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Timorous Liberalism

... so was state's ex-officio delegate Add to the fiascos of 1939 the peace resolution debate and vote of the American Student union's national convention at the University of Wisconsin over the holidays. The delegates, supposedly militantly liberal minds of those who sit in the pews of the educational institutions, were strangely unwilling to commit themselves to anything at all.

It may be surprising to learn that good authority has said at least one student of the University of Nebraska attended the sessions. It was further learned that this student sat in the position of somewhat ex-officio member. Whether this student attended the meetings with the purpose in mind of initiating a chapter of the union here, or whether he attended out of idle curiosity, could not be learned. Little does it matter.

The important fact is that the group passed a peace resolution after rejecting by a landslide vote of 322 to 49 an amendment which would hold Russia the aggressor in the war with Finland. The proposition to which so few of these young liberals were willing to subscribe read:

"While the American Student union has no sympathy for the Russian attack on Finland and specifically condemns it as a clear act of aggression, nevertheless it does not want to see our neutrality prejudiced by those acts we consider to be unneutral."

Even with condemnation of an alleged aggressor qualified by so equivocal a phrase as the wish that our neutrality be not prejudiced by those acts which may be considered unneutral, the enlightened intellectuals in the vanguard of American liberalism found themselves unable to agree.

Discarding the theory of the Dies committee that the union is under the thumb of the Third International in Moscow, it appears that the American Student union has degenerated from an out-spoken but ineffectual debating society into an organization lacking even the courage to pass a positive resolution. Ordinarily, college minds do not function in that way.

A resolution calling for peace, as those of most patriotic-sounding organizations have been, can be only negative if it merely shouts the wonders of peace like a Father Divine angel singing for a hand-out at one of the Harlem Messiah's branch heavens. There is very little on which to agree or disagree on the admirable qualities of peace.

And just now peace as a topic of debate is like the weather. Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it. Not even the ASU. Perhaps it's too much like the weather: no one can do much about it—except talk.

The Editor's Job

Getting out the paper is no picnic,
If we print jokes people say we're silly;
If we don't, they say we're too serious.
If we clip things from other papers
We are too lazy to write them ourselves;
If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.
If we stick too close to the job all day
We ought to be out hunting up news;
If we go out to try to hustle
We ought to be on the job in the office.
If we don't print contributions
We don't appreciate true genius,
And if we do print them the paper is filled with junk.
If we make a change in the other fellow's writup
We are too critical;
If we don't, we are asleep.
Now like as not some one will say
We swiped this from some other paper.
We did, we did, we did!

News Roundup

by Davis, Loos, Mahnken

NEWS AND PROPAGANDA

By definition, propaganda is news. It can either be true or false, fact or rumor, an attempt to influence its receivers either for or against any desired object. Before the first world war, the term "propaganda" was seldom heard. Since 1918, however, it has appeared in the headlines daily, its true connotation often being lost or confused in the bitter hatreds and jealousies of international and national quarrels.

Today the general publics of the various nations have become too sophisticated and experienced to believe the fantastic rumors of World War 1 propaganda. On the other hand, in their wisdom, they are apt to be too cynical and suspicious to believe the truth in the propaganda when it is told to them. It is difficult to determine just where to put the responsibility for this change in attitude.

That our daily United States newspapers are partly to blame can not be denied. No matter how impartial they try to remain, conflicting reports and rumors dominate their headlines. Today is no exception. One headline from Finland relates, "26,000 Reds Trapped and Slaughtered."

From Russia comes another, "Finns Weakening Before Russ Drive." From London comes the news, "Three German Planes Demolished as Air Raid Fails," while Germany retaliates with, "Successful Air Raid Carried Out Against British." It is such reports as these that makes your international news correspondents hesitate to predict anything, for to attempt to analyze these conflicting reports might lead to pure fiction.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Roosevelt delivered his annual message on the state of the nation to the last session of the 76th Congress yesterday afternoon. The keynote of the president's speech was foreign affairs, and, if our ears didn't deceive us, the chief executive's sentiments are definitely anti-dictatorship and anti-"power politics." Mr. Roosevelt has great faith in the "democratic" governments of the western hemisphere and believes that such kinds of government are feasible for all countries in the world, even though some seem unwilling to try them. This opinion sounds reasonable, but it isn't all so simple, for such things as race, nationalistic feeling, inborn ambition, and the like, demand consideration in a discussion of how a nation can and will govern itself.

