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Don't Let Down

Since Japan began aerial and naval attacks on British and American possessions in the Pacific and it became known that the United States would declare war, a great many comments have been heard from students to the effect that "we may have to fight; we might as well have as much fun as possible now." Many students have said that they're going to stop studying, because a college education isn't of any use in a battle. Many students have said that they won't be back next semester for the same reason.

These are attitudes that must be stopped. A college education is even more important now than it was before. Harold Willis Dodds, president of Princeton University, emphasized this in a paper read at the meeting of the Association of American Universities in Lincoln October 31 when he said: "In 'going all out' for national defense we must not forget that it is defense against total war of unknown duration and that we will be derelict in our duty, and held accountable for such dereliction, if we let the immediate demands disrupt any more than is necessary the performance of those essential services for which this country depends upon us today and will depend on us tomorrow and the day after tomorrow." Underlining this point he went on to quote one sentence from a statement made by the President of the United States during the past summer: "The message I would emphasize to you this year is that America will always need men and women with college training."

We must not let down. We must go on and study even more in order that our minds will be trained to cope with the situation now, during the remainder of the war, and after the war. We must not let down. We must be strong. There has never been a situation so critical that a strong people, with strong ideals, could not withstand.

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strength in the loss of at least one battleship and some 3,000 lives in Hawaii alone. That cannot be laughed off with a shrug of the shoulder; it is a stark, realistic fact that must be faced with a determination seldom required of the American people.

How can one account for Japan's action when it obviously means the eventual defeat of that empire? As I pointed out in this column early last week, Japan does not know that it means their downfall. They have the supreme conceit and confidence necessary to bring about such a bold action. The thought that they may meet eventual defeat very likely never entered their mind, and as long as that psychology is operating in Japan one cannot judge their possible actions from the American point of view. It is their own point of view that has and will determine their actions.

As long as the U. S. was playing such an important part in the British war effort, and was threatening Japan's expansion in southeastern Asia, it was a direct threat to the axis. As far as they were concerned the U. S. had to be dealt with, and the other axis partners did not find it too difficult to convince Japan that it was their destiny to take upon themselves the task of disposing of the American threat. Japan has been hesitating for a long time before beginning this task because she was seeking an opportunity when the U. S. was occupied elsewhere and a surprise attack could be launched with greater success. They could not wait too long for if they did U. S. strength in the Pacific would become greater and greater. Apparently the decision was made at last, not just last week, but as far back as the time when the Japanese-American negotiations for PEACE began. They were nothing more nor less than an attempt to lull the U. S. into a state of false security. While this did not completely succeed, it did make us wide open for the temporary successes achieved by the Japanese in their surprise attack. That the successes are only

temporary we can be sure, and we may be confident that the successes will soon be ours, not Japan's.

War Zone--

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Charles Albert Copper, '30, is secretary of the U. S. embassy in Japan.

Alum Office Issues List.

Included in the list of Nebraska alumni in war zones obtained from the alumni association office are Maitam Hikajire, '16, Takameteu City, Japan; Joseph Michail Eyen, '39, Schofield barracks, Honolulu; Harry Adolph Chaim, Pearl Harbor; G. LaSelle, '30, Honolulu; Paul Lawrence Martin, Schofield barracks, Honolulu; and John Harry Lanson, '10, Honolulu.

Local papers list these Nebraskans in the war zone: Lieut. William A. Fickling, Hickam Field, Hawaii; Lieut. Harlow Brewer, medical corps, Manila; Lieut. H. V. Dow, Hickam Field, Hawaii; Lieut. Thomas M. Bodie, Fort McKinley, Philippines.

Other former UN students believed to be in the war zone are Lieut. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, Pearl Harbor; Lieut. Robert Fleetwood, Philippines; Lieut. Robert Carnahan, Manila; Lieut. William A. Milek, jr., Schofield barracks, Hawaii; Dr. L. T. Pope, Kenoech bay, Hawaii.

Mrs. Robert Tscherner, the former Dorothy Sawyer, now living with her husband at Hickam Field, Hawaii, since Nov. 21, date of her marriage, is also believed to be in the center of yesterday's fighting.

Ex Footballers in Zone.

Three former UN football players, Perry Franks, Everett Mead and John Ems are in the Philippines, and Robert McCampbell, Herbert Glover and Max Carey are said to be in either the Philippines or Hawaii.

Roy Proffit, Hi Messmore and Bob Norris are in Hawaii, and "Butch" Thompson is now in the Philippines.

In the question, "Do you make any of your own clothes?" 28 percent of coeds in a recent survey answered yes.

AAUP Elects Prof. Schramm As President

Prof. E. F. Schramm was elected president of the university chapter of the American Association of University Professors at the annual dinner meeting of the group in the Union last night.

Prof. Clarence Forbes will serve as secretary-treasurer during the coming year. Elected on the executive committee were Prof. H. P. Davis, Prof. Clarence Nutting and Miss Emma Anderson. Professor Nutting will also be the chapter's delegate to the Chicago convention of the national organization Dec. 22 to 28.

The closed business meeting of the university professors was followed by an open discussion meeting in the faculty lounge to which all university staff members were invited. A discussion of multiple-section courses was held with Prof. R. D. Scott speaking on "Standardization of Subject Matter," and Prof. David Fellman discussing "Freedom of Institution."

Staff Sponsors Demonstration For Freshmen

To aid freshmen women in choosing second semester physical education activities, the women's physical education department is sponsoring a demonstration of various activities at 7 p. m. Wednesday and at 5 p. m. Thursday.

