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Union, Nebraskan Start National Defense Work

"For the duration." The United States is doing citizen's duty is to take part in this national defense for the duration of the present war. Every everything possible to prepare and keep up its defense. For this reason the Student Union and the Daily Nebraskan this year are co-sponsoring a committee for national defense to correlate student activity with the USO, British War Relief Society, and various other agencies. The committee will instigate projects for students in conjunction with these other organizations.

In sponsoring these projects were are not crying "War, War" or taking sides in any way. We merely want to do something constructive in the present crisis. During the last war students all over the country knit and did various other types of war relief work. We hope that this action will be the incentive for other Student Unions and newspapers throuout the nation.

First project will be the publication of monthly news letters to be sent to all former University of Nebraska students now in any branch of military service. A mailing list will be compiled from names turned in at the Student Union office by students and other interested persons.

Soon an appeal will be sent to all sororities and other organized houses for volunteers to knit for British war relief for which yarn and needles will be received from the British War Relief Society. If there is sufficient demand there will be a first aid program. The former Cornhusker office in the union will be opened for work on the projects three afternoons a week. The room will be called the National Defense Room.

This plan is just a starter. Co-operation, ideas and suggestions from anyone interested in the projects will be welcomed by the committee. We're starting the ball rolling, but with the aid of all students we should have a movement which will serve as an incentive to all universities to help with national defense.

What Other Editors Say

Hawaiian Statehood

A recent survey of the American Institute of Public Opinion was concerned with the possibility of statehood for Hawaii. Response indicated that of those persons polled, something like a majority of two to one favored the passage of an act of congress admitting the island possession of this nation into the union as a full-fledged state.

Interesting enough, Hawaii has asked for admission into the union as the forty-ninth state, with a vote of two to one for admission.

Hawaii has come to consider herself "a state without statehood." So closely is she allied with the government of the United States, so completely is she American in progress that students at the University of Hawaii, for example, speak of this nation as tho it were perhaps 20, not 2,000 miles away.

Americans should be proud of that fact. We should appreciate, as a symbol of something indefinitely worthwhile in a world at war, this feeling and expression of faith in America, this admiration of her as a nation, this desire to be a governmental part of her.

The fact transcends the fact that she lies 2,100 miles away from our western boundaries.

We should like to see Hawaii admitted as the forty-ninth "United State," to see the American governmental philosophy extended westward, to see a state which has expressed a desire to become affiliated with this nation become actually a governmental unit of this country.

Perhaps this "annexation" will come about in the course of time.—The Daily Iowan.

Behind the News

By David Thompson

War Factions Differences . . .

What are the fundamental differences between the isolationist and interventionist positions on this war?

One's first reaction to that question is that the answer is simple. The interventionists want us to enter the war and the isolationists want to remain out of it. That is very true as far as it goes, but it certainly is not a very comprehensive analogy of the divergent viewpoints.

For the purpose of this discussion I should like to exclude certain portions of each faction whose position is determined by their sentimental and political affiliations. That includes the Anglophiles, the pro-German (Axis German that is), and both the so-called anti-administration and pro-administration forces. The position of the first two is obvious and to be expected, and the latter two have been taken care of by the claims and counter claims of the two factions and offset one another. Withdrawing these groups from consideration will not affect the proportionate strength of either group, and their position is easily understood.

The foremost difference between the two factions lies in their interpretation of the effect of a German victory.

The interventionists are convinced that a German victory would most certainly place the U. S. in such a position, both economically and militarily, that she would have to fight for her existence without any external aid at all. Briefly, then, they believe that we will have to fight Germany sooner or later, and that it is better to fight now with allies rather than later by ourselves.

The isolationists on the other hand do not fear a German victory, and feel that our entrance into this war would be absolutely unnecessary. They believe that our security would not be threatened by a German victory. Both want to defend America, but differ as to where and when it is best to do so.

Another major difference is that the interventionists are largely internationalists, and the isolationists largely nationalists. The internationalists feel that the U. S. as a member of the community of nations should take an active stand against international outlaws and aggressors. The nationalists, best represented by the "America First" Committee, feel that the U. S. need not take an any international obligations.

I do not pretend that this brief resume covers the entire subject by any means, but it does present the general positions of both sides without going into the pros and cons of either.

On Other Campuses

By Marjorie May

Coeds donned khaki at the University of Texas last week when 28 of them signed up for the Women's Motor Corps. The course is designed as a "defense organization through which women are trained to serve in various lines of defense work, including first aid and motor mechanics, map reading and intelligence, elementary radio operations, fire fighting, evacuation, and ambulance and truck driving.

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the corps," the Daily Texan explained in its Sunday issue. "The fee is \$10, two of which must be paid with the filing of the application. The rest of the fee pays for the uniform, insignia, cap, instruction, and headquarters supplies."

Indiana U's dream of self-government became a reality last Thursday with the faculty's passage and acceptance of the constitution for a student "congress."

"This action was the last step in a long procedure that started in November, 1939, and since has been a main topic of consideration. . . . The Board of Trustees approved the constitution last summer." . . . A meeting of those still in school who were on the self-government committee last year will iron out the final details of the congress at Indiana and arrange for the election of 78 students who will form the governing body.

An editorial entitled "And May God Be With Us," in the Daily Pennsylvanian advocated immediate United States entrance into the war recently when it stated: "We make no bones about it. . . . We are for intervention."

The Pennsylvanian continued. "This is not a hasty conclusion drawn by a few warmongers too old to fight, nor is it the work of pups easily swayed by flags and bands and ideas. It is rather the result of careful deliberation on the part of some of those who will do the fighting, and who, more important, will do the living in the America of the future."

Director of Music . . .

Westbrook Asks Student Participation in Activities

. . . Urges More Singing

"Anybody can sing," emphasized Dr. A. E. Westbrook, director of the school of fine arts, in making a plea that all Nebraska students, whether music majors or microbe hunters, take advantage of the excellent opportunities offered by the various choral organizations on the campus. "Some freshmen that have sung in glee clubs all thru high school drop music entirely when they enter university, and they should by all means keep it up," said Westbrook, inviting freshmen particularly.

All that is required of a student to join the university chorus is that he be interested in the chorus. It is possible to sing in the chorus with or without credit. Those wishing credit are, of course, required to attend the Tuesday evening meeting regularly at 7:15 and the Thursday meeting at 5 p. m., both held in room 103 of the Temple building.

The acapella choir of the university singers proved to be so popular with the students that a second one was formed this year. Membership in this choir is by try-out, the number being limited to 60. Fifteen new men, however, are

needed to complete the number. Mr. J. Dayton Smith of the school of music is in charge of this group and applicants should see him or Dr. Westbrook.

Plans are now being made for the presentation of Handel's "Messiah," a free concert by the combined choral organizations, given annually in the coliseum.

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