

What Is Our Future? Survival?

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truth) the impractical men are accustomed to think detachedly; to think, at least compared with the rest of us, in terms of all time and all space.

Practical men, but the nature of their jobs (action in terms of the present plus a short-term future) are accustomed to think expediently. Expedient thinking is unfortunately unequal to the task of solving the problems raised by Hiroshima.

Hence you will probably place more emphasis on the ideas of certain philosophers, historians, and scientists than on the utterances of commissars, foreign secretaries, and editorial writers.

You will discover that pre-Hiroshima thinkers can be contemporary, and post-Hiroshima thinkers may have been dead a long time. For example, Molotov and Thomas E. Dewey strike me as pre-

Hiroshima, whereas Plato is surprisingly post-Hiroshima in his ideas.

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By the time you have reached this point you will be an altered human being. Certain qualities that are precious and lovable you will perhaps in that have lost—vigorous optimism, easy gaiety, and maybe, though Heaven forbid, humor. That is the penalty you must pay for being part of the most terrible of all recorded centuries.

You will have become, not a pessimist, but a man or woman with a sense of tragedy. You will have become big enough to conceive AS A REAL THING the possibility of a major cataclysm, comparable in its effects to the coming of the ice age. Then—not before—you will be able to think of

methods of averting the cataclysm.

Some of you—I hope all of you—will have formed a new view of politics. You may even want to enter the field, determined to transform it from an arena of power-manipulations to an agency for just and rational government of human beings.

From this point I cannot tell you what to do next. What you do will flow out of what you are. If the scale of your thinking has become sufficiently great, the scale of your actions will be correspondingly great.

That the actions must be great and not small, rooted in the future, not in the past, is obvious from the circumstance that our present dilemma is great and not small, unique and not traditional.

Class of '47, it is time to commence.

Browsing

with LARRY LAU

Have a report on my desk which indicates that Robert Merrell, the man who recently pulled the switch and stopped an alleged anti-union program being put on by radio students, was once given the boot from Kansas State College, along with two or three others, for refusing to take ROTC. The case went to the State Supreme Court where Merrell won his case. Immediately thereafter the governor called a special session of the legislature to enact a law which would prevent any similar reoccurrence. Due to the resultant publicity, Merrell received several scholarship offers, and took one at a technical school, sponsored by a union, in Arkansas. While there he did some good work for both the union and the Communist party! . . . David Rozelle, who graduated from Oregon's school of Journalism in 1939 is back in Eugene running Rozelle's Coffee Shop on Alder just off 11th. Specializing in breakfasts and lunches, Dave and his wife have the joint crowded with people after their buttermilk hotcakes; at only 20c a plate, no wonder!

Another report sez that Dean Orlando J. Hollis was one member of the Co-op Board who voted against publishing the Co-op's financial statement in the Emerald. Grounds given were that the report was too complicated and that the students might misinterpret their meaning. . . . Gamma Phi Pat Starling's romance with Tom Dryden was short-lived; the Sigma Chi pin is back on Tom's own sweater. . . . Room 11 in Hen Hall has achieved some sort of record. With the pinning of Helen Arneson by Sig Ep Jim Dyer, all six of the gals are sporting the season's smartest brass. . . With Mortar Board coming up,

even though the gals are (for once going all out, it'll be up to the males to look their best as always. A fresh haircut at Inks Barber Shop on 11th (the guy gives terrific crew cuts) and clean, freshly-pressed clothes, as only the Best Cleaners can do 'em, and you'll be all set. . . .

Report No. 3 sez that damning evidence is piling up at a tremendous rate in the present Infirmary investigation. Orchids to Bill Lerner for providing that last bit of necessary impetus to get the thing started. . . . Pi Kappa Phi, with 23 members on campus, has already been recognized by the University, and sought yesterday to obtain membership in the ASA. . . . Hal Saltzman hasn't been pitching so well in May, but many have hopes for June. . . . Tom Kay tells us that the elections next week will be unconstitutional, but that there's little he can do. The ASUO race will be o.k., but the class elections will be subject to challenge before and after because the poll books will not be up to date. . . This will be the last plug for thet Campus Shoe Shop. After doing a grand are just figuring on getting by job all year, they say that the kids with their shoes, as is, until they get home where good old Dad can take 'em to the shoemakers. Personally, thanx for being a nice sponsor. From the students, thanx for the excellent work done.

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Big Rebate Brings Run

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and fountain pens. Three motion picture cameras and a projector, all that the store had in stock at the time of the 30 per cent rebate announcement, were sold almost immediately.

If the students who purchased the projector and the cameras turned in receipts for them, the items will cost them less than what the Co-op paid for them.

Students also displayed an increased interest in books. The saleswoman in charge of the bookstore

Honorary Group To Sponsor Picnic

A picnic for all members of Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary, their dates, and families will be held at Swimmers' Delight Friday at 4 p.m. Boating, swimming, baseball, and other picnic sports will be available.

Food will be provided and transportation arranged for those who need it. A charge of 35 cents per person will be made. All those interested in coming should contact the math department secretary in 203 Deady hall by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Campus 'Y' Elects Officers for '47

Dave Mortimer has been re-elected president of the campus YMCA for the coming year. Other officers chosen at the recent election were

Al Bartholomew, vice-president; Norman Dieble, secretary; and Otis Holland, treasurer.

The selection of committee chairmen for next year's activities will be announced soon. Only other activity planned this term is the regular folk dancing class to be held this Friday night from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the YMCA.

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Opera to Flaunt

(Continued from page one) will be Johnette King and Elizabeth Pollack.

Sunday's presentation will be held in the afternoon at 4 p.m. in the music school auditorium. On Monday, the opera will be at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Both shows are open to the public at no charge.

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