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A Citizen's Duty...

What will the world be like when this war is over? Will the peace be lasting or will the same mistakes be made all over again? Will there be another depression? Will people revert back to isolationism and extreme nationalism instead of banking their hopes on an international organization?

Those are just a few of the questions we ask as we stumble along, trying to see some promise in the post-war world. But usually in bull sessions we barely touch on them and then go on to matters which we feel are "closer to home."

In a few short years we will be catapulted into a world struggling over the solutions to those questions. We will find that they are not problems to be ignored, but that they actually concern each of us.

We have been told that we should continue our college careers so that we can train for our part in rebuilding the post-war world. We must prepare now, if we are to take an intelligent part in constructing a world worth living in. Each course is another step. We must have the knowledge to help us make intelligent decisions. We must keep our eyes and ears open so that we will not suddenly wake up and find that an entirely new world had developed while we ignored it during our four years at college.

But our training should also include "courses" in activities. It is through activities that we learn how to work with people, how to lead when necessary, and how to cooperate with the group when necessary. It is in this manner that we learn how to carry out our ideas into successful projects. For if we are to help lead people, we must be prepared as leaders.

We are not suggesting that a person delve so deeply into activities that he has no time for studying. After all, we came to the University primarily to study and learn.

But we do suggest that everyone on this campus at some time or another should get out and participate in the work of planning and carrying out campus activities and government. The training received would be an invaluable addition to your studies.

Think of it as your duty as a citizen of the community. Just as every clear thinking citizen of a city community knows that it is his duty to serve on a jury when called, you should consider it your duty and privilege to participate in the life of the college community.—M.A.C.

Beneath the Facts...

"Knowledge to humans is like the white of an egg to an unborn chicken. You can surround yourself in it. But it doesn't do you much good unless you know how to use it."

Frequently college students with noses specially-built for burying in books insulate themselves with what they fondly think is a shock-absorber of knowledge, a fine, thick coating of facts and data. They gather a wealth of information on a wide variety of subjects. They appear quite profound creatures, proudly point out fallacies in faulty reasoning, and even turn into radical thinkers. Life for them, in thought at least, is on a very high plane. They know the meaning of complex terms, and accept no statement that is not based on a logical premise.

They are interesting to talk to, and have a burning desire to acquire all the knowledge they can.

But they are so concerned in learning about laws—The Law of Supply and Demand, Mendel's Law of Genetics, The Law of Diminishing Return, and other blanket laws—which, they reason, have determined and always will determine the course of the world, that they are apt not to see the simple, fundamental truths.

It takes shrewdness to understand human nature. But because human nature is illogical, often people who are burdened with knowledge, fail completely to understand it.

Some of these same students may grasp at one cause only for a situation, ignoring all other causes. Others may be so lost in a maze of technical terms that they are unable to see the fundamentals of a problem.

What is needed, then, is to probe beneath the facts of what happened, to find why it happened, and to try to plan future action accordingly.—L.H.

Books Behind The News

By JOHN J. CRAIG

WHAT MANNER OF MAN?—Noel F. Busch—Harpers. 1944.

Noel Busch sets for himself a difficult task in discussing the world's most-written-about head of state in his latest brief volume. Mr. Busch's new biography of President Roosevelt is a remarkable combination of biography, psychoanalysis, history, and reportorial gossip.

As a writer for Time, Fortune, and editor for Life magazine, the author has had many opportunities to see the president and his principal associates at close range and at the same time has absorbed much Washington gossip about their methods and intentions. The result is, with possible exception of Gerald W. Johnson's "Roosevelt: Dictator or Democrat," the most balanced and readable book about the president that has yet appeared.

Although Author Busch is somewhat confusing in his psychoanalysis of the President, we are able to see a friendly and convincing portrait of a man whose prime drives are the love of people and excitement, and a dislike of friction and contradiction.

Mr. Busch sees the president as "a good but not a very wise man; vain, captious, overconfident and warmhearted; no more honest than most, but friendlier than the average; courageous but at the same time no totally without a certain somewhat meretricious grandeur."

Contrary to what some campus Republicans might think, Busch on

the whole inclines a balance for F. D. R. He endorses at least two of his three main strategic war decisions—to beat Germany first, to demand unconditional surrender, to attack Africa and Italy before France.

Mr. Busch tells us, despite Republican whispering campaigns, that the president is, if not quite top form, still lively as a cricket, full of stamina, and on his game ready to enjoy a series of new and even-more-exciting crises.

In contrast to other Roosevelt biographers like Emil Ludwig, Gerald G. Johnson, and the president's mother, Busch has given the fairest and most unbiased picture that might be obtained, for he sees the president objectively while the others are either violently opposed to the man or wholeheartedly for him.

This review is dedicated to the American voter who finds himself in a "mugwump" frame of mind, for by reading Noel Busch's unique biography he might be furnished with just enough zip to break his dilemma, or at least give himself an "inside" on the man he chooses to make a lasting peace program.

