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# Editorially Speaking

### In any event We ought to know whereof we speak

Hitler's blitzkriegers surge onward, the Allies pour thousands of men into battle in efforts to stem the tide which seems to be pushing almost unobstructed toward the coast; England calls for conscription and places all the resources of every Englishman in the empire at the disposal of the government. In Germany, for a long time, all private property and private rights have been put to one use .... whatever is best for the state, and that is, whatever Hitler and his nazi party think is best.

Truly, this is a TOTAL war, when the entire stock of men, money, and supplies of every country involved has been turned to promoting the causes. The last war was a great war, costly in money and lives, but it never approached the totality and allinclusive aspects that this one possesses.

Opposing generals talk of losses of thousands of men to gain a strategic point or to break the enemy's line as a mere coincident to gaining that objective. To most of us here in America, the loss of life, the suffering, the anguish that war brings to a nation is reason enough to outlaw wars. No nation can be great after a war when its life blood, the youth and the strength is gone, murdered, sacrificed, or whatever you will, for the sake of the power and prestige of the nation.

We do not believe the concept of a strong state should include the element of power that threatens international peace and security. The strong state, to Americans, is one which has earned the respect of its neighbors, large and small; which allows its people the freedom that is so necessary to make a happy state; which uses the instruments other na-

tions use for war and aggression only for defense and protection.

Conceitedly, perhaps, America's college youth believes itself part of the cream of America's youth. We won't argue the point as we're somewhat prejudiced. Collegians in America don't want to sacrifice all that they have worked for. But neither do they want to see a form of government exist elsewhere which will hamper American ways of life and America's welfare in general. The problem that has been raised is whether America should help the Allies before the nazi machine wins the European war or whether America should wait, and if the nazis win in Europe, sit back and let them have their way. Purely selfish motives prompt this attitude and, philosophically, we are not able to judge whether selfish motives are right or wrong. Both sides present strong arguments, moral, physical, and practical. Student organizations seek signed petitions arguing that we should fight only if we are invaded. Other groups say we should help the Allies now and help save those forms of government and ways of living that correspond more nearly to

Propagandists from abroad flood our libraries, mails, homes, and schools with "facts" that show one side of an argument that of course has two. One side may be weaker than the other, but there are still two sides.

Our own opinion is muddled, and probably so are those of the men who lead us. No one wants to go to war immediately; we're not prepared. Some do advocate helping the Allies as soon as we are ready. Perhaps we shall be too late. The solution to the problem depends on future events, which no one can predict with accuracy. Wishful thinkers pray for the Allies. American public opinion is overwhelmingly for the Allies.

But Americans love America's democracy, America's freedom, America's institutions more than their counterparts in England and France. We can't tell you what to believe. What we do urge is that in the face of arguments for the isolationist and the interventionist points of view, you consider each carefully. Both sides have merits, both are faulty in some respects. We must keep our minds open. We must think of the consequences that will result from our united action. We must not be arbitrary about our conduct. It is too important, far too important to us to allow us to decide without thinking what will be best for us. As college students, we can do our country a great service, first of all, by searching thoroughly for reasons to support our positions and conclusions.

Second of all, when we decide our positions, we should be tolerant of other opinions, never trying to convince others without listening to their arguments, never trying to impose our views without reason or logic to back them. We should keep our minds open always for other viewpoints. We can never be sure we are right. Perhaps such insecurity of opinion constitutes a weakness in our system, but we are free to reason for ourselves; we are not bound to accept anyone's dictates. We want to remain that way.

-N. H.

# **Publications** filings close

Applications deadline set for 5 today

Today is the last day that applications for appointment to positions on the student publications will be received by the publica-tions board, Prof. Gayle C. Walker, chairman of the board announced. Application blanks may be obtained at University Hall, 104, and must be received before 5 o'clock. Postions open are:

> DAILY NEBRASKAN Editor-in-chief

> Two managing editors Six news editors Business manager

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Editor Business manager

## Progressives--

(Continued from page 1.) party, the following projects have been undertaken and carried through to success.

1. Realization of the Student Union building, which was a project originally conceived and sponsored by the Progressive

porty.
2. Complete reorganization of the Corn Cobs bringing them up to the all important position that they now hold in campus affairs.

3. Adoption of a men's point system that will make for more efficient and more representatration.

4. Complete change in the rally system, bringing to the students a more safe and thoroughly conducted rally.

5. Reform of election procedure and absolute guarantee of fairness and equality at every campus election as evidenced by elections during the last two

and will not betray the confidence vested in it by the student elec-The Progressive party boasts a clean record that cannot be sullied by any mud slinging tactics of

The Progressive party has not

an opposition faction. The election today is not a

tive student activities adminis- choice between two equally efficient parties, but a choice between one party which has proven its efficiency, the Progressive party, and a new-born party, composed of factions which have never proved their mettle.

#### Brandies representative to interview students

Senior students interested in the field of merchandising will be given an opportunity to meet Mr. Lama of J. L. Brandies & Sons, Omaha, who will be here at 1:30 today. Anyone desiring to meet him will be able to make arrangements in Professor Bullock's office

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#### TODAY

GAMMA LAMBDA.
Gamma lambda will meet at 5 p.
room 518 of the Union.
PHI CHI THETA.

Phi Chi Theta will hold its anual initia-tion at 5 p. m. in parlor A of the Union. SIGMA TAU.

Members of Sigma Tau will meet at 6:15 p. m., in pariors B and C of the Union. CORNHUSKER FIELD COMPANY.

The Cornbusker Field company will meet at 6:30 p. m. in pactors XVZ of the Union. SINFONIA.

Members of Sinfonia will meet at parlor Z of the Union.

MUSIC PROGRAM,
A program of music will be played on
the Carnegle Music set in the faculty lounge
of the Union at 4 p. m.

#### FRIDAY

Johnny Cox and his orchestra will piny for the Union dance to be held in the ballroom at 9 p. m.

PHI TAU THETA. Members of Phi Tau Theta will meet at 6:15 p. m. in puclors X and Y of the Union.

#### SATURDAY

Ag College Boarding club will meet in parlors XYZ of the Union at 6:36 p. m. REQUEST PROGRAM.

A program of request music will be played on the Carnegle music set in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

# Rally--

(Continued from page 1.) give students an opportunity to vote intelligently.'

Michael presides. Lowell Michael, presiding over the event, stated, 'We offer this as a substitution for the torchlight parades. We are going to give you a chance to see the girl candidates." In former years, the only opportunity students had to see the women candidates was during the rally-if the candidate happened to be on the balcony or hanging out a window. In this revised rally, all candidates filed across the stage amid spontaneous bursts of applause from the po-

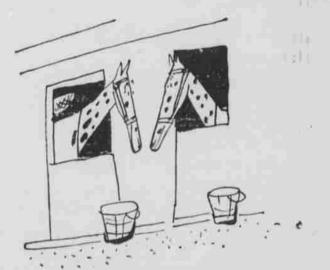
litically-minded audience.

action that characterized such events in past years, ended quietly after Election Committee Chairman Michael expressed the hope that future rallies would be more interesting.

### Coalition--

(Continued from page 1.) representation on the board and urge that contact be made with orchestras early enough to obtain 'name bands" for campus func-

Because we represent the majority of the students and promise cleaner campus elections, an active Student Council of able members and a qualified Publications Board we feel justified in asking The rally, lacking the color and your full support in this election,



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