

Foreign Policy Laid to Prejudice

"Thobbing," Not Thinking, Builds up Mass of Anti-Alien Feeling

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Bolsheviks, wops and Mexicans; militaristic Germans, tricky Japanese and bloodthirsty Turks! Out of the stuff of words is a nation's foreign policy woven, and the pattern is that of a crazy quilt. A mountain of prejudices, founded on childish experiences, nurtured by the popular movies, the red-blooded American Weekly magazines and a jingoistic press—thus does that arbiter of our destinies, Public Opinion, take shape and form.

As a result, the faithful reflection of this all-powerful Opinion (which in Washington means votes) leads a president and a secretary of state and a congress to the adoption of courses and methods, which may later find rationalistic support but which are but the product of an unthinking public mind.

In a test given by a New York psychologist to test the power of prejudice, ninety-eight per cent of a thousand Americans, supposed to have been above the average in education and intelligence, gave evidence of a feeling of revulsion at the word "Bolshevik." It may have been founded on an intensive and impartial study of Bolshevistic doctrine and practice, but far more likely was it that it sprang from deep-rooted associations of the term with all things distasteful, associations which a certain section of the press has been hammering home for years. Probably no single recent addition to our vocabulary carries so much opprobrium, so that in spite of increasing evidences of Soviet Russia's internal development and her willingness to enter into peaceful relations with the rest of the world, the United States still persists in its non-recognition policy.

We keep out the wops and the yellow races, we are urged to go in and clean out those Mexican greasers, we are beseeched not to ratify the pending treaty with those unspeakable Turks, who do nothing but massacre Armenians. Make the foreigner pay those debts: we won the war and now he wants us to pay for it. Have the people who give voice to such demands really studied all of the complex material concerning the war debts and the economic difficulty, bordering almost on impossibility, of what they ask?

Recently there appeared a book called "Thobbing." The author formed the title from the initials of "thinking," "opinionating" and "believing," and it was an account of modern views on matters political, social and moral. Perhaps we do not think; we only thob, deluding ourselves that our prejudices, superstitions, and beliefs of what we want to believe, are really the outcome of serious rationalization.

It is curious how some of the prejudices against the foreigner are built up. One woman in the test mentioned above, said that she always associated limburger cheese with a foreigner because when she was a child, a small immigrant girl who sat near her in school always kept a piece in her desk. She admits that she has a deep-rooted feeling against all foreigners. Another woman could never be tolerant to Catholics because as a child, she had been told that the Catholics hoped to wade knee-deep in Protestant blood in a religious war. Multiply by a few millions, and we have the Ku Klux Klan.

No one hopes and few desire that we shall be able to suppress all feeling at the expense of thought. But it might be well to recognize how much of our thought, so-called, is nothing but thobbing. An intelligent foreign policy is not made up of the stuff of word-prejudices.

Important Sophomore Meeting Announced

A sophomore class meeting will be held this afternoon at Villard hall in room 107 at 5 o'clock.

Bob Foster, president, announces that an important matter is to be discussed and all members are urged to attend.

Close Race Expected In Basketball

Wealth of Veterans at Washington, W. S. C., Idaho, Oregon

Three Veterans Report To Coach Reinhart Here

Aggies Have Only Two Last Year's Regulars

NOW that basketball is starting on its long period of supremacy the official, and other, dopsters are starting to pick the coming champions of the northwest section of the Pacific coast conference. One thing is already certain, the race for league honors will be a close one since Washington, W. S. C. and Idaho will have veteran teams to enter as well as Oregon. Coach Hager at O. A. C. has a couple of good men back and will build a strong combination before the season starts. Montana is the only unknown team in the league. The Grizzlies were dealt a hard blow when Bill Kelly decided to stay in sunny California when the football team recently played there. Both of last year's regular guards have graduated.

Oregon, champions for last year, with three regulars back is expected to repeat her success. The Aggies, who finished second, are not considered strong enough to climb the ladder for this season. Washington and Idaho are expected to give Oregon the hardest fight for the title.

Washington Guard Shifted
The shifting of Al Schuss, all-coast forward of Washington, to guard on the team fills the gap left by Gratton Hale. The other guard position is filled by big John Dalquest with Harold St. John, a two year letterman, and Hall Johnson, a new man, in reserve. This leaves the Huskies minus a capable center, also a man to fill the place left vacant by the shifting of Schuss.

