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Information, Please!

It was with eagerness that university students—mostly the men—watched the developing news from Washington this week in regard to the calling of the reserves.

Few were apprehensive about getting into the army—for many, a call could not come too soon—almost all wanted to know "what the score was."

Thursday, they got the score.

No one complained about the action of the army, navy and war manpower commission. Anything such bodies, after consultation with the American Council of Education, thought was right, was satisfactory to almost every student. There was and is just one complaint. No one seems to understand what the score—all of the score—actually is.

The announcement read that members of the Army Enlisted Reserve corps would be called at the end of the current semester. That sounded like January. Now that clause has been interpreted by many educators to mean June, since it is believed that by the time the program actually gets underway the university will have started the second semester, and the second semester will be the current semester.

The navy announcement is no more definite as to when its reservists will be called. The navy says V-1 and V-7 men will be called to active duty "at a date to be announced." Not very definite.

Meanwhile, students are expected to continue to attend classes, to remain diligent in their studies, and to await calmly until called.

That is the right thing to do, but it is also a very hard thing to do. University men entered the reserves in good faith; they are not complaining about any action that the army or navy decides to take in regard to them. All they ask is that they be told when such action will take place.

Such an announcement would relieve the pressure—and remove the rumors—on every college campus in the country. Such an announcement is what every reservist is entitled to hear.

—(A. J.)

A Slip of the Lip...

In time of peace, rumors are those stories that old ladies talk about at their sewing clubs and at their auxiliary meetings. No self-respecting man would ever repeat a rumor.

In time of war, rumors are those stories that everybody tells to anybody all of the time. Few are those who don't have a juicy rumor to tell. "It's strictly between you and me," they say; "Don't let it go any farther."

We are not going to preach that a "slip of the lip will sink a ship" "or "words from you will kill this crew." Such slogans give cynical students a laugh. But despite the uncertainty of conditions, we think it is damn nonsense when everybody says they have hot inside dope on when the reservists will be called or why Captain So and So is being transferred or when, why and how such and such is going to happen.

Everyone has a right to his opinion, but now is the time for him to keep it to himself. A slip of student's lip won't sink a ship, but it will cause a lot of aggravation, a lot of unwarranted concern and a lot of silly reasoning.

Rumor mongering is absurd. It's about time everybody stopped acting like a bunch of old ladies.

Dear Diary...

Feminine, Frilly Fashions —'Cause He's In Uniform

BY BETTY KING.

Dear Diary:

Just think, Christmas is nearly here, and you know what that means—vacation! There will be parties, but they won't be formal. Oh well, you can have two street length dresses for the price of one formal—maybe.

Since He's wearing a uniform, whatever I chose must be feminine. Like the luscious pale sea-green basque suit-dress of rayon faille that I have my heart set on. The jacket buttons down the front and has a plum of the sauciest

little ruffles. It would be just right for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

If New Year's Eve is formal, maybe Santa would leave the beautiful black tulle formal I've been dreaming of. It's an off the shoulder style with three diminutive rows of crisp tulle ruffles around the shoulders. The bodice is long-waisted and fitted to accent the frothy fullness of the skirt. To relieve the stark black, gold sequin butterflies are scattered all over the skirt.

Well, Dear Diary, Merry Christmas!
Betty.

The War Day

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By George Abbott

BURMESE FRONT

Biggest news of the week came late yesterday when British armies in India launched an offensive on the Burmese front. Japanese forces, after eight months of preparing defenses, were said to have given up with no resistance, withdrawing toward the interior.

This action represents the first counter-activity of any allied forces in the middle eastern area since the enemy seized the Burma road last May, occupying almost all of Burma within a few weeks' time. At that time, chief resistance came in the form of delaying attacks carried out by General Stilwell's air forces.

While the British admitted nearly two months ago that the Ninth and Tenth imperial armies were stationed in India, and that American air forces had established some bases there, no allied offensive had been expected before next spring.

Allied tactics at this time may call for a double offensive against the enemy, with sea forces striking at enemy-held islands to the south, thus splitting any intended Nipponese concentration of power on one land front. Big question might be—just where are the Japanese land forces? If the present new allied offensive is pressed, those as yet unutilized reserves may necessarily be called into action.

AFRICAN FRONT

With little activity reported on the Tunisian front, Marshal Erwin Rommel's fleeing armies to the southeast are now within 400 miles of establishing contact on the Bizerte-Tunis front. General Montgomery's Eighth army, closing on the enemy rear guard is still some 35 miles to the rear, with little or no chance of cutting off Rommel's race to the north and west.

From the southern-most enemy outposts in the Tunisian area, it is approximately 275 miles to Tripoli, Rommel's apparent objective. At his present march rate, the marshal should pass Tripoli within 10 days, should without extensive allied resistance, establish contact—if that is his purpose—with forces in Tunisia by the middle of January.

At present, after 800 miles of flight from Alexandria, the amazing Afrika Korps has maintained a rate of just a little more than

100 miles a week, and that with continual hindrance from a shortage of supplies. While the British, French and American air forces have apparently gained air control over north Africa, reports of troop transports carrying part of Rommel's forces to Tunisia would indicate some freedom of flight for the axis.

EASTERN FRONT

MacArthur's forces, now completely surrounding Buna, are pressing a clean-up assault on that base, the last Japanese stronghold in New Guinea. Recent attempts of the enemy to land reinforcements above and below the besieged mission have been met and turned by bombers under MacArthur's command.

From Guadalcanal, little news has come in the past week. Last reports carried the story of several small skirmishes between marines and broken lines of the Nip forces defending temporary bases seized in earlier fighting. Here, too, attempts to land reinforcements have failed.

RUSSIAN FRONT

Bucking the same type of opposition met in last winter's fierce fighting, Red forces west of Stalingrad are still forcing the assault on surrounded German forces between the Don and the Volga. At the same time, axis armies have launched a second counter-attack in an attempt to free their encircled troops.

German tactics since their withdrawal from Stalingrad have repeated the strategy of last winter's withdrawal. Rather than trying to maintain a solid line of resistance, the Nazi forces have fortified communications centers in captured territory, withdrawn, and maintained supplies to these centers by means of air-borne troops, guns, and food.

It becomes more and more apparent that any attempt on the part of the Russians to carry out a fight to the finish within the next few months is an impossibility. Some place, either within Germany, or garrisoned along the Mediterranean seaboard, the Nazis are holding troops in reserve. Some time those troops will have to be thrown into battle.

When that stage has been reached—when the same is true on the eastern front—and United Nations forces are able to meet the demands that will face them at that time, the crucial battles of World War II will have begun.

On Ag

Hurrah!!
Hurrah!!

BY DALE WOLF

Students on this campus will once again have an opportunity to study in ag library.

Beginning immediately after Christmas vacation, the library will remain open until 10 o'clock. This decision was announced by S. A. McCarthy, director of university libraries.

The decision came after students on this campus had expressed the opinion that the library has been closing too early to allow them to get their studying done.

The first few weeks after vacation will see a number of professors leaving this campus. Glenn C. Klingman, agronomy professor, will leave for the navy on January 12, while Dr. Tysdal will go to Washington where he will be director of alfalfa research in the U. S. D. A.

War Films...

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picture by the defense measures taken by the Germans and the overdue return of a damaged British bomber.

Supplementing the motion picture program, a war stamp sales booth will be placed inside the door to the ballroom where students may buy war stamps to be contributed to the War Scholarship fund sponsored by the Student Foundation. Students who buy war stamps at this booth will immediately turn them over to the fund.

Identification cards will be required for admission.

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and STAMPS