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Devilish Diplomacy

CHARLIE Chaplin, that occasional socio-funnyman of Hollywood whose comic antics and outboard feet were once screamingly ha-ha, has reached new and unparalleled heights of popularity because his mustache was copied by Herr Hitler, the Nazi bogey-man. In keeping with Charlie's amazing box-office value, the powers-that-be in Hollywood have decided he will make another funny picture—to lampoon the Reichfuhrer.

Our first impulse is to clap hands and shout huzzas to the movie masters for their genuine and candid contribution to give American people something to laugh about. But we note with some misgivings that Hollywood's publicity purveyors add a cryptic verse: "The picture, as yet unnamed, follows production of 'Confessions of a Nazi Spy'..."

WE acquire a particularly rancid taste when trying to justify Germany's tolerance of Herr Hitler's tactics to achieve his aims, and, aided and abetted by continual perusal of anti-Nazi articles, some emanating from reliable sources, others not, we have probably as much prejudice as is good for any ordinary human being, viz., Hitler is a cad and a bounder and ought to have his Teutonic ears boxed.

But our bad taste is only made worse when we perceive one of America's educational institutions, the movies, eating pickles and poison and saying boo! There is certainly much need for improvement in the type of motion pictures stuffed down the throats of people nowadays, but out of fairness, we concede that some great and masterful (i.e., educationally valuable) pictures have been made in the last few years. We applaud and hope for more of that type.

As for Charlie's forthcoming picture we already anticipate many laughs, and we will probably be rolling in the aisles with the rest of the victims, but alas, at what a price! As if propaganda wasn't already subtly interspersed enough in our daily reading... as if diplomats at Washington weren't having a difficult time enough now trying to keep our fingers (and our bayonets) crossed... as if public opinion already wasn't sour enough against countless millions of good German people... no, we have to take more of hate-breeding propaganda with our cinemas—and pay to see it!

IT is just such apparently innocent jests as Hollywood imposes in condemning foreign governments that helps propagandize wars, or at least inflames converted nationals of home governments to treasonable and inhuman acts in times of crises. The ill-feeling that results from needless war-baiting is a wound hard to heal; witness the intolerably cruel acts against Germans in this country during the last debacle. We hold no torch for Herr Hitler, but why should organizations such as the cinema industry aggravate a situation that already is hopelessly burned over with rising hate and prejudice?

Hollywood might well take care of its own problems, and leave diplomacy to Washington.

As for lampooning Hitler, he's funny enough now.—V.G.

The Calliope!!!!

By BILL CUMMINGS
Complications appeared in the ASUO political camps yesterday as the medicine men began dancing their war dance in earnest to prepare for the first big ASUO political meeting of the year, held last night at the Chi Psi lodge.

There was little indication that definite blocs would be formed, due mainly to the fact that the meeting seemed to be a preliminary caucus

Side Show ...

By GORDON RIDGEWAY

If Neville Chamberlain should be a man of the hour, then it may likely be that today's prime question can be about this thing called "collective security." Collective security—it is a new form of Marxism, can it be a successful scheme for the democracies to stop or at least hinder the Rome-Berlin axis, or is it only a plot to precipitate Uncle Sam into another European argument?

Dismissing the first premise, we are interested no end in the second and third considerations. No matter how it has been known or spoken of before, this idea of security in numbers is certainly not one new to international politics. Britain and the continent employed such a plan successfully to defeat the schemes of Napoleon more than a century ago. It was used in the World war for two decades ago, and Woodrow Wilson planned to perpetuate this sort of safety through a League of Nations.

Wilson's hopeful truce had evidently bogged down when Italy was allowed to invade Ethiopia without more than casual protest from the rest of the world. We are inclined to attribute this failure to the simple selfishness of the democratic nations who would not put themselves out to the extent of enforcing the provisions made by the league. The dictators might have been easily thwarted at that time with measures short of war. Whether America was guilty of this same selfishness is a highly controversial question which we shall not attempt to answer, but there is an issue in that spot.

Since the time when Italy, Japan, and Germany struck the death-blows which resulted in the league's eclipse, the idea of collective security met steady decline in favor of appeasement. This decline evidently reached bottom about two weeks ago, and the necessity for united action is again being emphasized, this time under the direction of Downing street's famed "Umbrella Man."

The gist of Mr. Chamberlain's current argument is that the present is the time to stop the dictators because any delay will only tend to increase their strength. Why it is that Mr. C. didn't figure this out long ago, we cannot say. Over here it is known that F. D. Roosevelt believes in adopting "measures short of war" to stop Hitler, Mussolini, et al. In a way it does seem reasonable that it would be better to nip any of their plots now before they reach their full height.