Bob Bropst, last year's substitute who made his letter, is out to land the regular job. However Coach Edmundson doesn't think that he fills all the requirements and has been using Milton Berenson, a former Portland high star, at the tip off berth. Earl Jewell, a veteran of two years ago, and Perry Hack, last year's frosh, are also in the running for the pivot position. Alfie James and Francis Stralen, veterans, are again on hand for the forward duties and will probably get the call. Tony Gritsch, Monte Snider, and Percy Bolstad are other likely men for these berths. The team, with the exception of the loss of Hale, is intact from last year and will finish up near the top. They were third last year in the final standings.

A collection of lettermen reported to Coach Dave McMillan of Idaho when first call was issued. Johnny Miles and Art Nedros, two men who have had several years of varsity experience, will be back for their last year. Erickson will be back at center and Glen Jacoby and Al Canine are veteran guards. Thus it will be seen that the Vandals will have a team composed of five veterans. They are strongly fortified with good reserves from last year and also some promising freshmen.

Vandals to Barnstorm
The Vandals will start on a barnstorming trip December 22 and will play in Spokane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Stockton, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fresno, and Reno. They will finish the trip with two contests against the University of Nebraska, January 7 and 8. The Gem Staters have indeed picked a tough schedule for their trip.

Oregon will have one of the strongest quintets in the league. Three of the best men in their positions on the coast last year are again on the team. Swede Westergren, Jerry Gunther, and Roy Okerberg have been playing together for three years and have developed great team work. Westergren and Gunther were named on the first all-coast team last year and Okerberg was placed on the second team.

It is true that two main cogs were lost by the graduation of Hobson and Jost but several men have come up from the freshman team of last year who are expected to fill in the vacancies. In addition to these men there are several of last year's reserves back who are staying a battle for the vacant positions. Those showing to good advantage are Gordon Ridings, Keith Emmons,

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All-American Glory Descends Upon Sherman Smith, Webfoot Wingman

"College Humor" Grabs Sherman for Family Team; Success Recipe Discovered

By HAROLD W. MANGUM
Sports Editor

At last Oregon has an all-American football player! Joseph C. Godfrey, eastern sports writer, toiling for "College Humor," has selected Sherman S. Smith, Oregon, as right end on his mythical all-American Smith Brothers football eleven.

Other Smiths who have forced their way to fame on the same outfit are Smith, left end, Navy; Smith, left tackle, Penn; Sherm Smith, left guard, Amherst; Smith, center, Missouri; Smith, right guard, Brown; Smith, right tackle, Fordham; Smith, quarterback, Colgate; Smith, fullback, Vermont; Smith, right half, Michigan State; Smith, left half, Beloit; and others from Notre Dame, Manhattan, Boston University, Loyola, Redlands, Baylor, Coe, etc.

Needless to say the Grants Pass representative of the Smith clan is highly gratified at the honor which has been bestowed upon him, and

avows that he will do all in his power to uphold the glory of his family and the noble art of picking all-star teams in general.

Godfrey, in similar vein, picks an all-American animal team which includes Lamb, Coe; Baer, Michigan; Wolf, Chicago; Bull, Union; Fox, Haskell; Crabb, Pittsburgh; Swan, Stanford, and a few other denizens of the woods, fields, and streams.

He also has an all-American automobile eleven which includes Nash, Georgia; Packard, Williams; Miller, California; Holmes, Alabama; Ford, Northwestern; Paige, St. Lawrence; Star, Kansas; Flint, Colorado; Gardner, Dartmouth; and a few spare parts.

With the above in mind, we believe we now have a sure-fire recipe for making all-American honors. You don't have to be a star player—in fact, you don't even have to make the team or turn out for the squad.

Have an unusual moniker—that's the infallible secret for success. If your name's Owl or Ostrich, you have a capital chance to make the all-bird team, or the all-O outfit. If your name is Chevrolet or G.

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Third National Oratory Contest Is Announced

Subject Should Increase Respect for Constitution Among Colleges

The National Intercollegiate Oratorical contests of 1925 and 1926 proved so successful that a decision has been made to continue the movement this year, and an announcement of rules and awards has recently been made. The contests are financed and conducted by the Better American Federation of California for the purpose of increasing interest in and respect for the constitution of the United States, and as a contribution toward better and more intelligent citizenship. It is hoped that this effort will be the means of turning college thought and enthusiasm toward the great business of government, particularly that form of constitutional government under which America has risen to the lead among other nations.

Seven prizes will be paid in cash at the final meeting in Los Angeles on June 23, 1927. The prizes total \$5000, the first prize being \$1500 and the seventh \$350.

