

# SIDE SHOW

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This morning Mexico stands alone—her peso falling, world price on silver declining, and markets for her "black gold" missing for the twelfth day.

Reason for the lonely position of the southerly neighbor of the United States, is the confiscation of American and British oil company holdings on March 18, accomplished by the Cardenas administration, active foe of foreign ownership since its induction in 1932.

History of the problem of foreign economic penetration of Mexico dates much farther back into the history of the Latin republic, however. Actually, ownership of land and resources by "invading" capital have been plaguing Mexicans since their revolution of 1821.

The fundamental thing behind all Mexican policy is a fear of foreign encroachment—a fear which made necessary discriminatory provisions against foreigners. In the words of a Brookings Institute report of 1930, ". . . the Mexicans feel that they are setting up a defense not merely against internal dominance by the outside investor, but that they are at the same time setting up a defense against their ultimate extinction as a nation."

Motivated by this policy, the Mexicans have clung tenaciously to legislation in regard to property rights which makes foreign holdings "relative" property rather than "absolute." This has precipitated many a diplomatic roundelay of notes, climaxing in this latest crisis.

Action instigated by United States and Great Britain indicate that the greater powers are going to do everything in their power, to quell forcefully, but quietly, this revolt against economic imperialism. The U. S. has calmly sent the price of silver (Mexico is the largest producer of the metal) skidding. Furthermore they have cancelled orders for 5,000,000 ounces of silver per month from the Latin country.

Other retaliation is the closing down of foreign buying of Mexican oil. In spite of reduction of almost 75 per cent in production, the existing

storage spaces are all but filled. As one observer opined, Mexico is apt to be "drowned in oil" she could not sell.

Result of these measures can be but one thing—economic disorganization of Mexico, with accompanying problems, unemployment, falling standards, decrease in production. At present Cardenas seems able to cope with difficulties. The people are strong behind him, according to reports of demonstrations, parades, and general popular approval of the expropriation.

Whether Cardenas can continue in popularity in the face of increasing or continuing foreign economic pressure is another matter. It might be noted in passing that Mexicans are also plagued with a fascist movement—the golden shirts—who might profit exceedingly by the continuation of this situation.

The conditions existing today in Mexico show us for one thing, that imperialism, at least of the economic stamp, is not dead. Mexico has just when it is recalled that up to 1930 one fifth of her private lands were held by foreigners, and that one half of these were held by the United States.

Despite all indications of good neighbor policies from U. S. and others, Mexico cannot be criticized for a suspicious attitude toward foreigners. She has been once chastized militarily by "neighbor Uncle Sam." And relationships with other foreigners since then have not sweetened her disposition.

But economic forces are rather imponderable. In the United States at least, the possibility of a great body of public opinion arising with a cry for justice is remote. Nor in far off England are harassed Britishers apt to look kindly at the plight of lonely Mexico.

The possibility of an interested opinion from outside the pale of the Anglo-American economic bloc in the form of fascist Germany or Japan are also probably remote, but the block might think twice.

# From where I SIT

By CLARE IGOE

Well, kiddies, spring term is here again! Spring term—with snow and sleet, that is, we mean romance, flowers and soft, warm evenings. Spring—when lads and lassies buffet rain and hail to wander happily hand in hand on the campus' rain-sodden pathways. Spring—when gals spend their hard-earned substance on a frilly new wardrobe, and have to wear their winter snowshoes and ear muffs instead.

Ah, happy season! Happy indeed for ducks and marine life. Happy for those who haven't any new spring clothes anyway and are plenty comfortable in their old raincoats. And happy for those wretched souls who never cut classes in the afternoon to go bicycling or riding or lying in the sun. Happy, happy season!

Well, shucks, we can't complain. After all, we've waited two terms for this. And it is the spring!

Quick, Watson, our fur coat!

The recent visit of Maestro Jack Winston and his orchestra to the campus caused quite a bit of trouble to the boys of Phi Sigma Kappa, it is told. It seems that the Phi Sigs, hosts of some of the members of the orchestra, invited the Theta Chis, who entertained the rest of the band, over the other night for a small, private jam session which Winston's boys planned to present.

The Theta Chis, naughty boys, called up several of the other houses, cordially invited them to a big jam session of Winston's band to be held that night at the Phi Sig house. Imagine the confusion of the Phi Sigs, all set for a cozy evening, when swarms of people rang the doorbell, announced they had come to enjoy the jam session!

With true southern hospitality, the boys invited the mob in, found chairs and floors and things for them to sit on, and carried the thing off with the greatest of sang froid. As it turned out, however, some of the men in the orchestra were a bit indisposed, and the session sort of petered out. There was some confusion, too, about the piano player.

For no good reason that we can see, Wayne Harbert informs us we should put in this column that Rhoda Armstrong went out Sunday with the Maestro himself. Well, we don't know—but there it is, for whatever it's worth. Anyway, she did.

Secret Operative No. 7 reports the following incident:

Two girls were walking down the street, chatting in the way girls are wont to do, and in the course of the conversation, they took a crack at Columnist Pollock for mentioning the "red" chairs in the library, instead of calling the chairs "pink" which they felt was only right.

The conversation degenerated from there to a discussion of the failings of Emerald columnists, and ended with the scathing remark: "Every one of them is trying to be a Water Winchell!"

We'll bet they'll be surprised when they read this!

## In the Mail

### A DARK SECRET

To the Editor:

Every day I seem to find someone else who has never heard of the Phi Sherman Bennett prize essay contest!

