

Congress not Silenced in Nicaragua Row

Coolidge Almost Usurps Role of Mussolini To Avoid Opposition

By WILLIAM P. MADDOX
The present controversy over Nicaraguan affairs may not be very edifying but to the inveterate optimist it does present some very interesting sidelights.

Ample evidence of this sensible procedure is given in the flood of caustic criticisms which have met Secretary Kellogg's justification of American intervention on the grounds of defense against Bolshevik influence.

The general tone of the criticism of the government's policy has also been high. Parties have played a minor part. The policies have been judged upon their intrinsic merit.

And yet there have been efforts to stop the flow of such criticism. President Coolidge almost usurped the role of a Mussolini a couple of weeks ago when he asked the newspaper correspondents not to oppose his policies on the grounds that it gave foreign states the impression that the country was not back of him.

Russian Writers Reflect Gloomy Spirit of People Mrs. Barnes Says

Lack of Egotism Accounts for Readiness of Submission to Despotism Authority

Russian literature has been called a "hymn to the injured and insulted," and one of its outstanding characteristics is the glorification of suffering.

The Russians, who are gloomy, include the base and the criminal in their pity, having, for instance, no fear or hatred of the chaining.

Change Made In Plans For Skeyhill's Talk

Lecture Given Tonight In Villard Instead of Wednesday Night

Topic to Concern Italy And Mussolini's Power

Speaker Will Begin at 8:15 o'Clock

TOM SKEYHILL will appear tonight at 8:15 in Villard hall. Due to an unexpected change in his plans it was necessary to put the date of his lecture forward one day making his appearance on Tuesday, January 18, instead of Wednesday, January 19.

The basketball game between Oregon and Gonzaga which was originally scheduled for 8:00 will begin at 7:00 so that those who wish to go to the game will also be able to attend the lecture.

Has Toured Italy
"Mussolini and the Black Shirts" is the subject on which Tom Skeyhill will speak.

During his stay in Italy he made a thorough study of Fascism and Italy's dictator and his policies.

"The Fascisti do not rule Italy—they are Italy!" This is the keynote of Mr. Skeyhill's message that he brings from the land of sunshine.

Speaker is Famous
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Wednesday to Open Winter Grid Practice

McEwan Plans Change in Offensive Play; Shift Yet Uncertain

Football practice for the 1927 season will open Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

McEwan, head coach, announced at the meeting of the varsity and freshman football squads yesterday.

"I want everyone to turn out," emphasized McEwan, especially those of the freshman squad.

Aspirants are requested to draw full equipment to-day and report at the gym tomorrow.

The intended offense formation will permit forward passing, off-tackle, spinners, and end runs from punt formation.

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Alpha Delta Sigma, Advertising Honorary, Elects New Members

Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary advertising fraternity, has elected Larry Thielen, of Portland, and Carol Eberhart, of Eugene, into their organization.

Thielen is foreign advertising manager on the Emerald, and Eberhart is also a member of the advertising staff of the paper.

The ceremony which will be an event of next week. The new pledges will be required to make speeches on the library steps a week from next Friday, wearing "sandwich-boards."

Present active members of Alpha Delta Sigma are: Calvin Horn, president; Paul Sletton, vice-president; James Manning, secretary; and Si Slocum, Milton George, Douglass Wilson, Bob Byington, Bob Warner, Herb Lewis, Francis McKenna, Rolf Klep, Joe Neil, and Warren Small.

Faculty members include Professors W. F. G. Thacher, Ralph D. Casey, Robert C. Hall, and David Faville.

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Last Oreganas On Sale Now; Only 300 Left

Buy Early Is Warning of Manning; 1600 Students Not Signed up

Distribution of Books Is Junior Week-end

Sale Conducted Through Booths and Houses

TODAY is the last day for those students who have failed to subscribe for the Oregana to pay their \$2.00 deposit and thus insure their purchase of a year book.

"With a balance of 1600 students who have not yet subscribed to the year book the indications are that those who subscribed first will be the lucky ones to get their annuals," declared Jim Manning, business manager.

The drive will be under the direction of Paul Sletton, circulation manager. He will be assisted by Tom Stoddard and Bill Hynd.

There will be a representative in each living organization and in addition there will be two booths, one located just outside Commerce building and the other in front of the library.

As in the first drive the deposits will be \$2.00 with the balance of \$3.00 due when the book is issued.

Representatives in the sororities (Continued on page four)

Webfoot Five And Bulldogs Meet Tonight

Oregon Showing Against Willamette Is Below Expectations

Mel Ingram's Return Strengthens Gonzaga

New Men on Hoop Squad Demonstrate Ability

Tonight's Line Ups
Oregon vs. Gonzaga
Bally vs. Ingram
Gunter vs. Rotchford
Okerberg vs. McKenney
Westergren vs. Kennedy
Milligan vs. Walterskirchen
Referee—Ralph Coleman, O. A. C.

THE touring Gonzaga Bulldogs will form opposition for Coach Reinhart's Oregon varsity five tonight at 7:00 o'clock in McArthur Court.

Tonight's fracas will mark the Catholic hoopers' fourth game on the present trip. Their first against the University of Washington was lost by a small margin.

In the Columbia game, Gonzaga was penalized for 19 fouls which predicts a good rough game for the Oregon varsity.

