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## Nothing Sacred

By J. SPENCER MILLER

Scene: Lunch time at the Kappa house—House prexy Ruth Hall stands to make an announcement, "Girls, Fiji John Schaeffer is back on the campus! You know what that means."

Same scene repeated at several other prominent sororities. Well, some guys just got it. . . .

DUCK POURRI . . . Why does Chi O Nancy Valentine keep turning down Sig Ep Keith Hoppes when he asks her for dates? Can it be because Val is always busy? . . . Fee Jeanette Torney (one of the few Fee naturals) and Beta Warren "Pancho" Finke may be back on the beam again. They've been seeing quite a bit of each other lately. . . . DeeGee Jeanne Younger has been dating as much as a freshman, but she still is loyal to her Sigma Chi in the army . . . Alpha hall's pride Americo "Call Me Benny" DiBenedetti got the RKO by Sigma Kappa, Charlotte Allen, who is now going with Thetaki Jack Martin so he is going to the movies. . . .

The AOPis, with the help of their houseboys, are trying to break up the Don Jones-Betty Leist combination. We hope they don't get away with it.

The Junior Party failed to show. They had a swell band, lots of ice cream and cake, everyone knew about it, and there was nothing else doing at the time. So, out of 700 juniors, about 90 showed up. The fellows stood around in one corner, and the girls stood around in another. Then, the girls (especially the Theta crew) got tired of waiting for the bashful men to ask them to dance, so they went home. If a guy hasn't got enough nerve to ask a girl to dance by the time he's a junior in college, then there's no hope left . . . Carolyn Loud stayed to the end though, along with Queen Ellie and the AOPi trio. . . .

SigmaNoo Russ Nowling and Gamma Phi "Squirrel" Huntington have found each other. . . . Is Omega hall's Ed Lawson hooked at last? Pearl Jean Wilson, who was an ADPI on the campus last year, brought her folks down to visit Ed, and his close friends insist he's caught and doesn't know it. . . . The poor sucker! . . . Sigma Chi Art (8-H) Hannifin and Kappa Bobbie Neu didn't last very long, and now he's doing his pigging down Fee way . . . By the way, there wasn't a single Kappa at the junior party — as a matter of fact the Kappas make it a point to snub most school affairs. They ought to let their hair down some time and see what it's like.

Buck Buchwach has been seen in various local spots with very cute Beverly Brunton, the "Gingham Girl" of Eugene high. Plenty of campus "shots" have been inquiring around about her and just how fat the ubiquitous Buck was in . . . Jean Baker and Cull Murphy are on fire again, while Happy Jack Lansing goes on his merry way after a short stand on Baker's porch. . . . Tiger Payne vacates the UO for a long time next week when he leaves for Pensacola, Florida and the Naval Air Corps . . . One of our agents informs us that Kappaz "get around" girl, "Susie" Margason, is moving into the Reid Farrell league. Which ought to burn "Scrappy" Rhea, Tee Roblin, Chuck Boice, and the two dozen other guys she's been going out with. . . .

## How to Say It . . .

THERE have been hints from Washington during the last few weeks that President Roosevelt may soon create a central Ministry of Information to coordinate the government publicity activities of the many federal departments now engaged in propagandizing the government.

The thought of a "ministry of information" has an oddly distasteful sound to democracy-loving Americans, a sound that does not exactly set right with their fears for a free press. A ministry of information has a Hitlerian ring in its centralization and authoritarian ramifications.

But to put the centralization method aside because its proposed name has unpleasant suggestiveness is to overlook a broader view of the problem.

Somehow Americans, particularly young ones, have got to be made to "believe." They don't now. The average college student marks two-thirds of what he reads as "propaganda" if it shows any opinion whatsoever. Government publications, particularly, are scoffed at as mere publicity in almost every instance.

ONE of the chief factors contributing to this growing opinion is the great mass of conflicting, haphazard, duplicating publications now being printed by Washington. Newspaper offices are flooded with "official information" from OFF and its subsidiary branches of the government.

And yet their role in keeping America a democracy today cannot be underestimated. The nation is becoming annually more bureaucratic in nature, more technical in construction. It is like a highly-sensitive machine spreading its tentacles out and out further into the realms of private life. If there

is to be any provision for the education of future leaders, any education of the mass of Americans to what these government departments are accomplishing, a good part of it must come from official government reports to the people.

These publicity releases, confusing as they may be in number, serve to stave off apathy which easily might come to a public if it came to feel that the whole Washington scene was too involved for any understanding.

THERE seems to be little real difference, as long as Washington is to go in for the publicity business, between "editors" in 10 buildings sending out material and one chief man coordinating the material. Archibald MacLeish, who wrote poetry for a living until the President named him OFF head, is the most talked-of man for the new job. He has a reputation for truth and facts. In his present OFF position he dictates the general trend of all news releases. If moved up to head information man for the whole government, he would simply see that they definitely followed the suggested trend.

