

# Doctor Erb Predicts Labor Enlistment For United States

By EDITH NEWTON.

The United States must face the realities of war and sooner or later prepare to enlist all manpower in either direct or indirect war work, Dr. Donald M. Erb, University president, said in a recent interview concerning what England has done to meet the manpower situation, and the effect war has had on English schools of higher education.

War in England has brought many changes in the universities, making school compulsory for some students and impossible for others, Dr. Erb said as he recalled the speech of Sir Hector Hetherington, vice-chancellor of the University of Glasgow.

The Englishman spoke at the American Association of State Universities annual meeting which Dr. Erb attended in Chicago on his recent visit in the East.

### Good Position

Sir Hetherington, who holds a position equal to that of a university president in the United States, told the American educators what changes have been made in the school system of his war-torn country, said Dr. Erb.

In England every young man or woman who reaches the age of 18 must register with the labor ministry, Dr. Erb said, recalling the words of the Britisher.

### Application

Each man or woman may then apply for admission to one of the colleges or universities. The schools are permitted to select the best of the applicants up to a quota set for each institution by the labor ministry.

The quota for the institution depends on the type of the work offered. Largest quotas are assigned to institutions offering scientific courses, engineering, and some other types of technical war studies.

### Small Quotas

Only small quotas are given to the institutions offering little except liberal arts courses. Thus the schools with science departments, schools of engineering, medical schools, and schools of dentistry have enrollments today which are nearly equal to pre-war times. Schools such as Oxford, offering a more strictly liberal arts course, are down in enrollment about 30 per cent.

If a student in any institution is majoring in literature, philosophy, or other subjects known as cultural, or in the field of the humanities, he or she is guaranteed only one full academic year in the college or university, Dr. Erb said.

Later the student will probably be ordered by the labor ministry into one of the armed services, industry, or one of the auxiliary services.

If a student is assigned by the labor ministry to a college or university, and is majoring in one of the critical fields where the need of highly trained personnel is declared critical by the ministry, he or she is not permitted to withdraw from school for any reason, not even to enlist in the armed services, work in the shipyards, airplane factories, or to do anything other than continue his or her education, Dr. Erb reported.

Because this system means that some students will be assigned and made to continue in school who are not financially able to pay the bills, there are numerous state subsidies for those proving financial need.

The time will come in the United States when such a plan will be necessary for the war effort, and it will be through the work of some organization such as the war manpower board that students will receive assignments either to work or to school, Dr. Erb said.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

Westminster house will hold its weekly open house Friday evening at 8 o'clock with all the usual entertainment and the "good neighbor policy" prevailing.

There will be an Asklepiad meeting Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 in the men's lounge, Gerlinger hall.

History club meets Friday at 4 p.m. in the men's lounge at Gerlinger. Prof. S. H. Jameson, of the department of sociology will present "The Sociological Interpretation of the Origins of Religious Beliefs." All interested persons are invited.

### Measurements Class Initiates Lab Research

Students in the electrical measurements class are beginning preliminary research on a large electric oscillator of the amplitude low mass type under the direction of Dr. E. H. Collins, assistant professor of physics.

Material to be used in the research includes voltmeters, tube-testers, dynamic signal analyzers, receivers and oscillators. The equipment is now arriving in the physics department.

The new equipment will be used for both radio laboratory work and special research. The type of oscillator being used converts electrical impulses into mechanical action, and is valuable in timing devices where mechanical vibration is necessary.

### Nine Gloomy Students Interned in Pill Palace

At least nine people are looking forward to the prospect of a gloomy weekend—they're confined in the infirmary. They are Leland Martyr, John Hediger, Malcolm Almack, Dorothy Baker, Barbara Bock, Roslynn Morrill, Evelyn Webb, Derrell Bridenstine, and Maxwell Amstutz.

For five others, however, the fires of hope were lighted once again. Marjorie Jones and Frances Greenberg were released Wednesday, while Ted Odland, Bennie Holcomb, and Bob Alvord were dismissed Thursday.

Popularity of the song, "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo," led men students at Kalamazoo college to choose Sara Woolley, native of the city, as "the girl in Kalamazoo college."

The new course will still carry nine hours' credit and will be taught by Dr. Dallas S. Dedrick.

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many of the students and have been instrumental in their enlistment. One provides that a draft board release is no longer required. The other states that it is now possible to transfer from ERC to the army air corps.

Lt. Davis advises that any student who wishes to stay in school as long as possible, to better his chance to become an officer after being called to active duty take advantage of this last opportunity to enlist in the reserve corps.

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### ERC Enlistment

(Continued from page one) who possibly can join a reserve program immediately. The office will be open Friday afternoon for those students who were unable to pass the mental and physical tests for the reserves offered by the joint procurement board last week may still be eligible for the ERC if they enlist this week. There is no other place where a University student can enroll in the enlisted reserve. After today this reserve will be closed and it will be impossible to enlist.

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