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Editorially Speaking

U. S. POLITICAL ASYLUM: Condemned as Unsafe and Therefore Closed

A plea comes to the editor of the DAILY from the Korean Student Federation of North America asking for support of a bill now pending in congress which would permit 235 Koreans who have been temporarily admitted to the United States as students to remain here until there is a change in political conditions in Chosen (Korea), now faced by "Japanese militaristic iron rule."

Under the Immigration Act of 1924, these students must return to Korea after the completion of their academic requirements. Sympathizing with their desire to remain in democratic America rather than return to a homeland now controlled by warring Japan, Senator Guy Gillette and Congressman Kent Keller introduced in congress on July 24-25, respectively, two identical bills known as senate bill 2870 and house resolution 7399.

This bill would allow any Korean, who entered the United States for study purposes between the date of the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924 and the enactment of the proposed act, to remain in this country until such time as the Secretary of State finds "that political conditions in Korea have changed to such an extent as to make it unlikely that any such Korean will be subjected to persecution, because of his religious, political, social, or economic views upon his return."

Supporters of the bill claim that since it is only a temporary measure it is not indicative of a change in American policy. However, inasmuch as there does not appear to be any immediate likelihood that Japanese domination of Korea will cease, it would seem that for all practical purposes these 235 students would become permanent residents of the United States. Another claim for the bill is that it "is within the spirit of American democratic policy, always giving aid to political refugees within the confines of American soil." But hasn't America come to the point where it no longer can afford to let great masses of persecuted foreigners move in?

More than half the world is under this sort of persecution today and it is quite beyond the powers of Americans to bring solace to all of these peoples. Furthermore we are jeopardizing our own peace and security when we introduce persons of foreign characteristics, beliefs, and with a different outlook on life generally into our native population. Passage of this proposed bill might prove a dangerous wedge out of keeping with American immigration policy.

One might even make the point that these 235 students are not doing much to aid their oppressed countrymen by refusing to join them. They might be the logical ones to lead Korea out from beneath Japanese domination—if indeed the Korean population feels deeply the need for deliverance. Too often we Americans forget that ideals of political freedom and democracy are not so strong or necessarily innate in other peoples.

At any rate America no longer can maintain itself as a political asylum for a misled and maltreated world. If it can but protect the interests of its own people and maintain for them this haven of peace, freedom, and democracy, it should be above any criticism from those thus protected—what jealous outsiders may say is immaterial.



NORWEGIAN NEUTRALITY

One of the most flagrant violations of any country's neutrality occurred in Norwegian territorial waters today when two British destroyers steamed into Yelsingfjord harbor and engaged in hand to hand fighting with the crew members of the German ship Altmark. Although formal Norwegian protests were launched immediately, their strength was enhanced greatly with the blast of the German press against the British and even against Norway herself.

The Altmark was formerly a merchant ship which has since been transformed into a battleship. Yesterday it was discovered by the British just off the Norwegian coast, and the British destroyers drove it to port, where the Norwegians restored the ship to the Germans after removing the British prize crew. It was discovered by the British that the Altmark contained between three and four hundred English seamen, prisoners of war who had fallen to the Graf Spee and the Altmark itself.

Evidently deciding to risk Norwegian hostility, the English resolved to rescue their imprisoned countrymen. The result was the incident of today coupled with a German ultimatum to the Norwegian government to join the nazis in their persecution of the allies.

The Germans said that they would regard it as an unneutral act if the Norwegians did not demand satisfaction from the British for violation of their neutrality, and held the threat of announcing war on Norway if that government did not comply with the reich's demands. The Germans blame the Norwegians as much as the British for the seizure of their ship.

At the same time that this announcement was being made in Berlin, another declaration of equal importance emanated from the German high command to the fact that henceforth all British vessels would be regarded as battleships as treated by the Germans as such. This lacks excitement, however, as the Germans have pursued their war relentlessly against the coal and oil barges of the British empire this past week. Therefore, the announcement in no way proclaims a change in policy.

AID TO FINLAND

Men, money and supplies have always been the three most essential materials for carrying on a successful war. The present wars now waging in Europe are no different as Finland's appeal to Great Britain exemplifies. The Finns have made an heroic attempt to save their country from the Russians. They have utilized their natural resources to much better advantage than have the Russians. The odds, however, are so overwhelmingly against them, that without actual concrete aid from outside forces, they seem to be fighting a lost cause.

