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Voting Privilege . . .

Oregon students of voting age seem to be taking their privilege seriously this year. It is a healthy sign, and one which shows that students are more and more concerned with local, state and national government.

The students on this campus who are urging that every other student of voting age obtain his absentee ballot, and the students who have formed a new club in support of Wayne L. Morse for United States senator, are doing what college students who have formed a new club in support of Wayne L. est in public affairs.

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Before the May primaries, more students will have registered, and more will have organized themselves to discuss candidates and issues. For example, the Wayne Morse for United States Senator club has just begun to function and all students who are interested may join.

In letters to the editor Harry Skerry, Barbara Younger and others have shown their belief in intelligent voting, and the possibility that many students are particularly interested in the senatorial race in Oregon.

That such interest is keen in other circles is obvious. It appears only natural that students should form a spontaneous organization to support the man they know, the man who is the type of leader that college students like, intelligent and liberal, to quote Mr. Skerry.

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Seniors and others who have now or will soon have the voting privilege have the responsibility that falls upon citizens to speak their minds and to try to clarify issues. Such political awareness on this campus is valuable.—M.M.G.

Ear to the Ground

By ELIZABETH HAUGEN

The probability of drafting 4-F's brings up the question of peacetime military conscription, following the war. Do the students feel such a move is necessary for preparedness measures, or do they think it threatens the ideals for which this war is being fought. University students asked this question registered widely varied opinions:

"We need a standing army of at least 100,000, but no short-time conscription for a short period. It takes years to really train tough soldiers," claims an ex-soldier.

Another viewpoint is, "It's a good thing if they leave me out of it." Explaining this statement, one student said, "There are some people who, because of their temperament and talents, just don't fit into the army."

The chief objection of another to such a program is that it would deprive all young men of their personal liberty for a certain length of time.

"I realize that we'll need an army of occupation for a number of years after the war is won, but when this immediate need is past, no one should be forced to join the army for any length of time," commented a graduate student. "It teaches discipline under others, rather than self-discipline and individual responsibility."

Draft Favored

In case of future emergency, it was suggested by another that an immediate registration should be called for every man and woman 16 years of age or over. Each

should be required to stay at the job he chooses, just as soldiers. All young men would be trained immediately for war service and as they reached draft age would go into the army. Under this plan, militarization at all times would not be necessary.

A senior pre-med said, "It wouldn't hurt any fellow, beyond interrupting his life for a while, but I can't see any particularly good reason for it."

Most of the fellows who have thought about peacetime armies after the war feel that ROTC and the National Guard can take care of the physical and military training, which they think important, for those who want it.

Some of those questioned favor a more rigorous basic training program in the high schools, so that more boys will be reached, and at an earlier age.

A few women, not a cross-section, were contacted, and most of them felt that at least four to six months' life as part of the army would be a good measure, both to raise physical standards and as a precautionary measure. Some even went so far as to say that women should be included in the program.

Globally Speaking

By BILL SINNOTT

With the Red army poised upon the Carpathian passes in Bukovina, the battle for Russia that Adolf Hitler launched thirty-three months ago is drawing to a close. The battle for the Balkans, the opening phase in the battle of Germany, is about to begin.

The Red army has driven back the wehrmacht with amazing speed. At its present rate of progress it should reach Rome ahead of the Fifth army. Hitler's Balkan satellites realize that all is lost. They are concerned solely now with saving themselves from the Russians. Prince Borbu Stubej has been holding parleys with the allies in Cairo concerning Rumania's withdrawal from the war.

Prince Stubej was not a happy choice as an envoy. He is a member of the Phanarist clique that exploited the country for so long. He is best known as the lover of the late Queen Marie. The only time King Carol ever posed as a defender of the sanctity of the home was when he punched the prince in the eye when he found him in the palace upon his return from exile.

Rumanians for Hitler

The Rumanians gave the most wholehearted support to Hitler of any of his satellites. The Rumanian armies have suffered astronomical losses at Odessa, Sevastopol, and Stalingrad. The Ploesti oilfields are vital to the Third Reich.

Hitler showed in his Hungarian coup that he had not lost his skill. The visit of Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian regent, to Berchtesgaden followed the classic pattern of calling state heads to his Bavarian snuggery to discuss the abolition of their country that he inaugurated in February, 1938 with the visit of Kurt von Schuschnigg, of Austria.

