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Two Excellent Films

THERE is no doubt about the educational value of the two films which will be shown to the student body today in Chapman hall. Both "The River" and "The City" are pictures which have won national acclaim for their presentation, in an interesting understandable form, of some of the economic problems confronting America.

But there is another side to the two films which might have escaped advance notices. That is the entertainment value. Both are extremely well narrated and have met the approval of movie critics throughout the nation for entertainment as well as educational value. It was this value which led Archer Winsten of the New York Post to write about "The City": "The outstanding documentary film. It's absolutely magnificent, a true work of cinematic art in conception, photography and cutting, as well as uproariously funny."

The narrative in both stories runs along like a well-planned adventure story, but with a background of fact and events which places both films high in educational value. It would have been difficult to have found two pictures more complete in educational and entertainment value than these two which were selected by the sub-committee of the educational activities board.

BOTH pictures are built upon the economic problems confronting the nation. "The River" depicts the various phases of life on the river, the shipments of hundreds of dollars worth of agricultural products, great cities built up along the river banks, etc., but with the land and resources around the river becoming virtually exhausted. From this atmosphere the picture moves on to the great floods along the Mississippi, where some excellent photography brings the catastrophe home, and then to the rehabilitation program of the Government.

"The City" is a beautifully conceived and fast moving story of the life in a large metropolitan center. It is a plea for the decentralization of industry—a plea which is given added importance in times of airplane warfare. "The City" is one of the most stirring arguments for smaller, better-planned cities that has ever been put in film.

This picture ends by showing some of the newer, smaller cities where a man may work in model factories, live in clean, well-furnished homes and where his wife and children may breathe fresh air free from smoke and soot.

It goes almost without saying that both films should have a wide appeal to a University audience.

Pan-American Puzzle

THE United States' Latin American neighbors trust her with cat-like watchfulness. Their nervous distrust has been encouraged lately to a tentative dislike by the impending U. S. decision on the lease-lend bill.

Back in 1939 American statesmen felt that the need for western hemisphere solidarity was becoming immediately imperative. The democracies of the Americas must face the world—and Germany—with a united front. United States diplomats suddenly knew that South America was a possible weak spot in this brave front. And they gave the hot-headed Latins little credit for having rational power to do the right thing in emergency.

ACCORDINGLY, Secretary of State Hull scored heavy diplomatic hits at the October, 1939, Havana conference when he got all the American countries to sign a pact; none would permit belligerent ships to use their ports as bases and none would outfit belligerent vessels. This was to keep Germany from getting a toe hold in South America.

Now the Latin American countries are eyeing the lease-lend bill. To them it looks like a violation of the Havana agreements. They have not been consulted as to an abrogation of the treaties. They must see the vital and pressing need for the lease-lend measure, but insidious voices whisper to them, that they, too, should have a share in running the hemisphere. Their fear of United States "imperialism" is a flame that is being fanned.

If their whole-hearted support is not forthcoming in the future, it may not be hard to understand why they don't believe in treaties and cooperation. —P.L.

No Salary for Prexy

ASUO Prexy Tiger Payne has found it increasingly difficult of late to explain what he does with the salary which he gets (or supposedly gets) as president of the student body. Many students, Payne reports, apparently have the impression that the president and other ASUO officers receive a regular salary.

This is decidedly untrue as any investigation of the facts will reveal. Neither the president nor any of the other ASUO officers receives a salary.

Parade of Opinion

By ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

While the lease-lend bill and defense appropriations have been claiming all the black headlines these several weeks, some other governmental issues have been receiving attention in a quieter sort of way. One of these is the so-called Hatch Clean Politics act.

Purpose of this legislation is to curtail the political activity of federal employees and of state and local workers employed in connection with any activity which is financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States. Specifically exempt are federal officials who hold elective offices, state executives who are directly concerned with formation of public policy or are elected, and city mayors.

Apparently, observes the Oregon Emerald, "these provisions would indicate that federal employees are prohibited from attending, actively participating in, or speaking before political meetings. This would seem to be a curtailment of the right of free speech and the right of peaceable assembly."

The Emerald gets by on that Section 15 of the measure "authorizes and directs the civil service commission to promulgate rules or regulations defining the term 'active part in political management or in political campaigns.' May we point out," asks the Oregon publication, "that this would appear to be delegating legislative powers to the commission? On this point the constitution seems quite clear: 'All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a congress of the United States, which shall consist of a senate and house of representatives.'"

The Minnesota Daily feels the act is "based on dangerous concepts," and the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal echoes this view by pointing out what it considers "questionable concepts." "The Hatch act," says the Daily, "aims to secure clean politics by sacrificing two important concepts fundamental to American society — academic freedom and free elections. We favor legislation which will encourage clean politics and minimize corruption. But we deny emphatically that these things can be secured by the provisions of the Hatch act, which deprives federal, state or local employees, paid in whole or in part by federal funds, of almost all political rights except the right to vote. The whole philosophy of these clauses of the Hatch act seems to be that any political activity is a corrupt and corrupting activity. These can be no more dangerous concept than this, at a time when daily problems of all people turn upon political decisions and activities of every kind. Casting a ballot is only the culminating act of many which constitute the institution of free election. The right to propose candidates, discuss their relative merits and advance the cause of one—these elements are also essential to the electoral process."