The orations must not take more than ten minutes for delivery and must be original. The subjects must be "The Constitution" or "The Constitution and Washington"—or on Hamilton, Jefferson, Marshall, Franklin, Madison, Webster, or Lincoln. The orations must be of such a character as to increase interest in and respect for the constitution of the United States, and equal importance will be attached to composition and delivery.

Each college is to select only one representative, and the working unit in the contest is the individual college. Plans are made to divide the entire country into seven major districts in which the colleges and universities will compete among themselves. Each participating college will be notified by March 29 as to the region in which it has been placed, and by April 15 each college must have its representative designated, it is announced.

Initiation and Meeting Phi Beta Kappa, Dec. 8

The local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa will hold its fall meeting Wednesday, December 8. Initiation exercises for the newly elected members will be at Alumni hall at 5:45, after which there will be a dinner and business meeting at 6:30 at the Anchorage. The principal address will be given by Mrs. Ellen Condon McCormack, who has been asked to speak on the life and work of her father, Dr. Condon, whose biography she has just completed.

Reservations should be made with Mozelle Hair of the extension division. New members of the faculty who belong to Phi Beta Kappa are especially urged to come.

Sunday Night Library Plan Disapproved

Advisory Committee Votes Unanimously for Present Hours

Serious Student's Needs Considered

Saturday Night Closing Might Work Hardship

THE advisory committee, after considering the plan submitted to them suggesting that the university library remain open Sunday evenings, announces that it is not yet convinced that such an action would be justified. However, it will in all probability, consider the matter further if more evidence is introduced to justify the plan.

The committee was composed of M. H. Douglass, librarian; Dr. George Rebec, head of the philosophy department; Henry D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education; Dr. Harry B. Yocom, professor of zoology; and Dr. C. V. Boyer, head of the English department. This advisory committee will make its report to President Arnold Bennett Hall.

Students Take Book Out

"While the committee recognized that it would be convenient for the students, at times, to have the library open Sunday evenings, it is not yet convinced that the necessity of it would justify an extension of the hours for the regular routine work that takes place on the campus Sundays," said Mr. Douglass. "The majority of students have from Friday noon until Sunday to get their lessons for Monday classes," he continued, "and most of them say, frankly, that they would rather take a book from the library Sunday afternoon than come to the campus Sunday evening and use it."

When asked about the plan of closing the library on a Friday or Saturday night of the week-end and then opening it Sunday evening, Mr. Douglass said that the committee was unanimous in thinking that the library should not close on either Friday or Saturday evening because of the serious minded students who depend upon this time to get their work done.

Although somewhat reluctant to make a statement on the committee action, Lowell Baker, vice-president of the A. S. U. O., said:

Students Advocate Trial

"I am sure the faculty committee acted sincerely when it recently decided against opening the library Sunday evenings.

"However, I do think the plan had enough points in its favor to merit a trial, say at the first of next term, after the examination rush is over. If it were found that students patronized the library in large numbers, that to me would be evidence that Sunday evening library hours were of considerable benefit. If, on the other hand, the library were as sparsely attended as it usually is on Friday evenings, I would say, keep closed Sunday evenings, by all means. I realize there are arguments against opening the library Sunday evenings, but if it is largely a question of student patronage, I think the plan should be given a fair trial."

Commission Holds Last Meeting Today

The last meeting of the Freshman Commission of the Y. W. C. A. will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y. W. bungalow.

There will be a round-table discussion led by Betty Beam, a freshman. The subjects to be discussed are: "Why is there a Y. W. C. A. on the campus," and "What is the Work of the Freshman Commission."

A short program will be given consisting of a piano solo by Mar Abel Braden and a violin solo by Katherine Kirk.

The chairmen of the committees of Freshman Commission were appointed last Friday at a meeting of the council. They are as follows: programs, Margaret Edmundson; publicity, La Veda Jones; activities, Dorothy Villiger; service, Naomi Hohman; room committee, Mildred Beeson; fun, Betty Horstman; music director, Emily Williams.

Cats and Frogs Soon To Sink Into Oblivion

SOME cats live nine lives and some die nine times.

"There's big money in it," said one conscientious wielder of a dissecting knife. But the season is nearly over. The respective anatomies have been in the process of observation and dissection for sometime, but it won't be long now! And oh, what fun!

