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Corn Cobs.

Election of Corn Cob officers will be held in Room 8 of U. hall

An important business meeting

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### An Issue for Student Decision.

WITH the announcement Saturday that formal application for a Nebraska student union building is being prepared for submission to PWA authorities early this week, the union building committee moves a step nearer its much-to-be-desired goal. Actual filing of the application, it is understood, will automatically bring the matter before the state board for consideration when Nebraska's share of the huge public works grant is allotted to specific projects.

Filing of the application, however, only opens the door for consideration of the project. The enticing visions which have lured a few ambitious students into accepting the labors of a Hercules are still far from reality. Much work remains to be done, both on the campus and with the PWA board, and but little time remains for it. Developments of the next two or three weeks will probably seal the fate of the union building one way or the other.

It is a gigantic task which the union committee has shouldered and a task it cannot hope to successfully complete without the support of the student body as a whole. Some few cases of criticism against the union building,-criticism not unexpected-have popped into the foreground during the past two weeks. The Nebraskan is inclined to dismiss these as the mutterings of more or less disgruntled students who have not foresight or vision enough to appreciate the multifold uses to which the building would be put for the benefit of the entire student body.

The case of the Nebraska Blue Print which attacked the project somewhat viciously, we choose to regard as unrepresentative of the public-spirited students who comprise the engineering college. Engineering students would enjoy equal and mutual benefits from the building with other students.

Criticism has also been made of the proposed compulsory union tax which may be necessary. In answer to this, it may be stated that the benefits in comfort and convenience which the student would reap individually, would in themselves more than justify the fee. It is furthermore quite possible that the financial saving effected by patronizing the used book store which the union building will no doubt house, will approach the amount of the fee.

It might also be mentioned that there is a strong possibility that only a very small tax will be necessary if Nebraska students will get behind the plan wholeheartedly and build up a strong case for

Students will have an opportunity to further the union cause this week when more than two hundred petitions will be circulated about the campus seeking their support. Petitions will also be posted on bulletin boards in the major buildings on the campus. Somewhat more than a thousand signers have been secured to date. This number must be at least tripled if Nebraska is to have a union building. It is not at all improbable that the success which attends these petitions may be the decisive factor for or against the union building in the final reckoning with PWA authorities.

The Nebraskan is not willing to believe that students here do not want a union building yet it seems that a shot in the arm is needed to open their eyes, rouse them from the lethargy that has so long claimed them, and spur them into action. Once established, the union building would eliminate much of the disinterest and apathy which today makes for a decentralized and disorganized student body, and would furnish the nucleus about which a university-minded undergraduate body would exist.

It is the duty of every loyal and public-spirited Nebraska student who looks to the advancement of his alma mater to step out of the masses this week and pledge his support to this worthy cause. It is to be hoped that Nebraska students taken sufficient pride in this school to push the union building proposal over the top with such force that no doubt remains as to their determination.

The Nebraskan can only say "God speed the

## Browsing Books

Weldon Kees.

During the past few years revolutionary tendencies in American literature have made tremendous gains. The charge that few excellent novels portraying working class conditions have appeared so far may be explained by the comparative recency of the movement, and by the muddled and bigoted state of Marxian critics. Altho such prominent contemporary writers as Theodore Dreiser, John Dos Passos, Albert Haiper, Erakine Caldwell, and Sherwood Anderson take the side of the worker, and oppose capitalism, it can scarcely be said that they are "revolutionary" writers in the fine sense that Granville Hicks and other Communist critics

Two novels stand out head-and-shoulders above such proletarian works as Mike Gold's "Jews Without Money," Anderson's "Beyond Desire," and Fielding Burke's "Call Home the Heart." Those two ics are "The Disinherited" by Jack Conroy, and Land of Plenty" by Robert Cantwell. On the

merit of his first book, Conroy received capitalistic gold in the form of a Guggenheim fellowship about a month ago. Cantwell is writing articles for "Vanity Fair," which the Communists denounce as a decadent publication for the haute monde, and a magazine for which no decent party member would

Members of the Communist party are acting in their customary damnfool manner: if Conroy can get \$2,500 from Capital while writing about the exploitation of American laborers, he should get some sort of medal struck off expressly for such Wonder-Workers. And if Cantwell can have his say in the shinypaper "Vanity Fair" about demagogs and such, his remarks will do far more good there than in the New Masses and like publications, which reach in the main only the already-convinced.

Jack Conroy's new novel, "A World to Win," published this week by Covici-Friede, foes not quite come off. In reviewing a second novel, a reviewer has the choice of saying that "it fulfills the rich promise set by his first work," or that "in the light of his first rich offering, the second book is frankly disappointing." I am in somewhat of a funk, for Conroy's "A World to Win" doesn't lend itself readily to either of these much-used phrases. It was unfortunate for Conroy that "The Disinherited" was so fine a book: he will have some little trouble in writing another half so good.

