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## We Show Steady Hands

We signed Japan's death warrant yesterday. With the formal declaration of war by Congress, the last barrier to the Japanese hari-kari was hurdled. United States' only alternative, war against Japan, climaxed a situation that America didn't want, didn't invite, a war which was forced upon us by Axis powers.

The reverberations of the sudden and fantastic attack upon American possessions in the Pacific Ocean threw Penn State students into a peak of excitement and anxiety. The inevitable American declaration of war heightened their emotional perplexity.

The macabre hand of war thrust itself into student life and demanded of American youth its price, because from the youth of the nation will spring the nation's victory or defeat. All the fascination, terror, uncertainty, and upheaval of war wrote itself upon student faces.

"What part am I going to play?" was the anxious question asked by deferred students, potential draftees, and coeds. "What are we to do?" they inquired of each other. The answer is not simple, probably not entirely correct, but it is an answer which springs from common sense thinking.

As students, we have a job to perform, bloody, senseless, and heartbreaking as it seems. We must win. We must win by utilizing our natural resources, our wealth, our strength, and our lives. We must barter ourselves in the warring market for the attractive and costly package of peace, an established peace at our own terms.

War is a job of legalized murder. As much as individuals decry the practice of bloodshed to assert their privileges, society still clings to its first natural law—that only the fittest of its group shall survive. Today, Japan has forced us to prove that law.

We must sacrifice. We must give up our ideals, careers, homes, and lives to help maintain our chosen method of living. But, above all, we must think. The utilization of our mental and physical advantages will be wasted unless we learn to apply ourselves.

Our job? We can serve our nation as effectively as possible by staying where we are, keeping our heads, and pursuing the same objectives until we are called upon to do a specific task. Like squirrel hunters, who run from one tree to another, we are of no use to the nation by running from our present duties. Only by mobilizing the total strength, the coordination of forces behind the army, can the United States best carry on its war against Japan.

Students play a big part in smoothing out this behind-the-scenes organization. By doing the tasks they are assigned to do, by staying in college and educating themselves until Uncle Sam beckons his long arm, students are helping to maintain a national equilibrium.

In these abnormal times, students must establish a normal attitude. They should not haphazardly attempt to leave college to join the army or take national defense jobs until the need is apparent. By attending college, they will improve the orderly system of war which the United States government is setting up.

In this ugly business in which we are now engaged, we find no savor. In this picture of deadly strife and bloodshed, we find no relief. But we can find one satisfaction—the fulfilling of a duty, however unpleasant, which may lead to the most elusive ghost in the world—peace.

## The Campuseer



### Double Feature:

We heard one of the few remaining clear-thinking adults, one who went through the last World War, express his views on the current slaughter-to-be. "I've seen this picture before, with the same overtures, the same preveues, and the same sickening ending. The only difference is that most of the torn and shattered bodies of the 1918 cast are lying beneath the poppies of Flanders Field. Others are still existing in a pathetic sort of a way." (Campy wonders on what date will fall our World War No. 2 Memorial Day.)

### Campus Snapshots:

Maniac caused a mild furore when he erroneously (as usual) reported that Walt Gamble had pinned Polly Vanneman. Peggy Colvin, the gal who got the ornament, was plenty burned up . . . G-54 sides in to report that Jane Gibboney has the pins of both Jimmy Leyden and George Parish in an all-out attempt to make the former Stooze sit up and take notice . . . Talk in the Sandwich Shop that Benny Goodman will be brought to a Locust Lane fratenary by one of the well-shekeled brothers out there. It will rock him \$1,500 'tis rumored . . . Pakty Wakty, the new campus fad, is rapidly gaining in popularity with hundreds of would-be members clamoring for admission . . . Sharpy noticed on an LA blackboard: "Don't shoot until you see the slants of their eyes." Flash! Johnny Pearce, kappa sig '39, dropped in last last night to get a grade transcript. He enlisted in the Navy Air Corps . . . Mary Lou Keith finally took Don Hart's phi sig jewelry . . .

### Time Saver:

The boys at one of the local sleep-eat (and drink) clubs were having trouble collecting enough donations to pay Mr. Hickey when one got a bright idea. They quickly enlisted the aid of a brother who was a psych major and who promptly hypnotized one of the hesitant contributors and told him that when he awoke he would give brother S. . . . 50 cents for the "good of the house." When he awoke, the poor guy hadn't a penny to his name so he ran frantically all over the house hunting a loan, finally getting a buck and turning it over to the Cause. (Hm, the thing has possibilities.) . . . Keep 'em Flying! —CAMPY

## 'Search For Peace In World War 1,' LA Lecture Topic

Speaking on "The Search for Negotiated Peace During the First World War," Dr. Kent Forster, instructor in history, will be the second speaker in the current Liberal Arts Lecture Series in 121 Sparks Building at 7:30 p. m. today.

Dr. Forster has just published a book entitled "The Failures of Peace," under the auspices of the American Council on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. He has spent the last four years doing research on this subject, according to Morris Bench, instructor in romance languages and chairman of the lecture.

