

UMT—Outdated!

Universal Military Training is not only an out-dated method for providing the United States, or any nation for that matter, with the most effective means for preserving its existence in the international field, but it is also, ideologically speaking, a cultural anachronism.

For three centuries Universal Military Training and its attendant aggressiveness has given the world only turbulence and depravity. Blood and iron have been its traditional norms. Militarism has been the old way; the three-century path to self-destruction. Experience should be a teacher. Have we learned nothing from our very thorough pedagogue?

The Congress of the United States, if it passes any type of Universal Military Training bill, will be telling the peoples of the entire world, as our representatives, that the citizens of our nation believe several things:

1. We believe that the best way to prevent war is by the old way; by a display of might and war potential.
2. We believe that the United States' ideals of peaceful settlements of international disputes sound fine. But we really do not think they will work.
3. We believe that the United Nations is a farce. We have lost faith in its ability to keep the peace, and it is therefore useless.
4. We believe war is inevitable, so we might as well join the international armament race.

Are these the noble ideals that we proclaimed so admirably during the war to a world sunk in despair? Are these the credos found in the Atlantic Charter, the Declaration of the United Nations, the Moscow Declaration, the Yalta Declaration, the Dumbarton Oaks agreements, or among the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations.

They are not. And the world knows that they are not. America must, even more so now than in the past, be the fountainhead of the ideals and practices of peaceful settlements, rights of individuals, and fair play. If we of the United States, who are able to lead the way, fail in our trust, the world too fails. For we are the only ones left. Either we are now barren of those great ideals of peace and freedom that made our country in earlier times the "New World," or we are incapable of the efficient propagation of these positive peace ideologies.

Universal Military Training, if adopted by the United States, will be indicative of our willingness to return to the "old way;" the way that has spelled international disaster for the past three-hundred years—Peter Warker.

Letter to the Barbers

I have been following with deep interest the various "Letters to the Editor" and the ads sponsored by CORE. I suggest to the barber, who refused to cut the hair of a Negro World War II veteran and a student of the College not because he objected to cutting the hair of a Negro but because he feared the disapproval of his patrons and fellow barbers, to read Sam Walter Foss' poem "The Calf Path."

The poem states that a wandering, wobbly calf trying to find its way home at night through the lonesome woods made a crooked path which was followed the next day by a one dog. Then a bell-wether sheep pursued the trail, drawing behind him the flock. At last the path became a country road, then a lane that bent and turned and turned again. The lane became a village street and at last the main highway of a flourishing city. The poem ends with: "A hundred thousand men were led by one calf, three centuries dead."

It is easy to go where everyone else goes; it is something else to blaze out a new trail and go it alone. You, Mr. Barber, have been given the opportunity to lead the way toward better race relations in a city that was founded on much higher principles and in which is located a State college that has become renowned throughout the United States for its treatment of the race question. There is something about being an individual besides suffering for it. A strong individual will tell pretty well who a person is and what he will be in the years to come.

I respectfully submit the following as a guide to all future problems concerning race in State College and elsewhere:

"If you discriminate against me because of my manners (retorted one whose color is not white) I can improve. If because of my intellect, I can learn. If because of my economic station, I can do something about it. But if you discriminate against me because of my skin color (which God gave me) I am helpless."

E. G. MILLER

NSA Notes

NSA is sponsoring a legislative drive to get Congress to retain laws that expire March 31. One is the Maritime Commission. The Commission operates student ships that would take students on summer trips to Europe.

The other is the Coast Guard Waiver which sets up stringent safety regulations for ships. If the waiver is not renewed most ships that now might be used to transport students this summer would have to stay in dry-dock all summer to refit.



"I know you're getting \$75 a month now but you'll have to find some place else to hide your savings!"

Editor's Mailcall

UMT Necessary

TO THE EDITOR: Eminent military leaders, including General Eisenhower, have often been misquoted on Universal Military Training and needs for National Defense. The following words from his final report as Chief of Staff should be important to those who desire to think clearly and act wisely on this subject:

"At this writing, the United States has taken no steps to assure itself the necessary numbers of trained men who must be immediately available for the Armed Forces and civil defense in a future war. This dangerous condition persists although a practical solution, Universal Military Training, has been discussed on a nation-wide scale for several years and apparently has the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of Americans. Of it, the President's Advisory Commission says: 'We do not believe there is any other way of guaranteeing that the Armed Forces will be able to count on a sufficiently speedy flow of trained men to win a war if large-scale fighting for bases or invasion of the enemy homeland are needed. But, even more immediately and even more certainly, these pretrained young men will be ready to cope with the unprecedented problems of internal security which atomic warfare will bring. Problems of such magnitude that our failure to meet them at once, wherever they developed, might lose us the war overnight.'"

—Ben H. Chastaine, Colonel Infantry.

Parking Problems

TO THE EDITOR: Now I hear there is a problem—About a walking man—But who he is or where he is—Well, I don't care a damn. Of one thing I am certain though—And that I now relate—The walking man does not reside On the Campus of old Penn State.

There really is no room to walk Across our Campus fair—Because there are too many cars Parked most everywhere.

Everyone must drive his car Right up to the door Of the building where they work—For walking is a bore.

On the walks the cars are parked—With doors locked so securely And if you give the drivers Hell—They smile—so demurely.

Yes, parking is a problem—Gets larger every day—Someone should tell those trustees That cars are here to stay.

Let's have more parking areas—Maybe a fine or two—And then the parking problem Will vanish in the blue.

—Captain Philip A. Mark, Campus Patrol.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 10
 PSCA Marriage Seminar, 405 Old Main, 8:45 p.m.
 SIGMA Tau, 100 EE, 6:30 p.m.
 WRA Bowling Club, WH, 6:30 p.m.
 LION Party Publicity Committee, 1 Sparks, 11 a.m.
 DRUIDS, 418 Old Main, 7 p.m.
 CHIMES, Dean of Women's Office, Old Main, 5 p.m.
 THETA Sigma Phi, 412 Old Main, 6:30 p.m.

At the Movies
 CATHAUM—Secret Beyond the Door.
 STATE—Alias A Gentleman.
 NITTANY—Shoe Shine.
College Hospital
 Admitted Monday: Marion Fostick.
 Discharged Tuesday: Albin Johnson, Charles Bair, Lois Flynn, Winton Osborne.

Placement Service
 Bakelite Corporation, March 10, 11, eighth semester men from Chem. Eng.
 Chrysler Institute, March 17, eighth semester men from Chem. Eng., Metallurgy.
 Ohio-Apex Co., Inc., March 17, 18, eighth semester men from Chem. Eng., Chem.
 New Jersey Zinc Company of Pa., March 17, eighth semester men from ME, Chem. Eng., Metallurgy.
 National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, March 13, 16, eighth semester men from AE, CE, Arch. Eng., EE, Chem., ME, Physics, Metallurgy, Mathematics.

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 exchange of students with European countries and exchange of publications to stimulate interchange of ideas and promote international friendship.

Robert Troxell, All-College vice-president is vice-president of the state NSA region.

Included on the Cabinet agenda submitted by Thomas J. Lannen, All-College president are appointments to the College Safety Committee, Pan American Day Committee, Elections Committee.

Reports will be made by the Book Exchange Committee, Constitutional Revision Group, Student Agency Program committee, and Elections Committee.

A motion to appropriate \$25 for CORE which is now tabled will come up for discussion.

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