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Dear Editor:

The present plans for Christmas vacation have a most illogical basis, we think.

We suggest that vacation begin at noon, Saturday, the 19th, and end at 8:30 a. m., Monday, Jan. 4, for these reasons:

1. There will undoubtedly be less holiday travel on the 18th and 19th than on the 23rd or the 24th.

2. Vacation would then include three week ends instead of two.

3. Our plan would enable students from distant points to get home by Christmas without cutting classes.

4. As any student knows, very little work is ever accomplished during a split week, such as present plans calls for.

5. We might add that the university officials have probably known for some time that: (A) There is a war on, and (B) Christmas comes on Friday, the 25th of December, this year.

With these choice bits of inside dope, it seems odd that the university officials could not have had the dates for Christmas vacation settled far enough in advance so that the home folks could at least know when to expect us.

Respectfully,

Jim Newcomer.
Bob Wallin.
Donald Jones.

Plans are under way by the Toho motion picture company of Japan, and an unidentified Chinese film company, to make a screen version of the rise of the Chinese puppet government for Chinese consumption.

(You can make a Chinese look but you can't make him see.)

Tomorrow night will bring a new experience to most of the people of Lincoln and most of the students on this campus. The first black-out of a large area comprising several states in the middle west will be staged at 10 p. m.

University officials have contacted members of organized living groups on the campus and asked their cooperation in carrying out the blackout on the campus. The university, itself, is cooperating with the city in blacking out the buildings on the campus during this period.

Since the city is cooperating with civilian defense authorities, it is the duty of every student on the campus to cooperate with the university in making the campus one of the blackest parts of Lincoln. This cannot be accomplished unless every student cooperates.

Rules of what to do during the short blackout appear in the pages of this paper. Every person should read those with care and take the responsibility upon himself to comply with these rules.

If we believe this type of civilian defense is silly, especially in the middle of the United States, we should think of the many thousands of people who go through this type of drill every night of the year. Those people aren't playing for fun. They are cooperating in blackouts because it means life or death to them. If we accomplish nothing else tomorrow night, we should spend the twenty minutes in the dark thinking about the war and what it means to the people who are in the midst of it.

Sometime during that twenty minutes, we may suddenly realize what this war is and what it is all about. If the blackout accomplishes nothing else but this, it will be worth three times the time and effort exerted in staging it.

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be fun tomorrow night. Twenty min-

Quotable Quotes

By Associated Collegiate Press.

"Education is the backbone of an army. The job of the schools in this total war is to educate the nation's manpower for war and for the peace that follows." The army's Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell recommends that schools and colleges become pre-induction training centers for the armed forces, leaving the army and navy free to concentrate on combat training. (ACP).

The War Day

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By George Abbott

AFRICAN FRONT

Berlin admitted late last night that General Montgomery's British Eighth army, after pursuing Rommel's forces 700 miles across the desert, had launched a major attack around the line extending southward from El Aghelia.

The battle of Africa thus takes on a new light. While both axis and allied forces have faced a serious problem of maintaining supplies to their forces in the African campaigns, the problem of the axis military leaders has been hardest to meet. All food and arms leaving Italy for Africa can go only to one of two places—to forces in Tunisia, or to Rommel's armies in Libya.

Both have been hard pressed, and reports a week ago indicated a serious shortage of food had developed, forcing Rommel to call for more supplies.

A decision must now be made, since the launching of the British attack, as to which of the two task forces needs them most. In either case, one of the two will be softened for any allied attacks thrown against them.

RUSSIAN FRONT

While wind-piled snow hindered the Red forces counter-attacking west of Stalingrad, reports from Moscow claimed 1,200 enemy troops destroyed near Rzhev, northwest of the capital.

This latter report, as compared with communiques from General MacArthur's headquarters, should convince American readers of one thing, and that very surely: land engagements of American forces to date have been very limited—while one entire communique from the south Pacific is devoted to telling of the capture of 90 enemy troops in two days' fighting, both Red and DNB forces admit, day after day, the destruction of several hundred times that many during the same period of fighting on the Russian front.

All of which should indicate that there are at least several large-scale battles to be fought by American troops before the war will be over.

Investment in Peace

The first dollar has been contributed to the World Student Service fund on this campus, beginning the annual drive to collect money for the students all over the world who are badly in need of help. This first contribution gives the religious welfare council, sponsors of the drive which begins next semester, only \$999 to go.

Many students have contributed to this fund in the past but few really knew what their money went for. The money is sent from here to a distributing agency which buys supplies such as text books, recreation facilities and other material needed by students in Europe and the Far East.

In China, for example, the National Student Relief Committee distributes the WSSF money. Here they have created student centers in the Chinese universities. These refugee universities have been very inadequately equipped, in many cases almost make-shift. The students have been furnished such luxuries as baths in these student centers which have been supported directly by our contributions.

There is generally some provision for serving simple refreshments in these student centers. Tea can be provided at a minimum cost. It has been impossible for the centers to provide real meals since the students' limited means have made it necessary for them to get their meals at one place, generally the college dining room. In several centers there is a soy bean milk bar for students suffering from malnutrition.

There are at present only six student centers of this type in the 18 university cities of Free China. Twelve more are needed urgently. Colleges all over the country are being asked to contribute again this year for this type of relief which may mean so much to fellow students all over the world. The investment may mean a better peace following the war since some contact of fellowship is being made between us and the students in the Far East, and Europe.

Naturally, we are interested in fulfilling the obligation we owe to our own government and our own people by purchasing war stamps and bonds UNTIL VICTORY. It will not work too great a hardship on any of us, however, if we contribute, even one dollar, to this fund when the drive begins in February or March. It is an idea to think over and discuss.

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