Air Alert

By SHUBERT FENDRICK

Dig your way out of that pile of textbooks. Forget those mid-terms for an hour or so. Flip the switch on that conglomeration of tubes and condensers. Hoist the volume. The ether is loaded with entertainment—all for free. Help yourself to a big chunk of it.

Barbara Bentley, Miss Lane County, will be interviewed by a movie star over the KGW (620) program, time Friday at 9:30 p.m. Good luck, Barbara.

If you are in a poor humor tonight or you just want good laughs, we'd like to suggest two of the best and most popular comedy programs on the air. Here they are:

A Plot, Too

Fibber McGee and Molly—this program always has a plot to hold it together. Therefore it leaves you with more than a lot of gags that you can't remember anyhow. The character actors that come in throughout the program are always good and original. Billy Mills always has his orchestra on tap, and the King's men take care of the singing assignments. NBC, 6:30, every Tuesday—we like it—and heartily recommend it to you.

Hardly have Fibber McGee and Molly left the air waves when Bob Hope comes in on the same network. Hope is our favorite comedian so of course we're prejudiced, but we think his program is tops. He is well supported by such stars as Jerry Colonna, Frances Langford, and Vera Vague. Skinnay Ennis makes the music. Listen once and you'll listen again—NBC, 7 every Tuesday.

We listened to some programs over the weekend which you might like to hear next Sunday.

Digest Aired

In our estimation the Radio Reader's Digest is one of the best variety dramatic programs on the air today. Conrad Nagle is the M.C., and the program is somewhat like an oral interpretation of the Reader's Digest. There is a 10 or 15-minute dramatic sketch, some shorter ones, and some dramatized puns. Part of the program is usually good education as well as entertainment. If you can get CBS in the daytime, it's 6 o'clock Sunday.

Another program that we listen

to regularly, although we don't know why, is Take It or Leave It.

Quiz programs are rather pointless, but some of them are pretty good, and you hear so much about the \$64 question that if you haven't heard the program you really should listen in and find out what it's all about. CBS, 7, Sunday. You may like it.

Magazine Board

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and trends and snapshots or ideas suitable for use in Mademoiselle are submitted by members.

In addition to the prizes, a member is paid for any actual articles, ideas, or pictures used. The quality of her work counts toward her application for a guest editorship on Mademoiselle. Each year, in the late spring, fourteen College board members are selected to go to New York in June and spend a month as guest editors putting together Mademoiselle's August college issue.

Applications should be submitted to Miss Phyllis Lee Schwalbe, College Board editor, Mademoiselle, 122 East 42nd street, New York City.

Despite the hundred-legged implication of its name, the centipede has but twenty pairs of legs.

Jeep: A cocktail shaker with three speeds.

Clips and Comments

By BETTY BUSHMAN and JANE ELLSWORTH

It Ain't the Dark, Brother

Everything from escalators to classical records were suggested for the post-war improvement of Northwestern university in an all-campus poll taken at Evanston last week. Included on the unique list, was the appeal made by one studious lad for better lighting in the library because "the dark makes people sleepy."

It's Even Rather Odd

Then there was the sophomore who wanted to see the music library enlarged. At the present time, only the odd symphonies of Beethoven are in the collection—1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Said he, "I like 2, 4, 6, and 8, too."

All Out and All In

The Independence (Ore.) Enterprise says that a local storekeeper has put this notice on his door:

- Out of cigars
- Out of cigarets
- Out of gum
- Out of patience
- Out of town

Whee! They Did It

An exciting homecoming game was witnessed by University of Kansas students and alumni last week. For the first time in 48 years, their football team defeated Nebraska's on home soil.

Etiquette & Company

At the University of Montana, Mortar Board's Charm School is the place for students who suffer from a squeamish feeling when they meet the person with whom they broke a date while on a date with a better prospect, bite their nails, snap their fingers, tap their feet, wring their hands, chew their upper lips, wear polka dot ties with plaid shirts, combine orange skirts and fuschia blouses, or are self-conscious about preceding a woman through a door and banging it in her face.

If this idea spreads, it looks as if Emily has lost her post to Mortar Board.

"The Friendly Rivalry of College Life"

The University of California has invited Stanford university to attend the forthcoming Cal-USC football game. Since Stanford, like Oregon, OSC, etc., etc., does not have a football team for the duration, "this," stated the ASUC president, "is probably the only way of continuing the traditional California-Stanford rivalry until the end of the war."

Maybe they're going to see who can sell the most hot dogs.

Signs of the Times

By the way, last week we saw a University of Washington student who was hitchhiking his way down to see the Cal football game. He said that he was having no trouble at all getting rides, although carrying a suitcase and a big sign did prove cumbersome. The sign read: "Stop, or I'll Vote for Him Again."

An optimist is one whose glass is half full; a pessimist is one whose glass is half empty.

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