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The Moon Is Down

We rarely take time out to devote space in the editorial columns to comment on moving pictures we have seen, whether our reactions were good, bad or indifferent.

This week, the movie version of Steinbeck's "The Moon is Down" is showing at one of the local theaters.

We saw the picture—and liked it.

Most students who saw it termed it "... a good picture, as propaganda pictures go." But we think it was a little more than that. Steinbeck, in his own inimitable style, tells, through the simple words of a peace loving people, the reason for free thinking nations never being subjugated to the desires of dictatorial leaders.

Time and again throughout the picture Steinbeck's theme is apparent: the little people, be they Yugoslavs, Greeks, Belgians, Danes or Norwegians—will never submit completely to the selfish desires of a Hitler, a Tojo, or any dictator.

They will never submit because "the only difference basically between the German outlook and our outlook is that you Germans can't seem to understand that above all, we want our leaders to be leaders by choice.

"You can kill our leaders, but they will be replaced. In our system of government, every person—when the emergency arises—becomes a leader. You can stop us from fighting, simply by taking away our arms and imprisoning or killing our fighting men, but you can never kill our spirit; you can never rid our minds of a desire for free thinking.

"Some day, in the future, the spark of that desire will fan into a mighty flame to wipe you, and your kind, from the face of the earth."

Propaganda? Possibly, but more probably it is the very heart of the thing for which we are fighting—the day when all of the peoples of the world will have "leaders by choice," will have attained that "desire for free thinking."
—G. W. A.

Capital to Campus

By ACP College Correspondent

OPEN DOOR TO JOBS.

WASHINGTON. (ACP). Uncle Sam has propped the doors open for college graduates seeking professional careers in government service.

In an unprecedented announcement, the Civil Service Commission reported it will accept applications for positions as junior professional assistants as rapidly as recent college graduates and college seniors can fill them out.

"Junior professional assistant" is the civil service term for the beginning grade of professional service, a grade requiring training but not experience. Base salaries at the junior professional assistant level are \$2,000, but wartime overtime pay for the 48-hour week brings actual compensation to \$2,433 a year.

Here are the precedent-shattering provisions of the commission's announcement:

- 1.—No time limit is set for receipt of applications.
- 2.—Examinations will be held periodically as the applications come in.
- 3.—Seniors may file applications when they are a semester or two quarters from graduation and receive provisional appointments before graduation if they are successful on the test.

V...— Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Air Cadet DICK BRESEE, who attended the university in 1939 and 1940, and now stationed at the Army Air Forces Bombardier School at Midland, Texas, writing on the precision training now given the men at the school—and partially explaining the possibility of training accidents—says "on the bombing run the bombardier flies the plane thru his sight. If he works the wrong levers the plane will take a 90 degree vertical bank and loose about 1,800 feet before he can turn a switch..." Cadet version of an accident: "A pilot pushed the spin, crash, and burn button and took himself, a commissioned bombardier, and two cadets to the post hospital."

GERTRUDE FULTON, first UN co-ed to enlist in the SPARS, women's coast guard auxiliary, leaves Saturday night for Des Moines, Iowa, where she will take her entrance examinations and physical Monday.

GID W. GATES was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in a quarter-master battalion, Ford Ord, Calif. Lieutenant Gates was affiliated with Sigma Chi.

Visiting the campus on a short leave is Ensign DURWOOD CLADER, who recently received his ensignship in the navy at Columbia university. He is to be stationed in Virginia. Ensign Clader received his M. A. degree in zoology, and served as a lab assistant in Bessey hall last year.

On the campus for a 15 day furlough is PVT. JACK BUSBY, former Sigma Phi Epsilon proxy. He is stationed at Pawling, New York, doing cryptography. He enlisted last November, and was stationed in Miami for a short while. According to Jack, Miami is "quite the place."

JAMES ENGLUND was in the Union the other day celebrating a two day furlough. He is stationed at the reception center at Fort Leavenworth. He attended UN until last November when he enlisted, and is a member of Kappa Sigma. GEORGE FRISCHER is also stationed at Leavenworth, Jim says.

