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MUST BE NO QUESTION OF LOYALTY

Allen H. Eaton, instructor in art appreciation in the University, announces that tonight he will make a complete statement in answer to the charges made against him by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce in a resolution demanding that he be dismissed from the faculty of the University. Upon his ability to explain his presence at the meeting of the People's Council of Democracy and Terms of Peace, held in Chicago contrary to orders issued by the governor of that state, rests the decision of whether or not Mr. Eaton should be retained as a member of the faculty.

That Mr. Eaton did not represent the University of Oregon, the people of Lane county, or the State of Oregon at the Chicago meeting makes little difference. Mr. Eaton did attend the Chicago meeting, the meeting of an organization which would handicap the President in his prosecution of the war. He attended as a delegate. This much he admits. Such being the case, Mr. Eaton must have affiliated himself with the members of that league and, unless he has since withdrawn, must still be a member of the organization which was perfected during the short space of time the meeting was in session. What the status of that league may be need not be discussed—it will suffice to say that by loyal Americans it is looked upon as traitorous and its members as lacking in the one essential to be looked for in full measure in all Americans at this time, patriotism.

Mr. Eaton pleads that his patriotism and accord with the President's views and actions are as sincere as those of any American and in any light save that of the present situation, no student of the University would entertain the slightest doubt of his loyalty. To the University, with which he has been intimately connected for nearly twenty years, and from which he graduated in 1902, he has been loyal in every emergency. Until this occasion there has been no room to doubt his patriotism as an American. To none of his friends has this occurrence brought more concern than to the students at the University, who have learned to appreciate Mr. Eaton for what he has meant to them and for his championship of the University at all times.

Students of the University are more than willing to hear any explanation which Mr. Eaton has to offer—they are eager that he may clear himself of the charges that have been brought against him. But the student body, which has given 250 of its best men to the service of the country, are not satisfied with the reasons Mr. Eaton has given, up to this time, for his attendance at the Chicago meeting.

However, it is not Mr. Eaton's task to satisfy the students of the University. With them it is partly a matter of seeing a frier clear his name of the stain which follows such charges. Mr. Eaton must either satisfy the people of Oregon that he is heart and soul behind the President in the prosecution of the war, or he must sever his connection with the University faculty. There must be no shadow of doubt as to the attitude of the University of Oregon towards the war.

PLEASE EXCUSE

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