

# Revision Of Neutrality Act Opposed By Students

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 28—A majority of American college students, unlike most U. S. adults, are opposed to changing the neutrality law to allow supply ships to be armed and sent into war zones.

This isolationist attitude is discovered in the first poll of the school year completed last week by Student Opinion Surveys of America. The nation-wide canvassing likewise reveals overwhelming sentiment against actual fighting in the war and growing pessimism on the campus about the country's ability to avoid the conflict.

The latest Gallup poll, taken like this student survey was, since Congress took up neutrality revision, found a ratio of 46 to 40 per cent in favor of mounting guns on American ships and 54 per cent approving of American ships and crews delivering supplies to Britain. But college interviews, sampling a scientific cross section in every part of the nation, found a different answer among students:

The question: "Are you for or against changing the neutrality law so that American supply ships may be armed and sent into war zones?"

The results:  
In favor ..... 42%  
Against ..... 51  
Undecided ..... 7  
(If undecided ballots are ignored, then 45 per cent are in favor and 55 against.)

"What do you believe is more important for the United States to try to do," the interviewees were next asked, "declare war and use our fighting forces where needed, or try to keep out as long as possible and supply the nations fighting Hitler and Japan?"

Declare war and fight ..... 14%  
Stay out and supply ..... 79  
Undecided ..... 7

Student Opinion Surveys, with headquarters at the University of Texas, is a cooperative of 150 col-

lege newspapers, including The Daily Collegian, that exchange local opinions for the national tabulations. Each poll is mathematically controlled as to sex, upper and lower classmen, working and non-working students, and geographical distribution in proportion to U. S. Office of Education enrollment statistics.

Since 1939 the Surveys has charted the campus trend of opinion on the question, "Do you think the U. S. can stay out of war?" In each of the four polls taken optimism diminished:

Believing we can stay out:  
December 1939 ..... 68%  
December 1940 ..... 63  
February 1941 ..... 49  
Now, October 1941 ..... 42

Significant variations are observed from section to section on the neutrality change proposal. Following are percentages of those favoring the change. New England 52, Middle Atlantic 49, East Central 23, West Central 32, Southern 56, Far Western 39.

## 70 Promotions Made In Faculty

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ology, C. B. Link in floriculture, H. M. Steiner in economic entomology.

From assistant to instructor—Marion L. Carr in home economics, Esther Knowles in home economics, C. E. French in animal nutrition, E. J. Thacker in animal nutrition.

School of Education, effective July 1, 1941: from associate professor to professor of education, P. C. Weaver. From instructor to assistant professor, C. R. Adams in education and psychology.

School of Engineering, effective September 1, 1941: from associate professor to professor of mechanical engineering, N. R. Sparks. From assistant professor to associate professor—P. P. Henshall in industrial engineering, J. O. P. Hummel in industrial engineering, A. H. Zerban in mechanical engineering, W. J. Coppock in engineering extension.

From instructor to assistant professor—E. B. Cassel in engineering drawing, F. E. Hyslop Jr. in fine arts, C. B. Holt Jr. in electrical engineering, J. E. Crouch in industrial engineering, R. D. Fellows in mechanical engineering, and P. J. Reber in mechanical engineering.

School of Liberal Arts, effective September 1, 1941: from associate professor to professor of mathematics, H. B. Curry. From assistant professor to associate professor—F. S. Neusbaum in dramatics, T. C. Benton in mathematics, K. D. Hutchinson in economics, A. H. Reede in economics, C. S. Wyand in economics, J. C. Major in English composition, H. D. Rix in English composition, J. H. Ferguson in political science.

G. S. Howard, from instructor in music education on a part-time basis to associate professor of music extension. From instructor to assistant professor—J. B. Cloppet in French, Seth Russel in sociology, W. E. Moore in sociology, Irene Grant in music, G. W. Henninger in music, R. W. Tyson in speech, J. J. Rubin in English composition, M. N. McGeary in political science, W. K. Ulerich, part-time in journalism. From assistants to instructors of economics—G. R. Lucas and Margaret Swartz.

School of Mineral Industries, effective July 1, 1941: D. C. Jones, from supervisor of mining extension to associate professor and supervisor of mining extension. From assistant professor to associate professor—H. M. Davis in ceramics, E. C. Henry in ceramics, W. M. Myers in mineral economics and technology.

From supervisor to supervisor and assistant professor—R. B.

## Labor Conference Postponed Indefinitely

The labor conference scheduled to be held here Saturday and Sunday has been indefinitely postponed J. O. Keller, assistant to President Ralph D. Hetzel in charge of extension, announced yesterday.

The postponement was made necessary, Mr. Keller said, because of the inability of many of the speakers and groups scheduled for participation to attend.

## Time Changed For Ed Jamboree

Plans for dancing, entertainment, and refreshments are progressing steadily in preparation for the first Education School jamboree in the Home Economics Building, from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m. Friday, according to Frank R. Flynn '43, chairman of the publicity committee.

Originally scheduled to begin at 7 p. m., the jamboree will be delayed an hour and a half so as not to conflict with other student activities scheduled for earlier in the evening, Flynn announced.

All students and faculty members in the School of Education are urged to attend the jamboree with the aim of fostering "unprecedented student-faculty relations" within the School.

Dating restrictions for freshman men who attend the jamboree will be lifted from 8 p. m. to midnight, but other customs are to remain in effect, according to Raymond F. Lefler '42, chairman of Student Tribunal.

Dancing will be staged in 110 Home Economics, while other activities such as games, group singing, and serving of refreshments will be held in other rooms throughout the building.

