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# Espionage at Dessert

THE use of the term "for national defense" to veil other reasons for an act is, to our way of thinking, as unpatriotic an effort as forgetting about national defense altogether.

The cancellation of "exchange desserts" for spring term falls into that category. Let it be granted that a great many students have been wanting to do away with the dessert custom for a long time and that a majority of students (particularly upperclassmen) accepted the regulation with enthusiasm. But the use of the term "for national defense" is illogical and unwarranted. The Heads of Houses has been seeking for years for some basis to abolish the dessert custom without raising too much campus rancor from those who enjoy the Wednesday get-together. They saw that national defense had become a catch phrase in an America unacquainted with a term that people readily accepted as a reason for any sacrifice, and they seized upon it as a reason for abolishing desserts.

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m ISES}$  in food prices were given as one explanation for the cancellation. The utter simplicity of the proverbial ice cream or pie provided at Oregon desserts does not indicate that desserts are an expensive item on the budget. While a house may have a double expense one week, the following Wednesday it will have no dessert at all . . . and the previous outlay is counteracted.

The "more time for national defense effort" was also hinted at in the Emerald story in yesterday's edition explaining the action. But later in the story, the reporter quotes a prominent social chairman as declaring that "with the longer hours of daylight, most of the upperclassmen would rather play baseball." Another decided he thought picnics were better, anyway.

Students have supported wholeheartedly every defense program offered in Eugene; they have signed up at the filter center; they have filled first aid courses to overflowing. Again and again, they ask, "What can I do to help?" and are willing to do their part if someone will tell them what to do. It is a problem all over America, this matter of giving civilian defense workers enough to do. So far, there seems to be no demand for a student's dinner hour for defense work.

The Emerald commends the cancellation of desserts, because they have too long been a campus bugaboo in most people's minds. It does not commend the backdoor method by which heads of houses initiated the ruling. "For national defense" is a serious term. It means a real effort to help this nation win a war for its life. It is not to be used as an excuse for doing things which would have been done long ago if anyone had had the nerve to defy campus opinion.

A Griend is Gone ...

T HAS often been said that the gang who put out the Emerald have almost a "family spirit" in their close comrade-

# Nothing Sacred

By J. SPENCER MILLER

Odds on tonight's Nickel Flop favor the Pi Phis at 2 to 1; the Thetas rate in second spot at 4 to 1; the DeeGees are a place bet at 51/2 to 1; the Alpha Fees and the Gamma Phis are handicapped because of their positions on the outside rail and pay off at 8 to 1.

Anywhere you place your bets will pay off in meeting some new girls, anyway. Be sure to dig this deal, even if half of the girls you meet go steady.

Pifi Mary Lois Dana was found in the libe very industriously writing a letter to the Air Corps-We wonder where our pal Ted (pronounced Toad) Hallock got the dough to take Fee Jean Taylor to the Anchorage for Sunday dinner. And why he's been so anxious to raise fifty clams lately?

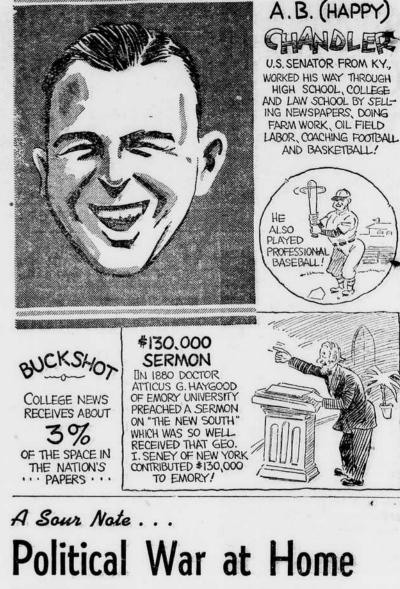
The guys and gals that missed the Choral Union show Sunday night in the Igloo, passed up one of the best deals heard on this campus in a long time. After one of the numbers, one of our more rugged footballers was heard to say, "Gee, if there was a recruiting station around I'd sign up right now.'

10-Second Biography . . . Leone LaDuke -- "The Duchess" is the most amazing phenomenon on the campus. She knows everyone and everything that happens (Praise de Lawd!). Along with this amazing sense for other people's business, she hits a consistent 4-point, has won the Phi Beta scholarship for the last three years in a row. and is, without a doubt, the finest pianist in school, and is one of the best-liked girls around. She is, quote . . . "an Alpha Fee in everything, but that she doesn't have a pin." She goes steady with another likeable screwball, Bill MacArthur, the pride of Casanova Co-op.

