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## THAT SINGLE BOARD PLAN

Perhaps, after all, the people of the state of Nebraska may some day remember the drouth of the 1930's with a pleasant thought—as the stimulus which brought them a new prosperity. It won't be the kind of inflated prosperity they enjoyed in 1928, but rather a sound, sensible one based upon a properly educated populace. Necessary economy has compelled the legislators of this state to take more active interest in the educational system than had been manifested since its entrance into the union.

No longer is the cry "more education for the people" the only voice heard. It has been changed to "better education according to ability." And this can be achieved only thru establishment of an intelligent, organized system.

Just such a system is the goal Senator Miller hopes to attain thru consolidation of the university board of regents with the normal school board. This action, he believes, would centralize control enabling elimination of over-lapping and duplication, so wastefully present in the current set-up; and would tend to eliminate rivalry between the schools.

Theoretically, Dr. Miller's plan is an ideal solution to the problem. The elective process which he advocates for selection of the board personnel, however, makes his bill as proposed an unsound one.

Independence of action is the only manner in which such a board can operate to advantage for the state. Its members must not be responsible to any particular section or school for revisions or monetary appropriations. Under an elective process of personnel selection, there will be no independence. Logrolling will become the means, and reelection the axe.

It is not conceivable that a board member elected from a legislative district containing one of the schools would be returned if he refused to act in the best interests of the particular institution, despite the fact that such action might be to the unquestionable advantage of the educational system as a whole. The outcome would mean inferior board members, and complete failure of the whole plan thru the board's inability to make revision thru elimination.

The Daily Nebraskan commends Senator Miller for at least arousing interest in a sound plan and for his evidently sincere regard for development of higher education. It hopes, however, that the senator will continue his work until he conceives a system in which politics can really be eliminated.

## WITH REGRETS

"I'll always be a Nebraska rooter."

With what more fitting words could a man who has endeared himself to the heart of Nebraska university students and alumni for the last ten years, leave the institution which for such a long time has played an intimate part in his life. What means most to Nebraskans, however, is their assurance that Ray Ramsay means exactly the words he has said.

To those familiar with the campus' lack of traditions and popular "characters," Mr. Ramsay's leaving brings sincere regrets. But even those Nebraskans who have never known him intimately, as long as there is a Kosmet Klub revue and University Players productions, they will never forget him.

# Inquiring Reporter

Do you approve of government training of a reserve air force from U. S. universities?

Chris Peterson

That college students stand ready to do their part in the national defense-preparedness program if it offers an opportunity for excitement and novelty, is indicated in a recent report of the Student Surveys of America.

More specifically, 70 percent of American college students endorsed and agreed to support President Roosevelt's proposed plan to train 20,000 civilian pilots a year in the most desirable training bases the government could conceive—American col-

would probably be more than enough who wanted to take this course but the physical requirements would narrow this number down considerably."

HOLLIS LIMPRECHT—FRESHMAN, JOURNALISM.

"As long as we must have pilots we might as well get them from the universities as any place else. It's a good idea locally because most of the training could be conducted through the Lincoln Flying school. I'm not interested in aviation but it would be good training for anyone. The best plan would be to have it in place of R. O. T. C. for those who wish to take it."

JOHN NISLEY—FRESHMAN, ENGINEERING.

"Swell idea. I wish that we would get it here at Nebraska because I'm planning to go to Boeing flying school after my graduation and this would give me a little advance training. As far as the government is concerned it is the fastest and most economical way for them to raise trained officers for the reserve flying corps. Enthusiasm among the students over aviation would make it popular."

FRED SCHNEIDER—JUNIOR, TEACHERS COLLEGE

"I'm all for it. The present R. O. T. C. trains good reserve officers and I feel that this air training plan would do the same. I would be sure to take it if I was physically fit. And I believe that the government will gain by a long run from it. I believe in the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This plan follows that to a tee; we are ready for what may come."

lego-campuses. Students everywhere have been asked, "Do you approve of Roosevelt's plan to train an air reserve corps of 20,000 men, now in college?" Seventy-two percent of those questioned indicated that they approved and lauded the plan, while 28 percent were not in favor of the proposed training schedule.

If the tentative plan proves satisfactory, Nebraska university students, in all probability, will have an opportunity to participate in the training at the government's expense, according to Secretary D. E. Packard of the state aeronautical commission. Present plans indicate that students would be given a ground course by the university and complete their air training with 50 hours of dual and solo flying with instructors subsidized by the government.

Just how such a plan and program would meet with the approval of the male students of the university is indicated by the following opinions.

