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Another New Plan

A SMALLER rally committee of twelve members will be recommended to the executive committee of the ASUO, the group drawing up plans for rally reform decided yesterday. If the new plan is accepted by the executive committee it will be a definite step towards eliminating some of the inefficiencies and cries of "politics" in the rally committee.

The new plan for rally would have the committee composed of three sophomore men and three sophomore women, two junior men and two junior women, and one senior man and one senior woman. The people would gravitate from sophomore positions to junior to senior, each time with the least efficient member being dropped. In other words one of the three sophomores, and only one, would ever get to the top position as senior man on the rally group.

IF SUCH a plan is followed by the ASUO executive committee only the appointment of the sophomores would still be left to uncertainty. With only a minor possibility of politics in the appointment of the two juniors or one senior, the sophomore positions would be the only ones left for presidential candidates to promise in their campaigns.

The rally reform group will also recommend that the duties of the rally committee be reorganized and that they not be required to appear in front of the stands. Instead they will sit with the students and organize this section for yelling, card stunts, etc. This, too, will be a step towards eliminating some of the criticism of past rally committees.

The members of the committee have always felt silly, rather useless, standing before the stands, clapping their hands or waving pom poms. The students haven't wanted them there, judging from the cries of "down in front," "down with the rally committee," etc. which have been heard at each game.

THAT cause of friction will be eliminated if the new plan goes into effect. It will surely be an improvement.

This attempt to reorganize the rally committee is not the first. Each year some change is made and each year the cry for more reform is heard. As a rule the suggested changes, most of them good, have been destroyed or made of no value, because of the inefficient practices, of failure to enforce the legislation on the part of the student executives. Such was the case a few years ago when Richard Williams brought in a complete new program upon the request of the ASUO executive committee.

His program was cut to shreds and finally stripped of all its real qualities by changes, amendments, etc. which the executive committee made.

Now, another attempt is being made. Perhaps it will meet with more success.

Is There a Common Ground?

WHEN a learned twentieth century scientist pours into his shining test tube two powerful, conflicting chemical elements . . . he knows enough to look for trouble. When two powerful and conflicting economic and political forces are set loose in the world . . . the economist knows enough to look for trouble, too.

Douglas P. Miller probably won't offer a panacea for the world's economic and political indigestion this morning when he speaks at the assembly, but campus-wide interest in the possibilities of reconciliation between the two great world economies now striving for supremacy will undoubtedly be amplified by the first-hand knowledge of an international relations expert who has been in the field of American-German commerce for two decades.

Dean Victor P. Morris of the school of business administration, who heard Mr. Miller speak earlier in California, expects that he "certainly won't be in favor of the United States going to war" . . . but that he will attempt to explain the possibilities of common ground for the two economic systems.

VIEWED from a perspective, the economic question is indeed a vital one. When war becomes a reality, the immediate pressure of nationalistic pride and protection hide one of the really fundamental points of difference between the two forms of government now fighting a life and death battle . . . their respective theories for the production, consumption, and distribution of wealth.

Two world economies, one built on the basis of the democratic institution of private initiative . . . the other on the planned economy of the fascist state, are fighting for supremacy. Only those close to both regimes, those relatively unprejudiced by the propagandist writings of either democracy or fascist organization, through first-hand association with both, can be expected to have a clear picture of the possibilities of reconciliation of the two commercial or economic policies in the modern, closely-knit world.

As trade commissioner and a United States representative in Berlin during both the pre-Hitler and post-Nazi period of expansion of the new Germany, Douglas Miller should be one of those few who can know the true grounds for harmony between the two forces whose swords are now so sharply drawn on the battleground of Europe.

Women and Current Affairs

THE WOMEN on the campus, at least those in the journalism department, are rather sadly behind the times, it seems.

In a Time magazine current affairs test given Tuesday to journalism students, the boys stood head and shoulders above their feminine competitors. Although journalism students should, by the very fact of their major subject, be better posted on news than many students, it seems safe to assume that such a ratio of test results between boys and girls might exist in any field.

