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## Editorially Speaking

### Correspondence From the 'Reds'

"We earnestly ask that the campus judge us by our own words and deeds, not by the political affiliations of any of our members." So writes Joseph P. Lash, national secretary of the American Student Union, a liberal organization of 20,000 U. S. college and high school students, recently under the searchlights of the Dies committee.

"To have worked unflinchingly to awaken the student from apathy is not un-American. To have striven unremittingly for the welfare of our student generation is not un-American. To have nailed to our mast the banner of a forward democracy is not un-American. To have concerned ourselves with world peace and world democracy with which our country's fate is indissolubly bound is not un-American," writes the secretary.

#### A Free Trial for Fritz Kuhn

Fritz Kuhn, fuhrer of the German-American bund, was tried by an American jury in an American court and found guilty of larceny and forgery. He was sentenced to state prison for from two and a half to five years.

Did Kuhn have a fair trial, or was he found guilty because of the prejudice of the jury?

A fair trial in the United States specifically means a trial by jury. The American constitution guarantees everyone this right. Trial by jury is a democratic institution, assuring the defendant of a trial as free from prejudice as is humanly possible. If a man is tried in a United States court by an unbiased jury on the specific charges made, it can be said in all truth that he had a fair trial.

Fritz Kuhn was tried and convicted by a jury—a jury of fair-minded citizens who saw their duty. They listened to both the defendant and the plaintiff. They heard both sides of the controversy. The judge in the trial more than once warned the jury to try Kuhn on the specific charges made against him. He recognized the danger of prejudice entering into a trial of a man who arouses the public mind against him. And Fritz Kuhn did arouse public opinion. He is looked on by most American citizens as an undesirable alien who is the head of a pro-German, anti-American organization in the United States, and is therefore a threat to democracy.

But Fritz Kuhn was not on trial for being a "rabble-rouser" as the judge termed him. He was on trial on charges of larceny and forgery. The United States court gave him a fair trial. He had the right to defend himself. He was considered innocent until proved guilty. And he was judged by the court fairly and without prejudice on the charges brought against him, not on his general undesirability as an American citizen.

So the United States gave a fair jury trial to Fritz Kuhn. And it will give a fair trial to everyone. One of our most prized of all constitutional rights is the right of trial by jury and the fact that legally a man is innocent until proved otherwise.

A. K.

The ten "depression classes" of 1930-1939 at Stevens Institute of Technology are 96 percent employed.

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## Gripes—

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proceed thru the following grouped subjects:

General University: Academic freedom, unity of campus, scholarships, grade systems, parking, library and campus appearance.

Scholastic: survey courses, comprehensive examinations, flexibility of requirements, class size, tutorial system, advisory system, compulsory class attendance, compulsory R. O. T. C. and student opinion surveys of professors.

Housing: cooperative housing, large dormitories, small dormitory problem, men's dormitories, and rooming house problems.

Social: social emphasis, faculty-student relations, social discriminations, 12:30 nights, and function of the Union.

Activities: student government, student publications, point systems, and honoraries.

Athletics: intramurals, seating at games, cheer leaders and emphasis on athletics.

### Presentation.

Records of the first gripe session, kept by two stenographers, will be referred in part to Chancellor Boucher and in part to the Student Council, depending on whether the topic pertains to university administration or to prob-

## Student Pulse

Dear Editor:

Here is a letter that is signed, but it will be only one of many, now that a subject has been brought up for discussion.

In my case the answer is in the affirmative to the question, "Do you study on Sunday?" Why? It has a nice long afternoon and evening free from interruptions. All students with a full load use Sunday in some type of study whether they have outside employment or not. Those who are working need Sunday afternoon and evening to keep their heads above the steadily moving stream of assignments. How do I know? Come around to a few rooming houses and you will see for yourself.

There will be a great objection to opening the library because students will be required to work on Sunday. Those who argue thusly forget about the hundreds of students working down town who must work Sunday or not at all. The Student Union hires many students who work on Sunday for the benefit of those wishing to use the Union facilities.

Is this work less tedious than checking books? The law library is open on Sundays preceding exams to give students a chance to adequately prepare themselves, yet the main library is closed to those who must prepare assignments for Monday classes and who work on Friday afternoons and Saturdays.

Those who object to a change will say that the students would not use the library if it were open Sunday, yet they will agree that the library facilities are taxed to meet the demand. Is this not a way of spreading out the load? Students who could not get the book they wish to use during a free time during the week would have another chance to get the book.

Finally, other progressive institutions have found it advantageous to open their libraries on Sunday and students do use them. Couldn't Nebraska give it a try?

Yours truly,

Erle M. Constable.

lems concerning extra-curricular activity.

Gripes may be submitted orally or in writing. Those submitted in writing should be left at the DAILY office; the oral ones to be presented to the student chairman of the session.

If you have an opinion; if you have a gripe; if you would like to make a complaint, then attend Thursday's gripe session at 4 p. m. in Union 316 or leave your gripe in written form at the offices of the DAILY.