There's only one hitch. Sure, Uncle Sam already saved democracy for the world, 'way back in '18. (Next: The so-called neutrality of alleged isolation.)

called chiefly to feel out the strength behind the Sigma Nu prospect, John Dick.

Hesitant to cast their lot before they know what the rest are going to do, politicians kept their plans pretty much to themselves. Only a few houses, notably the Fijis, came out with a definite statement that they would back John Dick. The Sigma Nu prospect was nominated by Lloyd Hoffman, Kappa Sig, who did so "because nobody else would take the lead." Most of the evening was spent in trying to organize the houses behind Dick, but Sigma Chi and Phi Delta representatives were shown a bad time by continual questions fired at them as to what Verdi Sederstrom and Scott Corbett planned to do.

Houses which met were Sigma Chi, Phi Delta, Beta, Kappa Sig, Sigma Nu, ATO, and Chi Psi. The fusion of these houses into a bloc runs against the grain of former years and will be a hard task to perform.

Political promises have already started to gum up the works, however, and the first cause for argument seems to be the aspirations of two different factions for the office of senior class president. Dorm politicians indicate they will throw their way, have indicated that they will throw their 200-odd votes toward the bloc which can promise them the senior class presidency. Their candidate will most likely be Boyd Brown. So far, they have not demanded a position on the executive committee.

On the other hand, it is known that Sammy Burt Barr has aspirations himself for the senior class presidency, a fact which will directly affect the way the Sigma Alpha Mu votes fall. One bloc cannot satisfy both these groups by promising the senior prexy job; hence, complications.

An opposing bloc was partially formed Tuesday night by Dick Williams, SPE, who talked over plans with a few organizations meeting at the Delta Upsilon house, Prospects for ASUO prexy on this side of the fence, if any, were kept dark, but groundwork for a DU bloc was laid.

This faction has already contacted the dorms, but the hall boys are keeping an open mind until they hear offers from the other side. Gordon Ridgeway, incidentally, is no longer at the controls of dorm politics, as he has forsaken the political stump for studies. John Biggs, Sherry Ross, and Joe Frizzell, Alpha, are the co-leaders of the dormitory bloc and are likely to gain a united political front. The 200-odd votes they represent will be an important factor in the student body campaign.

Freshman politicians got off to a flying start last night at a meeting at the Kappa Sig house, forming a partial ticket and talking promises which may or may not hold the embryo bloc together.

Jack Lansing, Kappa Sig host for the meeting, was chosen as the candidate for sophomore class president, and Cullen Murphy, Chi Psi, was placed on the ticket as a candidate for treasurer.

Houses present were Phi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Beta, Phi Delta, Chi Psi, Kappa Sig, Sammy, and ATO. The vote to support Lansing was close, in fact, almost too close to be comfortable.

Representatives of all the girls' living organizations will be asked to attend a meeting of the freshman politicians next Thursday night at the College Side, when an attempt will be made to explain the setup to the girls and gain their votes. The most stubborn coeds, and the one representing the most class cards, will be coaxed into joining the alliance by offers of the vice-presidency and the office of secretary.

In the Mail

To the Editor:

Re: Howard Kessler's article in the Oregon Daily Emerald, Wednesday, April 12, 1939.

Not only to the alert mind of the Oregon student, but also to the casual reader, Howard Kessler's authoritative (?) observations must, at least, have aroused grave doubts as to their validity as a statistical analysis of so vague a subject as the Jewish problem. In his subtle method of presenting his facts, Mr. Kessler has cleverly been able to imply the erroneous conclusion that the great majority (if not all) of our 130 million Americans don't give a hoot if Herr Hitler does kill off every Jew, not only in his, but in other countries as well!

Further, our naive Mr. Kessler does not hesitate to uphold the superiority of his cash-and-carry "tow-bit" poll over the opinions of Dr. Hendrick Van Loon (whom even Mr. Kessler is compelled to concedingly acknowledge as "an outstanding humanitarian and scholar")—

If Mr. Kessler's article is not an attempt at reportorial sensationalism, it undoubtedly attaches a multitude of unfair stigma to our American populace. Our rambling reporter has found (he implies condoning) intolerance, race hatred, and narrow-mindedness implanted in the characters of his fellow-countrymen.

