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Editorially Speaking

Can the allies Blunder to victory? If so, it's a good start

As plucky little Finland goes down before the inefficient but massive war machine of soviet Russia, the world sees another modern European republic ploughed under by a bullying dictatorship. To be sure, the outward forms of independence for Finland are indicated in the peace treaty just as they were in the recent case of Czechoslovakia. But also like the Czech republic, the Finnish nation will be helpless to resist the complete conquest by Russia which inevitably will follow once Finnish defenses are down.

We in the United States can be shocked by Finland's defeat but we should not be surprised. It was inevitable that the endless resources of men and equipment which Russia can summon should eventually prove too much for tiny Finland. It is like the case of a big merchant forcing a small one out of business. He may have to lose ten dollars himself for every one he makes his little competitor lose, but in time the latter's resources must give out and force him upon the mercy of his greedy antagonist. To be sure little dribbles of assistance came to Finland from sympathetic nations, but they were as nothing compared to what she was forced to take from Russia.

The outcome of this latest undeclared war must be marked down as another triumph for Russia and Germany, another decisive defeat for the allies - England and France. Many observers believe that in the Finnish struggle, the allies had a great opportunity to defeat the Germans. As unwieldy as the Russian military machine proved to be, it should have been easy for the English and French to have sent Stalin's ill trained and ill equipped soldiers packing from Finland. Then they could have faced Hitler from the other side - his unfortified side. The Maginot and Siegfried lines may be counted upon, it seems, to maintain a stalemate position in the west. Many allied leaders were aware of this opportunity - demand - for allied action. But when Hore-Belisha was forced to resign from the British war ministry, probably because of his insistence on a program of aid to the Finns, the Chamberlain leadership went blundering on without any seeming accomplishment or hope of accomplishment.

More serious consequences than it is pleasant to think about are likely to follow from the Russo-Finnish peace. First, of course, will be the unhappy situation of the Finnish people under Russian rule. Then because once again the allies have shown themselves unwilling to back up their promises of aid to small countries threatened by the dictators, one can expect future demands by those dictators to be more readily met by small nations. After Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Finland, the word of the allies will not carry any more weight than the word of Hitler and Stalin. Indeed it should carry less since Germany and Russia seem to have made good all of their threats, while England and France have done nothing - or next to nothing. Thus if Germany and Russia expand in the direction of the Balkans next, it will be only what one should expect. Meanwhile, as the European situation grows

worse and worse in the eyes of Americans, we can feel ever more thankful of the barriers which separate us from it. Nor is the Atlantic ocean the greatest of those barriers. Even more important are the "American" spirit and ideals of what constitutes the good life which make Europeans and their troubles utterly foreign to us. We must realize and never forget that European thought is not the same as American thought. Our ideas of freedom of thought, speech, and action, our standards of living, the way in which we cherish independence and democracy - such feelings Europe as a whole cannot share with us. There is a tradition of eternal struggle and it does not seem that they ever can escape it.

Students of World war I may feel that Kaiser Wilhelm, Tsar Nicholas, Emperor Francis-Joseph and the other government heads in 1914 had quite superior motives compared to those of Hitler and Stalin in World war II. But as Dr. Winnacker, history professor, remarked in class yesterday, the question today is "who is the greatest enemy - Hitler or Chamberlain?"



Confucius sayings swept the country like a tornado. Now they are gone, leaving in their wake an emptiness similar to that in the top of a bottle when the cork is gone. It is then fitting that we should cork that bottle with a few of his actual statements and put it back on the shelf from whence it first came.

I am simply a man who in his eager pursuit of knowledge neglects his good and in the joy of attainment forgets his sorrow; and who, thus absorbed, does not see that old age is coming on.

The best men are those born wise. The next best are those who grow wisely by learning. Then come those who grow wise by learning. Then come those who grow wise by experience. But the lowest men are those who never learn by experience.

Don't try to gulp down soup with vegetables in it, nor add condiments in it. Do not keep picking the teeth, nor swill down the sauces. If a guest add condiments the host will apologize for not having the soup better prepared. If he swill down the sauces, the host will apologize for his poverty in that the sauce was not sufficiently strong.