## Mortar board—

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immediate hit with his interpretations of the classics.

... swing is here to stay.

Trumbauer's version of swing is to the effect that it has always been here and always will. The only difference between that of today and yesterday is that for seasons gone by it has been classified under different names such as Rag

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## Students okay neutrality law

Think, tho, it may lead us to war

Belief that the country's new neutrality law favors Great Britain and France to the extent that it may bring us into war on their side is strong among students of the university, according to a recent school of journalism poll.

Results of the poll, in which an average of 1,082 students of all classes contributed answers to six questions on American foreign relations, show that after the passion of congressional debate had subsided, undergraduate opinion favored the law's restrictions on American merchant shipping but disbelieved the power of the law to keep us out of war.

### Opinion similar to last spring's.

In a similar poll last spring, students the nation over were interviewed on their opinions of the former neutrality law, then in effect. An overwhelming majority of 93.3 percent of the students shook their heads at the possible effectiveness of the law in case of war.

With congress wrangling over neutrality and the president reportedly ready to back any move to repeal the act, student opinion was in tune with general public opinion, which gave various indications that the United States should take a firm stand on the side of the democracies.

Not satisfied with the new neutrality just passed, either, Nebraska students overwhelmingly disagreed with Senator Lewis B. Schwellenback (D) of Seattle, that

the bill as originally introduced was "a complete and orderly retreat from war" for this country. By the same preponderant vote they acclaimed the statement of Senator Arthur Capper (R) of Topeka, that repeal of the embargo would mean "First... profits from cash, then... credit... loans... men." Many students commented on their questionnaires that the new law would lead to credit and loans, but not to men.

### Restrictions draw comment.

Restrictive features of the law drew most comment. Most of those who added explanations to their opinions believed that not all American shipping should be protected but they favored an arms embargo if it applied to all nations instead of belligerents only. Some felt that the United States should discriminate against Japan.

Questions bearing on progress of the bill then in congress were answered most nearly with a 50-50 vote. One sampling voted on the question "Do you want the (old) arms embargo repealed?" 116 said yes and 120 no; while on the question "Do you want congress to pass the bill?" another group divided 439 for and 422 against.

Most common reason given in last spring's poll for the ineffectiveness of the neutrality act was that no law of any kind can keep the country out of general war under the present system of international politics, mainly because of our economic interests.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students and faculty members. Any announcements of meetings or other notices for the bulletin are asked to be submitted by 4 p. m. of the day preceding publication; not later than 5:30 p. m. of that day. The DAILY prefers that bulletin notices be typed before being submitted. Notices will be accepted by telephone, however.

### AG CAMPUS DANCE LESSONS.

Ballroom dance lessons on the ag campus will begin Thursday, Dec. 14 at 5 o'clock in the Student Activities building. A series of six lessons will be given for 75 cents. The lessons are given for both boys and girls but identification cards will be required.

### ENGINEERING CONVOCATION.

An all engineers convocation will be held at 11 a. m. Tues. Dec. 12, in Temple. Harry G. Davis will discuss "Some Aspects of Mechanization on American Economy."

### LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

The Lutheran Student club will meet in the American Lutheran church, 24th and U streets, today. Fellowship lunch will be served at 5:30 p. m. and the devotional hour begins at 7.

The second chapter of the same, "The

Faith for Our Day," will be presented by Mr. Arthur Thiermer. Transportation will be furnished at 5:15 p. m. from the Student Union and from 53rd and Holdrege on ag campus.

### SIGMA TAU.

A pledge meeting of Sigma Tau will be held tomorrow at 5 p. m. in ME 306.

### RIFLE CLUB.

Rifle club will meet tomorrow from 8 to 6 p. m. in Andrews basement.

### ARCHERY CLUB.

Archery club in the dance studio Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 8 to 6 p. m.

### WAA BOWLING.

Free practices for the W. A. A. bowling tournament will be held at the Lincoln Bowling Parlor tomorrow from 12 to 6 p. m. and Tuesday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Time, and Jazz, while today it goes under the heading of "Jam," the orchestra leader believes.

Tickets to the "vice-versa" party which sees the fairer sex performing all the traditionally masculine formalities, from buying the corsage, to providing transportation, are priced at \$1.25 per couple. They may be obtained from members of the Mortar Board or Tassels. Spectator tickets will be sold at the door for 35 cents.

In charge of the chaperones and invitation list are Mary Steuteville and Melva Kime. Faith Medlar is

chairman of the committee on ticket sales, Selma Hill is chairman of coliseum arrangements, Janet Lau is making arrangements for the pre-party dinner, and Helen Kovanda and Fern Steuteville have been appointed to handle the publicity.

Elizabeth Waugh, president of the women's honorary says of the coming event: "We are planning one of the most gala evenings of the social calendar and we want every girl to make the most of the one time in the year when we honor the men."

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