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And May God Be With Us, Too . . .

In an editorial printed last Monday, The Daily Pennsylvanian, student newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, urged immediate United States entrance into the war. The editors said the decision was made after "careful and business-like deliberation on the part of some of those who will do the fighting."

Stating that America faces the choice of "a short-run war, or a long-run period of servility," they wrote that there can be only one "answer for Americans: Intervention!" They said that in calling for war "we know some of us won't come back . . . and we also know that those of us who do will suffer tremendous privations and spend many tedious hours in the post-war rebuilding of civilization."

The editorial, entitled "And May God Be With Us," purported to be the result of reasoned thinking. It was, the editor's said, the work of those who love America and think it's worth fighting for. They denied they were war-mongers, or "pups" easily swayed by flags and bands and ideals.

We say The Daily Pennsylvanian is wrong. The "answer for Americans" is not intervention. It is instead a sincere effort to plunge no deeper into war than we are already. Hitler can be defeated without the entrance of our armed forces into the struggle. Our materials, supplies, and equipment are enough. America can help more in this way than by active, fighting participation.

What does The Daily Pennsylvanian mean when it suggests intervention? Does it advocate a blitzkrieg of land forces upon German-occupied soil? Does it ask the American navy to hunt down and sink German subs and ships? If this is its offer, it is a mighty small one.

When a nation goes to war, as we sadly found out in World War I, it takes months to gear up the war machinery into a formidable fighting unit—months of preparation in all phases of the war game. It took Hitler 10 years with no opposition. A brief glance at the many hitches in our defense training program, which is entering its second year, shows our need for more time.

The United States is not only lacking in preparation, but an attempt by our nation to enter the war would halt the steady stream of war supplies which are greatly needed by England and Russia.

Like Old Mother Hubbard who found her cupboard bare, the need for our own munitions and planes would counteract the effective supplies which have been a direct reason for the present ability of Great Britain to stave off Hitler's land-hungry army.

The addition of our army to that of Great Britain's is foolish. The addition of our navy to Great Britain's may have a reasonable effect upon the submarining of convoys. But, at this stage of the game, in actively participating in striking down the Nazi menace, the United States has not found her place in this war. And above all, it may upset the strategy of English war tactics.

We believe, as does The Daily Pennsylvanian, in the America of freedom and democracy, in fighting for it. Things, we agree, are coming to a head—and active participation by the United States may be necessary in the near future. That cannot be denied. But, to throw ourselves into a well-conducted fight because we are getting tired of holding another person's coat will not help our side. The other fellow may get away in the confusion.

As The Daily Pennsylvanian said, "May God be with us to see it through." We add, "Maybe God would rather have us use our heads before we ask Him to use His."

THE CAMPUSEER



'Ere They Part

A group of upperclass women as sweet and charming as any coed can be at 7:15 a. m. were befriending a lone freshman at Mac Hall breakfast t'other morn. The conversation reached the "where do you live" stage with one of the gals replying in her best manner that we live in the Kappa house and these girls are Alpha Chis. The frosh looked up with mouth agape and a startled, "Oh, I was under the impression that members from different sororities didn't have a thing to do with each other!"—This is only the first semester, child!

One for The Hig

Sigma Nu smoothies trying hard to explain to rushees fraternity brother Joe Adessa's apparent defeat at the hands of Bellefonte's Red Raiders came forth with the inspirational bit that "he was playing—not to win, but to build character." What, we ask you, is the scoreboard for?

To The Shores of Tripoli

Evon Wilson rocked the Theta manse with a brief wite to the effect that she was about to take the vows and sacrifice education for ardor but that she'd be up with the drapes for Stockett's room. She's back though, free, white, and 21 with ex-Phi Gam Johnnie in tow. Some joke, huh? Now we know why Jack Heck joined the Marines.

Classed and indexed,
Oh, say have you seen
Those beauteous freshmen
Tabbed with green?

Gate Crasher:

An upperclassman attempted to walk into Schwab Auditorium the night of the mass meeting but was stopped by one of the ushers at the door. Not to be so easily discouraged the clever fellow went around to a side door, approached the counselor guarding the portal and very innocently asked, "Pardon me. Is this 'Squab' Auditorium?" He got in.

Campus Snapshots:

"Breeze" Baldwin, kappa sig, clenching his teeth and stifling something or other while a rushee he was with tells him, "Shut up. I'm talking." . . . Campus Owls are looking for a vocalist . . . Emmett Witmer, Bellefonte frosh, standing on Old Main steps loudly proclaiming his "estimation of Penn State coeds." We stayed long enough to hear that Mr. Witmer believes the coeds' hair to be their outstanding feature. A campus cop standing behind a bush in back of Mac Hall keeping an eagle eye on the couples round about.

Like Father, Like Son

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN—(ACP)—Like father, like son—that's the pet theory of Dr. Walter B. Pillsbury, University of Michigan psychologist, who says the father's IQ could be used for the son's college entrance examination.

