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## California Hysteria

A TRUE conception of the emotional hysteria which has held the entire state of California in its grasp for months may be seen in the recent suspension of five student leaders at the University of California at Los Angeles for "alleged Communist activity."

Each new development in the case has only made more apparent the unrest and insecurity which has permeated the Golden State. The suspension of the U.C.L.A. students can in no sense, it seems to us, be classed as a strictly campus matter where the question of academic freedom is the only one involved.

Were this the only underlying factor there would be no cause for the upheaval. Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California, in whose hands the matter of reinstatement now rests, clearly stated his views upon this subject in an article entitled "Universities Face Radicalism," which appeared in the October issue of the Rotarian. Quoting Dr. Sproul:

The university must tell its students about communism, socialism, bimetalism, even nudism, in order that they may balance different systems, one against the other and determine reasonably which is right. . . New conditions demand new remedies.

They (universities) should merely furnish the arena wherein well-trained combatants may oppose each other without fear and without favor.

They may not properly and legally suppress either reactionaries, unyielding in conservatism, or radicals, unreasonable in proposals for reform. The same guarantees of freedom of thought and action must prevail within a university as in the country at large.

Even as Dr. Sproul has written so must every other educator, who professes to live up to the ideals of his position, think. Either he thinks in those terms, or he is a hypocrite drawing salary under the guise of education and disloyal to the tenets of his profession.

We have every reason to believe that Dr. E. C. Moore, provost at U.C.L.A., unquestionably believes in the doctrines voiced by Dr. Sproul; and under normal conditions he would have acted accordingly in his official capacity, regardless of his personal views.

This draws us to the conclusion that academic freedom was not the whole problem involved. In our opinion the mud-slinging, muck-raking political campaign which marked the California gubernatorial contest is at the bottom of the U. C. L. A. controversy. The population of the state was thrown into a frenzy—hysteria drove out rationality.

One great mass of the people believed that the election of the author-socialist, Sinclair, would result in a complete breakdown of the governmental and social structure of the state and that chaos would be the inevitable result.

Another great faction was just as sincere and just as certain that the election of conservative Merriam, friend of the capitalists, would ultimately lead to a destruction more irreparable than the EPIC plan Sinclair sought to invoke.

The campaign just ended—framed on class distinction and economic policies—resulted in the constituency of the state being thrown into a seething turmoil in which clear thought and action

played a negligible part. The situation as whole was analogous to the munitions dump with the danger of an explosion imminent at every stage. Rational behavior under such tension—comparable only to that in time of war—is improbable.

Even if the students in question were using their offices for furthering communism (which we regard as extremely unlikely of persons who have proven themselves to be student leaders), they are certainly guilty of no more censure than is Dr. Moore. The provost immediately dropped his dignity as he flared up against all "red" activity and "radicalism." Without defining his terms Dr. Moore made an appeal for the fraternities to organize on all university camp to wipe out radical student groups.

It seems to us that under normal conditions the suspensions would never have been made—in fact, had it not been for the rabble-rousing campaign for the governorship, the students at U.C.L.A. would have been permitted to have their own opinions and discussions without molestation.

Surrounded by capitalistic interests in Los Angeles, subjected to the pile-driver pressure of Hearst-controlled press and with the probable election of Republican Merriam staring him in the face, it is obvious that Dr. Moore did not act with the consideration and impartiality which his position demanded. Apparent it is that the hysteria resulting from the weaknesses of an existing scheme being confronted by a strong Leftist movement was responsible for the grave injustice.

## Another Crisis

THE French cabinet under Premier Gaston Doumergue resigned yesterday morning after six Radical-Socialist ministers had refused to support the premier in his efforts towards constitutional reform.

The balance of power in France is of a strange type. It swings both ways at the same time. About a month ago Premier Doumergue, just preceding a national election, broadcast a speech in which he denounced the Leftists, declaring that democracy would be finished in France should they win. In answer to this the returns brought a decided victory for the premier and his adherents.

Two weeks later the premier proposed certain constitutional reforms, namely, a tabulation of the responsibilities and powers of the premier, restoration of the practice of dissolving the parliament in a crisis and bringing the issues to a national election, making it the government's right alone to introduce money bills to the parliament, and to fix the status of government employees and take them out of politics.

