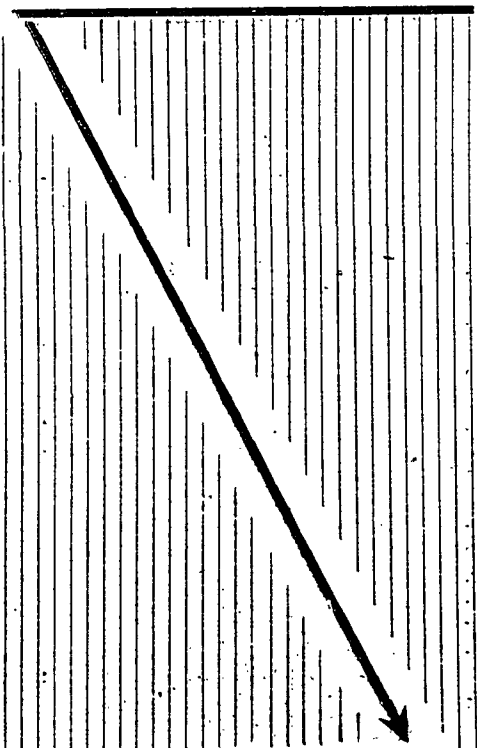
Wanted—a copy of the 10-cent book of comic strips in which one of the characters is Leon Gajacki. That's right—in one part a gangster says to his pal, "In exactly two hours, Leon Gajacki will die." Bright prospect for you, Gates.

Wanted—a more complete list of couples present at the DTD pledge dance. We have so far: Beanie Siebert and Bill Christman; Peggy Campbell and George Trimble; Billie Martin and Bud McFadden; and we're not sure whether we saw Posie Williams, Gertie Hellmers, Andy Walters and Bill Dorworth at DTD or the Friday night dance.

Wanted—someone to go on trips with Jack Good to see that he keeps out of mischief.

Wanted—a group of reminders posted in the Armory the next time we pay fees to see that we fill out those blank checks for just a little more than the exact amount of our fees. It is so discouraging to remember that you didn't even chisel one little dollar from dear dad.

You'll Enjoy



The Corner unusual

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Collegian senior Editorial Board, Room 312 Old Main at 7 p. m. Be prompt.

Faculty members may file tax returns in Room 305 Old Main. Circulo Espanol meets in Grange playroom at 7 p. m.

Meeting of Omicron Nu, Room 117 Home Economics, 7 p. m.

Freshman Forum meets in Home Economics Auditorium at 7 p. m.

Meeting of '43 Independents, Room 305 Old Main at 7 p. m.

Campus '42 meets in Room 318 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

Campus '43 meets in Room 418 Old Main at 7 p. m.

Campus '44 meets in Room 412 Old Main at 7:30 p. m.

Student Union Dance in Armory at 4 p. m.

Auden lecture, "English Poetry of the Thirties" in Room 121 Sparks Building at 8 p. m.

INFIRMARY CASES

Seven students, all ill with the grippe, are confined in the infirmary. They are: Charles W. Warrington '44, Joseph A. Zitterman '42, James R. McGuffey '44, John F. Freet '43, J. Byron Swan '42, Doris Jane Boller '41, Mary E. Galt '44.

Drop-Add Deadline

The period for drop-adds will end at 5 p. m. tomorrow.

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Zerban Replaces Everett As College CAA Director

Alexander H. Zerban, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was appointed as new director of the College CAA program.

He will replace Harold A. Everett who asked to be relieved of his duties as head of the flight training course because of added responsibilities in his department due to national defense training.

Larson Attends Wedding

Miss Mildred H. Larson, instructor in home economics, represented the home economics faculty at the wedding of Miss Pearle Haas, former instructor in home economics, to Mr. Hunter Davis, in Kansas City, Missouri, Saturday.

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