Fiji Si Sidesinger is coming out out from retirement, being seen here and there with Theta Ann Whitman (who should have run for Little Admiral). Incidentally, those frosh queens should surpass any previous beauty contests on the campus this year (according to Publicity Chief Harry Glickman).

Prize Quote . . . Sigma Chi social chairman, "We are going to specialize in preferences this term, because we don't need exchanges as the Sigma Chis get around so much!"

Trade By MARY WOLF



# Will Not Lick Hitler ... Can't be Partisan

## By BILL HAIGHT

The political war at home is beginning to emerge again with a vigorous battle cry from the republicans. Monday night the republican national committee issued a resolution demanding that the nation prosecute an offensive, uncompromising war.

The resolution, worked over by a seven-member resolutions body, stated: "We demand the prosecution of an offensive war, relentlessly and without reservation, whatever it may cost in wealth, energy, and human life, until the United States and its allies have won a complete victory over their enemies."

### **Out of Place**

Whatever the republican conviction political expediency would demand a forthright war cry. However, this bloodthirsty program strikes me as being peculiarly out of place. The verbal broadside of "we demand" suggests that the democrats are sitting in Washington, D. C., and for some quirk in their makeup are conducting a defensive war.

This, in the face of the republican record of almost complete negative voting on every important issue from the first draft bill down to the declaration of three other great cities of Japan had been bombed.

The resolution continues in a tone that should make the leading spokesman such as Hoover, Landon, Hiram Johnson, whirl in their sleep.

"We realize that after this war the responsibility of the nation will not be circumscribed within the territorial limits of the United States; that our nation has an obligation to assist in the bringing about of an understanding, comity and cooperation among the nations of the world in order that our own liberty may be preserved and that the blighting and destructive processes of war may not again be forced upon us and upon the free and peace-loving peoples of the earth." Shades of isolationism!

#### Are You Ready?

ship. The staff itself changes every year, but there are always some of the old gang left and the chain is unending. Yesterday word came to staff members that one of the best-liked links in their family circle had lost his life in a plane crash in South America, Kent Stitzer, United States army pilot, was dead.

Kent came to the University-and to the Emerald-in his junior year from Drake University in Iowa. Rapidly he gained friends and became an outstanding journalism student. Last year, with only one year on the Oregon campus behind him, he was appointed to the key position of Emerald news editor ... in charge of all reporters. Every one who worked with him and for him admired his sense of fair play, his inspirational advice, his ability to get close to any problem. He held his reporters in the palm of his hand, because their problems were his.

The last name engraved on the Turnbull-Hall Plaque for outstanding Emerald seniors is that of Kent Stitzer. The inscription thereon is truly a description of the last man to whom it was awarded : "To that University of Oregon senior who has shown the most outstanding ability in journalism, who has worked most earnestly and consistently on the Oregon Daily Emerald and who has proved the greatest inspiration to his fellow staff membars.'

A link in the family circle is gone. But his contributions to that intangible "Emerald Spirit" will remain living as long as does the Emerald itself. It is men like Kent Stitzer who have made the daily more than an experiment in college journalism; they have made of it a personality.

University of Colorado coeds will get an insight into what their male counterparts on the campus approve of in the way of feminine attire when five men students take part in a round table discussion on the subject next week.

The men will answer such questions as whether they favor short or long hair, their favorite nail polish color if they care for polish, whether they think the Colorado coed is well dressed in comparison with other coeds, whether they like flat heels even if they are not flattering to the wearer.

"Can you tell me what wa

Coleridge's last poem?" "Kubla Khan.

"Where can I find him?"

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Total University of Texas e rollment is 10,042 individuals.

war that they chimed in on.

### No Politics Needed

The conduct of an offensive war, "relentlessly and without reservation" is not a political issue-democratic or republican. The responsibility of that decision should and must rest with trained military leaders.

Frankly, the problem most obervers point out as an issue is the one of production and administration, which would seem to me a logical and positive point of attack for the republicans to use rather than the snoddy, unmeaningful mouthful of words on conduct of military strategy.

With typical lack of foresight the resolution was given to the press while the headlines over the nation were carrying the banners announcing that Tokyo and

Governor Sprague in a recent speech in Eugene emphasized and reiterated the imminent danger of air raids. He was positive and explicit in his statements that we would be bombed within the next few months. He said he expected a raid some place on the almost completely undefended Oregon coast towns any moment. Are you ready?

Absolute trivia in a world of woe: a hostess three years ago suggested I sign her guest book. She pointed out to me it would be a great honor, in about as subtle manner as a kick in the pants. Nothing to lose, I signed my name under the scrawl of Crown Prince Olave and Crown Princess Martha of Norway, who are again visiting in Portland this week.

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