

British Report Japs Repulsed At Hong Kong

HONG KONG—The British announced last night that two Japanese attacks on Hong Kong had been beaten off. Attempts to force a landing by motor boat across the bay were defeated by machine gun fire. The attacking force was annihilated. Chinese soldiers, it was said, entered the fight by attacking the Jap troops in the rear.

MARTIAL LAW IN HAWAII

WASHINGTON—Hawaii is now under martial law, it was announced last night. Preparations are under way for evacuating the civilian population in case of further air raids. There have been none since Sunday. The War Department said that a high naval official, Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, had been killed in action during the bombing Sunday.

CHURCHILL CONFIRMS LOSS

LONDON—Churchill yesterday confirmed in Parliament the loss of two of the biggest British ships, the battleship Prince of Wales, and the battle cruiser Repulse. Meanwhile, Tokyo was claiming the sinking of the King George V, but there was absolutely no confirmation of this report.

TOBRUK SIEGE HALTED

CAIRO—The British High Command said that the siege of Tobruk had been lifted and that German and Italian units were fleeing to the West.

NO BOMB DAMAGE

MANILA—This city and military objectives nearby were objects of ferocious attacks by Jap bombers. No serious damage or casualties were reported.

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Dr. Ernst Meyer To Speak Tonight

Dr. Ernst Wilhelm Meyer, former secretary to the German Embassy in Washington, will discuss war topics in 110 Home Ec at 8 o'clock tonight. He is a professor of political science at Bucknell University.

Born in 1892 in German Silesia, Dr. Meyer studied law and economics at the University of Breslau and Strassburg, receiving the degree of Doctor of Law and Economics in 1914.

He was the first secretary to the German Embassy in Washington, serving from 1931 until May 1, 1937, when he voluntarily resigned because of disagreement with German principles.

In his speech tonight, he will discuss three phases of the war problem. They are: "How Can We Eliminate the Threat of Fascism?" "How Can We Bring the War to an Early Close?" and "How Can We Develop the Basis for a Just and Durable Peace?" His visit here is being sponsored by the PSCA World Problems Committee.

Soil Will Be Subject Of Agronomy Lecture

"The Soil in Your Own Backyard" will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Richard Bradfield, head of the department of agronomy at Cornell University, in 121 Sparks Building at 7:30 p. m. today.

The lecture is being sponsored by Sigma Xi, honorary research society. Bradfield is a recognized authority in the field of colloid chemistry and has made notable contributions in the physical chemistry of clay colloids.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

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PRICE THREE CENTS

St. Clair Leads Campus Sweep

Three Classes To Vote On Mural Continuation

Poor Would Finish Big Fresco Project

Whether Henry Varnum Poor's Land Grant mural in Old Main will be continued is the question to be decided in the next three days. The senior, junior, and sophomore classes will vote on the issue in the lobby of Old Main from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. today and tomorrow and from 9 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday.

Proposed by H. Leonard Krouse, senior class president, the completion of the murals around the mezzanine floor of Old Main would require the financial support of the three classes. Approximately \$13,600 would be needed for the big fresco project. Each class would consider it their traditional gift to the College.

The money donated by the classes, if the election is successful, would be used to establish Henry Varnum Poor as an artist-in-residence for the job which would take about three years to finish.

Jerome H. Blakeslee, junior class president, and Jack R. Grey, sophomore class president, have both agreed that the project "Would be a three-way memorial of lasting tribute to the College and a pictorial representation of its history."

"It is important that all voters express their approval or disapproval, since the money is theirs and it is their class project," (Continued on Page Two)

Saturday Noon Deadline For Draft Information

The president's office yesterday reminded all male students who have registered in the draft that they must report to the registrar's office before noon Saturday to fill out a questionnaire sent to the College by the national director of selective service.

It was repeated that the requested information is needed to determine whether the Selective Service Act is working satisfactorily for college students and has no relation to the war with Japan.

Student Question Box—

Why Did Japan Declare War?

Male student opinion on Japan's reason for declaring war on the United States varies from lambasting the Nipponese to blaming our Administration, according to a questionnaire of 100 men students—selected at random from the Directory—by The Daily Collegian last night. In answer to "Why did Japan declare war?" the two following replies were selected as most representative:

"Japan wants control of the Pacific and a share in the spoils of the war. As a member of the Tri-Party Axis Agreement, Japan has had considerable pressure put on her by Germany to engage our attention in the Pacific and so enable Germany to better fight her war in Europe. The principle reason, however, is the desire of every imperialistic nation for power,"

Outbreak Of Hostilities Will Add Interest To Van Zandt Lecture

Having recently been on active service with the Navy in Pacific waters, Congressman James E. Van Zandt's lecture takes on added interest in light of war developments. Originally planned for engineering faculty members only, accommodations have been made for students to attend in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p. m. tonight.

