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Aid and Comfort . . .

A long summer stretched ahead of the army students. They were new here, and so plans began buzzing to provide small services for them, to create opportunities for entertainment, to help them in their personal problems. And for their aid and comfort the war emergency council was born.

Composed of Chairman Quirinus Breen, assistant professor of social science and history, Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, Mrs. E. E. DeCou, secretary of the YWCA, A. F. Holmer, secretary of the YMCA, Mrs. Hazel P. Schwering, dean of women, Mrs. Alice B. Macduff, assistant dean of women, plus interested town religious leaders, the emergency council has become by now an efficient machinery operated in the interest of University army students.

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The problems, little and big, which came before this council are interesting to hear about. Most of them were the little services and helps which the USO has given to the army in other places. Thus, as part of a national setup, the council began taking such problems as religious activity, social events, housing for soldier wives, a darning and mending service, stationery, etc., to the particular people, or groups who could do something about them.

A great deal of the council's service is directly connected with the churches in Eugene, and the religious groups on the campus. Discussion groups, invitations to church services, parties and get-togethers are among its main interests. A weekly bulletin is placed in the army students' barracks. They were given religious preference cards which aided the council in placing the new men with their own groups.

The committee's system of personal religious counseling has had considerable success. At certain specified times, army students have the chance to talk with a Eugene representative of their particular faith, going to rooms provided for this purpose. Two weeks ago, these students consulted with these advisers before the dinner hour in separate rooms set aside in one of the dorms. This is really a form of chaplain service. In fact it is called "chaplain counseling service."

When a trainee is bed-ridden, the University health service reports the fact to the council, which notifies the church in which he is interested, and they in turn do all they can to help.

When the housing shortage was at its worst, wives of army students could not find places to live. So a general appeal was sent out to the churches. The next Sunday, special requests were made for the cooperation of Eugene people, and suitable accommodations were finally found.

The YWCA established a darning and mending service, the YMCA bought tennis rackets for some of the boys who wanted to spend their free time on the courts. In addition, the YMCA opened its doors for reading, ping pong, listening to the radio, and resting.

During the summer, some of the trainees went to Camp Lucky Boy since they lived too far away to go home during their furloughs. Picnics and outings were planned when possible. Faculty and townspeople arranged to entertain the army students in their homes.

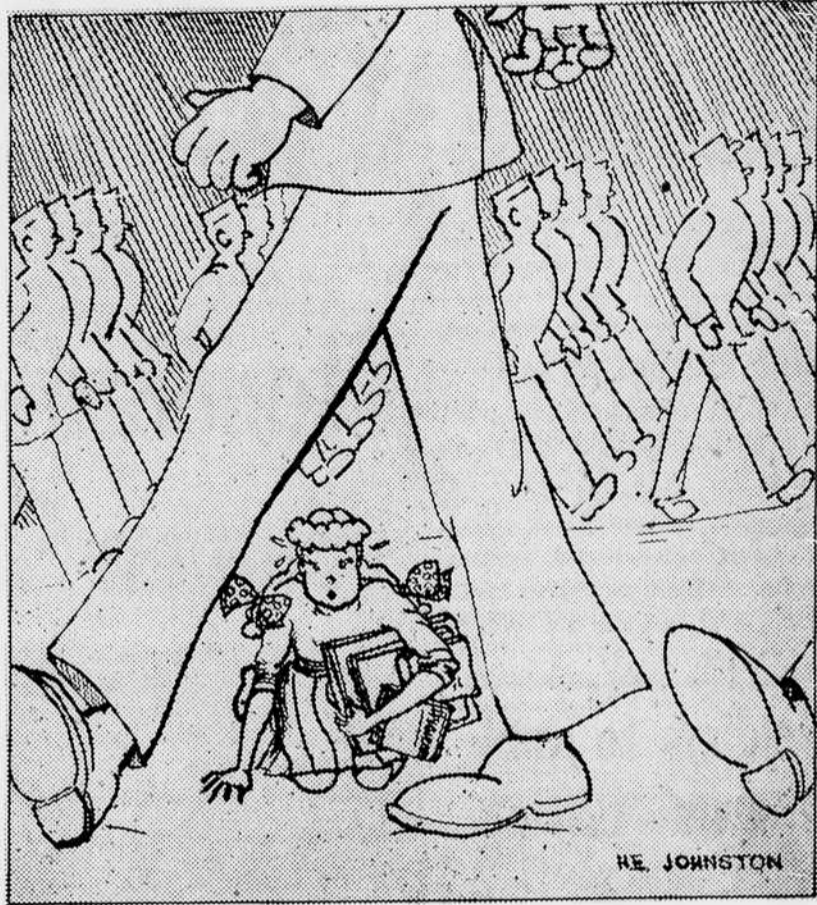
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What does all this mean as far as the student committees and boards already set up for war activities and for coordination of social events are concerned?

The war emergency council stepped into a new situation and made a fine record of their accomplishments. As the fall term begins to gather momentum, their plans are expanding. But the council does not, in fact do not want to do what the students themselves accomplish through their committees and boards. Particularly the new student coordinating committee and the campus war board have many important fields to conquer, this one socially, the latter practically.

