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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 the union.

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.

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.

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.

The Nebraskan can only say "God speed the venture."

Browsing

Among The Books

By 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.

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."

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 write.

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 shynypaper "Vanity Fair" about demagogues 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, does 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."

"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.

"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.

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 under any capitalistic government.

(1) Employment: the Hoover committee on the costs of medical care stated two things bluntly—that 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.

(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.

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.

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.

That is the Socialist Appeal.

Twelve Masked As Mortar Boards



ELIZABETH MOONMAN, PHYLLIS JEAN RUSSELL, FAITH ARNOLD, ELIZABETH BUSHEE, LOIS RATHBURN, ELIZABETH SHEARER, ALAINE BARRES, RUTH MATSCHULLAT, MARY EDITH HENDRICKS, VIRGINIA SELLECK, ANNE FICKET, LOURRAINE MITCHELL.

UNIVERSITY CADETS PREPARE FOR REGIMENTAL INSPECTION.

130 men in advanced drill—and they have now exactly doubled their number. He praises the cooperation of all university departments with the military department, and pays tribute to the student attitude toward military work as well as to student courtesy toward instructors.

"University authorities have their wishes carried out," he remarks, "without trouble and protest by the students. Inspecting officers often comment on the courtesy of the cadets for their superior officers at Nebraska. It is no boot licking," says the Colonel, "but just common courtesy."

It was back in the Colonel's student days that Pershing Rifles had its beginning at Nebraska. Charles A. Elliott, now of Chicago, was commanding the Varsity Rifles in 1895, when that group became the Pershing Rifles.

Now twenty-three companies dot the United States with the name of the World War general. This year four new ones have been added: At the University of Akron, the University of Cincinnati, Michigan A. and M., and the University of Maryland.

"Compet" as a student knows it, 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 performance. It takes the nature of a half holiday from classes, but no holiday from work.

OPERA COMPANY TO SING 'AIDA' IN COLISEUM MAY 6

"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 opera, who will give the role of "Amneris"; and James Wolfe, of the Metropolitan opera, who will appear in the role of "Ramphis."

Clarence E. Cramer, well known Chicago producer, will have the

performance under his personal supervision, bringing from Chicago all the necessary equipment with the Festival opera company, including elaborate scenery, gorgeous costumes, and all the various paraphernalia required to stage it in a complete and elaborate manner.

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.

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student union fee at schools that have such buildings averages \$4.50 per semester. Circulators are to be advised that petitions are available at the Daily Nebraskan 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 educational service. Herman Anderson, Lincoln, goes to North Bend; Elsie Beschoner, Lincoln, to Henderson; Jeanette Bisset, York, to Pawnee City; Wendell Dodd, Belgrade, to Fairmont as superintendent; H. R. Grow, Loup City, to Lexington as superintendent; Mabel McGinnis, Alvo, to Union; Ruth L. Peterson, Fullerton, to North Platte; Junior high; Paul Folmanier, Omaha, Norfolk junior high; Elton Reimiller, Blue Hill, to Scribner; Grace Schroeder, Fairbury, to Tekamah; and J. P. Wensee, Tekamah, to Onawa, Iowa.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Phi Lambda Upsilon. An important business meeting of Phi Lambda Upsilon will be held next Tuesday evening, May 7, in Room 102 of Chemistry hall at 7:30 o'clock. Corn Cobs. Election of Corn Cob officers will be held in Room 8 of U. hall Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone must be there.

ARMY OFFICIALS ASSIGN SPOERRY TO PANAMA POST

(Continued from Page 1.) R. O. T. C. instructors at any one point. 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 period 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 year, and a son, Phillip. Another son, Jack, is now stationed with the R. O. T. C. at Fort Benning, Ga.

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