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Bossy Cow Refused Service at Depot

"PIGS may be pigs" and cows are cows, so an honest young freshman, who found a nice Jersey cow roaming the streets of Eugene near the campus, turned her in at the lost and found department of the University yesterday morning.

"There are no accommodations for cows at the University depot," he said in an anxious voice.

And so, because of the inadequacy of the lost and found department for this occasion, there was much rejoicing when the owner of the lost cow was discovered and she was returned to her peaceful meadow beside the Mill Race and the old white horse.

Seniors Named To Head Work On Class Ball

Wrightman Starts Ball Rolling; Date Set Is February 19

With the appointment of the directorate for the Senior Ball, which is scheduled for February 19 preparations for the event have been officially launched.

With the introduction of the idea two years ago the intention and precedent was formed to make of it a brilliant affair.

Those who have been appointed on the directorate to work under the guidance of Wrightman are: assistant chairman, Mary McKinnon; decorations, Rolf Klep; finance, Phil Bergh; feature, Howard Oswald; music, Lloyd Byerly; refreshments, (Continued on page two)

Swimming Meet Taken by Varsity From Freshmen

Frosh Took Five Firsts But Lost Meet by 29 to 39 Score

The varsity swimming team won an exciting meet from the frosh Saturday afternoon in the tank at the Woman's building, by a 39 to 29 score.

The varsity led the varsity by a small margin until next to the last event, which was the 200 yard stroke won by Julian Smith, of the varsity in 2:59.6.

As the relay started the varsity was on the long end of a 29 to 34 score, but the babes could have won by taking this race.

The varsity won by a stroke, but the race was protested, the frosh claiming that one of the varsity men jumped the gun.

The Dybbuk is one of the plays of the season which has created a furor in New York, continued Miss Wilbur.

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Student Group Aims Attack at Academic Ills

Needs of Minority Emphasized by Informal Committee

Preliminary Statement To Appear Tomorrow

Movement of Last Year To Be Continued

THE most wistful estimates of the number of resident undergraduate "registrants" in the University of Oregon place the figure at about 3000.

The committee is working under the chairmanship of Sol Abramson, editor of the Emerald, and is continuing a work begun last year by a similar body headed by Edward Miller, then editor of the Emerald.

The body last year made a comprehensive survey and general study of the same problem. It published its findings together with recommendations for broad changes in University administrative policies in the Emerald during the spring quarter.

The report of last year made a devastating criticism of the common lack of really serious undergraduate intellectual interest on this campus.

Minority Needs Studied
The committee this year is persuaded that the low general level of active intelligence is fixed by organic conditions of the University scheme beyond the direct reach of student or faculty reform.

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Last Year Barren of Clever Plays Is Opinion of Drama Instructors

Revival of Favorites Indicates Lack of Quality in Recent Ones; "Dybbuks" Successful

of English, dramatic critics have found little material for successful plays of 1926. Many which seemed hopeful have been designated by them as "diadems of paste."

The most popular plays, according to the critics, are revivals of old favorites, such as Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon," Shaw's "Pygmalion," and the "Little Clay Cart," which was presented at the Neighborhood Play House in 1914.

"McEvoy's 'God Loves Us,'" continues Mrs. Ernst, "is one of a few promising new plays. It is an amusing touching satire of American commercial bondage, such as depicted by Sinclair Lewis and which has also the essence of the 'Adding Machine,' which was a popular success.

"Plays become popular over night and their popularity can best be measured by box office receipts. The fact that the Schuberts took over the production of 'The Dybbuk' speaks well for it. Their business acumen permits few errors of selection."

So far, in the opinion of Mrs. Alice H. Ernst, assistant professor (Continued on page four)

Student Travel Leader Now on Visit to Campus

Griffin Barry Organizing Educational Trips To Europe

Mr. Griffin Barry, former Russian correspondent of the London Herald and now a representative of the Open Road, Inc., is on the campus for a few days to organize students for summer tours in Europe.

The Open Road, Inc., is the organizing agency for the American Association of the International Student Hospitality association.

Each group formed consists of 13 students and a leader. The leader is usually a professor or graduate student who is selected because of his social qualities and his interest and experience in traveling.

The touring students are treated as guests and friends in the various nations they visit. They are entertained in the hotels, in homes, and (Continued on page three)

W. A. A. Starts Drive For New Members

Beginning Wednesday, a drive for membership will be launched by the Woman's Athletic Association, which will last until Monday, said Myrtle Mast, president.

Membership will be recruited among the freshman girls who have earned 100 points in volleyball and swimming up to the present time, and among the upper class women who are not members of the association.

At the same time, a drive will be made to secure the remainder of the payment on the dues which about two-thirds of the members of the association still owe.

There are nearly 20 freshman girls who are eligible for membership and about 60 of the girls now holding membership who have not completed the payment of their dues.

Two-bit I. W. W. Card Buys Java and Waffles

Only a quarter is needed to buy an I. W. W. ticket. Such a ticket entitles the bearer to a waffle and a cup of steaming coffee.

The initials mean, "I want a waffle."

These magic cards will be sold on the campus, in the girls' living organizations and from booths in front of the library and between the Commerce and Oregon buildings.

To the purchasers of these cards, waffles will be served at the Y. W. bungalow from 2 until 5 o'clock.