The jamboree is sponsored by the Education School student council through funds appropriated by All-College Cabinet. In speaking of this new plan to heighten student-faculty relations, Flynn said, "The Education School council, like several other student councils, has not been overly active in past years."

## Student Audit System Proposed By Cabinet

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laws have now been adopted.

Student council budgets from the Mineral Industries, Education and Engineering Schools were also approved, leaving only the Liberal Arts and Physical Education budgets still undetermined.

A committee to investigate Drydock, soft drink night club, was named by Robert D. Baird '42, All-College president. Members are William O. Meyers '42, Robert B. Jeffrey '42 and Krouse. Another committee, appointed to examine the possibility of hiring a secretary for Cabinet, includes Doherty, Meyers and Richard N. Stevenson '42.

An informal steak-fry will be held for members of Cabinet at the PSCA cabin Sunday evening, it was decided. Shaut is in charge of general arrangements.

Hewes in fuel technology extension, E. P. McNamara in ceramics extension, E. J. Teichert in metallurgy extension, Matthew Van Winkle in petroleum and natural gas extension. From instructor to assistant professor—H. J. Bruman in geography, M. C. Fetzer in metallurgy, Hans Neuberger in geophysics.

School of Physical Education and Athletics, effective September 1, 1941: F. J. Bedenk, from assistant professor to associate professor of physical education. From instructor to assistant professor of physical education—Ray Conger and Charles M. Speidel.

School of Chemistry and Physics: from instructor to assistant professor—G. H. Fleming in chemistry, T. S. Oakwood in chemistry, J. J. Gibbons in physics, H. W. Knerr in physics, H. C. Torrey in physics.

# Prepare For War Of Ideas, Warnock Tells Fraternities

A. R. Warnock, dean of men, addressed an appeal to fraternities yesterday to join in the nationwide movement to fit young American citizens for the national emergency.

"Guns, tanks, and airplanes cannot be built in fraternity houses," he said. "Nor can armies be trained there. But there is no better kind of practicum than fraternity chapter houses for providing certain peculiar kinds of 'fitting' for young citizens 'to be sturdy factors in the national welfare. Americans must provide for a war of ideas as well as guns."

Dean Warnock, who serves as chairman of the committee for American unity of the Centre County Council of Defense, mentioned four ways in which fraternities could help to promote the national defense.

"Fraternities," he said, "should adopt chapter programs planned to increase the physical fitness of their members. It should be a

source of continued embarrassment to the younger generation that one million young Americans have already been found physically unfit for military service."

The dean also called on fraternities to promote qualities of character which have to do with morale—courage, stamina, loyalty, honesty, and unselfishness; to study, in chapter meetings, the real meaning of democracy and learn to identify good and bad practices of democracy as illustrated in fraternity house routines.

Finally, Dean Warnock called on fraternity men to respect good scholarship and give it a primary place in the chapter programs.

"The cultivation of the mind should not be ignored as a contribution to defense," he said. "Modern war is fundamentally a battle between skilled minds; even more so in modern peace and the maintenance of security and well-being in both war and peace."

## Sept. Business Best In History

Although industrial activity in Pennsylvania for September was at the highest level for that month in the history of the state, like national business it showed evidence of leveling off, the monthly business survey of the College reported yesterday.

Accompanying the general increase in business was a substantial increase in both the cost of living and retail food costs, the report showed. Food costs are up 15 per cent from those of last September and 17 per cent above those of August, 1939, before the start of the present war.

The index of industrial activity in Pennsylvania, which uses the years 1935-1939 as 100, showed a gain of 42 points or 33 per cent over September, 1940, but showed no change from August to September, standing at 167.1 for both months.

"With those plants most stimulated by war orders being operated at practically capacity in many cases, further expansion in industrial activity will be slow from now on, regardless of normal seasonal movements," the report said.

Among the series to make all-time high September records in the state were industrial power sales, telephones in service, factory payrolls, production of electricity, steel production, and postal receipts.

A voluntary, non-credit course in business personality development is offered in the business school of New York City college.

## Fresh Hear Talk

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Gillespie '44, D. Ned Linegar, associate secretary of the PSCA, and Dr. C. O. Williams, associate professor of education. Sara P. Searle '42 served as a member ex-officio.

Miss Anderson stated that she welcomes any comments from freshmen concerning any of the mass meetings.

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## Rural Population Shows Increase

As a place to live the country appears more attractive to Pennsylvanians than it did a decade ago, according to releases of the 1940 census which shows an increase in the rural population nearly nine times as large as in urban places of 2,500 or more people.

This change is in sharp contrast to the phenomenal doubling of the population in a little over 30 years prior to 1930 while the rural population remained practically stationary, says Prof. Howard R. Cottam, department of rural sociology.

The reversal in attitude toward rural living is apparently statewide for 61 of the 67 counties had larger rural populations in 1940 than in 1930. This is more than twice the number of counties which gained in rural population from 1920 to 1930. Conversely, one-third of the counties had smaller urban populations in 1940 than in 1930 whereas only one-seventh decreased the previous decade.

Attractiveness of country dwellings as measured by population growth varied considerably from county to county. Greatest discrepancies in rural and urban population changes 1939-40 occurred in Susquehanna County where the rural population gained six per cent and the urban lost 17 per cent. Other counties showing rural increases over urban were McKean, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Mountour, Beaver, Venango, Dauphin, and Lackawanna. Only in Potter County was the urban growth greater than the rural change.

Greatest numerical gain in rural population was revealed in counties located near large cities; namely Allegheny, Lancaster, Montgomery, and Bucks. More isolated counties like Cameron, Union, Crawford, and Fulton showed the largest proportional gains.

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