Reporting at Brooks Field, Texas, for the final stage of his flight training is former UN man FRANCIS D. MURPHY. Cadet Murphy took his primary flight training at Garner Field, Uvalde, Texas, and basic training at Randolph Field, Texas.

PERRY FULLER, former ATO, has completed his basic flight training at North Platte, Neb., and is back in Lincoln for a few days' furlough before he is transferred.

War is responsible for this unusual opportunity for college-trained persons.

"Anyone who has completed or is about to complete a full 4-year college course is eligible to take the test," Civil Service officials say. "But women are especially urged to apply, particularly those with studies in public administration, business administration, economics, economic geography, library science, history, public welfare, statistics, mathematics and agriculture."

There are other new job openings for inexperienced persons without college degrees—opportunities for being paid to learn mechanical and scientific techniques.

The government is accepting applications for trainees in technical and scientific aids from persons who have had at least one unit of high school physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology or general science. Those passing the tests will be assigned to Washington laboratories of such agencies as the National Bureau of Standards, the Weather Bureau and the National Institute of Public Health.

Base pay for trainees is \$1,440, with overtime pay bringing the total to \$1,752.

See Here, Private Sprague

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For a few minutes our rattling trundlebeds became the comfortable couches in the Union lounge, and the Crib was but the asking for a coke date away from us.

We took our dinner, or rather had some curiously prepared foodstuffs crammed onto our trays, later than usual, because we are quarantined for the German measles. Gene Sim acquired them a couple of days ago, and was whisked off to the infirmary, while the rest of us were given the pleasure of being confined to our barrack. In the mess hall some fellow who did not know that George Townsend had just been reading some old gossip columns offered George a glass of lemonade.

George's life in the army has been rather difficult. When we were being inoculated, he kept watching the thrusting in of the needles, and muttering something about waiting a minute. When his turn came he gasped and fell into my arms. Three trusty sadists that the army employs for such occasions grabbed George, dragged him into the hall, and inoculated him while he was still sleeping.

The mess hall is the most interesting part of the reception center. How the stuff we are served is prepared I have no idea, but it is marvelous what fighting a match near a piece of meat will do for it. If the mess sergeant ever uses his imagination it will be the last meal we ever eat.

Every soldier has a number, but the army is subtle about its implications. Though one is expected to write it just about everywhere, one is never asked to sew it on the back of one's uniform.

Barracks bags and sergeants are the most annoying contributions the male legal mind has yet made to civilization. Barracks bags are canvas closets in which one hides things one never expects to see again. Sergeants are semi-literate individuals whose only entertainment is telling tired privates to wake up and march.

The greatest pleasure of our waking hours is sitting till eleven o'clock along the ditch at the back of our barrack and talking of home and a hundred other things that might ease our nostalgia. The boys are hollering for me now; so I must take my two cents to a new location.

White spatially yours,
Elmer Sprague.

Northwestern U. War Program Balances War and School Aims

EVANSTON, Ill. (ACP). Northwestern university's educational program for the duration will be (1) to help defeat the axis, and (2) to maintain well-rounded educational opportunities for women students, men in deferred categories, and freshmen under draft age.

This two-sided program was announced by President Franklyn B. Snyder in a message to undergraduate students and to freshmen who will enroll in the university for the summer quarter.

The university, President Snyder said, will co-operate with the army and navy in providing specialized war training programs to the limit of its capacity. Already the university is carrying on many such programs, he said.

Continuation of an extensive war training program will not prevent the university from carrying on its regular educational work for students who are not in the armed service.

Offer Year's Science Courses.

President Snyder said 17-year-old students who wish a full year of college training before entering the armed services will be able to take courses which have been strengthened in the fields of mathematics, chemistry, physics, engineering, pre-medicine, and pre-dentistry.

Commenting on the impact of war on social life and intercollegiate athletics, President Snyder said the university believes that especially in time of war a sane social life and properly controlled athletics are worthy parts in the total educational experience and that the university will make adequate provision for both.



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