Our faculty subcommittee on awards has been doing its darndest to get before the students this chance to win a first prize of \$25 and second prize of \$15 for writing an essay. When the story was turned over to the Emerald a month or so ago, I wove happy visions of an eight-column banner and two-column run-down on page 1. I finally found it under a modest

heading on page 3. No one else appears to have seen it.

Subsequent efforts to crash your valued columns have resulted in what Bob Pollock calls "no soap."

Faculty members have been asked, through the faculty bulletin, to ballyhoo this great contest or, at least, to announce it to their classes. Still the students continue unaware of their opportunity—which for many of them would be a better chance at cold cash than even one of those radio auditions.

I hope that this will not be regarded as just another effort

to grab some space in your bulging columns, but could I try to remind the students that the best 5,000-word essay on "An Armament Policy for the United States" will bring its author \$25, and the second-best \$15? Copy is to be in the hands of the undersigned on or before May 1. Are the undergraduates going to let this money lie at 5 per cent in the University vaults for less affluent student generations? The subject is "live." Can't we have some competition?

George Turnbull.

### Full Life and Full Dinner Pail

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necessarily sacrificing his cultural preparation. The University would complete its responsibility; and the businessman would get a trained employee more nearly qualified to meet his requirements.

A University education will never be, and shouldn't be, a guarantee of a high-paying, white-collar job. The University should miss

no opportunity, however, to aid the student in equipping himself for attaining the best possible life after graduation. The fuller life is only possible when the stomach is at least comfortably full; and in the past employment has been considered the best means of sustaining that condition. To help the student in preparing for the fulfillment of both, the University should extend its every effort.

—L. T.

### 'Peace and War' Is Topic of Discussion

Three Oregon students were members of the discussion group of the McCall's magazine forum on "War and Peace" at the Waverly Country club in Portland yesterday.

The students attending were: Jack Enders, student head of the ROTC; Bob Recken, junior in law; and Bill Scott, junior in journalism. The group of 26 was selected in an attempt to get a cross section of young people's opinion on the subject for an article in the June issue of the magazine.

Jay Allen, former University

student and war correspondent in Spain, was leader of the group. Otis Weise, editor of the magazine, also was in Portland for the conference.

### Dr. Comish Articles In March Magazine

The March issue of the Oregon Merchant's Magazine carries an article by Dr. N. H. Comish, professor of business administration on "How Vendors Aid Oregon Retailers in Their Special Sales."

This is the second of a series of articles written by Dr. Comish, with the aid of his research students, Donald Farr, Astor Lobaek, Alvin Overgard, and Charles H. Sandifur.

### PE School to Send Representatives to District Health Meet

Six representatives of the Oregon school of Physical Education will leave the latter part of this week to attend the Northwest District meeting of the American Health and Physical Education association in Spokane on April 4, 5, and 6.

Those members of the PE staff who will represent the University of Oregon at the meeting will be: Russ Cutler and E. R. Knollin of the men's activities and Misses Florence Alden, Janet Woodruff, Pirkko Paasikivi and Warrine Eastburn of the women's department.

### Oregana Finished, Harbert Announces

All work on the 1938 Oregana was finished at the end of spring vacation as scheduled, Editor Harbert announced today. There is no work left but occasional checking of proofs and final indexing. This name index is a new feature in recent Oreganas and is being compiled by Laurita Christofferson. The names of all students mentioned or pictured in the book will be listed in the back of the book with numbers after them.

The entire book will be at the bindery in Portland by April 15. One hundred fifty-two pages are being lithographed in Portland and 200 more are being letter pressed in Eugene—a total of 352 pages—biggest ever.

The books will be ready for distribution on May 7, Saturday of Junior Weekend, as Harbert promised last fall. Students wanting books now can be promised nothing better than a place on the waiting list. More than 2000 of the 2150 copies that are being printed have been sold, the rest will go to advertisers and the staff members.

### Honor Course Error In Bulletin Corrected

It was inadvertently stated in the faculty bulletin for March 19 that the new faculty legislation restricting registration in reading and conference courses would take effect at fall term. The restriction, which will go into effect at the beginning of the 1938 summer session, provides that only students eligible to work for honors may enroll in 305 and 405 reading and conference courses.

### 'Man of Hour' And 'Tick, Tock' To Be Chosen

The latest in campus elective honors will be "Man of the Hour" who will be chosen at the YWCA's "Time Trip," Friday, April 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Runners-up in the contest for Oregana's outstanding man will be "Tick" and "Tock," minute men of the campus.

Taking the place of the YW's usual "Heart Hop," the annual afternoon dance will be held at the Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, and Kappa Kappa Gamma houses. A boy-date affair, each twenty-five cent ticket will be good for each couple's vote.

Coronation of the Man of the Hour and his minute men will be held at the Alpha Chi Omega house at 4:15. Voting will be from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

### 2 Journalists Have Perfect Scores on Monthly Time Quiz

Roger Sheppard, sophomore in journalism, and Charles Green, freshman in journalism, made perfect scores in the monthly Time quiz on current events.

The editing class continued to lead with a class average of 21, followed by backgrounds of publishing with an 18.69 mark, in the test which is given to all Tuesday classes in the journalism school.

In third place was the reporting class with a 17.48 average. Following were the three elementary journalism sections; the 10 o'clock with 16.81; 9 o'clock, 15.39; and 8 o'clock with 14.4.