Statistical evidence does not indicate that University males have higher intelligence quotients or psych ratings than have the women. But from the grades of six classes who took the current affairs test, it is shown that only three girls rated in the top five of any group. That is, there was never more than one girl in any one top five listing. The others were generally considerably further down the scale than the men.

WHY DOES this happen? Some of the men will take it upon themselves to feel self-righteous. They'll shrug it off with "of course men know more than women." Or they'll reason that women haven't the capacity to learn such facts.

Both assumptions are unjust. No one instinctively senses the complexities of current history, even men. Here a conscious effort is involved. And why should a woman with a higher intelligence rating allow a man to outdo her in knowing the news?

It is more logical to assume that these test results are but a manifestation of our way of life. From childhood up aren't boys taught to feel a greater responsibility to the world? Then consider the college girl. Almost without exception doesn't even the most ardent careerist manage to arrange her time so that she can be as feminine as her butterfly sisters?

THE DIFFERENCE is in expenditure of energy. The college girl must attend to such womanly businesses as hair fixing, manicuring, doing the weekly wash and pressing, being in on time, and absorbing living organization culture, as well as competing with the men academically. Keeping body and soul together is easier for the boys. They have a chance to direct their energies toward practical considerations of a practical world.

This is all right, too. How many kinds of life can a woman lead? —P. E.

Parade of Opinion

By Associated Collegiate Press

AS THE election sinks into the limbo of things historical, the Daily Princetonian comes through with the observation that "the nation's press has about as much influence over the electorate as an English nanny over a gang of dead-end kids." The campaign has been the springboard for a new flow of collegiate comment about the press, much of it complimentary.

The Princetonian believes that "the people no longer trust their newspapers because they sense that their newspapers are not delivering the straight news, but news adulterated and flavored with partisan bias. Unless this practice is stopped, people are going to start turning to their radios to get their news unadorned, and newspapers will be bought only for the radio programs, the comics and Winchell."

IT IS "a little saddening" to the Stanford University Daily "to look back over the campaign and evaluate the place of the Fourth Estate. When, forsaking all attempts to present unbiased news coverage and to confine editorialization to the correct column, a paper prostitutes itself before the public, it cannot fail to suffer in the final analysis. Today the vaunted 'power of the press' is seriously crippled, perhaps lost."

Hope that "the papers may have learned a lesson now, the one they should have learned when they won the war for Finland," is expressed by the Akron Buchtelite. The press, declares this publication, "led the attack on the man whom public opinion supported. Because this is a democracy, that criticism and attack was their prerogative. Their abuse of it may or may not have been justified, but they are still free to defend the country from anything they believe to threaten what we tritely but honestly call 'the American way.'"

The right of journalistic criticism finds further defense in the editorial columns of the Daily Reveille at Louisiana State university, which feels that "when the occasion demands, there must be criticism. If no bad news can be reported, then the readers must assume that all the news is good. Assentive journalism somehow is a foreign germ that inevitably becomes democracy's cancer."

RECENT attacks on the press by Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, are answered by the Amherst Student and the Cornell Daily Sun. The Student declares that "if the secretary's criticism was aimed at the editors simply because they expressed their own views and not those of the readers, his argument is hardly valid. For if the meaning of the term 'free press' were taken to be 'strictly representative' there would be in newspapers no consistent opinion or policy whatsoever. That party pressure was exerted on the press in the past campaign is a charge worthy of every consideration. But it is equally important to realize that a majority popular opinion should not necessarily determine most newspapers' ideas. If this were so out of necessity, the real free press would be gone."

"Mr. Ickes," says the Cornell Sun, "suggests a radical doctrine, that newspapers should be created, not by the opinions of the editors, but by the opinions of the readers. Mr. Ickes is wrong, because the public is not entitled to exert unusual pressure on newspapers, any more than it can tell any merchant what prices he shall charge. Every newspaper in the United States may be in favor of an unpopular cause, but that does not mean they are wrong."