The president, in considering the domestic situation very cursorily, felt that national expenditures were justified and proper because they increased the income of the country. I want to know at whose expense, in other words, who will pay the bill finally?

The president must be commended for the fine quality, politically speaking, of his speech. For he confined himself admirably to talk about ideals, shied away from concrete facts, and appealed for the united support of the country—that is, for a de-emphasis of partisanship. It is, however, going to be hard to forget political parties with elections virtually upon us.

It was not nice of the president, when talking about a country united for peace, to strike at Senator Borah so harshly when speaking of the country's need for greater armament.

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- CORN COBS.**
All Corn Cob pledges are to meet with Ed Dosek in the DAILY office today at 5 p. m. to discuss advertising plans for the coming basketball games.
- SYMPHONY PROGRAMS.**
Parlor C of the Union will be open Sunday at 2 p. m. to students wishing to hear the Sunday afternoon symphony broadcasts.
- MATH SEMINAR.**
Prof. M. A. Basore, of the mathematics department will speak at a mathematics seminar today in MA 304 at 2 p. m. The topic of his address is "Some Geometric Aspects of Relativistic Dynamics." Prof. C. C. Camp is in charge of arrangements.
- BIBLE CLASS.**
Gamma Delta Bible study class will meet at 5 p. m. today in Temple 203. The topic to be discussed will be "What Does the Bible Teach Concerning the Condition of Man After Death?"
Y. M. C. A.
The university Y. M. C. A. Bible discussion classes will meet tomorrow noon in the lower floor of former museum.

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Baller reports delinquency rates highest among the dull

Delinquency rates are higher for persons who are merely dull than for either feeble-minded or normal individuals, according to recent studies completed by the department of educational psychology.

Rates were found to be approximately the same for males and females of both the normal and feeble-minded groups altho considerable discrepancy between the latter and persons in the intermediate group rated as below average intelligence. Dr. Warren R. Baller of the department of educational psychology and measurements found that in the case of the latter groups, boys are three times more frequent offenders than girls. In his study Baller traced the careers of more than 400 persons, who in elementary and high school, were rated as below average mental ability, though above the level of feeble-mindedness. In both instances a control group of average men and women was studied.

Reporting his findings to the Journal of Genetic Psychology, Baller declares that "poor social adjustment on the part of the mentally dull persons is of greater social significance than is the poor adjustment of the lower grade in-

dividuals, because of the much larger numbers of dull persons. In our schools more effort has been expended in working out plans for the special room child than for the somewhat better endowed but nevertheless handicapped youngster. Too often, the latter are driven to compete with normal students in a school program designed for average children."

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COLLEGE CAPERS ★★
Ed Wittenberg

For \$1,500,000
we'd name a dormitory after someone too. That's just what happened at Northwestern which recently received that amount from the estate of Clara A. Abbott. Half the estate was to be given to charity by the trustees who picked education as a worthy cause. In appreciation, the university has named a new 18-story dorm, Abbott hall. "The money will be used for the advancement of medical, chemical and surgical science," states The Daily Northwestern.
Lucky is the college which can count among its friends public-minded individuals of wealth. Private endowments such as this one have been the main stay of many of the nation's finest educational institutions, including Chicago,

Texas, California and Harvard universities.

Queen Sourpuss
was revealed on the Texas university campus Monday after an election in which votes were bought and sold like gumdrops, one for a penny. The election is an affair to select the ugliest man on the campus, all for the sake of charity. In the primaries, \$18 was collected with more pennies rolling in for the final vote. It's an ill favored face indeed that does nobody good.

Kosmet Klub
mouths will water at the news that Princeton's counterpart, the Triangle club, is taking its annual all-male production on a 3,000 mile tour which includes New York. Other cities to be visited by the club's five-car special include Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit and finally Cleveland.
Says The Daily Princetonian (See CAPERS, page 4.)

Yamashita--

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days on his way to Arlington cemetery where William Jennings Bryan is buried.
When Yamashita first arrived in Lincoln as a youth, after working his way from the west coast, he went straight to the home of the silver-tongued orator and announced that he had "adopted the family." He served the household for six years while he attended high school and later studied sociology and political science at the university.
His brother, Kiyohide Yamashita, received a bizad degree here in 1924.

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