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**Headlines Of Tomorrow**

While the campus is still being cleared of remnants of Victory Weekend, and everyone is busy commending the organizations that combined their efforts and talents in the interests of Army relief, we would like to take time out to glance at several other projects that are bound to flare up in the headlines within the next several weeks...

There is no doubt that the present advisory system should be revamped, and substituted by some similar program that would be conducted on a more personal basis. The Senate Committee on Student Welfare has recognized the necessity of a better system, and student government has started preliminary action on the problem.

According to the Senate Committee, "During the year we have made a thorough study of the student advisory systems as they actually exist throughout the College. The Committee believes that the scheduling officers give valuable service in professional and educational guidance but in general do not take the initiative in the personal and welfare guidance of their advisees. The need of a more confidential relationship between the faculty advisor and the student appears to be greater now than ever before."

We can not repeat too often that a better advisory system is needed, especially in a College as large as Penn State, where a large enrollment has bred a decided impersonal feeling among students and faculty.

Another new headline in the week's news informs us that the second All-College convocation since Pearl Harbor is being considered by student government leaders. The plan was proposed at last night's Cabinet meeting, but only tentative arrangements were considered because it was not definitely known at the time of the meeting if President Hétzel would be able to speak at such a convocation.

The need of a convocation for all students and faculty is imperative, since there has been some evidence during the past several weeks that the scholastic standing was dropping and that student-faculty morale was reaching a low point because of the increasing grind of year-around studying.

To be effective, the convocation should be held within the coming week. Although the Prexy could not be contacted prior to Cabinet meeting, we feel that he will accept the opportunity to speak at the request of students who believe that a convocation would provide the necessary shot in the arm that is necessary to insure the success of the accelerated Summer semester.

**Back To Where It Came From**

It's on its way out so grab your cameras and take a few last shots for the book of memories. For 17 years the hideously painted monstrosity squatted before the armory, serving no better purpose than to remind the boys who were "over there" of things better forgotten. Of course, little children found it an admirable plaything upon which to climb.

Now the 15 tons of steel has been designated for an active war role. New life will be given to the old German howitzer as it is returned to its makers in the most potent manner possible. Dewy-eyed sentimentalists, if there be any to mourn the passing of the pile of junk, may reconcile themselves with the thought that it leaves behind something intangible but nonetheless powerful.

An unsightly landmark may now be removed with the consent of the trustees. In its place will be a glaring vacancy pledged to the glorification of a new relic—a souvenir of victory from World War II. As the old traditions fade, new resolutions will be made to justify the return of such a symbol of victory.

Thus another minor but significant gesture has been made to make Penn State war-conscious.

—H. J. Z.

**A Worm's Eye View ...**



An ex-Penn State student was sitting in Schwab Auditorium watching a Victory Weekend Thespian rehearsal last Thursday. This guy had been turned down when he tried to enlist in the army because his eyes were bad. He had also been stopped by strangers in New York subways and asked where his uniform was. He thought the show was a little futile.

"This is Penn State's idea of how to win a war," he said.

And also last week, one of the faculty members was burned up because he had heard that certain campus personalities had started a petition to permit students to be graduated before they were drafted.

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We thought about these things for a while. Then we talked to a student after the tumult and the shouting of Dantz-a-poppin had died. This student said that Victory Weekend had been a lot of work and had made a lot of noise. But in spite of this, he had felt good when he saw so many people having fun and knew that the money they were spending for their fun was going to make many more people happy. And we thought about this, too.

We decided that maybe Penn State isn't right out on the front lines, but that it does have some ideas about how to win a war. We figured that the spirit behind the front line is just as important as the actual fighting.

We think that those individuals who can see only Penn State shrubbery and think that's all there is to the campus had better dig under the soil a bit. There isn't much a student can do about a war except accelerate his education so that he can meet the draft. And that's what Penn State students are doing. There's no other choice for them, either, when they believe that such things as education are important and lasting in spite of wars.

No, Victory Weekend isn't any way to win a war, but it helps. It helps to build up that word that gets kicked around so persistently in public places, "morale." It helps people who have lost relatives in this war.

So when Colonel Taylor himself says that there aren't enough Victory Weekends to take care of such rehabilitation, maybe Penn State isn't so far off the beam.

—FERDY

**On The War Fronts**

**Aleutians In Fog**

By MILTON DOLINGER

Described as the "Achilles Heel" of the United States is the region of the North Pacific—the territory of the fog-bound Aleutian Islands, and the territory where 25,000 Japanese are supposed to be encamped.

Undefended until that fateful 7th of December, Alaska is at the same time the point most to fear in case of the expected Jap invasion, and the most logical point for Uncle Sam to retaliate on the vulnerable Japanese empire. Along the outer-most extremity of the Alaskan coast stretch the Aleutian Islands which, strangely enough, are of the same pattern as the islands of the Japanese.

In fact, Japan has a naval base only 700 miles from the closest of the Aleutians. Japan proper is slightly farther south from this point. With a population of 72 millions concentrated along her coast line, the center of Japan's population is actually much nearer to Alaska than our own.

Bounded on one side by the cold, treacherous Bering Sea, the only product of the Aleutians seems to be a fog that would make London appear a city of perpetual high noon. Weather experts have compiled figures showing that the islands are fog-bound two-thirds of the days in the year.

The importance of Alaska and the far-flung isles of the Aleutians can be readily realized by a look at distances. The shortest great circle route from Tokyo to Seattle passes through Dutch Harbor; the shortest route from Tokyo to Washington, D. C., passes north of Nome, Alaska.

Fairbanks, one of the principal communities of the Alaskan plateau and drained by the vital Yukon River, is the same distance from Tokyo as it is from New York City. Here also is a railroad which leads into the interior of Alaska and points toward the West coast of the United States.

What is going on in the Aleutians is veiled in as thick a fog of military censorship as the atmospheric conditions of the islands.



U. S. Treasury Dept.  
 "I'm not sure, but I think Peterson forgot to bring home 10% of his salary in War Bonds this pay day!"

**Campus Calendar**

**TODAY**

WRA Golf Club meets on Old Main, 7 p. m.  
 Brief but important meeting of WSCA House of Representatives, 318 Old Main, at 5 p. m.  
 WRA Badminton Club meets in White Hall gymnasium at 6:30 p. m.  
 WRA Bowling Club meets in bowling alleys at 6:30 p. m.  
 WRA Bridge Club meets in White Hall game room at 6:30 p. m.  
 Campus '45 meeting, 411 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.  
 Freshman and Sophomore candidates for Penn State Engineer, 1 Armory, 7 p. m.  
 Independent '45 meeting, 418

Old Main, 7 p. m.  
 Brief but important meeting of WSCA House of Representatives, 318 Old Main, at 5 p. m.  
 Liberal Arts Student Council will have an important meeting today in 411 Old Main at 4 p. m.  
 Naval Reserve Recruiting Service representative, 132 Sparks, 2 All hat societies meet, 405 Old Main, 7 p. m.  
**TOMORROW**  
 WRA Golf Club instruction under Bob Rutherford on the golf course from 3:30 to 5 p. m.  
 WRA Executive Board meets in WRA Room at 6:30 p. m.

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