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## IS MERCY LIMITED?

Euthanasia, mercy killing, which created such controversy in the state legislature two years ago, has again been brought before public attention, this time in the interesting although not particularly enlightening form of a national poll taken by the Institute of Public Opinion.

Altho men and young people more generally seem to approve such permission with judicial acquiescence, the country as a whole is almost evenly divided with opposition holding a slight edge. A contrast to the vote

of the average man and woman is the result of a special survey of the nation's doctors. It reveals a slight majority favoring the plan.

Euthanasia as advocated by interested groups thruout the country, obviously is not the economic cure-all suggested by a retired army major who would eliminate all people on relief rolls who are over 70 or 75 years of age. On the contrary, practice of euthanasia would appear only in the few isolated cases where victims suffer horribly from some malady or mishap from which recovery is hopeless.

Science has made seemingly unbelievable advances in the field of medicine. They have produced remedies for diseases which had been incurable for centuries. They have snatched from the very arms of death thousands who in earlier days would have given up without a battle.

Sedatives and anti-toxins have been discovered which to a certain extent relieve and offset the tortures of physical pain. But even these are of little aid to the victim who is so weak as to be close to death.

Man is naturally a fearful animal. But not financial failure or death itself approximates his fear of pain and suffering. Sacrifice with an end in view is admirable and tolerable. But to endure the torments of a thousand hells with nothing but death as the possible outcome, is merely adding torture to unbearable torture.

If we believe in mercy, why can't we practice it in physical as well as in moral and mental cases? Can it really be wrong before the teachings of a just and merciful religion to relieve suffering because the only method means to die?

Legislation requiring consent of patient, doctor, and the court will eliminate any possibilities of criminal use of this permission. With such a safeguard, euthanasia can alleviate unnecessary suffering and eliminate the horror of the closing hours of life of a hopeless broken body. If a mother, who knows best in all the world what suffering means, can advocate this movement, then merciful it certainly must be.

## Students desire vote on fighting abroad

Editor's note: Timely indeed is this survey of student opinion of the possibility of war and American participation if war should come. In England, Prime Minister Chamberlain has invoked conscription of all young men 20 years of age, "war babies" born in the last year of the World War.

Today in Berlin, Adolf Hitler will make his speech to the reichstag for which the world has been waiting. He is expected to reply to President Roosevelt's request for a guarantee of no further aggression, in the negative. Will his speech give greater plausibility to the suggestion in the following article that by fall, American youth will be preparing to enter the trenches instead of going back to college?

By Student Opinion Surveys of America.  
AUSTIN, Texas, April 26.—Many a college student of fighting age has been pondering the president's Warm Springs statement, "I'll be back in the fall—if we don't have a war." And well might these American young men apply the statement to themselves. Will they be back in college next fall—or will they be behind one of Uncle Sam's new guns?

A startling series of events have focused in the public mind the one important question, "Is there going to be a war, and if there is, how can we stay out of it?" College and university students, 54.3 percent of them, join with the majority of the people of this country in favoring a national referendum before the United States drafts men to fight away from our shores. This is pointed out in the

latest of the coast to coast studies of the Student Opinion Surveys of America, the national weekly poll of student thought of which the NEBRASKAN is a member.

However, opposition to the proposal is quite widespread, for 45.7 percent declared against the question asked, "Should the constitution be changed to require a national vote before the country could draft men to fight overseas?" In the southern states a bare majority, 50.9, gave approval, while the west central group was the most in favor, 61.2.

A large portion of college students, then, appear to agree with the administration, which has taken a strong negative stand on war referenda. As shown by other opinion polls, the voters of the nation—61 percent—like the idea even better than the Ludlow resolution, which would require a vote before congress could declare war, for which they have been polled at 58 percent in favor.

The student survey points to this fact: College men are as a whole against a referendum by a small majority; women are for it by a large majority.

The attitude of many collegians was neatly phrased by a Wayne university student who said to the interviewer there, "If we have to fight in the defense of our country there will be no need for a referendum; if it is proposed that we join a foreign conflict, absolutely!" The sentiment against drafting men for battlefields abroad evident over the country is closely paralleled in this survey, which clearly exposes the state of mind of many of the young people who may have to interrupt their education should an international conflict arise.

### Field company gives book to Colonel Oury

A valuable historical book of Nebraska, "A Sod House Frontier," was presented to Colonel Oury by Col. Kermit Hanson, commander of the Cornhusker Field company, as a going-away present from the Cornhusker company, at their banquet last Tuesday. Colonel Oury gave a talk on his experiences over-seas and Major Ayotte complimented the members of the company on their fine work this semester. About 80 attended the dinner.