Many's the cat that has looked out from one of Deady's basement windows probably very oblivious to the fact that his captor's paid the great big sum of twenty-five cents for his short life. Likewise the frog—but sad to relate, his acquisition is gratis. There's always more where he came from and if one but looks in on a zoology lab he is apt to think, judging from numbers, that this was a good year for frogs.

Robert Robinson Scores High in Physical Tests

Seven Pass Test With Grade Above 1; 54 Enter Contest

In the physical ability test held at the men's gymnasium last Saturday morning, 30 out of 54 passed the test and seven received a score above 75. Robert Robinson's score of 95 points was the highest made. This is the last test of this kind that will be held this term.

The seven scoring above 75 were: Robert Robinson, 95; Everett McCutchan, 90; Gilbert McAuliffe, 88; Phil Livesley, 86; Orville Bredthauer, 81; Walter Dungan, 77; and Wayne Wyatt, 76.

The final examinations in the physical education department are being held this week. Grades will be posted next Monday and will be left up until Thursday morning. This is to give students an opportunity to see their grades and call attention to possible errors.

A slight change has been made in the method of computing grades this term. In place of grading personal hygiene on the basis of 25 and adding this to the total grade received in activities, both grades will be figured on the basis of 100 and the two will be averaged. A failure in both will mean that the student must repeat the courses. A failure in either one will necessitate the repetition of the one failed.

Foreigners to See Christmas Program

To present a typical American Christmas to the foreign members is the purpose of the Cosmopolitan club Christmas program which is to be given by the American students of the club at the Y. M. C. A. hut at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Everyone is asked to bring a 10 cent gift for the Christmas tree.

Critics Praise Play by Mrs. Ernst; "Nightingale" Published by Poet Lore

Kenneth MacGowan, Writer, Requests Submittal Of Future Work to Provincetown Players

"Nightingale," a play written by Alice Henson Ernst, a member of the faculty of the English department, was published in a recent number of Poet Lore, a Boston magazine of letters.

Thomas Dickinson, critic and author of American plays, describes Mrs. Ernst's play as "writings with unquestioned command of the resources of the stage and entirely worthy of production." Moroni Olsen, actor-director of the Moroni Olsen Players, has praised the play highly. Kenneth MacGowan, critic and writer, on the strength of this one-act play, has requested the submittal of Mrs. Ernst's future work to the Provincetown Players.

Two of Mrs. Ernst's plays have already been produced. One, a comedy of university life called "Cloistered Calm," was written at the drama workshop at Radcliffe College and was later staged at the University of Washington; the other was a pageant, "Seven Yesterdays," representing scenes from the history of Alaska. Mrs. Ernst recently finished another play of one act which is realistic in atmosphere and setting and deals with the life of miners.

Faculty Aims To Increase Individual Aid

Personnel Committee To Seek Methods of Improvement

Record of Students To Show Deficiencies

Personal Contact Limited As Schools Enlarge

TO ASCERTAIN the facts, conditions and influences which may affect the career of a student at college, and to make recommendations for improvement, a personnel committee has been appointed at the University of Oregon with Dr. John F. Bovard, dean of the school of physical education, as general chairman.

This committee, according to Howard R. Taylor, assistant professor of psychology, who is serving on the subcommittee concerned with intelligence tests, is to organize material to aid instructors in treating their students as individuals. It is to gather such records of the students as are available, and then to determine what that information means.

Growth Limits Personal Contact
As an institution grows in size, Professor Taylor explained, personal contact between students and faculty members becomes more limited and difficult. Interviews are unsatisfactory as well as out of the question, in his estimation. Some system containing records of the student's high school career, of his grades, and of his university achievement would give instructors a point of contact which would enable them to treat students more as individuals.

"We have passed through a period in which it was assumed that if we had such records no one would fail in college," said Professor Taylor. "It was thought that by looking over past marks an instructor could advise a student whether or not to take certain courses. Experience has shown this to be a too Utopian view of the matter. A personnel record, however, will help faculty members to determine whether failure of the student is due to lack of ability in particular lines, deficiency of adequate preparation, or want of effort."

Establishing a student record involves a long period of research ahead, said Professor Taylor.

Individual Help Fostered

"Eventually with the records we will be able to say at the end of a trial period of perhaps one, or two years, whether the student has promise enough to justify himself and the state in going ahead with his college education," he continued. "The important point in the personnel records of the students is not to decrease failures but to enable the administration to deal with students as individuals and to treat them differentially."

All Conditions to be Considered
The personnel committee under Dr. Bovard is divided into several

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