The psychologist found in a statistical study that the difference between the father's grades and his son's marks is comparable to the relative scholastic achievements of the son in high school and college. Dr. Pillsbury also found that brothers and sisters of the same family generally make the same grades, and he attributes the similarities to inheritance and not environment. He concludes that the government should give financial aid to intelligent couples so that they might produce intelligent offsprings.

Abolish Text Books

BOSTON, MASS.—(ACP)—American colleges and universities should abolish textbooks and substitute the study of 100 of the world's greatest books, according to Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, author of "How to Read a Book."

As a model for such a move he suggested St. John's at Annapolis, where the teachers lead discussions on the great thinkers like Homer, Plato, Galen, Hegel, Marx and Freud. Adler says that learning requires reading and that one must read the great works to be able to read. He doubts whether more than a few students—or even teachers—really know how to read a book. He added that smaller schools must lead in any change because "the larger ones are so top-heavy with watertight compartments of so-called fields of learning."

Police Train In College

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—(ACP)—The Utah association of civil service commissioners believes colleges and universities in the state should offer training courses for policemen and firemen.

Pledging Hits High

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man.
Kappa Delta Rho (12).
Kappa Sigma (14): Joseph Beach, Walter C. Price, and James Thompson.
Lambda Chi Alpha (12): Donald H. Ratchford.
Phi Delta Theta (16).
Phi Epsilon Pi (18): David L. Raphael and J. Elliot Swartz.
Phi Gamma Delta (10).
Phi Kappa (9).
Phi Kappa Psi (19).
Phi Kappa Sigma (21): Malcolm R. Close, Calton Heckerman, Richard E. Nicholson, Creighton Turner, and William B. Tuttle.
Phi Kappa Tau (15): Richard Hastings and William Shuman.
Phi Sigma Delta (18).
Phi Sigma Kappa (15).
Pi Kappa Alpha (20): Clarence P. Trumbore.
Pi Kappa Phi (10): Harry J. Ashbaugh, H. James Dager, and Stewart Davis.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon (14): J. Frederick Lloyd.
Sigma Chi (13).
Sigma Nu (14): Calvert Clements and William Deal.
Sigma Phi Alpha (6): Carl C. Gerlach and Palmer M. Sharpless.
Sigma Phi Epsilon (20): James R. Duncan, Raymond G. Gehr, Frank P. Graham, Robert B. Lengel, William Lutz, Karl Rohrbach, and William Winterstein.
Sigma Pi (13).
Tau Kappa Epsilon (17): Donald McKee, Charles Kunz, Jack McKee, and H. Evans Thomas.
Tau Phi Delta (11).
Theta Chi (17): Edward W. George, Frederick H. Grun, James A. Roberts, Jack Tingle, and Clifton C. Woodward.
Theta Kappa Phi (9).
Theta Xi (11).
Triangle (9).

Livestock Team Takes Honors At Exposition

Penn State's six-man livestock and meat judging team took a major share of honors at the recent Eastern States Exposition held at Springfield, Mass., by placing first in the intercollegiate livestock judging contest and second in the meat judging.

Teams representing Cornell University, Massachusetts State, and Connecticut State trailed Penn State in livestock judging, while Penn State was edged only by Massachusetts State in the judging of meats.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Meeting of all Thespian Club members in the Thespian Club room, 7:30 p. m.
Skull and Bones, 318 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Parmi Nous meeting, Delta Chi, 7:30 p. m.
Engineer business staff, 314 Old Main, 7 p. m.
Engineer editorial staff, 314 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
Women's golf club meeting, 3 White Hall, 6:30 p. m.
Women's hockey practice, Holmes Field, 4 p. m.
Pi Lambda Theta meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 p. m.
IFC-PSGA Pledge Dinner Committee, 304 Old Main, 4 p. m.

TOMORROW

Senior engineering lecture, 121 Sparks Building, 4:10 p. m.
Hillel Friday night services, at the foundation, 7:15 p. m.
Church reception for new students postponed.
Ethnic Minorities Committee cabin party, 5 p. m.

Hillel Will Hold First Social Saturday Night

The Hillel Foundation, 133 W. Beaver ave., will hold its first social event of the semester with a "School Days Dance" at 7:30 p. m. Saturday to officially open its membership drive.

Admission will be granted only to those holding membership cards, Samuel G. Fredman '43, membership chairman, announced. New and old members may sign up, he stated, up to and including the night of the dance.

Friday night services, which will be conducted by students, will begin at 7:15 p. m., Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn announced last night.

Frosh Fees Payable In Armory Tomorrow

Freshman fees will be payable in the Armory from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. tomorrow, according to Russe E. Clark, Bursar.

Athletic books will be given out on receipt of payment. Freshmen should go to the proper windows which will be listed alphabetically as follows: A-Bit, Bla-Cry, Cub-Fre, Fri-Her, Hes-Kou, Kov-Mat, Mau-Pin, Pip-Sga, Sha-Tra, Tre-Zur.

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