None of these proposals appears sweeping or radical. They are in line with a rebuilding of the government which France needs. Yet it was six Radical-Socialists, who in effect were defeated by Doumergue in last month's election, who were the cause of his enforced retirement.

Thus instead of the issue being settled, it becomes the cause of another "crisis" in French politics; just another among more than a score of crises which have taken place since the World War. Riots are feared; troops have been made ready by various political factions to resist fascist movements, and royalists are prepared for any windfall to reestablish the aristocratic government.

France is the "hot spot" on the continent at present. It has a weak, uncertain government pressed on two sides by strong centralized dictatorships in Italy and Germany. Future events there will be of greatest importance in international relations.

DESPITE the minor invective that has been hurled in the Oregon gubernatorial race, this state must bow to the supremacy of California mud-slingers in pre-election tactics. Oregon has at least been spared a Hearst newspaper.

Now that voters have wiped the 20-mill tax limitation amendment from the Oregon scene, at least one of the stumbling blocks has been removed from the path leading to the appointment of a new chancellor by the state board of higher education.

Who was the lad with patch over one eye who was sauntering down the street the other day whistling "With My Eyes Wide Open—?"

## The Passing Show

### Democracy

AMONG all the drawbacks and objections that may be leveled at the democratic system, perhaps the one most injurious and harmful is the tendency on the part of each individual to follow the general current of thought without examination. Like the proverbial sheep, many men pursue his neighbour's path for no particular reason other than the fact that he is too lazy to indulge in a little personal reflection, to study the expediency or benefits of such popular trends of thought. The majority of us are mental parasites, and feed upon the small and often inadequate store of fact and opinion that is thrust at us from any direction whatsoever.

In a democratic country, where people are expected to offer their own decisions shaped after their own wants, very often the reverse takes place. The public speaker, the demagogue, the press, these and other similar sources of information become, in addition to their real task of edifying the populace, important forces in the swaying of the public to their own ends. With the use of oaths, phrases, popular expressions and tabs and labels, they take advantage of an uncredulous folk and mould them according to their own plan or scheme. And the victims of this mass scheme are quite contented or else completely oblivious to the process which they are undergoing.

It is in the interests of the community at large that the public be constantly warned against these attempts at fashioning them by the few who possess the reins of power. A more educated people will gradually realize these matters for themselves, and they will be instrumental, both by practice and preaching, in cultivating a more independent and self-thinking society. It is furthermore expected that this group will emanate from the universities at large, where students given the opportunity of viewing problems from various angles, and are consequently forced to formulate strong personal opinions. This process of changing even to a certain degree the habits of peoples will no doubt be a long one, yet each individual can do his share in resisting those who try to prejudice the people by their popular methods.—McGill Daily.

## The Day's Parade

By PARKS HITCHCOCK

### A Fascist France?

#### Mr. Borah Speaks

THE fall of the Doumergue cabinet shows the world one thing plainly. France is ripe for the inroads of a fascist government. If a strong popular leader were to arise on the Quai d'Orsay today and advance a nationalistic anti-Nazi program he would be the hero of the hour.

#### Chaos vs. Stability

To the Frenchman such a government, obnoxious as it might seem to those interested in international security, would be an haven from the rioting and internal disturbances that have made the last year the most critical since the founding of the Third Republic at the close of the Franco-Prussian war. There is evident in France's guiding circles a rapidly increasing sentiment toward the twin goals of royalism and a stricter Catholicism, both in letters and in politics.

#### Individual View

The attitude of the average educated and intelligent Frenchman may be briefly summarized: he believes that government sacrifices its original goal if it substitutes libertinism for an ordered and supervised direction of the affairs of the state. He believes that there has been too much hat-waving in favor of unregulated freedom during the last few years. He believes that he is willing to give over to a strong leader certain concessions and personal liberties in return for a peaceful realm, a domestic security, and a common integration of purpose.

#### New Premier

Whether Etienne Flandin, newly selected premier, can satisfy this popular need, is quite another question. Picturesque enough in physical appearance (he is six feet six inches in height) his career has likewise held a great deal of color. One of the younger school of French statesmen, he is an aviator, lawyer, and Anglophile. In politics he holds a conservative position and in Parisian social life an outstanding one. It is upon these shoulders, then, that the tremendous task of bringing France from instability to security rests.