The Passing Parade

Napoleon wasn't finished after the battle of Waterloo—and George Washington survived the winter at Valley Forge—but the question now is whether that luvver boy of the Sigma Nu house, Greg Decker, is going to get out of the hole he is hiding in at present. Gammafi Carolyn Collier, and alphafee Cynthia Cafield both go to the infirmary, and draw beds next to each other—it looks like they'll be there a long time . . . long enough to compare stories.

Apologies to Ann Hawkins—Doc Henry didn't either kiss off the Oregon girls for a WSC fem—the WSC number is purely a platonic friend—no foolin' Ann.

These sorority girls are OK—but take those two Suzie coeds Jane Webster and Pat McMahon—they'll stand up against any of them—Dean Vincent is ordinarily easily embarrassed, but you should have seen him Monday night when his Phi Delta brothers decided he should visit the jiff song practice—pj's and all—just for dowsing the light switch.

Bill Ault—Theta Chi from Stanford—seen all over the place with Alpha Chi's cute li'l job—Carolyn Holmes . . . Bob Calkins and Jean Horton together considerably—Beta Andy Jones and Kappadoll Mary Bentley . . . ATO's serenade Pi Phi Peggy Forney's first anniversary with Doug Hay . . . Another budding Pi Phi-ATO combination is Mary Jane Terry and Ed Storli.

If you saw a bunch of Oregon coeds hitch-hiking home from no place in particular yesterday, it was the Alpha O pledge class. Why don't the ADPis answer their phone before they hang it up—the guy or gal on the other end of the line feels snubbed otherwise.

DG Margaret Dake either has an insincere line or else she was taken overhwhelmingly by surprise by Bob Toon Saturday night—some one else was contemplating planting their joolery on her, then she blossoms out going steady with one Bob—leaving the other Bob aghast.

Bob Stafford drops school—but still hangs on to his OAC Alpha Gam—Jim Banks, Delt activity man, leaves school for a term, and Spence Wells—the pride of the Phi Sigs, comes back this term after staying out last fall.

The candidates for Joe College and Betty Coed are now narrowed down to five of each sex—their identity won't be known for quite a while—in fact probably until the dance—doncha wish you knew? No—you don't get to wear cords and sweaters at the deal—strictly informal . . . wonder who Havens is going with.

Edie Yturri is sure getting tired of being called the "down-fall of Oregon's basketball team."—Don't the rest of the players have girls—she wonders.

What's this the CPT boys are telling about Johnny Kahana-nui? Hear he was playing magician—and turned an airplane into a gravel pile. Also hear that Prof Caswell practically has to throw rocks at Steve Worth to keep him awake in class. Theta Chi's "Flying Five" never get to class any less than half an hour late—with the Delt's "Flying Four" close behind . . . Amy Thyn is the chief attraction of the flying course this term—I dunno if she's learning to fly—but she adds plenty of zip to the course—Goodbye—see you Wednesday morning.

Hunter college is offering a program of free public lectures on problems in economics and political science.

Vassar college is completing a topographical map of the world, covering a wall space 16 by 48 feet.

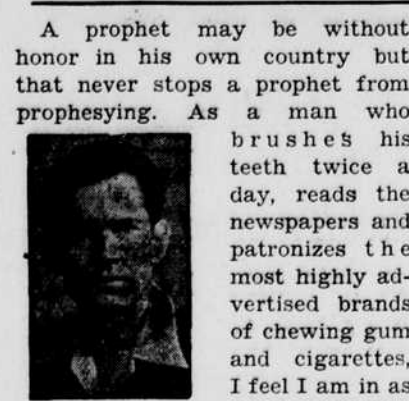
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Cummings

A prophet may be without honor in his own country but that never stops a prophet from prophesying. As a man who brushes his teeth twice a day, reads the newspapers and patronizes the most highly advertised brands of chewing gum and cigarettes, I feel I am in as good a position as most to make predictions on international events.

Today I have two to get off my chest.