The Ohio State Lantern feels that "University of Wisconsin professors who are agitating for the repeal of the act have put their finger on the repressive weakness of the bill as it applies to educators. It makes no distinction between academic political discussion and unsolicited expression of opinion. Professors have no right to force their opinions on students under the guise of professional comment, but students have a right to expect interpretative comment by those whom the state pays to educate its youth."

From All Sides

Exchange by Mildred Wilson

Sixty-eight faculty members of Harvard university recently sent President Roosevelt and members of the house and senate a statement flatly opposing the Lend-Lease bill, "because we believe that the defense of this country can be achieved without any such abdication of popular government as the measures of this bill effect."

The first of its kind to come from the faculty and the most forthright statement against the bill to be issued at Harvard, the paper setting forth their views reached Washington but a couple of days before President Conat, head of Harvard, testified before the senate foreign relations committee in favor of the bill.

—The Harvard Crimson.

Finally he has turned up—the absent minded student. The professors should really enjoy this one. Don McCulloch, from Montana State university in Missoula, decided to take a night off from the fierce grind and see a show.

Almost home from the show, he reached in his pocket for his earmuffs—and could find only one. So, back he tramped to the theater, and searched the aisles on hands and knees as inconspicuously as possible. Eventually he found the missing earmuff—in his pocket . . . he had forgotten that the two muffs were attached to each other on a metal band.

—Oregon State Barometer.

Blind Date
Fine time.
Me too.
G'nite
G'nite
Slam
Wait'll-I get hold of Bill!
—The Utah Chronicle.

Richard Anderson, zoology sophomore at the University of Minnesota is searching desperately for a name to fit his Gila

minister. Although he has a collection of 25 snakes, lizards, and alligators, Anderson only desires that this special pet have a name.

"I simply call him 'Gila' now, and that sounds so formal," Anderson declared mournfully. "How much friendlier it would be if I could call him 'Joe' or 'Chauncy.' But I just can't think of a good name."

Finally in despair—he has instigated a contest in which students submit names—and he's going to give an award to the one which hands in the most suitable name.

The Minnesota Daily.

Three sure fire tobacco cures have been formulated by David Janison, from the University of Colorado, in his column, "Sine Die."

1. Plan extraordinary. When you feel the urge to take a smoke, twiddle your ears, and nod lips, let out a loud whistle, and shout at the top of your voice, "Tibisco! Tibisco! Tibisco! Tobacco! Tobacco! Hooray!" (If you habitually get the urge in your classrooms, we suggest you wire home now for your train fare.)

2. The Decapitation Method. Cut off your head. This will leave no aperture in which to insert the cigarette, rendering smoking very difficult.

3. The Lucius Beebe Touch. Use only \$5 bills to light your cigarettes. This will soon render your financial situation such as to make smoking an impossible luxury.


—The Silver and Gold.

Don Jackson, University of Iowa student, recently suffered a terrible blow. He wrote a story for "Sketch" of serious import, containing what he thought was an earnest moral. Recently he learned that the judges had awarded him first prize in the "Sketch" contest for humorous stories.

—The Utah Chronicle.

wright OR WRONG

With TOMMY WRIGHT



Wracked with burning fever—spring—How sweet the warm sun, the birds, the bees, green grass, no eight o'clocks; Gee whiz have we got it. All that is left now, is for our thoughts to turn to love. But women, as in winter, is fickle! And they have been thinking about it all winter. We suppose you want to hear all the flash news; crash news; and trash news, so push back the coffee cup and drag down the colyum.

3-MINUTE POEM . . . In the place of the usual unpoetic lines which usually appear about this far down the column, we reserve this space for the latest rantings of the cohort (also with spring fever) on our right: Two trains were rushing towards each other on the same track at breakneck speed. On one train was ROY VERNSTROM, and on the other, BILL FENDALL. The trains did not crash head on, but why? Because Norse is Norse and Souse is Souse and never the twain shall meet.

PAN LIST VI . . . Number one, ADELE SAY of Hen hall, seems to be causing a few unnecessary heart throbs in the Alpha hall domicile . . . (2) NORMA BAKER of Alpha Delta and Pie, challenges YT to dig anything out of her past worth printing—as far as we know all the angels are still in heaven; and what is the alibi that keeps you out so late, and on week nights, too . . . (3) Sigma Kappa RUTH "GUM-SHOE" JORDAN, past imperfect, present imperfect, and the future is tense . . . (4) LEIGHTON PLATT—censored again, darn it—

CAMPUS WHISPERS . . . Oregon's "G" for glamour boy GREG DECKER and CYNTHIA CAUFIELD decide it wasn't for better but for worse and part—what sweet sorrow—we'll give you 1293 guesses as to who will be next for the Sigma Nu kid . . . BILL FENDALL plants his pin on a farmer girl (OSC)—so be it . . . And Aggie BILL CARROLL makes a reality out of SESSALL'S intuition—the pin: ATO, the girl: MILODENE GOSS of the Alpha Chi Os . . . BILL and BILL have some sort of a bet on who will keep the pin in place the longest—bets will be paid between 10th and Broadway on Oak . . . just together—JIM THAYER and Delta Gam's STEVENS . . . Alpha O's JEAN CASSIDY goes to Washington for the rifle matches and JONELLE MELVIN goes along to see BILL MORRIS, Husky basketball player . . . And you should have heard ADELE SAY cry in a futile attempt to keep her name out of this colm . . . 'tis a cruel heart that beats beneath this stuffed shirt . . . just under the headline is the report that AL LINN planted his brass on DG MARGE MADDREN Sunday afternoon—Cawote AL—"It was just a carryover from Saturday night."

