

# Large Flow of Veterans Held Needed by Schools

CINCINNATI, OHIO—(ACP)—With student rolls in institutions of higher learning this fall down nearly a third below 1939, the last normal peacetime year, the estimated flow to American campuses after the war of 650,000 veterans for federally-financed studies "represents the chief hope of American college and universities for rescue from the present dearth of men students."

This is today's generalization of Dr. Raymond Walters, University of Cincinnati president and authority on college-university attendance statistics, in his twenty-fifth annual survey for School and Society, education weekly.

As of November 1, there were 608,750 full-time students and 925,084 grand total, including summer and part-time students, in 679 approved institutions. Despite good-sized freshman classes of 16 and 17-year old boys, current men students are from 50 to 94 per cent below the figures of five years ago.

As of November 1944, of the institutions which reported to Dr. Walters both this year and last, 648 had 593,271 full-time civilian and army and navy students, in contrast to 454,759 full-time civilian and approximately 363,000 in army and navy units in November 1943. For 646 institutions reporting grand total figures for both years, there were 893,883 this fall and 1,099,043 in 1943. Slightly more than 60 per cent of the current collegiate population are women.

California, with 16,261 full-time students continues as the country's largest university in this classification and New York university, with a grand total of 24,722, continues as largest in this group. Columbia university, with 12,039 full-time and 21,979 grand total, is second largest in both classifications.

A large section of Dr. Walters' report is given over to comments, released here for the first time, as to prospects for returning veterans outlined by Omas W. Clark, assistant administrator of the veterans administration, Washington.

Based upon statistics as to age and educational qualifications of armed forces personnel and upon studies of postwar plans of a sam-

ple group of 10,000 service men, Clark predicts 650,000 as a "generous estimate" of those who will be "candidates for full-time education on the higher levels." Previous estimates hazarded by other sources and running as high as 2,000,000 veteran-students after the war thus seem far too optimistic.

The peak load for colleges and universities will probably come a year and a half after Germany's and Japan's defeats, Clark believes, as he warns that veterans will not arrive on college campuses in a rush, but will be distributed over several years.

At present, approximately 2,460 disabled veterans are now studying in colleges and universities. No figure was given for discharged non-disabled veterans taking advantage of the federal G.I. Bill of Rights provisions for higher education.

## 'Secret Six'

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 vertising honorary; Phi Delta Phi, international legal honorary; Delta Sigma Rho, national speakers' honorary; the symposium speakers team; the YMCA council; and won the W. F. G. Thatcher scholarship for his work as Emerald business manager when he was a junior. After some time spent in GI uniform and later, as a Henry J. Kaiser public relations man, George has buckled down to being a second year law student, except for certain periods which crop up against his "activity road" for a time. This term he was tapped by Friars.

Fourth member of the sextet is six-foot-two Elmer Sahlstrom, adjudged to be one of the best students of the law school, who headed the Young Democrats on the campus in their victorious campaign to reelect Roosevelt. Elmer is claimed by both the BA and law schools because he is working for both a CPA degree and a law degree at the same time. He is also a dual citizen of the United States and Canada, having been born in this country of parents who were Canadian subjects.

The fourth member of Friars among the Secret Six is Harry A. Skerry, known among his associates as one who will defend right to the last ditch. In a way he is "father" to the other fellows, being the only third year law student in the school and "our graduating class—we hope."

At the first of the term, Harry came home with George Luoma one night because he could find no other place, and has been there ever since.

Fair haired boy of the Secret Six is Don Turner, one of the first men on the campus tapped in the nightmare men's smoker contest. "Probably the most beautiful man at Oregon," according to a colleague, Don graduated from the University in June, 1941, and is now a first year law student and one of the few Beta Theta Pi's left on the campus.



**SERGE JAROFF**  
 Contrasting in size to the 20 burly members of the singing Don Cossacks, little Serge Jaroff is well-known as conductor of the famous troupe, which will appear at McArthur court January 31.

## The Whole Truth Comes to Light

This is the real lowdown on how the Hospitality court was chosen.

Wednesday the 30 nominees for Hospitality Girl met in Alumni hall to be judged by the Secret Six. The opinion of Mrs. Siefert's, the Gerlinger hostess, four-year-old nephew was gravely considered by the Six.

The infant was asked to look over the 30 campus queens and pick out the most beautiful. After considerable prodding by the men, the child ran to the women, checked the chicks, and made his decision by tugging at the charreuse skirt of the tall-and-blonde Mary Margaret Ellsworth, crowing with delight (the boy, not Sworth).

## If a Buddy

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 the path of the advancing Allied armies in western Europe.

Second Lt. George R. Hail, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 95th bombardment group, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in eighth air force bombing attacks on vital

# Cossack Choir Founded In Midst of Revolution

"A Russian who does not sing is no Russian," says Serge Jaroff, director of the Don Cossack chorus, which will appear in Eugene Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 8:15 p.m. in McArthur court.

It was because Russians must sing that diminutive Jaroff who leads the Cossack giants in song founded the unique chorus just 25 years ago. It was 1920, and the Cossacks, torn from their beloved Don valley by war and revolution, were singing away their hunger and longing for home.

Jaroff, considered too little among the 6-foot soldiers to be of much use, had studied to be a

choirmaster. He took to leading his comrades, and presently had a trained ensemble obedient to every flick of his fingers.

Their fame spread, and they began to tour the world. Today they have a million miles behind them, and will cover thirty thousand and more in their annual round of the United States. They will celebrate not only their silver anniversary but their 5,000th concert this season.

Their appearance in Eugene, on a coast-to-coast tour arranged for them by impresario S. Hurok, is sponsored by the Eugene Civic Music association, and is open to all holders of ASUO cards.

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Outing club will meet in front of Gerlinger hall at 10 p.m. for a moonlight hike.

Wesley house will be open to students tonight after the game for dancing and playing games.

German industrial targets, and on Nazi airfields, supply dumps and gun emplacements in support of advances by Allied ground forces on the continent.

### Hail's Group Cited

Lt. Hail attended the U. of O. for three years. He is a member of the Fortress group which led the first American bombing attack on targets in Berlin, and which was cited by the president for its outstanding bombing assault on a railroad marshalling yard at Munster, Germany, in October 1943. As a component of the distinguished third bombardment division, the group also shared in a presidential citation given the entire division for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of an important Messerschmitt fighter plane plant at Regensburg, Germany, in August of 1943.

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