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The Political Guns . . .

THE fall term quiet on the political front was like a two-minute's silence at a football game. The situation was unprecedented. The cause was decision of last year's executive council to postpone freshman class organization until winter term.

Slowly now, things are beginning to stir. The political guns are polished, and they may begin to boom any day. A major issue is taking shape: Should the freshmen organize at all in this war year? One thing is certain. The question must be faced head-on and immediately. Winter term enters its second week, and Steve Worth, who is in charge of freshman organization presents in this morning's Emerald (page one) three alternatives that he sees to the issue. These will be presented to the executive council for further action.

THE question involves more than the present freshman class. This is only the first step, the first problem which must be faced through the war haze which hangs over student government. Ultimate questions concern every class, ASUO government, publications and every University activity. As and when reserves are called out, is all semblance of student government to disappear for the duration; is there to be a middle road of semi-curtailment, or is it going to be student government as usual?

The ultimate issues affect every student through class and ASUO affiliations. The class of '46 question is curtain raiser to the entire show which will follow in these next two terms. The day of decision is near. Hazy events are taking shape. They are about to crystalize into action.

The Real Leaders . . .

THE United States doesn't train leaders in college for nothing, and after this war, the United States is going to be a world leader. In this role, it is going to take men, and women, who know how to lead.

It is going to be up to us to see that economic conditions in other countries do not enable new Hitlers to arise. One of the surest protections against a dictator is a citizenry with full stomach.

Our resources, our productive machinery today are such that no persons, any place in the world, need starve. It is going to be part of our leadership role to see that citizens of other nations do have the economic necessities of life.

Without destroying competition, it is entirely possible to give everyone at least a minimum standard of living. We realize that the absolute equality of all mankind does not exist, that some people by breaks of birth or luck may have the jobs while other capable men may be without bread. If we are to lead we must prepare the way for the minimum wants of living.

THE fight to win the war is our great challenge now. But someday, the last shot will be fired, and our forces will return home to reconstruct a peaceful world destroyed by war's explosions.

Just as there is great call for leaders in our army campaigns, so there will be even greater call for educated leaders in the world of peace. When we study today, we train for immediate war. But we train also for the new world of plenty that will follow this war. The war is global and so must be the peace.

The rationing program is getting so broad in scope that people can hardly tell what to hoard next.

We heard "White Christmas" from Armistice Day or shortly after up till Christmas; now it will be the new hit "Abraham" up till Lincoln's birthday.

Ad Lib

Local musicians are now making with the shifty eyes and the face buried in the crook of the arm routine. In the nine phone calls yesterday I gathered enough information to fill all my remaining cols for the year, but attached to every morsel of gossip was the undertone plea, "But for God's sake don't print THAT!" This place would be a priceless find for Republic studios.

Band boss George Carey has come up with the idea that, since a not insignificant percentage of the musician shortage hereabouts is due to the musicians' wives, female friends, and similar impedimenta, a band widows' club should be set up so that these curls wouldn't object so strenuously to the boys' trips on weekends. Seems Herb Widmer, Bob Sell, and others love their music but they love their women more. Bro. Carey figures that if the gals could get together, they wouldn't mind letting their men continue in the band business. This in turn would relieve the lamentable situation created by the shortage of active playing men. Hm.

William Lindley, our friend who held the editor's bicycle key for ransom until an agreement came through for a full page of movie news, informs us that Hollywood is going band-crazy. Columbia's "Reveille with Beverly" (sister flicker to "Vomit with Mohomet") screens—for probably three frames each—the crews of Bob Crosby, Duke Ellington, Freddie Slack, and Count Basie. Brothers Ellington and Crosby also hold pieces of paper with MGM. The rest of Metro's taste appears a trifle commercial, you might even say mousey, for it calls for Dick Jurgens, Kay Kyser, Vaughn Monroe, and Jimmy Dorsey. The same studio is rumored to have signed also Harry James, Gene Krupa, and T. Dorsey.

Accompanying is a shot of Trudy Erwin, Kyser canary, who, I'd say from the pose, is starred on the Listerine program.

Goal—\$2,000,000!
The Trojans and Bruins have formed a joint bond and stamp drive. They have set their mark at \$2,000,000, and have already passed the \$1,000,000 mark.
—California Daily Bruin

I Cover the Campus

By FRED BECKWITH

Now is the time for all good pledges to cast fearful glances about them, purchase a pair of concrete pants, and two dozen boxes of pills for "Health Week." . . .