At 15, I had the desire to learn; at 30, I could stand up; at 40, I had no longer any doubts; at 50, I understand the laws of heaven; at 60, my ears obeyed me; at 70, I could do as my heart dictated and never swerve from the right.

Confucius died well. He called his pupils together one day and said, "The great mountain must crumble, the strong beam must break, the wise man must wither away like a plant." He then went to his bed and died.



"FINNISH AGGRESSION."

Tuesday noon brought the end of a war - a war which was never declared, a war which the Russians asserted was the result of "Finnish imperialistic aggression," a war which saw the decline not only of the Finns, but of the allies as well.

According to the terms of the peace treaty, Finland as an independent political unit virtually ceases to exist. The entire Karelian Isthmus and its defensive fortifications, the Mannerheim line, are to be given to the Russians. The entire city of Viipuri, which the Russians never succeeded in capturing, is to become Russian property, as are also the shores of Lake Ladoga. Thus the Finns lose a great slice of territory along the southeastern front, where the fighting has for the most part centered, and where the soviet troops were far from all-victorious.

On the northern front the Finns also lose a considerable slice of territory, around Kuolajarvi and certain islands and peninsulas along the northern coast. Furthermore, the move to cut Finland in half, which failed as a war measure, succeeds as a diplomatic maneuver, for the Russians and Finns are to build a railroad from the White Sea to the Gulf of Bothnia, to be jointly controlled. At the same time free transit of goods across the Petsamo arctic area is to be provided.

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TODAY

RELIGIOUS WELFARE COUNCIL. Members of the Religious Welfare Council will meet in parlors X and Y of the Union at noon.

SINFONIA. Members of Sinfonia will meet in parlor Z of the Union at noon.

GAMMA LAMBDA. Gamma Lambda will meet in room 313 of the Union at 5 p. m.

ALPHA KAPPA PSI. Members of Alpha Kappa Psi will meet at 7 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

SOAP CARVING CLASS. Soap Carving class will meet at 4 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

BARN CLUB. The Barn club will convene at 7 p. m. All university men and women are invited.

CAMPUS QUEEN COMMITTEE. Members of the DAILY campus queen contest committee will meet for lunch this noon in the faculty dining room of the Union.

KOSMET KLUB. Kosmet Klub activities will meet in their office at 5.

FRIDAY

DEBATE. The university debate team will debate in parlor X of the Union at 11 a. m. and again at 1 p. m. Both debates will be against Park college of Chicago.

REQUEST PROGRAM. A record request program will be held Friday in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

FACULTY SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Faculty square dance club will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Grant Memorial. Faculty members and graduate students are invited.

SATURDAY

BARB DANCE. Members of the Barb Union will hold a dance in the Union ballroom at 7 p. m.

UNION DANCE. Dave Haun and his orchestra will play for a Union dance at 9 p. m.

DELTA OMEGON. Members of Delta Omegon will meet at 12:30 p. m. in parlor A of the Union.

PHI SIGMA IOTA. Members of Phi Sigma Iota will meet at 6 p. m. in parlors A and B of the Union.

ALPHA PHI ALUMS. Alpha Phi alumnae will meet at 1 p. m. in parlor X of the Union.

Reporter--

(Continued from Page 1.) inclination, but I don't appreciate the mural and I don't think the majority of the students do either. Jack Haacher, engineering sophomore:

Yes, it gives the art students an opportunity to display their talent and I don't think the cost of such a mural is high enough to merit a controversy.

Ed Schumaniskowski, engineering freshman:

I enjoy art exhibits and I think it is worth while for the Union to spend money on a mural, the question is, it it worthwhile to spend it on this mural?

Margaret Peters, arts and sciences freshman:

I think the mural is a worthwhile addition to the Union. Students may make fun of it, but underneath they really like it. Bill Golding, arts and sciences freshman:

Being a patron of the arts, I think the mural is really all right. Students should devote more time to these finer things, and I think they will appreciate this mural because they are watching it being made by our own students.