The talk on "Building On The Present War Situation And Its Economic Effects" will be preceded by a dinner at the Sandwich Shop beginning at 6:30 p. m.

Also invited to the dinner and lecture are the members of the Centre County Engineering Society and the local section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Reservations for the dinner should be made through Frederick C. Stewart, professor of mechanical engineering.

Three Profs Attending Vocational Convention

Three faculty members are attending the American Vocational Association convention in Boston, in session from today until Saturday.

John F. Friese, associate professor of industrial education, Dr. F. Theodore Struck, head of the department of industrial education, and George H. Resides, assistant professor of practical mechanics are the professors attending.

Professor Friese will speak on "Learning through the Sense of Touch, a Neglected Phase of Program Planning in Industrial Arts," at one of the meetings and Dr. Struck will preside over the session on "Industrial Teacher Training for National Defense: a Discussion of Problems and Trends."

Physical Exams Due

All freshmen and transfer students who have not completed their physical examinations are requested to do so immediately, Dr. Joseph P. Ritenour, director of the College Health Service, announced yesterday.



Wins Freshman Presidency By 2 To 1 Margin

Clifford M. St. Clair was swept into the office of freshman class president on the shoulders of the Campus party last night with more than a two-to-one voting margin as the victorious party stored away enough votes to make a clean sweep of all offices on the ticket. St. Clair's margin piled up to 352 votes as he garnered 623 approvals to Independent Robert D. Weitzel's 271. It was the second consecutive year that the freshman Campus party filled every office.

For the office of vice-president Robert E. Becker polled 585 votes to 288 for Henry L. Mitchell. Political honors for the post of secretary went to Ruth A. Embury who balloted 598 votes to Ione H. Trovaioli's 293, a margin of 305 ballots.

The widest winning count other than for the office of president was that of treasurer where William C. Misseth gathered 612 votes while his opponent recorded 275. Closest in the race for office were William W. Thompson who polled 541 ballots and his Independent foe Miriam L. Zartman who totalled 328.

The Freshman Elections Committee, through its chairman Jerome H. Blakeslee, junior class president, remarked that there were an equal number of election violations charged against each party, but since they were not of serious nature the official vote was allowed to stand without penalty.

ENDS CAREER—Milton S. McDowell, above, will write his final January 1 to 30 years of service as director of agricultural extension at the College. He will be honored at the School of Agriculture Christmas party Saturday.

McDowell Ends 30-Year Post

Milton S. McDowell, for 30 years director of agricultural extension and one of the best known figures in the agricultural life of Pennsylvania, will retire on January 1.

In announcing Mr. McDowell's retirement, the Board of Trustees has designated him director emeritus of agricultural extension. His retirement signals the completion of a long career devoted to bringing the findings of the Agricultural Experiment Station to the farmers of the state.

A graduate of the College in 1892, the retiring director spent his whole professional career, with the exception of five years, as a member of the College staff. He was associated with the American Phosphate and Chemical Company of Baltimore as chemist from 1892 to 1894; with the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh, N. C., from 1894 to 1895; and with the Elk Tanning Company of Ridgway from 1896 to 1898.

In the interim between his association with the North Carolina Experiment Station and the Elk Tanning Company, he returned to the College as an assistant chemist

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Bill Of Rights Program Monday

Sponsored by the committee on American unity of the College Defense Council, a serious and dignified observance of the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the American Bill of Rights will be held in 121 Sparks at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

Dean of Men A. R. Warnock, chairman of the local defense council and executive secretary of the state committee on American unity and morale, will talk on the topic, "American Unity in Civilian Defense."

After a reading of the Bill of Rights by Prof. Raymond W. Tyson of the speech department, Chaplain J. H. Frizzell will read Phillips Brooks' prayer, "Dedication of Our Country and Ourselves to God's Will." The National Anthem, directed by Prof. Herbert Koeppe-Baker, will conclude the program.

Prof. Julius E. Kaulfuss of the engineering department, Prof. Frizzell, and Gerald F. Doherty '42 are arranging the program.

Blue Key Invites Last Year's Actives

Last year's active members of Blue Key were invited by William E. Murphy '43, the society's president, to attend the honorary's dance at the Nittany Lion Inn at 9:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The dance will follow the formal dinner planned for the members at 7:30 p. m. that same evening. The Nittany Nine will provide the music and refreshments will be served, he added.