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## Reorganization in Rally...Again

IT is becoming almost an annual, or at least bi-annual, thing to reorganize the rally committee. This reorganization, we might add, usually has been to no avail—the heavy train and inefficiencies have continued to spoil even the good work done by the various committees.

This year another attempt will be made at reorganization. Again the rally setup will be under fire with a special committee of three appointed by Prexy Payne attempting to make sense out of nonsense and outline a program which will prove of value to the student body.

The committee will have two courses of action. The first will be to recommend abolition of the rally group and the second, if the first is unacceptable, will be to recommend a change in the setup so that an efficient rally setup will be established.

The first proposal will undoubtedly meet with considerable campus appeal. For years there have been cries of "do away with the rally committee," "down with the rally committee," etc. Indeed it seems as if the rally group has been the scapegoat for everything which failed to function properly at assemblies, rally dances, and parades.

There is a place for a good rally squad, however, their work in organizing pep assemblies, etc., is needed. Some committees, particularly the one this year, have been very active and deserve much credit for the work they have done. Therefore, any attempt to do away with the committee entirely is to be avoided if possible.

IF the committee decides to follow the second course some very important changes in the present rally setup must be made. A few of these suggested changes are:

1. Setting up an accurate budget with all expense items listed and providing for authorization by the student executive committee in case any shifting of funds from one part of the budget to another is made.
2. Setting up separate budgets for the yell and rally squads instead of a joint budget as at present.
3. Provisions that the expenditures of both rally and yell squad must be accounted for in the form of receipts and a complete financial report be published in the Emerald at the end of each term.
4. A new system of appointments, preferably by the outgoing executive committee, to eliminate the opportunities of political appointments.
5. Closer supervision of the committee by the executive committee of the ASUO.
6. Several changes in the activities of the committee.

IF a sound, workable program, based upon the above reforms can be worked out and presented to the executive committee the rally setup may be greatly improved. At least the causes for a faculty ruling abolishing the committee entirely will be eliminated.

## Pills, Fud lings, and Peace

SEVERAL weeks ago we thought of withholding the meaningless "Merry Christmases" written on two-for-a-nickel cards until December 25th had gone out with the 1940 calendar. After that brief season, we thought minds might be a bit clearer after stuffed turkeys, spiced wines, rich plum puddings—the problems of girth control—had been reduced to mere memories of recent stomach ailments by pills and effervescent acid neutralizing agents. We also thought our acquaintances might be less busy after toy canons, gaudy ties, bargain-counter stockings—the problems of Yuletide reciprocity—had been hidden under the pyramid of pretty but mistreated tinsel and tissue so recently wrapped around these gifts.

Then, when normal life had caught up with the artificialities of this gift-giving season, we thought our friends might want to know something about this yearly spree. They might have forgotten in this hate-filled twentieth century it had a history, hinting back twenty centuries to the birth of a Bethlehem Babe who made the first syllable of Christmas, which is Christ, mean more to millions than X—the unknown quantity—the first syllable of Xmas. We thought that sayings such as "Peace on earth, good will to men" and the seasonal strains of "Adeste Fidelis" might contain meanings that couldn't be ballooned up in our selfish minds for 364 days and suddenly punctured by the prick of conscience on the eve of December 25th to blow but two cycles of the hour hand.

Then we remembered similar advice had been soap-box orated ever since ministers and philosophers had begun "gazing at the heavens." We read Van Loon's sentence in his "Story of Mankind": "For history is like life. The more things change, the more they remain the same." But claimed by neurosis from fidgety living and in the haste to hear late newscasts and read current front pages of "wars and rumors of wars" we scribbled "Merry Christmas," signed our names, addressed the envelopes, and shoved the whole blooming stack into the over-worked jaws of the corner mailbox.—R.N.V.

Weekend note: A good time was had by all... but the neighbors.

## The One Casualty

REGISTRATION is over and the University is settling down to the routine of classes, studying, and social events. Many familiar faces that we have grown used to seeing about the campus are gone. Students drop out for one reason or another. But one former Oregon student is gone forever. Edwood Swane has taken his last final.

On the records, Swane will be listed as the only casualty resulting from the recent flu epidemic. Swane, a graduate student in education, left for home at the end of exam week last month after having been in bed with the flu for a couple of days. Influenza became pneumonia and the next day, December 22, Swane died at his home in Campbell, California.