New competitive sport: Salem College students recently held a Chinese checkers tournament.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have given a \$110 loan fund to University of Akron students who are "100 per cent Americans."

## Student Pulse

Dear Editor:  
ATTENTION!! All men between the ages of 18 and 30!

In view of all this recent propaganda concerning America's "inevitable participation in any foreign war in the future" (as President Roosevelt says), we think some anti-war organization on the part of the university students—the cannon fodder of the next war—should be put into action. We think that such measures would tend to avert any such foolhardy meddling in the bloody throat-cutting among jealous foreign nations as was exhibited in 1917. Affiliated and unaffiliated men alike should unite in one integrated organization to fight propagandists, munition manufacturers, grasping politicians and pompous war lords who are attempting to increase their personal status at the expense of innocent humans. Are we going to stand idly by and watch a handful of schemers use us as chips in their game of fortune?

Yours for a sane America,  
TWO PEACE LOVERS.

### Delta Phi Delta sponsors art sale

Delta Phi Delta, honorary Fine Arts fraternity, puts a premium on art work next week, as student paintings go on sale at the Fine Arts carnival in Morrill Hall at 7:30 o'clock May 4.

Under the direction of the art honorary, interesting features of the evening's activities include side shows, legal horse racing, refreshment stands, portrait sketching and caricatures. Senior art work will be auctioned to the highest bidders.

A special relay race for portly fraternity men has been scheduled for the University of Vermont interfraternity track meet.

## New York U. man crashes Hitler caravan in Munich

NEW YORK, N. Y. (I. P.). The story of how a New York university administrative officer unwittingly "crashed" a Hitler parade in Munich last summer and "shot" himself out of his predicament with a motion picture camera was revealed to the student body by Harold O. Voorhis, secretary of the university.

Mr. Voorhis drove thru Europe last summer, with his family, in an American station wagon. "One day, while driving down a country road in Germany, we turned on the radio for diversion and heard Hitler exhorting the multitude," Mr. Voorhis said. "A few minutes later we were in the outskirts of Munich, inching thru an avalanche of humanity . . .

"I thought I could make better time to our hotel thru a side street. So I got into a narrow lane and followed it quite a distance until it opened on a broad avenue. There was a line of tin-battred troopers across the exit. I tooted my horn vigorously, but none too hopefully. To my surprise the line wavered and we pushed thru.

"Just ahead of us, a large open car was filled with men in uniform. Behind us was a long string of military cars. We had crashed unwittingly into the middle of Hitler's caravan. There he was in person in the car in front of us. Ours was car number two as we sped along."

When the motorcade finally pulled up in front of Hitler's hotel, officers instantly swarmed at Mr. Voorhis' running board, he said. Pointing to The Netherland's license plate, and with some nondescript papers from his wallet, uppermost of which was a Jersey Central railroad commutation ticket, Mr. Voorhis explained that he was a visiting dignitary from Holland especially invited to participate in the festivities of the day.

"I then unslung my motion pic-

ture outfit and went into action. It's a well known fact that a German officer is always at his happiest in front of a camera. Their vinegar pussies began to sugar under my lens and they were soon trying to soothe my impatience at Hitler's delay," Mr. Voorhis said.



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## Come to Church

Sunday, April 30

### First Baptist

14th & R  
Clifton H. Watson, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Student Class  
10:45 A. M.—"A Worthy Church Goal"  
6:00 P. M.—Roger Williams Club. Illustrated travel talk by H. A. Grim.

### First Christian

16th & R  
Ray E. Hunt, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Three Church School Classes for University Students  
11:00 A. M.—"Do We Get What We Pay For?"  
6:30 P. M.—College Group, "The Christian Family and the Home."

### First-Plymouth

### Congregational

20th & D  
Raymond A. McCumber, Minister  
11:00 A. M.—"Christian Citizenship."  
6:00 P. M.—Youth Supper.  
7:00 P. M.—Dr. Katherine Taylor, "What Is Security?"

### University Episcopal

15th & R  
Rev. L. W. McMillan, Priest in Charge  
8:30 and 11:00 A. M.—Regular Services.

### First Presbyterian

17th & F  
Dr. Edmund F. Miller, Minister  
9:40 A. M.—Bible Class for College Age. Prof. E. W. Lantz.  
11:00 A. M.—"Real Religion and Boldness."  
6:00 P. M.—Mr. James Lawrence, "The Chamberlain Family."

### Westminster Presbyterian

Sheridan and South  
Melvin V. Ogget, D. D., Minister  
11:00 A. M.—"Meaningless Whirlpool."  
6:15 P. M.—Fellowship Supper with Mothers as Guests.  
7:00 P. M.—Chapel Choir Cantata.  
7:45 P. M.—University Discussion, Dr. Pfeiler.

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