CONCLUSION . . . It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all—but what about a three-time loser . . . So long for a while.

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International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

According to Charlie de Montesquieu, who lived before there were any democracies to speak of (1689-1755), the quality most necessary to a republic is "virtue."

I learned this yesterday listening to Dr. Lesage lecturing on French literature and

Cummings would ordinarily have filed it away until final exam time if I hadn't read a statement by Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt last night.

The First Lady said she thought people should prepare

their minds to "follow suggestions" for postponing certain kinds of purchases when and if the government makes the "suggestion."

Shortage in Kitchen
Her argument is that aluminum will be required in such quantities for airplane manufacture that there will be a shortage of new kitchen utensils, and that "eventually consumption of some types of foods might have to be curtailed."

Now according to de Montesquieu, who liked to reduce everything to a formula, the quality most necessary to a despotism—he had in mind Oriental despotism but we can well substitute modern fascism—is obedience.

Do you see my point? Mrs. Roosevelt thinks we should prepare our minds to "follow suggestions." Suggestions from whom? From Mr. Roosevelt, of course.

Have to Get Along
If you want to get along with Franklin D., you must learn to say "Yes siree."

Mrs. Roosevelt's "suggestion" ties in perfectly with what took place on the floor of the senate yesterday. The partisans of the Roosevelt dictatorship bill had the floor and Senator Barkley, administration wheel-horse, said the present version of the controversial bill will enable the U.S. to become the "larder as well as the arsenal" of embattled democracies.

It is easy to see that if the bill passes—and contrary to a prophecy I made several weeks back, I'm afraid it will—and we start sending corn, wheat, meat, guns, planes, ships, etc., etc., abroad, "lending them," that

UNION NOW!

By Ann Reynolds

Where'll we put it? That's another thing Oregon students will have to decide concerning the proposed student union building.

Since very definite financial encouragement was given union plans Saturday, we feel that it is safe to start planning where the building should be placed on the campus. The five different sites available for the building are all owned by the University.

The first site can be described as bordered by Alder, Kincaid, and Fourteenth streets, running to the alley and to the section where the Fiji house now stands. This site is admitted to be a near central point on the campus, but there are also some objections to placing the building there that should be considered.

When the architects surveyed this property as a possible building site they pointed out that there the building would perhaps be crowded into the half block without the sweep of lawn that would best set off the building. In addition to this point the rent that is paid by the Fiji house to the University is a definite source of revenue for the proposed financial plans of the student union building.

Gerlinger Addition
It has been suggested that an addition to Gerlinger be built and that the women's building be converted into a building for student use. However, the plan has been met with the argument that the students will want a new building if they are to pay for it. A woman's building would have to be built to accommodate the facilities now taken care of by Gerlinger, and additional funds would have to be raised.

The site opposite the art museum is the third possible site. Again the fact that the site is a central point on the campus is a vote for it. And again the objection that would have to be cleared up is that a large building, such as proposed, would be likely to shut out the view of the museum from Kincaid street.

The fourth site is opposite the president's house on University and Thirteenth streets. The University owns the entire block with the exception of the property on which is located Dr. Henry Sheldon's house. Some students object that the building would be off the campus, although this site would afford enough room for an attractive building.

Fifth Site
The last site, and the one which has received the most approval is the sweep of lawn opposite Deady and Villard, extending to Eleventh and Kincaid streets. Because the building would be ideally set off by the amount of lawn space and would face the proposed mall leading to the center of the campus, this site has been considered more seriously than the others.

Plans for enlarging this part of the campus would soon make the building a central point, as it is planned that the state highway commission will re-route the highway and move the railroad tracks across the millrace toward the river, and the property across from the old part of the campus on the side of the millrace would be added to the campus. Thus this part of the original University of Oregon campus would again be a centralized location of activity.

the nation's standard of living is going to suffer.

Liberty Steak
It is logical, however, to believe that the "suggestion" to curtail consumption of certain kinds of food will come most strongly in the form of higher prices. When the price of pork chops becomes prohibitive then willy nilly the poor man must order hamburger—or will we be calling it "liberty steak" again?
The foes of the lend-lease bill get their innings today, but yesterday the shining words were trotted out again. Senator Warren F. Austin after shivering over a possible invasion of New England: there are "much worse things than war" and American youth will go out and fight to "save Christianity and the principles of freedom from ruthless destruction by a fiend."
I'm suspicious of all these generalities. It's high time Britain announced her war aims so we'll know what all the shouting is about.

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