"A World To Win" tells of two half-brothers, one an aesthete, the other a worker. Both might have had a chance to make something of themselves, but their environment knocks them down time after time. It is only in the closing passage of the book that they seem to reach some sort of goal-and even it seems nebulous and transitory. "I'm gonna try t'tell ever' livin' soul what I found out," says Leo to his brother. "We got t' get these factories back and open 'em up, and we gotta get these fields and orchards raisin' eats fer the hungry people. But they's only one way t' do it. That's take 'em and run 'em."! And his brother is convinced. "It is good to be here, thought Robert. It will be good to move. My body and my mind have been numbing from disuse, like a foot planted on the floor too long. It will be good to feel the blood tingling and circulating once moore."

"A World To Win" should prove satisfactory to critics who have complained that revolutionary writers sacrifice truth to deal out propaganda. Conroy's capitalists are not "Legreesque" villains that reek of sadism; his proletarians are no idealistic little Rollos with Hearts of Gold. Conroy in his naturalism is the closest thing to Zola that we have in this country. He writes with vigor and with understanding. His people are oftentimes brutal, savage, corrupt and degenerate, and he can be as horrific as William Faulkner ever thought of being. And he has shown suffering and starvation and cruelty that exist in good measure in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, things that the fatuous Dr. Hoover carefully overlooked when he made that immortal statement, "You can't tell me that anyone is going hungry in this country."

Yes we can, Herbie.

### Politics, Parties And **Platforms**

Editor's Note.-This is the conclusion of the article on the program of the Socialist party and its relation with college youth. This article, the fourth in a series on the programs of the major political parties, is written by Norman Thomas and Joseph P. Lash.

THERE are three major considerations which should govern the student's decision with whom he should line up: his prospects for employment under capitalism; his fate and lot as a creative worker under capitalism; the certainty of war un- strom, Omaha, was honored recentder any capitalistic government. Let us take these

(1) Employment: the Hoover committee on the costs of medical care stated two things bluntlythat the general public was not receiving adequate medical care because it could not afford it; that the majority of doctors were not making a livelihood. It further indicated that there is not a glut of physicians by any manner of means, but an underconsumption of medical services because of lack of purchasing power. This same analysis holds good for every professional worker and artist. The extent of illiteracy demonstrates the great need for teachers, yet there are unemployed teachers. The building of schools, houses, libraries, bridges, dams, roads is needed all over the country, yet there are scores of unemployed architects, engineers and technicians of every character. Unemployment is the fate that awalts many students under capitalism.

(2) But suppose he does get a job. Then he discovers that, if he is a journalist or a teacher, he cannot speak or write the truth, but must express the viewpoint of the dominant class. If he is an architect or engineer, he will discover that not technical consideration or those of health and comfort must govern his drafts and construction, but the dictates of profit. Every profession and art under capitalism is blighted by the green stain of profits.

And finally the student must realize that if he chooses capitalist society, he is choosing war. For capitalist nations beget surpluses which must be sold abroad. The United States now is engaged in a bitter economic struggle with Japan for the potentially huge Chinese market. So bitter is this struggle and so likely is it to end in war, that capitalist America is ready to ally even with soviet Rus-

sia in the coming war against Japan. How else shall we interpret the Roosevelt military budgets, the provocative maneuvers in the Pacific, the establishment of air bases in the Pacific, but as preparations for that war with Japan? Only the adaptation of production to consumption within our country will obviate the need for such an imperialistic war. But such an adaptation is possible only under socialism. Unemployment, war, perverted professional careers are the lot of students if the two capitalist parties continue in power. Abundance and the good life are the lot of students in a society democratically run by workers, consumers and tech-

Today the issue is clearer than it has ever been. The student cannot stall. He must align himself immediately, on his own campus, with the Student League for Industrial Democracy which is dedicated to a new social order in which production will be for use and not for profit. In politics the student must throw in his lot not with the parties of a disintegrating capitalism; not with the demagogues who, perbaps unconsciously, ape the earlier Mussolini and Hitler in their appeal, not so much to workers as to little owners, but with those who are building the Co-operative Commonwealth based on planned pro-

duction for use, not profit. That is the Socialist Appeal.

## Twelve Masked As Mortar Boards



PHYLLIS JEAN.















BARKES

INSPECTION.

toward instructors.

UNIVERSITY CADETS PRE-

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ments with the military depart-ment, and pays tribute to the stu-

dent attitude toward military work

as well as to student courtesy

"University authorities have their wishes carried out," he re-

marks, "without trouble and pro-

test by the students. Inspecting

officers often comment on the

courtesy of the cadets for their su-

perior officers at Nebraska. It is

but just common courtesy." Although this is the year for

no boot licking," says the Colonel,

colonel Oury's retirement, the

pard of regents and Chancellor

Burnett have requested that he be retained another year on active duty. He would like to stay even

longer than that, he says, with a

It was back in the Colonel's stu-

dent days that Pershing Rifles had

its beginning at Nebraska. Char-

les A. Elliott, now of Chicago, was

commanding the Varsity Rifles in 1895, when that group became the Pershing Rifles. It was named

for the man who was then in com-

mand of cadets and first lieutenant

of cavalry, who received his de-gree of bachelor of laws at the

university, and later became Gen-

eral Pershing of the American

Twenty-three Chapters.

the United States with the name

Michigan A, and M. and the Uni-

versity of Maryland. National

headquarters remain at Nebraska, with Tom Naughtin of Omaha, a

student in the University, as

major general. Cadets find a rig-

barring their way into the Rifles.