The speaker did his undergraduate work at Washington and Lee University and his graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, came to the history department of the College from the University of Pennsylvania where he had been a member of the teaching staff for the past three years.

## Collegian Elects Sophomore Board

Thirteen sophomore editorial candidates were chosen for the Collegian Sophomore Board in an election held Sunday by members

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### TODAY

Blue Key meeting, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, 7:15 p. m. Spanish Club meeting in Grange Playroom, 7 p. m. Joint '45 CA Council and Forum meeting, Little Theatre, 6:45 p. m. A Grangers meeting, 10 Home Economics Building, 4 p. m. Compulsory for all members. Liberal Arts Lecture, tonight, 121 Sparks, 7:30 p. m. Dr. Kent Forster speaking on "Peace Problems of the First World War."

WSGA House of Representatives meeting, 318 Old Main, 5 p. m.

Candidates for Players' technical crew for "The Taming of the Shrew," meet in 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Pre-Veterinary Club meeting for tonight, postponed indefinitely.

### TOMORROW

Watch Service at Wesley Foundation, 7:15 a. m.

Riding Club meeting, Stock Judging Pavillion, 7 p. m. for instruction.

of the Junior Editorial Board. Sophomores elected include Benjamin M. Bailey, Larry T. Chervenak, Fred E. Clever, Milton Dolinger, Robert M. Faloon, Jay M. Gross, Robert T. Kimmel, Robert E. Kinter, Richard B. McNaul, Richard D. Smyser, Jack W. Vogel, Donald L. Webb, and Paul I. Woodland.



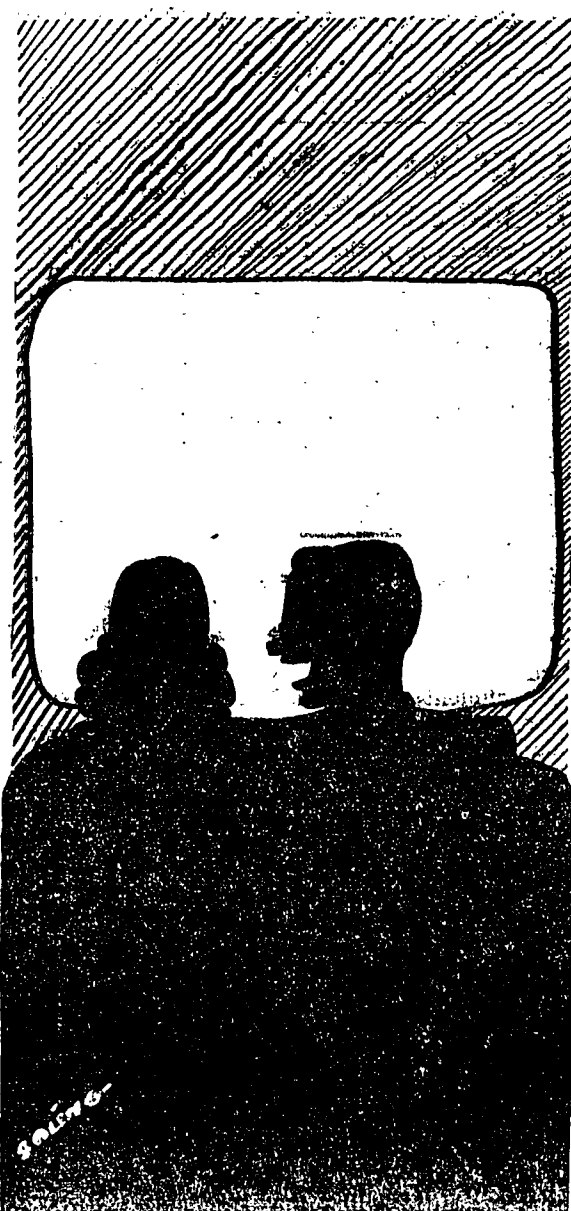
## THE FLYING TELEPHONE

IF YOU couldn't hear your own voice, you couldn't regulate its volume. If airplane pilots had to use an ordinary telephone instrument to talk to the airports, they'd find it impossible to hear their own voices above the roar of the motors. Therefore, they'd yell into their telephones and no one on the ground could understand them.

So telephone engineers have developed a special radio-telephone instrument with two earphones and special circuits which "feed back" some of their own voices into the receivers. There's no mouthpiece to get in the way, either. Instead there's a throat microphone which picks up the pilot's voice with a minimum of motor noise. Now the pilot can hear himself talk and so he naturally speaks in the normal tone of voice which carries best and clearest.

You'll find that on any telephone, the best results come from speaking not too loudly, nor in a whisper, but in a normal voice. Speak distinctly with your lips one-half inch from the transmitter and you'll be heard without trouble.

Good Telephone Habits Are a Business and Social Asset



"Yeah, but Clark Gable can't take you to The Corner"