#### SENATOR Borah, veteran op-

positionist, has held his finger up to the wind of public sentiment and realizes that his party must undergo a radical reorganization. Never a man to mince words, he has wittily yet pointedly told Republicans that they must instigate an housecleaning before they can hope to put up a strong front against the New Deal steamroller in 1936.

#### Constitution Again

To charges that the Republican party offered no constructive program a questioner suggested to Senator Borah that a great deal of the Republican campaign had been founded on a defense of the constitution. "Well," the Senator retorted rapidly, "people can't eat the constitution."

#### Remodeled Standards

If opposition leaders would follow the Senator from Idaho's precedent the nation might see a new and rehabilitated party in politics in the nation might see a new and rehabilitated party in politics in 1936, a party that is the potential equal, let us say, of the Conservative party in England, a party that has something to offer rather than blind negativisms. It is not enough to say that Republicanism has not offered any remedial plan for the present crisis, rather it has refused to recognize a crisis.

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## Matter of Life or Death

By SAM FORT



## The Hi Yi Yi's Won the Contest

By FREDERIC S. DUNN

OREGON'S capital was agog with astonishment. The old Methodist college, precise and puritanic, was deliberately creating a noisy demonstration, the students marching up and down the streets, yelling something which, to the Salem Journal, was reported as sounding like this:—  
Hi! Yi! Yi!  
Wah! Hoo! Wah!  
Wee-lam-et

The next thing we knew, word began to leak through the lines, that similar high jinks were being indulged in by another denominational college, where the war cry was:  
Booma laka, Booma laka,  
Bow wow wow;  
Chinga laka, Chinga laka,  
Chow, chow, chow;  
Boo-ma-la-ka, Who are we?  
We are all from Albanee.

In fact, there were seven distinct phalanxes converging in on Eugene, and the western front was far from quiet. But were we ready for them? Why! even the heavens were aflame with fire-works, that evening of Thursday, Feb. 23, 1894. A gloriously spectacular aurora borealis, a marvel because so rare in this latitude, was in magnificent display, when Oregon's student body marched down town to meet the midnight train and to escort the visiting deputations on their arrival.

Eugene did not sleep till late that night. Students and guests took

possession as they left the depot. They even stormed the old Hoffman House, where a famous attorney of those days, Judge Martin L. Pipes, happened to be staying during a session of court. The judge finally acknowledged his inability to rest and came out to address them. The daily papers reported that "he gave them some sound advice," which might be interpreted as meaning, "Go home and go to bed."

And so, on the next day in the evening, Villard hall was the scene of the very first intercollegiate contest ever held under the auspices of the University, the representatives of eight institutions of higher learning competing for oratorical primacy. It was the spokesman for the "Hi-yi-yi" that won.

It is most diverting to read the current newspaper reports, how Charles J. Atwood, the hero of the hour, was met at the train on his

return to Salem, and carried on the shoulders of wildly "hi-yi-yi"-ing Willamettians, while a brass band led the way down State street!

And all this before ever a pig-skin was punted!  
(The next issue will contain "Victory is ours," saith Samson.)

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## Emerald of the Air

By GEORGE Y. BIKMAN

THIS afternoon the few students remaining on the campus can tune to KORE at 4:45 to hear the regular news broadcast. Frankly, we don't especially recommend it, however. It seems that even our radio talent is taking the train, so we must have to go on alone. Maybe some potential John S. Young will give us a ring at 9:51-W and volunteer his services. Anyhow the program goes on!

Myrna Loy and William Powell, famous movie team, will be guest stars on the Hollywood Hotel program with Dick Powell, Jane Williams and Ted Fio-Rito's band at 6:30 over CBS. The Columbia network will release the address of Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald at the Lord Mayor's banquet in London at 1:10.

NBC highlights: Babe Ruth at 4:00; Phil Harris at 6:00; Phil Baker at 6:30; the Intimate Revue with Al Goodman's orchestra and Dwight Fiske as master of ceremonies at 8:30.

Another pretty bouquet to Marian Bass and Chuck French who performed yesterday. They'll be heard from again.

We hope history repeats: 1919—During the game Saturday, the Corvallis undertaker had a "grave" look.



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