Our over-worked grapevine indicates that the Theta Chis are selecting a Queen from the bevy of young ladies who will be at their pledge dance Friday night. Who will be the lucky girl? Your guess is as good as mine. . . .



TRUDY ERWIN . . . sings for Kay Kyser.

Tri-Delt-Zoe Littlefield annexed a Phi Delt pin from Rod Taylor on New Year's eve . . . Sounds like a good way to spend the year off. . . .

Overheard in these hallowed halls by a pensive senior lass: "It's better to be kissed by a fool than fooled by a kiss."

Seems like the Alpha Chi Omegas kinda got themselves engaged over the holidays: Anne Voderburg, sister of the Fiji's famous Hank, took a ring from Chuck Haener, who is marking time in California, preparing to go into the air corps; Ruth Zurbrick and Doug Olds of La-Grande are contracted, and Mary Arkley is flashing a sparkler from Beta Bill Lyon.

Jawn Mathews has a brilliant radio deal brewing with KORE, but at this writing it's in its infancy stage. . . .

Frank Watson is really knocking himself out behind the counter over at the Side. They say the concoctions he's been whipping up for the customers lately are terrific!

And welcome back to Fiji Alan Foster who spent his New Year's even in the worst way possible—he was in the campus clinic.

They tell me that Granny Abbott had a veddy, veddy successful social gathering at his Berkeley abode over the holidays.

That handsome, tall lawyer confides that he's having his first blind date in two years. . . . The lucky gal is a Gamma Phi. . . .

The Kappa date-booking society is arranging social engagements for all of the cute new tie K.K.G. pledges at—the Fiji house. . . .

The Sig Eps are complaining that they won't have any pledges left after next Sunday's big initiation. . . .

A certain Alder street fraternity was making too much noise Tuesday night to suit its neighbors. Hardly the pranks of Coca Cola admirers. . . .

The government's new victory tax will shortly hit bus and train companies, an unofficial statement indicates. It'll be 5 per cent for the government out of all total profits for the railroads and buses. . . .

It's old news by now by AOPi Carrol Pageler has had John Denning's Fiji pin for a couple of months. . . .

Dot Flanery of the same house applied for a marriage license today with Delt Tom Watts. . . .

Tri-Delt Marilyn Beard had a tall admirer in such a daze yesterday that he bumped into four people in a row in front of the fizz-ed building. . . .

Kinda looks like that's the limit of the chatter and patter for now, but if you know something vital that we don't, slip the dope on a piece of paper and shoot in to the Emerald, care of this column. . . . For the most original news, we will offer a free ticket to the 1943 Rose Bowl game. . . .

Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt has accepted electio as a member of the board of trustees of Hobart and William Smith colleges.

WAR DIGEST

By LYNN JOHNSON

The red bear is at it again. Hitler has found one of the specie which doesn't go into hibernation in the winter. On the contrary the Nazis are facing the most serious threat of the war in the present threefold Russian offensive which is rapidly driving the Germans from the Caucasus oil lands, grinding down the forces besieging Stalingrad, and routing the invader from key points in the northern front.

Axis losses in men and material are terrific because the speed of the Soviet thrusts is too great to allow an orderly withdrawal. In some cases the retreating enemy infantry have thrown away their rifles, a move made only in the most desperate haste.

Africa War

To the south the Germans attempted a strong tank attack (Please turn to page eight)

Parade of Opinion

By Associate Collegiate Press

Public opinion, backed by strong men behind a conference table and not merely idealists and dreamers, will mold the peace after this war. Dr. Henry J. Bruman, assistant professor of geography at Pennsylvania State college, declares in outlining a four-point peace plan.

Dr. Bruman believes we must start now to think about terms on which peace can be maintained, and he lists the following four steps for a lasting peace:

1. A program of re-education and indoctrination for democracy in the conquered countries. To do this will probably take a lifetime, gradually placing into positions of power youth who have been taught the principles of freedom and democracy.
2. Military occupation of Germany, Italy, and possibly Hungary with maintenance of an

army of occupation in these countries for at least 8 to 10 years, and perhaps a whole generation during the re-education process.

3. Compulsory military training in the United States for every male citizen to provide a large standing army.

4. Generous boundary allotments to Germany and Japan, and equally generous allotments of sources of adequate raw materials. Germany should be given Austria and the Sudeten Germans.

"I fervently hope the powers in Russia and the English-speaking peoples will be able to arrive at a mutually satisfactory agreement regarding the nature of the peace," Dr. Bruman concludes. "If such harmony does not come about, we shall have lost the peace."