So far the Finns have been given the moral support of the League of Nations and the world as a whole, but wars are not won on moral support. The United States is sending them supplies for civilian relief. This is greatly appreciated and certainly is essential to the Finns, but this never won wars either. What the Finns need are war materials—men, airplanes, guns, ammunition. If these are not forthcoming immediately from England, Russia will have gained an outpost on the Baltic. If it is true that the Finns are fighting the "cause of all civilization," England and France can not honestly deny their requests, for is Finland collapses, the morale of all the democracies will have suffered a great setback.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

At last the stage is set for the political struggle between republican and democrat this fall. The republican national committee announced today that it has set the time for the national convention on June 24 and that the place is to be Philadelphia. Farley retaliated by naming July 15 as the time for the democratic convention in Chicago.

President Roosevelt lost in his appeal for late conventions, although the republicans admitted that they considered setting the time for their convention later than usual. The result, however, is that there will be no radical departure from past election years, when late June and early July have always been the dates for the nominating conventions. If the electorate turns out to be as conservative as the national committee, the whole Roosevelt regime may find itself out of a job when fall comes.

"We who are not directly engaged in warfare against our fellows are favored by their opportunity to continue the fight against injustice, ignorance, disease and wretched poverty. We may hope that the progress we make in overcoming these ancient enemies we share in common will later be helpful to others less fortunate than ourselves." Harvard university's Dr. Walter B. Cannon aptly states the duty of all non-combatants in this war-torn world.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students and faculty members. Announcements of meetings or other notices for the bulletin may be submitted at the NEBRASKAN office by 5 p. m. the day before publication or at the registrar's office by 4 p. m. on week-days and 11 a. m. on Saturday. Notices must be typed or legibly written and signed by someone with the authority to have the notice published. The bulletin will appear daily, except Monday and Saturday, on page two of the NEBRASKAN.

IDENTIFICATION PICTURES.

A number of students have not yet called at the registrar's office, Administration building 103, for their identification pictures which were taken during the second semester registration. These pictures should be called for before Saturday noon, Feb. 17. Students must present their identification cards to secure pictures.

No registration is complete until the picture is inserted with the identification card in the celluloid folder. This complete identification should be carried at all times.

RIFLE PRACTICE. Girls interested in rifle practice may still enroll in the classes meeting from 5 to 6 either Monday, Wednesday or Friday of each week in the west basement of Andrews. Each girl should have two practices a week. Under the sponsorship of W. A. A., free instruction will be given by Captain Hugh. Counselors are Monday, Anne McGuire; Wednesday, Frances York, and Friday, Alice Tishhammer.

HOME EC HONORARY. Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron, national honorary home economics sororities, will hold a tea this afternoon from 3 till 5 in the Home Ec building parlors. The affair is especially for transfer students.

VARSIITY DAIRY CLUB. Regular monthly meeting of the Varsity Dairy club, postponed last week, will be held Tuesday at 7:15 p. m. in the Dairy building. Speaker for the meeting will be Dr. K. L. Underberg, who will speak on "Agriculture in Denmark."

STRING ENSEMBLE. String ensemble program will be played today in the Union ballroom at 3 p. m. Admission cards are available at the Union office.

REQUEST PROGRAM. A request program will be played on the Carnegie music set in the faculty lounge tomorrow at 4 p. m. Students have been asked to report what records they would like to hear to Pat Lahr, Union social director.

HARMONY. Next in the series of Sinfonia harmony hours will be presented in the faculty lounge of the Union Tuesday at 4 p. m.

VESPER CHOIR. Y. W. Vesper choir will rehearse Monday at 5 p. m. in Eden Smith.

CORNCOBBS. Corncoobs will meet Wednesday in the Union.

'Ski Stealers' summons Klub workers tomorrow

Scripts and scenery for "Ski Stealers" (pronounced "she stealers") will get preliminary readying tomorrow afternoon when Kosment klub workers meet for the first time at 5 p. m. in the klub office. Preparations for the pony chorus and casting will begin.

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