It is always with a pang of regret that we hear of these things even when we don't know the person involved. He was an Oregon student and, in a sense, necessarily a friend though not an acquaintance. We are deeply grieved that such a thing should occur.

THUS it is, that we were shocked when stories came to us stating that infirmity doctors had released the youth, told him to go home, said he was all right. Then caution began to assert itself. Rumors usually have few facts to support them and investigation showed that these stories were no exceptions.

Infirmity doctors might have made some mistake during the epidemic. Perhaps they made grievous mistakes. We do not know. But, it would seem, that in the case of Edwood Swane they could not be held responsible.

The facts, so far as they are known at present, are as follows. Swane became ill with the flu on December 19. His landlady (he lived in a private residence) called the infirmity and asked them to move him out so the others in the house would not be exposed to the influenza.

A doctor called on Swane and found that he was, indeed, to all appearances ill with the flu. He had a temperature slightly above normal. He was not taken to the infirmity. The infirmity already was crammed to capacity. Swane was told, instead, to go to bed and if he did not get better to call the infirmity again and have a doctor come down to see him. This, it was reported, he did not do. He went to bed but did not stay there, getting up and going out for his meals.

TWO days later, without seeing the infirmity doctors he left for California. A casual remark which he made to a friend caused all the rumors. His friend had objected to his going home because he appeared quite sick. Swane replied that the doctors had told him he was all right.

It is unusually easy to trace the growth of the rumors from that start. Ordinarily it is much more difficult to find the basis for such stories. If these are the facts of the case, as they seem to be, the infirmity doctors can hardly be held responsible when their advice was not followed.—H.O.

## International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Yesterday was a big day all around.

Bardia, town in Italian Libya near the Egyptian border, was in the hands of the British. It fell Sunday under the assault of Australian shock troops who, an Associated Press reporter wrote, charged into Italian fire singing "We're Off to See the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz!"

There have been a lot of screwy battle cries which exhilarated men have shouted as they ran up to the cannon's mouth, but that one takes the cake as far as I'm concerned. Maybe it has some mystical significance, such as a hunch that if they get killed they will meet the Wizard of Oz somewhere below where good soldiers go. But I doubt it and am more inclined to think the words are incidental and just happened to go with some tune which expressed the way the boys from down under felt at the moment.

Australian losses were reported "surprisingly low," less than 500 men, while Italian casualties were estimated at 15,000, plus 30,000 prisoners.

### Bulgaria Next

The United Press carried a copyright story to the effect that Bulgaria, a Balkan nation of six million people about the size of Kentucky, has acquiesced to a Nazi ultimatum and that within a few days German troops will march in.

This means, if events prove that United Press informants are correct, that the Nazis will be in position to make a drive in two directions: 1. into Greece, taking the pressure off its axis partner, Italy; or 2. into Turkey, toward the Dardanelles, threatening the British life line at the Suez canal.

### Russia May Object

Russia may have objections to this second step since a Nazi controlled Dardanelles would block the Soviets from the Mediterranean sea. But Russia was silent last night and there were Balkan rumors of a Nazi-Communist "deal" which would give Russia some more of Rumania in return for silent consent.

So much for events abroad. At home, in Washington, the 77th congress met in joint session.

sion, counted the electoral votes, and declared Franklin Delano Roosevelt elected president with 449 to 82 for Willkie. Roosevelt will be inaugurated for the third time on January 20.

Then Roosevelt took the rostrum to report on the state of the union and foretold a physical attack on the United States "if the dictator nations win this war." He rejected the theory of U. S. isolation from international affairs and asked congress to vote billions in war assistance to the democracies which are fighting the "new order of tyranny" of the axis powers.

### Four Freedoms

At the same time that he called for a "swift and driving increase" in armament production, Roosevelt spoke of "four essential human freedoms" which are to be attained through disarmament. These freedoms, the basis of a new moral order, are freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and "freedom from fear, which, translated into world terms, means, a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world."

Roosevelt said a lot more but if you missed it—I was taking part in a discussion of primitive man as an artist at 11 a.m. when he spoke—you'll have a chance to read the text, and I think it would be more interesting right now to hear some of the reactions.

