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British Visitor . . .

No advance information has been made obtainable upon the topic or content of the speech which the British ambassador to the United States will give before University of Nebraska students this afternoon. No matter what subject Lord Halifax chooses, however, today's convocation is a rare opportunity for university students to add to their knowledge of international affairs.

We hope that Lord Halifax will endeavor to clarify Great Britain's foreign and imperial policy. There are few people better qualified to explain in language understandable to Americans the meaning of many of the actions of the British government. College students as a whole, and especially those in the isolationist, anti-British Midwest, are often accused of lack of awareness of international problems. Today's speech should provoke serious thought and study on the part of every Nebraska student.

Undoubtedly only a limited number of students will be able to hear Lord Halifax due to the fact that there will be no general dismissal of classes and that the convocation is being held in the Union ballroom. We fail to understand why university officials refused to dismiss classes. The office of the dean of student affairs told both THE DAILY and a Student Council representative that the usual convocation procedure would be followed, classes being dismissed only if the instructor and the head of the departments so desire. We cannot imagine what professor would hold class and lecture in competition with as important an international personage as the British ambassador, but we will wager that some will. We would like an explanation from the administration as to why classes could not be dismissed as requested by the Student Council.

The secretary to the ambassador requested that the audience be made up entirely of students. The Union ballroom, however, cannot possibly seat more than about 800 people. Eight hundred is not a very big percentage of the total enrollment of about 6,000. It would seem that arrangements could have been made to hold the convocation in the coliseum and limit attendance to students producing identification cards. As a whole, university convocations are extremely worthwhile, and this convocation should easily be the outstanding one of the year. Why then, hasn't it been treated as such?

LETTERIP

To the Editor:

A quick glance at this morning's dope sheet reveals that mighty midgets thinking with borrowed brains again grace the campus. I refer to E. Sprague's transmittal of discouraging thoughts.

The University of Nebraska campus is graced this year, and will continue to be for some years, with men old enough to possess solid reasoning and yet not so old that they are shackled by economic ties. They represent a potential force of unestimatable good if they can but organize and present a constructive aim and good leadership.

What state legislature could but blink or squirm, if confronted by a represented group of taxpayers, citizens, students, and veterans, all in one organization, with a single aim or platform, should that group attempt to secure a better rate of state subsidiation for this university. (Which has the lowest rate in the Big Six, by the way.)

Such an organization could help themselves, not as individuals, but as a group by raising the standards of efficiency of the school at a time when help is evidently needed so badly. As for being an exclusive society for mutual admiration; hardly, for it would include most of the men on the campus now.

As for discarding the "ruptured duck" E. S., no! The "duck" doesn't necessarily mean that we have done something big but rather that we have a job to do, that we have responsibilities to assume as a citizen, levels to reach and maintain as students, and that we definitely are attempting to avoid becoming reactionary.

K. R. GREENWOOD

Dear Mr. Sprague:

The fellows who are trying to organize a veteran's organization would like to have you attend their next meeting on Feb. 26, at 7 p. m. at the Student Union.

That goes for all veterans. There are always two sides to a question and we would appreciate it if you would personally be there to hear our side, and listen to the reasons why we want a veterans club.

TOM SMILEY

The Ash Can

By Marthella Holcomb

One of the professors, at least, is really on the ball. He's already notified his students of the final examination in his speech class. Naturally they rushed right out and started memorizing The Barrel Organ.

We'll have a fine opportunity this week-end to give Nebraska a good boost with the students of 34 colleges, who'll be our guests at the debate conference. From ten states, those 200 undergraduates of our sister schools, will gain a lot of their impressions from the treatment accorded them by our students. Don't fluff off, if you see someone who looks bewildered, offer to show them which building is sosh. That's if you know where it is yourself. It's a class building, and therefore not too well known in these parts.

New candidate for the man whose memory should be most infamous on the campus is the fiend who built those Andrews fountains at knee level. Extremely hard on beanpoles, giants, silk stockings and girls who wear girdles. We hate him with a violent passion, 'cause we lost the better part of a front tooth there when the janitor thought we'd fallen asleep, there on the floor, and tapped us on the shoulder with a broom.

