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## Seeking Aid Outside.

The proposal in the late Alumnus that the university seek legislative appropriations through civic organizations is one of the most practical means yet suggested to change un-cameral frowns on the proposed .2 mill levy to smiles.

Mr. Max Kier, who suggested this method of circumventing unfavorable influences, foresees that "if such organizations recommend the budget suggested by the school, and if the public is informed generally, legislators will have no fear of adverse criticism when voting for these appropriations."

Mr. Kier's scheme borders on a lobby, to work for the good of the University of Nebraska from outside, and not inside, the legislature.

Certain it is that this aid, whether it come from within or without, is needed badly, and if the university cannot fight its own battle in the legislature, outside aid must be enlisted. That the university, the largest public business in the state, should deteriorate because lacking the support of the legislature which chartered it is proof sufficient that something should be done. What that something should be worries the administration more than the doing. The university has taken the "no" of the legislature with a pusillanimous grimace of assent and a vacillating kow-tow to the will of a superior. It could gain its ends, but, like Mr. Milquetoast, meekly accepts the given verdict.

If the position of the university were made clear to the public, if the voter understood without interpretive effort that public education in Nebraska is on the wane, there would be no difficulty in securing the required appropriation.

That is the business of a strong university legislative lobby. The legislators must be whipped into line just as any big business whips a legislature into line for its own interests. The university must cease to quaver before adverse decisions. It must learn to stand firmly and fight back for sustenance.

Failing this, the university might persuade the civic organizations of which Mr. Kier wrote to fight its battle. If they would consent to aid the university cause, to boost the university throughout the state, to talk up its case in the legislature, their aid would be invaluable.

The university seems to have failed on its own merits. It must seek new methods of securing appropriations other than mere asking. Until this is done, its educational rank will continue to fall.

## NEWS PARADE

By  
Ralph Woodruff

### The Temporary Armistice

in the struggle between the strikers of the United Automobile Workers and General Motors corporation broke down Monday as both sides charged the other with breaking its promise.

The truce had been reached after 15 hours of negotiating Friday in the office of Governor Murphy of Michigan. In this "honor" agreement, the striking union agreed to vacate five General Motors plants which they have been holding since the beginning of the strike, while the corporation in turn agreed not to try to reopen these plants until a settlement had been reached.

The union withdrew its demand to be the sole bargaining agency for the workers. The corporation in turn agreed that it would allow union leaders to bargain directly with the executive heads of General Motors instead of through the powerless company managers. William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors, promised that workers would not be discriminated against because of their union activities. Both parties to the dispute agreed to negotiate on wages, hours and working conditions for the 15 days after Jan. 18.

### Soaring Hopes

for an early complete settlement were shattered Monday when the highly-publicized truce failed completely in its first day of operation.

Knudsen charged the strikers with "bad faith" in failing to live up to their "honor" agreement to clear five plants of sit-down strikers. In two of the plants, the strikers refused to move.

The union, in turn, charged that General Motors was trying to reopen the vacated Cadillac plant, that it refused to permit picketing of several plants and that it agreed to bargain collectively with the alliance, an association of non-union workers.

The proposed conference on wages and hours started in this deadlock of charges and countercharges and ended in the same deadlock only 45 minutes later.

### There Will Be

no shortage of new cars for the consuming public as a result of the strike although there may be a shortage of General Motors cars. Homer Martin, John L. Lewis and other strike leaders have been careful to avoid trouble in other automobile plants, so that the public will not suffer. The result has been that while production in the General Motors plants has fallen off, production in competing companies has been stepped up sharply.

Nearly 135,000 workers have been thrown out of work as a result of the strike. The payroll loss amounts to \$750,000 per day. Though this economic loss is expected to retard the upward trend of business, it is not believed that it will be severe enough to reverse this trend.

## CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

### This Is a Race for Death.

Get on your mark. Get set. Go! And the world's greatest armament race is on. Actually the insane scramble has been going on for years but on Jan. 1 the Washington treaty of 1922 and the London treaty of 1930 ceased to be binding, so everything is "legal" now.

Great Britain, on the same day, laid keels for two 35,000 ton capital ships to join the world's largest navy.

United States soon will announce the beginning of construction of two battleships similar to Great Britain's. The two 50 million dollar ships are part of the billion dollar national defense recommendation President Roosevelt is expected to present in his budget to congress Wednesday.

Italy, France, and Russia are building shipyards as fast as they can make or borrow enough money. Germany, in an economic plight that comes nearer to national disaster each day, is straining its resources to build to the limit of its 1935 agreement with Great Britain, which restricted the reich to 35 percent of British naval power. And in Japan, Admiral Osami Nogano, navy minister, seeks a place in the sun and says, "We must increase national defense at all costs."—Daily Northwestern.

## PICK COMMITTEES TO HASTEN PLANS OF UNI AK-SAR-BEN

Weitkamp Manages Junior Stock Show, Scheduled For Feb. 12, 13.

Preparations for the annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben, to be held on the ag campus Feb. 12 and 13, were hastened at a recent meeting of the Block and Bridle club, honorary Animal Husbandry society, with appointments of committees to take charge of the yearly affair and a discussion of pertinent plans. The ag college festivity which is patterned after the Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben, is sponsored each winter by the Brock and Bridle club.

Highlight of the two day affair promises to be Junior Ak-Sar-Ben ball which will be held in the Student Activities building Feb. 12. Although no definite arrangements have been completed as yet, its sponsors promise ag students one of the most colorful social events of the year.

The showmanship contest which will feature competition in showing all classes of livestock is scheduled to be staged in the main pavilion of "Equine Manor" Feb. 13. Animals for showing are selected by lot, and all students wishing to compete should make

arrangements at once, informed Norman Weitkamp, manager of the 1937 show.

Weitkamp Directs Activities. Assisting Weitkamp as manager is Don Rodenbaugh as assistant manager. Clyde White will act as master of ceremonies, with Floyd Carrol doing ring master duty. Other committees and individuals assisting in the presentation of the affair are:

Beef Cattle, Lester Schmadeke; Dairy Cattle, Dave Carder; Horses, Chet Walters; Hogs, Bill Schrieker; Sheep, Don Baumann; Program and Music, Phil Sutton, chairman, and Dick Hansmire; Decorations, Earl Heady, chairman, Dale Smith, Glenn Elliott, and Bernard Reinmiller; Building and Arena, Ted Doyle, chairman, De Los Johnson, Lyndle Stout, and Jim Bunting; Dance, Vincent Jacobson, chairman, John Bangtson, and Phil Naviaux; Special Features, Loyal Corman, chairman, Carl Swanson, and Thomas Aitken; Clothes and Cards, Wesley Lipp, chairman, Chris Sanders, Leonard Hoegemeyer, and Athur Abbott; Publicity, Earl Hedlund and Al Moseman.

"Photomicrography as Applied to Metals" is the title of an article by Prof. Walter Weiland of the mechanical engineering department which appeared in a recent issue of The Camera, the photographic journal of America.

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