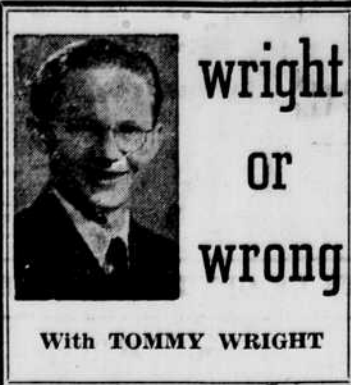
Said editorially the Chicago Daily Tribune: "The President revealed himself... to be in an excited frame of mind. The text, filled as it is with alarms, hasty generalizations, contradictions, and threats to Europeans and Americans alike, is not the work of a man facing a situation dispassionately..."

### Wheeler Objects

Said Senator Burton K. Wheeler: "This speech was directly contrary to the advice given by Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, and Lincoln. To call attention to this, however, probably is sufficient to brand one as a fifth columnist."

Said the Chicago Journal of Commerce: "Most anyway you look at it... the speech... marked the end of our alleged neutrality."

Said the Dallas Morning News: "The President has indisputably declared war on the



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With TOMMY WRIGHT

The rains that came last fall are still here, so mud is at no premium, but maybe we can glean a few morsels from the passing parade.

### CAMPUS WHISPERS...

Eddie Yturri, Alpha Chi Delta and glamorous, didn't like Bob Flavelle's Duck Tracks dig at Vic Townsend; Vic has an Igloo rendezvous with the Neilson family, then plants his pin on Eddie the same evening. You make the connections to suit your own taste... Buck "the chubby duck" Buchwach gains distinction by taking a course with 47 girls—if Fehler could only see him now... Bill Porter, prexy of the Phi Sigs, was seen in Spokane with a strange girl—the place a hockey game... Bob Whitely, ATO and enough said, plays Santa Claus with a sweetheart pin delivered to Kit Ritter, former UO Pifi.

Bette Christensen, Oregon's new yell queen, makes a pass at "Porky" Andrews, while leading one of those sweeping chants... "Little Abner" Wilson, Sigma Nu—Mary Jane Shaw, Gammaphi, and Milo Daniels, Gammaphi with Al Hunt getting lost on the McKenzie highway and leaving a note (with names signed; in the car) Have left the car to walk to the Sisters (twenty miles away). We all WERE students of the U. of O.—The blizzard they ran into must pack a lot of 3.2 punch... Kim McKim gets his ATO pin back from Gammaphi pledge Ann Hawkins.

### DEFINITELY OFF

THE DATE LIST... Alpha Chi Omega Lavene McCollum and Fred Konschot of the Sig Ep rabble make plans for a February honeymoon... "third finger, left hand"; a nice sparkler, and Frantzel Corman get together—compliments of Austin "Suds" Chaney... Dorothy Pythila, of Hendricks eliminates Bob Chessman, Beta grad, from the active list, by announcing their marital plans... Margaret Barrett and Amos Jahn announce their coming marriage at a pre-Christmas party (a note signed by a pair of loyalists, not Nazis, broke down and gave us this Chi Omega tidbit... The Hunter Van Sickdens are looking for appliances in the baby department these days.

### OVERHEARD...

Betty Gregg, of Hilyard house, saying: That any time she slept at Campbell co-op it would be on the third floor, because Keith Claycomb makes too much noise on the second. Dr. Smith in a geology lecture saying: "There are places in the world where you could buy a wife for a pound of salt." That isn't the only place women are cheap, however.

### NICE...

Beverly Hills' gift to Hendrick hall, Dorothy Walthers—Moving pictures aren't apparently the only good things coming from that section of the earth.

### CRIME NEWS...

Our secret agents inform us that some of the sororities may resort to stuffing the nickel boxes to win the "hop" prize, and keep house prestige—what Oregon needs is a trust buster.

### CONCLUSION...

This column has more engagements than a booking agent and if we haven't satisfied your immortal curiosity, we are truly sorry... so long for a while.

totalitarian powers...

Said a member of the speech department (heard second hand): "Roosevelt's oration compares with that of Demosthenes against Philip of Macedonia. All you have to do is substitute for Thebes and the Macedonians and Athens the Low Countries and the Nazis and the United States."

Said Ridgely Cummings: "I'm still an isolationist as far as this war is concerned, although I agree with the President that we need international cooperation to insure 'freedom from want.' I think Roosevelt has a Messianic complex and is repeating the mistakes of 1917."

Gravel-voiced Andy Devine, Hollywood comedian, was once a football player at the University of Santa Clara.

South Dakota State university recently dedicated a \$76,500 addition to its Carnegie library.