Yes, sir, the campus scandal circle is booming again. This time the controversy centers around the projected veterans club. Second time this semester we've had it brought forcibly to our attention that people actually read the letterip column. Remember what happened at the Oklahoma game after a letter full of stinging criticism of school spirit came out that morning?

Bob Gillian, that star of adult debate circles, missed winning a Bulova wrist watch on a radio quiz in Denver last weekend because he mispronounced the title of his favorite magazine, "Esquire." Guess he'd never admitted, out loud, that he read the vile thing.

This return of former servicemen to the campus leaves us with a rather strange feeling at times. Looked up from studying in the library the other morning to see strolling up to the loan desk a fellow who'd been reported missing after one of the first Ploesti raids. Can't quite get used to seeing him around the campus with the little freshmen; can't forget the nights we prayed they'd find him. Or the bits of casual dinner conversation about the Caterpillar club, and how some fellow across the table landed in a circle of Germans, who almost killed him before the SS men arrived. The ting of atabrine stain remaining on faces still tanned from the Pacific sun. . . The intent look as they force their attention on dull lectures. . . Their break for the beer-halls every afternoon. . . Their vast fund of information on all subjects, which brings up statements like "I'd never seen a dead person till I went into the army, but I soon found out they weren't kidding when they said there was a smell of death. It's there all right." Keeps us wondering which really seems more like a dream; high school days, the hours and months spent in training, the monotony of prison camps or the routine of college life.

Must make a note to attention initial sessions of the embryo society of illustrious inebriates now being initiated in inter-Boborough society. Society, that it.

Bulletin

YM Discussion Group.

"Are the German leaders more to blame for Nazi destruction than the people themselves?" is the topic for this evening's discussion of the world relations commission of the YMCA.

Dr. Wm. K. Phetter will be host to the group at his home. Commission members, who are welcome to bring interested friends not yet YM members, will meet tonight at 7:45 at the Temple to go to Dr. Phetter's home.

Dorothy Lamour had copies made for her personal use of the glamour wardrobe which she wears in Paramount's "Masquerade in Mexico."

"Gong My Way," Paramount's

last year Academy award winner, has just started a four theater run in Paris, one of the first engagements of the picture in Europe.

"Fools' Gold" was not unknown to the Persians.

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University Lecture Series Sponsors New

"The Hard Road to a Better World," is the title of a new lecture series designed to assist Nebraska citizens in understanding present national and international problems. The first of these lectures, which are sponsored by the university extension division was given yesterday by Dr. David Fellman.

The lectures, for which college credit cannot be obtained, will be held on Wednesday evenings in Love Memorial library. A registration fee of \$3 is required for all of them; or 50 cents may be paid for each.

Speakers.

The speakers and their topics are: Curtis M. Elliott, assistant professor of economics and insurance, "The Management-labor Conflict," Feb. 27; Meral A. Stoneman, associate professor of school administration and assistant director of university extension, "Germany in Defeat—Summer, 1945," March 6; Maxim K. Elias, paleontologist in conservation and survey, "Soviet Russia and its Part in World Reconstruction," March 13.

W. E. Militzer, assistant professor of chemistry, "The Isotopes and Human Life," March 20; Norman L. Hill, professor of political science, "The United Nations Organization," March 27; Frank Halloren, instructor in English, "Japan in the Early Days of Occupation," April 3.

Glen W. Gray, associate professor of history, "The Problems We Face in the Far East," April 10; O. H. Werner, professor of history and principles of education, "U.N.E.S.C.O.," April 17; and Miss Emily Schossberger, university editor, "Reconstruction Along the Danube," April 24.

Phi Mu Epsilon Chooses R. Coonley as President

Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity, chose new officers at an initiation banquet held recently at the Union.

Officers elected were: Robert Coonley, president; Marilyn Stahl, vice president; Mrs. Louise Gardels, secretary, and Simon Delisi, treasurer.

Johnny Weissmuller is signing 150 of the country's best swimmers, for an elaborate aquacade he is booking for an extended South American tour as soon as he finishes his starring role in Pinue-Thomas "Swamp Fire."

In 225 B. C., the Greek Leagues met in Thebes for their annual baseball tournament. (Some authorities claim it was croquet.)

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