DICK NISPEL—SOPHOMORE, ENGINEERING

"Oh, it might be okay. I wouldn't care about it because I have no interest in aviation. But Lord knows that it couldn't be any worse than the R. O. T. C."

PEARLE FRANCIS FINIGAN—SOPHOMORE, TEACHERS

"I don't favor it. I do not believe that the university is the place to give such an extensive training. If they are going to do this why not just establish regular flying schools and operate them at government expense. To me, that is the proper way to handle a thing of this kind."

BOB STIENMEYER—FRESHMAN, ENGINEERING.

It is the only thing. We need a bigger and better air force and college trained men are the best equipped for the technical work which makes up aviation. I myself would greatly prefer this type of work over the present R.O.T.C. I probably couldn't pass the physical qualifications but I sure would like to take a try at it."

JOE EVINGER—JUNIOR, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

"I'm in favor of it where schools have compulsory R. O. T. C. Then, too, it would be just like another course for those who are interested in aviation. From the mercenary point of view, it would not cost the student a cent and he would be getting a high priced training at the same time. There

## Behind world events

Bev Finkle

Individuals prying into the affairs of others, which neither specifically nor directly concern the inquisitive busy-bodies, may be asking for trouble. This may apply to nations as well as to ordinary individuals. It is not the motives but the methods of present American foreign policy which are subject to attack.

Japan has added her strident voice to the clamor. Japanese and Soviet troops have clashed in the Orient making still more serious the threat to peace. Reliable sources report that a formal declaration of war by Japan against China is now pending. Such a declaration would enable Japan to deny the extra-territorial rights of the democracies in the war zone. Formal war would allow Japan to strengthen her blockade and so further reduce Chiang Kai-Shek's sources of necessary war supplies.

Troubles are multiplying on the Spanish front. English shipping is still ravaged by "unknown marauders" in the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Loyalist forces are giving more and more ground, backing up to the very wall of the French border. Franco's industrial planes have even dropped a few scattered bombs on the French border towns which offer refuge to the Loyalists fleeing from Barcelona.

Ex-President Hoover, in a recent Chicago speech, declared that American participation in a war to preserve liberty would, in and of itself, destroy liberty. This is always true, for military expediency demands that individual liberties be suppressed, at least temporarily. War time necessity always causes contravention of the principles of democratic government.

While this column will not make a practice of "plugging" literature, we suggest that serious students of current international affairs expose themselves to Alexander Woolcott's short pamphlet, "Twenty Years After."

## Dr. Scott to lecture on trip to Mexico

Dr. C. W. Scott, associate professor of school administration, assisted by Mrs. Scott, will give an illustrated talk on his recent trip to Old Mexico for the first Pi Lambda Theta meeting of the semester. The Teachers college honorary will meet in room 108 of Teachers college at 7:00 Tuesday to hear Dr. Scott.

## Lincoln engineers elect Ferris W. Norris

An election of the Engineer's club of Lincoln, meeting at the Grand hotel, Jan. 23, placed Ferris W. Norris, professor of electrical engineering, in the post of president for the year 1939.

Captain Helmer Swenholt of the Corps Engineers addressed the meeting on river control.

## HELEN HOSP

time she has served as dean of women at Bethany college in West Virginia.

Miss Hosp, holder of a Phi Beta Kappa membership, received her M. A. degree from New York University, where she majored in personnel administration. She has also taken graduate work at Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, and the University of California.

Worked with Madame Schumann Heink

An accomplished musician, Dean

## Debate tryouts to be held Feb. 14

### Winning candidates to make Colorado trip

Students desiring to compete for the Colorado debate trip in the tryouts to be held Feb. 14, should leave their names and obtain bibliographies at 111 Andrews hall as soon as possible. Although the men chosen for this trip will not be allowed to make the Chicago or any other long trip, they will debate in other home contests.

An affirmative and a negative team will be selected to make this trip in March for debates with the College of Education at Greeley, State college at Fort Collins, and the University of Denver.

"Resolved that the United States should cease to use the public funds for the purpose of stimulating business," is the topic to be used.

Hosp has studied piano and voice, and has also worked with the late Madame Schumann Heink. Through the facilities of the West Virginia extension department, she organized and aided in the production of dramatic work in the Ohio valley.

At present Miss Hosp is president of the Bethany college chapter of the American Association of University Professors and social chairman of the college faculty club, and in addition she serves as counsellor to freshman groups.

## Hoffman Cancelled

Ex-Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, scheduled to speak at the Union today, will not make his appearance.

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