Admiral Horthy has been regent of Hungary since 1920, when the communist regime of Bela Kun was overthrown. Like Poland, Hungary was an anomaly in the post-Versailles world.

The country was governed by and for the aristocrats. The inbred, prolific noble families owned all the land. They were the outstanding Anglophiles of Europe—Bond street was their spiritual home.

Hungary Wanted Territory

The Hungarian obsession was "Revision"—revision of the Treaty of the Trianon that gave Hungarian lands to Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Hitler bribed the Hungarians to enter the war with pieces of territory that had been taken from them after 1918.

Hungary was out of the war after losing ten divisions on the Russian front in 1942. Her leaders were ready for peace and this fact caused Hitler to launch another "blitz."

Hitler first tried to use Belo Imredy as his Quisling prime minister. In 1939, Imredy had to retire as premier when it was found that his grandmother was a Jewess. Imredy had failed to get any stooges to join his "cabinet."

Hitler now governs Hungary through the ex-Hungarian minister

to Berlin, Field Marshal Roeme Sztojay.

The Balkans—the soft underbelly of "Festung Europa," are vital to Hitler. His eighty divisions in the Ukraine are dependent on the Hungarian and Rumanian rail lines for their existence. A quarter of Germany's foodstuffs come from the Balkans. More important to the reich even than this is the fact that its sole source of bauxite, or aluminum ore, is in Hungary and Yugoslavia.

In the last war the collapse of Bulgaria precluded the end of the war. It is a good omen that Sofia was "blockbusted" by our air force this week.

Playus-Dayus—April 1

(Continued from page one) opportunity to go on an all-time big binge which lasted until April 1. At the present time we only celebrate on that one day . . . fortunately, because after a week of raising sulphur and brimstone, Oregon style, even Robinson's and Al Young would run out of beer.

Use of Masks in Drama

(Continued from page one) the firm groundwork they have had in dramatics, and both were rewarded last night with particularly large presentations of flowers.

The play will be given again tonight as well as April 4 and 5.

Pill Palace Roster Lists Three Guests

Several reasons might be given for the slack in Pill Palace patients. One that the Mortar Board dance is this weekend, and another that it's just plain spring. At any rate the report for Friday listed only three passive recipients, Helen Robson, Dale Harter, and Derothea Wilson.

Civilian and naval students on the Georgia Tech campus are conducting a contest to name the queen of all Techmen's girl friends. The winner will be dubbed: "The Girl I'd Rather Be Restricted With."

Pro and Con

To the Editor: Of late, we have been following the local political fracas with an avid, and now quite thoroughly disgusted, interest. The whole campaign has, it seems to use, degenerated into something which we soldiers think personifies the so-called "Oregon spirit."

Take, for example, the part played by the Emerald in the present campaign. Now, in the normal course of events the Emerald is a nice little news rag. It serves the students and faculty. It provides the school with a house organ. And in general it satisfies the requirements of a good college newspaper.

We read the Emerald and, for the most part, enjoy it; but during the past two weeks we have been thoroughly taken aback by the boorish political campaign conducted in behalf of Miss Audrey Holliday. Now, we haven't a thing against Miss Holliday other than the fact that she seems to be a little too much for Miss Holliday, but we do feel, as Professor Turnbull felt, that the paper has violated a good many of the precepts of honest journalism.

Actually, of course, it doesn't matter too much who is elected. We can't recall a student leader who has accomplished a lot while in office. Though perhaps we don't give enough merit badges for effort under our system of evaluation.

In the final analysis, however, our entire thesis rests upon a premise that engulfs a far larger issue than that exemplified by one small college paper . . . one personality . . . or one petty action. It involves the essence of idealism that lies, if somewhat dormant, beneath our heart. It encompasses our faith in humanity. The intangible belief in an endless stream of life that flows forever toward the failing sun.

It poignantly cuts through our shallow coat of cynicism and throws salt on the wound that sheds a copious tear for humanity. These things that are far greater than man . . . greater than the sands of time . . . or the tragic sea clawing away at continents' edge.

These things, they are all a part that will some day fit the puzzle. That will, when completed, shatter the still evening sky like a shooting star from the most distant galaxy.

AL YOUNG

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