## so be it..

By BILL FENDALL

like toothpaste from out of the tube, slick, lengthy and crooked, came the charge last week by CORVALLIS' columnist editor, CLAUDE E. INGALLS, that NAZIS are crooking the come-on finger at "special students at the university" to attend NUTZI meetings...

It's a photo-finish with six-bit cameras as to which CLAUDE dislikes best... HITLER, ROOSEVELT, or the UNIVERSITY OF OREGON... he burns like a sawmill sawdust pile at the mention of anyone of the three—and he mentions them plenty... some editors are as changeable as a woman with a room full of furniture... but not CLAUDE... he columnsments on ROOSEVELT, is it "COUNCIL FERRINS," CLAUDE?, and others with politics as the dessert course of his column...

but, C. E., let me direct your easily directed attention to some talks on NAZIISM that we have found here... there was VOJTA BENES, brother of the CZECH prexy... DR. F. MUNK came down and told us quite a bit about NAZIISM... then this what-is-name, the former president of the LEAGUE OF NATIONS, C. G. HAMBRO, slyly brought the subject up... he even had pictures of the "efforts" and "changes" GERMAN Y has made in the invaded countries... he showed these to us, CLAUDE, and we couldn't help form an opinion of those who wrought that change... yes, CLAUDE, a definite opinion...

so you see, we have been to what might be called NAZI meetings... for that was the main subject of this triad of EUROPEAN speakers... uh, huh, CLAUDE, ole boy, this time you seem to have let your imagination run loose with your information... mmmm, why did I say "this time"?...

there is a senior on the campus with a line as full as a MONDAY washline who didn't speak to an eastern-OREGON coed for three years... although he certainly had the chance put in his way... the other day he found out that her father owns an inland empire of grain fields and is worth pulenty... now he is satisfied she is the only one in the world for him—and he her... and tells her so every night...

oh be she went or am she gone? oh! have she left poor I alone? oh cruel fate how thus unkind to take she fore and leave I 'hind oh—can it was?...

campus quips... the soldier band from FORT ORD CALI-

## The BAND BOX

By BILL MOXLEY

Musicians' magazine Down Beat has just completed its yearly poll of opinion on the best musicians and the bands they play for. From this poll Down Beat has assembled the All-American dream band. Leaders are omitted. Here they are:

Ziggy Elman, trumpet. Muggsy Spanier, trumpet. Cootie Williams, trumpet. Johnny Hodges, alto. Eddie Miller, tenor. "Tex" Beneke, tenor. Ray Bauduc, drums. Bob Haggart, bass. Charlie Christian, guitar. Jess Stacy, piano. "Fazola," clarinet. Jack Jenney, trombone. Jay Higginbotham, trombone. It so happens that Bob Crosby has five musicians playing in this dream band. His nearest contender is Benny Goodman who has two men represented. Muggsy Spanier, Eddie Miller, Ray Bauduc, Bob Haggart, and Jess Stacy are all in the Crosby band which will play here the 17th.

### Still Fending

ASCAP and BMI are still at dagger points, according to the latest news. It seems a bit odd to hear your favorite big name band sign off the air with some strange tune you've never heard

FORNIA PLAYING "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT" over the network airways Sunday!... dates were conscripted via capsules in the fish bowl by girls at the UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA MORTAR BOARD ball... those exempted were conscientious objectors, those with a wife as a dependent and those under 16 and over 43... ANDY VINCENT, drawing prof, who has a lot of face to wash every morning, but little hair to comb... if today is Tuesday then this must be my reporting class... so be it... them play before. Many a fam-

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ous theme song has gone on the altar as a sacrifice to the \$250 fine which will be levied at anybody playing an ASCAP tune over the networks.

For a while Bing Crosby was said to have threatened to go off the air unless he was allowed to sing ASCAP tunes, but he changed his mind later.

### FCC Steps in

The government has added to the general confusion by deciding to sue both ASCAP and BMI because of the hardships their feud is causing to the public. So now it's a battle royal. In the meantime every dance band from morn until night plays the same eight tunes; they all start out with Jeannie "With the Dyed-Brown Hair" and end up with "Practice Makes Perfect."

Campus bandleader Ray Dickson is starting the year with an entirely new 11-piece band that is going to feature a boogie woogie-Jimmy Lunceford style of music. The band also boasts a new theme song for which the boys have high hopes. It was written by band members and is called "Blue Nocturne." Ray and the new outfit play their first engagement at the park this Saturday.

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