I for one (and I am sure I do not stand alone) can find no favor with his misleading distortion. I would like to remind Mr. Kessler of the basis upon which this great and glorious country was founded. Our country was born out of the chaos of revolution and was strongly founded upon a foundation of freedom. The heart of our constitution is freedom! Race, creed, color, and religious belief have been removed as elements of differences. "Equality," shouted our forefathers, and the trend of our constitutional amendments stand as a symbol that we have not forgotten the cause for which they fought.

By what right, then, can Howard Kessler uphold the people of the U. S. for the intolerant mass of nit-wits which they are not? His words are an insult not only to the intelligence of every open-minded, clean-thinking Oregon student but to every person in these United States whose every thought and action depends upon the unreserved maintenance of good American justice—not to concentration camp subjection.

Murray Klapper.

IMPLICATIONS

To the Editor:

Howard Kessler's article this morning observing the "amazing opinion" on the Jewish problem will no doubt bring a hail of criticism, both on his article and also on the editorial policy of the newspaper. Although I myself am doubtful if such vitriolic attacks will be justified, it is true that the article does create an erroneous impression of the situation as a whole.

The article intimates that the mass of the American people resent the presence of their Jewish neighbors. I doubt this, and I doubt it very much.

First of all, the self-styled poll was taken mostly in the South, where racial prejudice of all kinds is predominant. Secondly, although Mr. Kessler is no doubt a conscientious poli-

Pownder Wins in Advertising Contest

Word has been received by Mr. W. F. G. Thacher of the winners of the advertising problem on Tea Garden Products sent in to Botsford, Constantine & Gardner, the advertising company who recently conducted a contest for Oregon students.

Glenn Pownder, junior in journalism, has been awarded the first prize of \$15. Second award goes to Betty Wagner, senior; and third award of \$5, to June Dick, sophomore. Keith Osborne and Dale Mallicoat received honorable mention.

The judging of the advertising problem was handled by four members of the organization.

Miss Gorham will be in the social room of Gerlinger this afternoon and tomorrow to interview Oregon girls desiring Campfire positions.

Musicians Confer



Rex Underwood and Igor Gorin... director of the University of Oregon symphony orchestra, and star concert baritone, confer over the score of their recent concert given in McArthur court.

W.A. Dahlberg Joins Willakenzie Grange

W. A. Dahlberg, member of the speech faculty, recently joined the Willakenzie grange which is located a few miles northeast of Eugene.

He believes that people today are breaking the shell and taking a greater interest in rural living.

There are several members of the University faculty who belong to granges.

The thing that surprised Mr. Dahlberg was that a large number of the members were not farmers but people who live a little way outside of the city limits and hold a job in town.

"Their social life is caught up in grange and rural activity," he said. He believes that the revived inter-

est in this sort of thing has been helped by the improved conditions of transportation and communication.

"For my own reason," he went on, "I wanted to join not only for that, but so I might know more of the rural state of mind to more intelligently promote grange interest for symposium work. You see, we send speakers to about 20 or 25 granges a year."

Mr. Dahlberg found three of his former students in attendance at the Willakenzie grange as members.

Archery, Tennis

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As Fortmiller will not defend his title, the race will be evenly contested with several top-notch golfers entering.

Only five participants signed up for archery this spring. The reason for the lack of interest in this sport

Landscape Majors To Take Field Trip

Group to Travel To Spokane, Wash.; Will Return May 4

About thirty majors in landscape architecture from the University and Oregon State will leave the campus April 27 for their annual field trip.

F. A. Cuthbert, associate professor of landscape architecture at the University, will be in charge of the trip, while Dorr Legg, professor of landscape architecture at the state college, will also accompany the students.

Purpose of the outing is to study private estates, parks, and city planning. The group will travel by both train and bus, and will return May 4.

Spokane has been chosen as this year's destination because it has the best park system in the Pacific northwest. Professor Cuthbert said. Last year the landscape architects went to San Francisco, while the year before they visited Seattle.

The outing, according to Professor Cuthbert, will be divided: the first three days all the students will take part; after leaving Portland, only upper division students will participate. About half of the group are lower division students.

Thursday, April 27, they will visit gardens and the new capitol grounds layout in Salem; the following two days will be spent in Portland, studying private property and parks.

Sunday morning, the remaining fifteen will leave for Bonneville where they will see the model village and be the guests of the forest service in a visit to the Eagle creek recreation area.

Another government village will be studied Tuesday after a bus trip to Grand Coulee. The rest of the time is to be spent seeing private places and parks in Spokane. Thursday noon the wandering landscapists will return.

is probably due to the comparative newness of the sport on the campus.

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