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The Editor's Swan Song

'Help Defense'

Customarily editors of the Daily Nebraskan have ended their semester-long careers with long reviews of the semester's accomplishments and criticism, both good and bad, of the policies of the university administration and the publications board. Harold Niemann ended his sway with a long letter to the pub board telling its members: "You will find it difficult in the next few years to find a staff which can follow the nice, well beaten path thru the middle-one of aggressiveness, yet one which in no way would cast any unfavorable light on your institution." Norman Harris wrote on the legislature's appropriation for the university in his "State of the State's University." Clyde Martz wrote an "Editorial to End All Editorials," reviewing the various campus squabbles of February to June, 1941, and suggesting that "what this university needs most critically is publicity favorable to it all over the state."

Today's issue is the last for this semester and the last for this editor. We have not had time during the semester to worry much about campus squabbles or the university appropriation or whether we had found a "nice, well beaten path thru the middle" for our policy. We have had other, greater things on our editorial minds. As far as the world and the country are concerned, it has been the most eventful, most terrifying time in 25 years, and we have tried to meet a world crisis in our own small way. We have not ignored the fact that the university should be held in a favorable light throughout the state because we have backed the Student Council as far as possible in its plans for a Student Foundation to publicize the university and we have backed the university administration in everything. We have done so because we feel that the Nebraskan is an organ of the university and, as such, must do all in its power to aid the success of that university.

However, the Nebraskan's main aim this semester has been to do all in its power to help the United States in the present crisis of war and misery. Every editor follows a program and the Nebraskan's program for the year has been to aid with defense. Hence, the Nebraskan has started a defense committee in conjunction with the Student Union which it hopes will grow into all-out student participation in defense activities. The defense group has a good start and with the help of all students and faculty members it should be able to direct a most effective defense program. Squabbles have no place in a nation at war and they have no place in a part of the nation-the University of Nebraska, "Help with defense." That is our main policy and we will stick to it for the duration, no matter who is editor of the Daily Nebraskan. MARY KERRIGAN.

Behind the News

By David Thompson

Strategy

There is one important factor in the grand strategy of the axis which is overlooked by most people, both here in the U.S. and abroad. That is to bring about a cleavage between the public and their accredited representatives in charge of the government. Under the type of government we have and are fighting to maintain, it is a cardinal principle that the will of the majority should prevail. Because of this it is sometimes much too easy for the enemy to mislead public opinion and bring about a conflict of opinion.

The present English has been forced into several military reverses as the result of the pressure of public opinion which demanded action while it was evident to the military and naval leaders that the time was not yet ripe to strike. The failure of the Norwegian campaign because the troops were not prepared for such a move is a prime example.

This tendency is finding expression here at home these days in the common demand for greater action in the Pacific area, even if it means the neglect of the Atlantic theater of war. This is not a regionalized war and it cannot be fought on a regionalized strategy. Rather it must be planned on a world-wide basis. Certainly our immediate interest and the one most evident to the average citizen is the subjection of Japan, yet it is necessary that one look at this war from a wider, more encompassing point of view. It is no longer a matter of the interests of a particular nation; it cannot be if this war is to be fought to a successful conclusion within the least time and with the least cost, both in lives and money.

My hope is that the American people will not force the government to take steps for which they are not prepared as was the unhappy occurrence in England which caused the lives of so many valiant seldiers at the whim of a rather irrational publie opinion.

The weather

Nebraska's weather continued in mild temperatures Monday aft- at 6:30 p. m., Grand Island 36, ernoon and evening; and the weatherman expected no change in the temperature today.

Lincoln temperature hit a high of 46 degrees at 2:30 p. m. Mon-

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