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## A Tribute to the Student Body

Say, the boys and girls on this campus sure did themselves proud yesterday in regard to the student forum held in the Temple. In fact, a large majority of the university enrollment showed encouragingly critical and informed opinion on international affairs. The students' brilliant advance analysis of the complicated machinations of world powers may even throw its light as far as the perplexed state department.

The campus presented a solid front of complete understanding of the foreign situation. The intelligent student attitude, demonstrated yesterday, shows clearly that the lethargy and unconcern, common to youth in reference to anything but their own narrow, perspectiveless routine of college life, is completely absent at Nebraska. Cornhusker collegians, that gay coterie of the younger set of the state, so often misrepresented as interested in nothing but football, rallies, caking, partying, and the name of having been at college, were a credit to their university. They showed themselves shrewd world citizens.

The student council's bungling forum committee underestimated the knowledge of the student body when it chose as a topic for discussion fascism in Brazil. The Vargas coup d'etat proved to be a virtual antiquity in the lives of the globe minded students. The forum committee failed to realize that while this internationally significant event of last Nov. 9 might be exceedingly timely to ordinary mortals it would be comprehended, condensed and closed ancient history to the keen student observers at Nebraska.

Some 150 odd stragglers as far behind the times as the forum committee and the speaker, Dr. Lyman Harris of Omaha U., attended the discussion. The remaining thousands on the campus deserve commendation for their realization that the issue of fascism in Brazil was

just a newspaper scare fed by the vicious appetite of the alarmists.

The Nebraskan points with pride to this large bloc of its readers who knew long before any forum was held that there was nothing to worry about in nearby Brazil. The readers knew that the speaker, if he had their inside dope on matters, would conclude that there was probably no such thing as fascism in Vargas' new setup, only dictatorship. The students knew that there were no materials for fascism in Brazil, what with 75 percent of the people illiterate, acute social and economic problems at home, and absolutely no taste for foreign conquest because of adequate territory and resources to accommodate its population.

The readers knew that these conditions breed dictatorship, but not fascism of the empire crazed German-Italian-Japanese brand. They knew that fascism in Brazil was a dead topic because there was no such thing. They knew that the United States could do nothing but gain by the establishment of a strong government, for instance dictatorship, in a country where strong foreign governments were trying to intrude.

They knew that powerful and centralized control in a country where fascist trade and culture were already rife would only keep Germany and Italy from any more active propaganda. They knew that fascist methods, which are the same as those of a dictatorship, but not fascist principles might obtain in Brazil to the advantage of the great fatherly democracy to the west and north.

They knew that the Monroe doctrine had already been crippled by Roosevelt's Chicago speech and by Uncle Sam's participation at Brussels. They knew that this weakening of the great warning document would go hard with the U. S. if Germany or Italy ever tried an overt penetration into Brazil, but that this was unimportant because such invasion is likely not to happen at least until after the Thanksgiving vacation. And that's a long way off.

Of course the students didn't attend the forum. Why should they? They knew.



### Vargos Tightens Grip

President Vargas tightens his grip on Brazil thru a decree abolishing federal courts in the nation's 20 states, Acre territory and the federal district of Rio de Janeiro.

Vargos' determined march toward one man supremacy shows little sign of encountering impediments along the way. The army is on hand to back his every move. His opponents are kept in custody to insure "their own safety."

### Fascism—Or Is It?

Commentors who have studied the situation state that fascism played no part in the recent coup d'etat. Yet the newly established dictator is reported to have given the fascist salute in public, and the decree in 1935 declaring fascism illegal was never enforced. Speculations are rife as to the significance of the dissolving of the fascist party as a political organization, immediately upon establishment of the new constitution. As Dr. Lyman Harris says, "You see

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what you can make of it."

Fascist injections. Whether fascism exists as a political party or not, fascist influence is continually being injected thru German, Italian and Japanese measures. The instilling of fascist propaganda thru exchange scholarships and subsidization of education are seized upon by alarmists as evidence of a possible forthcoming active interference.

Co-operation from Vargas is unlikely, however. His motive in the coup d'etat apparently is ambition for complete power, part of the "old story" of the rising of South American dictators. Brazil is an immense nation, with vast possibilities, and there would be no particular point in extending his influence or alliance beyond its borders.

### PALYI DISCUSSES GOLD SITUATION AT BIZAD CONVO

(Continued from Page 1.) gold countries are best exemplified by France and Japan. No matter what move they make, their gold seems to be leaving them.

"No Money" Countries. "As an example of what economists might call 'no money' countries we have Germany, where there is practically no movement

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of gold one way or another. With this particular group, there is little or no relation between the country's currency and gold; and as a consequence, most anything can be done to the currency.

Adoption of movies to supplement but not replace the present system of teaching is being seriously considered at Michigan State College.



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