Five activities will be previewed by the freshmen women. Mary Ellen McKee is in charge of the archery. Jane Johnson will supervise badminton. Folk dancing will be demonstrated by regular class members in charge of Mrs. Shirley B. Toman and Miss Clara Loize Montgomery.

Orchestra will give a performance of modern dances.

Swimming may be scheduled for a short time during one of the regular class periods. Arrangements for swimming must be made with Miss Dorothy Zimmerman of the women's physical education department.

Reaction--

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empt from the draft, according to the military department.

"The Japanese have been practicing up on their war moves; they are not particularly green at this business," warned Prof. Robert P. Crawford who traveled through Siberia, Manchuria, Korea and Japan in 1936. He believes that this is the inevitable culmination of the Japanese expansion policy.

As for students, phonograph machines in organized houses were turned off; radio news programs are eagerly awaited. Bull sessions took place between broadcasts.

Salutations changed over night. Instead of "Good morning" or "Hi", there is "Got your uniform?" and "When ya leaving?"

Students "Low."

The student body is low. You could sense it at 11:30 yesterday morning when groups throughout the campus gathered around radios to hear the president address congress.

At the Union, temporary chairs were set up in the lounge when the president spoke. There was little comment until after he was through. Then there was quiet discussion. The same was true at organized houses.

Most teachers excused 11 o'clock classes, and many class room discussions dealt with the war. Assignments weren't turned in—"listened to the radio all night." And it was all right.

Law College Endangered.

At law college where almost forty-five men hold reserve officers' commissions, tension is quite high. With the loss of these men in addition to those possibly drafted, it would be doubtful if the law college could continue next year, college heads said unofficially.

The situation last week when the future held certainties—certainties of war—has changed. The future now is nothing but questions, and that is why UN students along with students in college campuses all over the nation are worried.

Expert on Far Eastern Affairs Speaks in Union

... Next Sunday Night

When far eastern affairs expert Carveth Wells speaks in the Union next Sunday night, his prediction will already have become a reality. "The Coming Battle For Tin and Rubber" was to be his topic; that battle has come.

No more opportune moment could have been chosen for Wells' lecture. The distinguished explorer engineer and author has traveled extensively thruout the areas which are now American-Japanese battle scenes.

Wells spent six years on the Malayan peninsula. He was commissioned by the British government to survey the route for the Singapore to Bangkok railroad, the same railroad which is now transporting British Australian and Indian troops to the Siamese border.

Just a few months ago the lecturer published his most recent book entitled "North of Singapore." Wells gathered information for the work recently when he returned to the far east and traveled extensively over the entire Malayan area. He was there when England declared war on Germany. The talk will be supplemented by technicolor moving pictures of the Malayan jungle.

The convocation speaker's travels have not been limited to the Orient. He made an expedition to the Mountains of the Moon in Central Africa and was at the head of the Milwaukee Museum expedition to Kenya and Tanganyika. Wells has explored the Russian Caucasus Mountains, Panama, Mexico and Japan.

Union Displays New Purchase Of Art Group

The painting, "Window Cleaning," by Aaron Douglas university graduate of 1922, was purchased recently by the Nebraska Art Association from among an exhibit of 24 pieces executed by Douglas now showing in gallery B Morrill.

Now hanging in the Union, "Window Cleaning," has been chosen as the December picture-of-the-month. Douglas, the only negro graduate of the university art department who has gone on to gain distinction as a professional artist, teaches half of each year at Fiske University in Tennessee. He also done a number of murals, book jackets and illustrations for poetry volumes.

Other exhibitions scheduled for Morrill hall in the near future are:

Dec. 7 to Dec 13. Special exhibition—Winter In Art, by Lincoln artists, sponsored by the Lincoln Artists' Guild and the Garden club of Lincoln.

Dec. 7 to Jan. 6. Exhibition of Silk Screen Prints.

Dec. 8 to 13. Exhibition of student work from the Traphagen School of Fashion, New York.

Dec. 14 to Jan. 5. Ninth Annual Exhibition of the Lincoln Camera club.

Geology Prof Writes Article On Daemonelix

Prof. A. L. Lugan of the geology department has an illustrated article on "The Origin of Daemonelix" in the October-November number of the Journal of Geology. The article was reviewed in Time magazine's Dec. 1 issue in the science section. Daemonelix or "Devil's Corkscrews" are spiral shaped "fossils" discovered in Nebraska 50 years ago by Dr. E. H. Barbour, director emeritus of the university museum, on the first museum field trip.

Considerable controversy has arisen over whether Daemonelix is of animal or vegetal origin. Professor Lugan holds the theory that the spirals were formed by petrified liana vines which grew and were naturally buried in ancient tropical Nebraska, and that later beavers dug out the rotting material inside the buried corkscrews to make burrows.

Statement--

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Americans are united in our determination to see this war result in a successful victory for the American cause.

"With Christian tolerance may we proceed with our duty. Let us look forward to a better world—for all the peoples of all nations. May we hope that we will temper our justice with mercy and secure a just peace for all mankind."

Advertisement for Gold & Co. shoes. Features an image of a woman in a dress and a pair of high-heeled shoes. Text includes: 'Petite DEBS SHOE STYLES of TOMORROW', 'THE TOP-RANKING Spectator AND NO WONDER! IT HAS YOUR FAVORITE Boomp Toes! IT'S IN Antique Tan! IT'S ONLY \$4.95', 'LOCALLY OWNED • LOCALLY CONTROLLED GOLD & CO. WE GIVE S & H GREEN STAMPS'. Address: Street Floor.