Ward Griffin, arts and sciences sophomore:

I appreciate art, but not this kind of art. Perhaps the money should be spent on work done by more advanced painters. I do, however, enjoy the pictures of the month and the displays in the Book Nook.

Betty Sue Meyers, teachers sophomore:

Definitely. The mural shows everything, or almost everything, that happens in university life. I appreciate art, especially the pictures in the lobby.

Jock Donovan, teachers sophomore:

I think the money could be better spent. The money being spent on this mural is not being spent for the benefit of the majority of students, as most students don't use the card room where the mural is to be placed after completion.

Beatrice Ford, teachers senior.

Yes, I think it is especially interesting to watch the mural being made, and I think the students will appreciate it after seeing it after completion.

Schemel speaks on teaching today

Topic of an address this afternoon at 4 by Miss Lucille Schemel, teacher of English and history at Whittier Junior High, will be, "Advantages and Disadvantages of Teaching; Preparation for and Varieties of Specialization." This is the fourth talk in a series being sponsored by the AWS board and the office of the dean of women.

Miss Schemel was recently elected president of the Lincoln Teachers association and is an active participant in the work being done to further the teacher's retirement legislation.

She has taught in all the grades and has done demonstration work in the university; facts contributing to her versatility and well-rounded teaching accomplishments.

Barn Dance club shuffles tonight

The rafters of Grant Memorial will resound tonight to the co-educational clogging and shuffling which signifies the revival of barn dancing and of the Barn Dance club.

The club promises one hour of fun of an individual sort beginning at 7. A blanket invitation is issued to university men and women. Miss Ella May Small is chief barn-dancer.

Women--

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president of the Lincoln branch, Mrs. R. L. Misner, president of the Crete branch, Dean Helen Hosp, Mrs. Bryan Stoffer, wife of the president of Doane college, and Dean Eva Smock of Doane. Mrs. Clark will have charge of the dining room.

High school girls who will serve are: Betty Hertzler, Mary Jo Latsch, Gloria and Marilyn Mardis, Gwen Skoglund, Lois Wright, Virginia McCulla, Margaret Reese, Dorothy Browne, Joan Kinsey and Mary Jo Gish.

Mrs. Philip Schmelkin, chairman of the hostess committee, will be assisted by Mrs. Paul Royal, Mrs. E. R. Priel, Mrs. F. E. Overholzer, Miss Gertrude Beers, Miss Marguerite Cornell, Miss Eva Erickson, Mrs. Viola Erickson, Miss Mary Guthrie, Miss Merle Beattie, Miss Ethel Beattie, Mrs. L. C. Brown, Miss Jessamine Fugate of Beatrice; Mrs. A. O. Schimmel, Miss Mary Sturmer of Beatrice, Miss Margaret Cleland, Miss Elsie Ford Piper, Mrs. Walter Baer, York; Miss Lulu Horne, Mrs. R. E. Baker, and Miss Alice Brown. Spring flowers will be used.

Phi Sigma Iota holds banquet

Celebrating its second anniversary, Phi Delta chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, national romance language honorary, will give a banquet Saturday in parlors A and B of the Student Union. New members will be initiated beginning at 6 p. m. The dinner is at 7.

Dr. Mabel Strong, English instructor, will speak on "The Charlie Chan in Le Morte d'Arthur" as part of the "medieval mood" theme of the banquet. Mrs. Nora Osborn will discuss the French farce. Barbara Birk will talk on "An Italian Artist," and Margaret Buehner on "Medieval Meanderings." Emory Burnett will discuss "Haglography." Dr. David Cabeen is toastmaster.

St. John's day.

Henry Maxwell will speak on "Old Spanish Anecdotes," Mercedes Oberlander "The Legend of Bernardo del Carpio," and Prof. Teale "St. John's Day."

Mrs. James Wadsworth and the Phi Sigma Iota symphonic chorus with Betty Ann Duff at the piano will furnish music. Willis Bowen, president of the chapter, will welcome new initiates and Louise Benson will respond. Forty members and guests are expected to attend.