This "grown-up" committee which has included at one time or another any University officials who could help, can serve to some extent as a model for student efforts. While their fields are not strictly the same, they have many of the same goals.

There are new problems which student governments all over the country are facing. Oregon's student government has a new opportunity to test itself. And it might well take a leaf from the success notebook of the war emergency council.



Mail Clerk Kept Busy

According to Technician Fifth grade James A. Lee, the army students here would rather receive mail than eat. So, although life may be a little easier on the cooks, Corporal Lee, mail orderly, just hangs an "Open All Hours" sign on his office door.

Approximately 800 letters and 200 packages and newspapers are delivered daily at 5:30 mail call. Of this number, a very small percentage is V-mail.

Complications arise when the men fail to have their addresses changed upon moving from one unit to another. A recent detachment was sent from here to Camp Roberts, California and every time Corporal Lee forwards their mail, it is promptly sent back. Just one of his headaches!

No More SWAK

A recent order which may affect the morale of many letter writers and receivers is the ban on such sentimental symbols as S.W.A.K. on the backs of envelopes. Special delivery letters, cease to become such when they hit the army pigeon holes. Letters are considered as special only until they reach their military destination and from then are treated like any other mail.

Created June 4, at military headquarters in the men's physical education building, this service is headed by Lt. Victor F. Manson, adjutant. The office is now situated in the orderly room of Company A, the men's dormitory.

Oh, Yes—Santa Claus!

Because more than 1,000 packages will arrive at Christmas time, we wondered if Cpl. Lee shouldn't start relaxing before the holiday rush. But he merely shrugged his shoulders and dryly remarked, "Every day is Christmas around here.—M.S."

mocracies would then face the prospect of the war's lasting a decade longer.

Globally Speaking

By BILL SINNOTT

Be it understood that the views set forth in this column are my own and in no way reflect the opinions and observations of the Emerald or its editor.

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Probably the most important conferences since the Paris peace "get-togethers" of 1919 will start within the next ten days in Moscow. This tripartite conference of the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and Russia must be a success to insure the prosecution of the war.

Our delegation will likely be made up of Cordell Hull, General Marshall, and Averill Harriman. The British will probably send Anthony Eden, Lord Beaverbrook and Field Marshal Brooke.

The conference is a great triumph for the Russians. The Soviets remember that after the October revolution both the United States and Great Britain landed troops on Russian soil to aid the Whites in their attempt to overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Kremlin recalls, too, the long years of diplomatic isolation after Versailles. Russian pride was affronted by her failure to be asked to the Munich conference and the sending of William Strang, a minor foreign office official, by the British to the U. S. S. R. in the summer of 1939 to negotiate a mutual-assistance pact against Nazi aggression.

The question of a second front is the paramount question before the conference. Moscow is not satisfied with the third front in Italy. They want an invasion of France and the Low countries immediately to take off some of the terrific pressure their armies and people have been under in almost single handedly holding off the Wehrmacht since June 1941.

Czechoslovakia is another matter before the foreign ministers. A few months ago, London and Washington prevented Benes from concluding an alliance with the U. S. S. R. The Russians view this as an implied acknowledgment of the hope of the western powers to set up a "cordon sanitar" or small states, stretching from the Baltic to the Black sea, to shut out the U.S.S.R. from western Europe.

Turkey will be before the conference. In recent months Turko-Russian enmity has flared up again. A border skirmish between Turkish and Red soldiers occurred a few weeks ago. Premier Saracoglu of Turkey has never forgotten the weeks he spent in Molotov's anteroom waiting for an audience.

The future governments of the countries of western Europe must be threshed out. The con-

servatives of the western powers look with alarm on the Free German and Free Polish committees set up on Soviet soil.

The conference must succeed in drawing up a thorough plan for the conduct of the war and for a permanent peace to follow. Otherwise it would have been better if the conference had not been called.

The conference's failure might lead to Stalin's making a negotiated peace with Hitler. The de-

And in Exchange

Coeds at the University of Michigan are taking care of the navy men stationed there in a nice clean way. Three girls have started a laundry service which they call the BBS and to date these campus cuties have washed 24 navy undress whites at 40 cents each and are already expanding their business.

University of Washington Daily reports that the UW canteen for service men on the campus is operating successfully; \$200 has been contributed to the V-12 welfare fund from the profits made by selling candy, cigarets, etc., to the service men at government prices.

All ye who grieve about the time schedule of classes heed this little item: the University of Kansas school of engineering operates on a 24 hour basis and

500 U.S. navy machinist's mate trainees are handled daily. How would you like to report to psych class at 1 a.m.?

Being sent through college by her son is Julia Minton, 60, one of the oldest and most active coeds at Arkansas university. She is taking education and a basic mathematics course which is required of air crew trainees. These women!

Fifty dollar hats made of kitchen towels, tea strainers, and grapefruit halves and sold by an exclusive Chicago hat shoppe are described in October 4 Time magazine.

Boots, boots! "Sailors on submarines have synthetic rubber seaboots made with nonskid soles and room for FOUR pair of woolen stockings."—S. F. Chronicle.—M.W.

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