Government publicity, in any form, is as dangerous as dynamite. But as long as it seems to have come to stay as a part of the American brand of democracy, it is only destroying its own purpose by presenting such a mixed-up, confused picture by coming from so many sources. Americans will ignore its worth entirely until they can see what this new Washington press is doing, until the news is made digestible and creates for itself a reputation of dignity and truth. Until there is some centralization, the money spent on government publicity is not fulfilling its purpose.

## Bombings . . .

# Today the Axis Meets To Plan the New Campaign

. . . It Has to be

By BILL HAIGHT

British and American bombers have been roaring over the English channel to occupied ports, and cities in the German nation for eight violent days. Approximately 4000 allied planes have rained indescribable horror down on the puppets of the Nazi overlords.

Neutral sources assert that the submarine base at Trondheim was utterly destroyed. Rostock, German Baltic port, has virtually been wiped out, leaving hulks of loaded ships, fragments of filled freight cars, and more than 4000 people killed or maimed.

### No Joy

There is no joy in hearing of such news but it indeed would be a strange person that could not help but feel the continuation of such devastation by our planes is necessary and in this curious world good news.

These bombings are a complete

reputation of what Hitler and satellites have told the German people. From the beginning of the war the misguided Germans have been absolutely assured Allied planes would not inflict heavy damage on the Third Reich. After the raids of the past eight days, Herr Goebbels sent trucks equipped with loud speakers to the bombed areas and boosted the morale of the people with messages from the Fuehrer.

Today, Hitler, Mussolini, and the Japanese ambassador to Ger-

many meet at Munich for a conference. Such conclaves normally represent the beginning of some major move. As usual since the war such get-togethers carry peace feelers to the world and this meeting is no exception.

French sources have reported a nine-page memorandum has been submitted to the British. The pages include: 1. Britain and the United States to recognize German control in Europe. Germany being prepared to consider Anglo-Saxon suggestions for application of the "new order" on the continent.

2. Germany to annex such Russian territories as she considered necessary to her "living space." (Joe ought to enjoy that one.)

3. Germany to control virtually all of the French, Dutch and Belgian colonial possessions.

### What Next?

If the allied powers accepted the above proposals Germany would undertake to: 1. recognize the British empire in its present form. 2. To recognize control of Latin America by the United States both in political and economic spheres. 3. To collaborate in setting up a system of trade between the three "empires";

## Jam for Breakfast

By TED HALLOCK

Oh so sorry. Honorable Sonny Dunham not to play in Salem tonight or tomorrow night. Oh yes. Oh so Hon. Dunham to play on May 20. He play in Hon. Armory and for samey price. Sixty hunnerts for one.

Called the Oregon Statesman offices in capital city as of Tuesday eve last and no ads for Sonny had come in yet, so no soap. Samey with Harry Jamey. Too bad. Also, Jackson Tea will play only eight days in the rose city, stead of ten as was said. But if you all read the cosmopolite sheets you know. If you read.

### Return

Good news for the odd Thetas et all is with Richard Carlton of the Arizona commuting Carltons, who returns to our fair and homely campus this Friday even to spend a pleasant weekend with friends at the several odd thousand house dances with emphasis on the odd.

Mayhap two of you heard the jazz broadcast last night on KOAC at eight. Usual history of the stuff with a fine combo playing, and like the real boys did. "Arty" Scott dug some extremely well cooked jazzy cornet, whilst Geney Leo of the physical education plant played hots black and white. It was good.

To give a subtle idea of the rather jerky school we go to, with its war scarish preventatives, antidotes for radical behavior (no desserts, name bands), we shall present herewith, samples from various other similar institutions. Gray Gordon playing a tea dance at Michigan State. Charlie Barnett playing a swing concert at Ann Arbor for Michigan U. Glenn Miller playing the Senior Prom, and a thirty minute Victory rally, at U.S.C. Harry James playing the Junior Prom at U.C.L.A., and with two other bands on the same stand. Horace Heidt at a fifteen minute defense stamp thing at Cal. Nice to have Art around, isn't it?

### Tune News

There are some good discs out lately. Mainly because of the war. The waxorxs have so little in priorities that only the best stuff can be released. By coincidence, of course, Glenn was cut down to only 37,000 pressings per week.

The mellowest stuff is mainly Goodman's. "String of De Mau-passaunt's" is reet. Not like Miller's uninteresting riff in monotone, it boasts a background of the theme, with a fine foreground of Mel Powell tinklings. Then, in succession, a good Lou McGarity tram solo, fine Vido Musso tenoring, and a good bunch of finale notes by the King.

After this week's Spotlight shots, a good band to watch is Thornhill's. Plenty of guts, but polish, and mainly, sensible, not novel, dynamics. That's all.

Germany's, Britain's, and America's.

Of course the whole plan has been repudiated and if the past is any indication all hell should break loose on the eastern and possibly western fronts in Europe.

Burma will most likely this week be listed with Hong Kong, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies despite the gallant and thrilling dogfights of the American "Tiger Squadron." This black news is somewhat lightened by the terrific toll of Axis plants, ports, and towns from Norway to France.

A 15-week course in aircraft drafting is offered at Wayne university.