1. Willkie will be the next American ambassador to Britain.

2. Roosevelt's dictatorship bill will be defeated in congress.

The first is purely a hunch and comes in the face of rumors from Washington that John Gilbert Winant, former governor of New Hampshire, has an inside track on the job.

Why Willkie?

The reason I think Willkie is likely to wear knee breeches in London is not that he has particularly esthetic calves, but because I am at a loss otherwise to explain his surprising endorsement lock, stock, and barrel of Roosevelt's foreign policy.

Yesterday Willkie was held up by bad weather on a little island in the mid-Atlantic, halfway between Bermuda and Lisbon, but if nothing happens to the Yankee Clipper he'll be in London in a day or so and if he makes a good impression on Churchill and the boys there's no reason why he shouldn't stay there.

The fact that Willkie is the nominal leader of the Republican party shouldn't deter Roosevelt from nominating him for the job since FD has already placed two republicans, Knox and Stimson, in his cabinet.

Kennedy Out

Joe Kennedy, the retiring ambassador, is probably persona non grata in England now after the stand he has taken against U.S. intervention in the European war. Willkie should be popular since he apparently sees eye to eye with Roosevelt on foreign policy. As a leader of the "loyal opposition" at home Willkie wouldn't have much to do since his only argument with Roosevelt is on domestic issues and it is evident that all internal problems such as unemployment are going to be subordinated and perhaps "solved" by defense ex-

penditures. So much for prophesy number one, although I am keeping my fingers crossed because last year, just four days after I grew weary of reading about invasion scares and predicted that the Germans would never attack Holland, the Nazis started their drive through the lowlands.

America Knows

As for prophesy number two, that is bulwarked by a number of reasons but primarily by a deep faith in the essential intelligence of the American public.

When Roosevelt first sprang the bill on a surprised congress I was afraid it would slip through unanalyzed on the plea of urgency. But now that Lindbergh and General Johnson, Norman Thomas, and Charles McNary, McNider and Kennedy, and other national leaders have taken the stump against it and publicized its outrageous provisions, it is doomed.

Last night a new voice was raised against Roosevelt and his foreign policy. President Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago, said it is impossible to listen to Mr. Roosevelt's recent speeches, to study the lease-lend bill, and to read the testimony of cabinet officers upon that bill, without concluding "that the president now requires us to underwrite a British victory, and apparently a Chinese and a Greek victory, too."

Simply as an American

Speaking "simply as an American" and not as president of the University, Hutchins warned the nation it is "about to commit suicide" by drifting into war.

Funny thing though, 125 members of the University of Chicago faculty issued a statement at the time urging immediate enactment of the controversial bill. I haven't the faintest idea what reasons they offer for such a stand and the wire doesn't say, but if they want congress to turn over all its powers to the president and give him a blank check, I suppose that's their privilege. It's still a free country.

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From All Sides

By MILDRED WILSON

The employment office at the University of Washington found 3,000 jobs for students during fall term—doing everything from reading tea leaves to demonstrating clothes. Among other odd positions filled was a call for an Egyptian dancer and someone to play the part of old man 1940 at a New Year's eve celebration. The employment office staff also ransacked the campus until they found a student of infantile proportions to take the part of the baby New Year. Norm Hillis, head of the bureau, lamented, "Always looking for a personality to fit the job, or a job to fit the personality—I tell you, it's a vicious circle."—The University of Washington Daily.

A "special" service, which insures the preferred acceptance of an "alumnus" child to Northwestern university has been in operation since 1930. An application certificate can be taken out, immediately after the birth of a Northwestern alumnus' child, which will guarantee his admission to the school around 18 years later.

—Daily Northwestern

Something unusual in the way of a column title has been observed in the Daily Texan. Jimmy Pitt, writing on current affairs, political and social, takes a lead from Hitler's Bible and heads his opinions "Mein Kampus." —The Daily Texan.

Grades
I think that I shall never see
A "D" as lovely as a "B."
A "B" whose rounded form is
prest
Upon the records of the blest.
A "D" comes easily and yet
It isn't easy to forget,
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But only God can make a "B."
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