From the test results they are

chosen by the company for mem-

bership in this honorary society of basic course cadets. Jack Wick-

ly with the Pershing medal as be-

ing a former Pershing Rifleman

most outstanding in the advanced

or rather annual competition drill

and final examination in military

science, closes the work of cadets

on Wednesday afternoon, May 29,

Then 13 companies will compete

for honors in military perform-

ance. It takes the nature of a

half holiday from classes, but no

holiday from work. Each battal-

ion of the university unit has its

own tent to set up on the "Flats." Orders, boots, drills and march-

ng will again be much in evidence.

Again there will be the tests of military knowledge and ability to put it into practise. Just as last

year the company sponsors, who

are popular university women stu-

dents, serve lemonade at the tents

required 400 gallons of lemonade

to quench the cadet thirst a year

ago, and the amount will have to

be increased this time, say the

TO SING 'AIDA' IN

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'Aida," which will be presented in

English, rather than the original Italian, for the benefit of those not

acquainted with the opera, are

Teodor Lovich, of the Chicago Grand opera, who will sing the

part of the "king;" Kathryn Browne, of the Chicago Civic op-

era, who will give the role of

'Amneris;" and James Wolfe, of

the Metropolitan opera, who will

of the "High Priestess," one of the

two minor roles that will be sung

Mr. Kirkpatrick. The tenor part

of a messenger will be sung by Parvin Witte, instructor of voice and director of the glee club. Mem-

bers of the university football

team will be seen in the roles of

ruards in the production and mem-

bers of the band, under the direc-

tion of Billy Quick will take part

University students will com-

pose the choruses and the orches-

tra. A group of students of Flavia

Waters Champe will take part !

Chicago producer, will have the

HOLM

in the Triomphal march.

local musicians, according to

appear in the role of "Kamphis." Marcella Laux will take the part

COLISEUM MAY 6

Kathryn

drink-makers sadly.

OPERA COMPANY

to the warm and weary cadets. It

"Compet" as a student knows it,

military course.

tryout and examination

ron, the University of Cincin

of the World war general. This year four new ones have been added: At the University of Ak-

Now twenty-three companies dot

PARE FOR REGIMENTAL

MATSCHULLAT.





performance under his personal

with the Festival opera company,

including elaborate scenery, gorg-





#### COUNCIL SUBMITS PWA APPLICATION FOR UNION FUNDS

(Continued from Page 1.) an advantage. We feel that both projects are very worthwhile and should be supported by everyone, because the benefits derived would extend to every registered student in the university." Miss Selleck stated.

Elsie Beschorner, Lincoln, to Henderson; Jeanette Bisset, York, to Pawnee City; Wendell Dodd, Belstated.

more than \$3.00. We find that the Iowa.

student union fee at schools that supervision, bringing from Chi-cago all the necessary equipment per semester."

Circulators are to be advised that petitions are available at the Daily Nebraskan ofice and should they have now exactly doubled their number. He praises the co-operation of all university department. Daily Neoraskan office and should be turned in immediately after being completely filled out at the same office.

#### Eleven Students Obtain Teaching Jobs in State

Eleven university students and former students have received teaching positions during the week, according to the department of ed-ucational service. Herman Anderson, Lincoln goes to North Bend; Jack Fischer, chairman of the grade, to Fairmont as superintend-union committee, added, "There ent; H. R. Grow, Loup City, to might be some hesitation concern- Lexington as superintendent; ing signing the union petition because of the compulsory fee paid at registration, not exceeding North Platte; Junior high; Paul three dollars (\$3.00) per semester Folmantier, Omaha, Norfolk junior ... This fee is not definitely set high: Elton Reinmiller, Blue Hill, because it depends entirely upon to Scribner; Grace Schroeder, Fair-the federal grant. It might be as bury, to Tekamah; and J. P. low as \$1.50, but absolutely no Weisensee, Tekamah, to Onawa,

#### Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone must be there. ARMY OFFICIALS ASSIGN SPOERRY TO PANAMA POST (Continued from Page 1.)

7:30 o'clock.

R. O. T. C. instructors at any one Captain Spoerry's army career so far has taken him to Oregon Agricultural college, Fort Wright, Washington, Alcatraz, Philippines, China, Fort Douglas, Ariz., Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Crook. This will be his first period of service in Panama. He has been in the service since 1917, before which he was in the national guard for a pe-

riod of eleven years.

Transfer will be effective at the close of the present semester. Members of Captain Spoerry's family who will go with him to Panama are his wife, a daughter, Barbara, who has been connected with the French department this son, Jack, is now stationed with the R. O. T. C. at Fort Benning, Ga.

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