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## A New Year's Toast

We raise our glass for a New Year's toast . . . to a changed world. To American students, who are now treading the tight-rope of uncertainty, we offer another toast . . . to their adventure and destiny.

We are men of destiny. Before this war is over, we will tramp the roads to Burma, Libya, Rome, Berlin, and sail the seven seas. Before the pen is proved mightier than the sword, millions of us will be costly tokens of peace. We will barter our lives for the right to international justice and peace.

Because the birth struggles of freedom are long and laborious, we will sacrifice and sacrifice again for the establishment of a new era, a better generation.

This year, America will look upon herself with amazement. She will see students, mill hands, farmers, politicians, ministers, and laborers remaking and remodeling the America of yesterday. She will see them march into battle with fear in their hearts, the hate of war in their eyes, but the spirit of democracy propelling their hands and feet.

She will watch a democracy, which has built its principles upon the peaceful harmony of living together, tear ferociously at the remains of the Japanese empire and batter the last remnants of Hitleristic totalitarianism. She will observe a clumsy, loosely-combined, easy-going nation consolidate itself into the smoothest and largest production unit of war materials and efficient personnel that the world has ever realized.

America will be a nation in transition and she will see her men of destiny trading old ideals for new ones. We minute men have been taught a lesson, a lesson which began with the unfairness of the Versailles treaty, the acknowledgment that force must be met by force, and the realization that peace is prevalent only when the entire human race is tempered with a peaceful motive.

We toast the changing America, an America which now believes that in order to preserve democracy she must organize resources against which challenge to defeat its spirit. We, as students, do not drink toasts to the war. The destruction of human life is and always will be a last resort of democratic living. But, if the round table is overthrown by those who believe that the sword can outbattle the pen, then we must use the sword.

But, above all, we toast the men of destiny . . . the student, professor, ditchdigger, farmer, oil worker, foundry worker, and the doctor. They believe that America is a woman whose heart beats with an understanding of the ideals of the individual and society, who sincerely believes in the democratic way of life, and who constantly seeks to grasp the implications, possibilities, and dangers in the economic, social, political, and moral forces now operating in the national and world crisis.

We men of destiny will change the world and ourselves. We will fight fist for fist, bayonet for bayonet, battleship for battleship, gas for gas, army for army, and hate it. But we will fight, and win. We will struggle for the weak, because we are weak; and we will battle for the individual and his rights, because we are individuals.

Finally, we will die, some of us, for democracy, not for the word "democracy" or the government which upholds democracy, but because we are democracy itself . . . and if we lose, all we possess and cherish is lost also. This is no Pollyannish propaganda, it is the core, the center of our existence. Some of us will fall, some will falter, but our American principles will live on.

. . . a toast to the fighting forces of today and the men of destiny tomorrow.

## The Campuseer



Ye ed has just phoned me up to remind me that vacation is now over and to put my Christmas toys away and start annoying the public again so here goes.

### Acres Of Diamonds:

It's always nice to get back from a long siesta and see who got drafted, who enlisted, and who had flat feet, but we were in no wise prepared for the avalanche of sparkling gems that descended upon the comely lasses from Mat, Atherton, and Grange.

Among those who went right from the jewelers to the church around the corner were Marie Lawrence, kappa, who middle-aisled it with Frank Zumbro '40, and Harriet Stubbs who took phi kappa sig Armstrong for better or for worse. Then too, there was that popular couple, Bob Wilson and Pogy Waddell, the meanies, who kept their October marriage a secret.

Jane Berkebile "yessed" Charley Slep, phi psi, and now wears a diamond; and the postman rang twice to deliver a ring from the boyfriend in California. It came as quite a surprise, too, we are told, and may be shipped back.

A mere transfer of fraternity pins takes a backseat in view of the above major leagues, but the world must know that Perkie MacLellan now has Red Caputo's phi kappa tau jewelry. And Jane "Twinkle Toes" Minnich accepted Jerry Heisler's pin just before vacation.

Lila Whoolery was pinned by a delt from Penn. Elsie Rooth, alpha chi o, is engaged to spe Milt Kuhn; and Ginny Berkhouse married sae Dave.

### Patriotic Penn Staters:

A couple defense-conscious enterprising local boys got a bright idea over vacation. After hearing all the dope on what-to-do-in-a-bombing, they went out, bought themselves a few barrels of good old Allegheny River sand, and putting it up in convenient little sacks, they started out. Knocking at the door, they displayed the sand bags to the housewives with the following line: "Madame, you no doubt have heard the broadcasts and warnings of air raids that may come to our fair city in the near future. The Defense council has arranged for these sand bags to be distributed to all homes for the small fee of 50 cents. They are the only effective way of combatting an incendiary bomb that may burn your home to the ground if not checked in time."

They cleaned up a tidy little sum.

## Students Favor Bombing Japan, Survey Indicates

AUSTIN, Texas, January 6—The great majority of American college students is ready for the U. S. air force to bomb Japanese cities, the latest national poll of Student Opinion Surveys of America reveals.

Much was said, before World War II earnestly got underway, about the advantages and disadvantages of dropping explosives over civilian population centers, but events of recent months and weeks have shown that bombing of cities has become an integral part of modern war strategy.

A few days before the Japanese bombed Manila after it had been declared an open city Student Opinion Surveys completed a poll in which more than nine out of every ten students interviewed favored retaliation. No doubt feeling has flared still higher since the attack on the Philippine capital.

Of those who answered in the affirmative, it is important to point out, a little less than half specified that although they were in favor of bombing Nipponese urban centers, our fliers should make it a point to strike at military objectives only. This is how opinion divides:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the U. S. air force bombing Japanese cities?"  
Approve . . . . . 63%  
Approve, but military objectives only . . . . . 29%  
Disapprove . . . . . 6%  
Undecided . . . . . ?

The problems involved in singling out military objectives, of the geographical difficulties of attacking the Japanese Islands from the air, are, of course, not taken up in this survey. All that is reflected is the general attitude of college students, many of whom, since the army and navy air corps prefer college-trained men, are the potential pilots who will participate in the raids already promised the Japanese.



**GAG MAN**—Leon J. Rabinowitz '43, Penn State's choice for the Fred Allen talent show, will air his Thespian humor with the comedian at 9 o'clock tonight over the Columbia Broadcasting System. For his efforts, the talented Rabinowitz will receive \$200 and his expenses while in New York City.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
- Riding Club meeting, Stock Pavilion, 7 p. m.
  - Players' Advertising meeting, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
  - Penn State Farmer meeting, 10 Ag Building, 7:30 p. m.
  - Pi Lambda Theta meeting, Atherton Hall, northwest lounge, 7 p. m.
  - Tau Beta Pi initiation and banquet, Nittany Lion Inn, 6 p. m.
  - Second of speech series on "Government and Agriculture," 121 Sparks, 4:10 p. m. Dr. B. H. Hibbard, professor emeritus of

agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, will speak. '45 Campus party meeting, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.  
PSCA Community Service committee, Hugh Beaver room, 7 p. m.  
PSCA Cabinet meeting, Hugh Beaver room, 8:15 p. m.

### TOMORROW

Penn State's Town Hall meeting, 110 Home Economics Building, 8 p. m. Discussion on "How Does the War Effect You?"  
Philotes executive committee will meet in 320 Old Main at 4 p. m.  
Camera Club meeting, 309 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.  
American Association of University Women meeting, 121 Sparks, 7:45 p. m.  
All freshman boxing candidates report to the ring in Rec Hall at 4 p. m.

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