

# French students live in squalor; study conditions are very poor



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## Behind the News



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### Still nazi juggernaut

Adolf Hitler auspiciously celebrated the first anniversary of the conquest of Norway by announcing to his people that his mechanized hordes had entered the Aegean port of Salonika.

The experts, less than a week ago, were predicting that Hitler would meet a serious stumbling block in Yugoslavia and Greece. After observing the course of the four-day campaign they are now predicting that the end is near.

In their slashing four-day drive to the south the Germans have all but wiped out effective resistance. In addition to cutting the Aegean kingdom in two, they have forced the surrender of 300,000 Greek troops, captured 20,000 Yugoslavs, laid Belgrade in ruins and slashed across Yugoslavia to establish a near contact with the Italians in Albania.

In England the gravity of the Balkan situation was recognized by Prime Minister Churchill. British military spokesmen in London were quoted as saying that the British had not yet had contact with the nazis. This report was confirmed by a similar one from Berlin.

There were rumors Wednesday that no contact would be established. Stories coming out of Athens indicated that the British would effect a retreat from the Grecian peninsula. Should this prove to be the case, Salonika will go down in the chronicles of the war along with Narvik and Dunkerque as a symbol of defeat.

Almost forgotten in the Balkan debacle are the British losses in North Africa. A few days ago German forces there took Benghazi from the British and Tuesday were reported in Derna and moving swiftly towards Tobruk in an effort to destroy the results of General Wavell's brilliant campaign of January and February.

Not even in the dark days of May, 1940, when the Germans smashed through General Corap's army, flanked the Maginot line and tore apart the allied armies was the advance of the nazis as rapid as it has been this week.

This campaign is impressive proof that there is no force on the continent that can do more than briefly impede the Germans. Most significant is that for the

first time in recorded history the coastline of Europe from the Land of the Midnight Sun to the tip of the Mediterranean is dominated by one nation.

That nation is one whose leaders have repeatedly declared that their goal is the destruction of democracy and domination of the world. Appreciation of this fact calls for hard thinking and immediate action.

### Gayle C. Walker suffers sudden heart attack

Professor Gayle C. Walker, director of the school of journalism, had a heart attack late Wednesday afternoon. He was about to leave his office in U hall when he collapsed.

The department secretary and Dale Garst, who were in the office at the time, immediately phoned for an ambulance and he was rushed to Lincoln General hospital. He had not regained consciousness at the time he was taken to the hospital.

Professor Walker suffered a similar attack in January and his health has been poor for some time.

### Forage crop expert praises UN experimental work on grass development

Nebraska's interest in brome-grass came in for a word of praise late Monday from Dr. O. S. Aamodt, head of the division of forage crops and diseases in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Aamodt, who was in Lincoln Monday and Tuesday for a conference with Nebraska experiment station workers, also commented on the increased interest in lawn grasses for airport runways and highway shoulders.

#### Concrete runways out.

Concrete runways are being forgotten in Europe because they offer too good a target for bombers.

This is the second of a series of stories on the condition of European students prepared for the DAILY and the Inter-collegiate Washington News Service. Last week's story told of the general outlook for European students. Today the story shifts to the plight of the student in France.

By Everett K. Melby.

(Assistant General Secretary of the European Student Relief Fund) First task in helping students was to get them stabilized and placed on regular schedules. Tuition fees were often paid outright by the ESRF, for once a student was enrolled, local authorities made every effort to secure identity cards that permitted him to work in peace.

#### Three and four to a room.

But this was only a beginning. The few students who had some money were living in impossible conditions for study. In Marseille, typical of the cities whose populations had been tripled by the sudden influx of refugees, I found students who were crowded three and four in small rooms on the dockyards. When I first saw them, I thought they must be occupied by stokers from the ships, until I noticed their books strewn over the floor.

These students had the equivalent of 30 cents a day for food, which meant that they must go to the cheapest restaurants in the city, where they waited hours in line for every meal. Other students made pathetic efforts to support themselves and to stave off a plea to the relief organization. In Montpellier I found one student from Pondicherry who was well off until the armistice cut communications with his parents who had been sending him money.

Still optimistic, he began selling his belongings (at low prices, for many were doing likewise) . . .

the bureau of plant industry authority said. Airfields are turning instead to grasses which will blend into the surrounding landscape, and make them as nearly invisible from the air as is possible.

State and federal grass research workers throughout the country are receiving a number of inquiries from airport officials. Buffalo and grama grasses are the best ones in this region to provide a tough, compact sod of short growing grasses that will stand heavy traffic and require no clipping. Grass runways are also less expensive, Dr. Aamodt points out. Highway engineers throughout the country are also seeking grasses that will stand the heavy traffic either of emergency periods or of peacetime, for use on shoulders.

#### Brome-grass is appreciated.

As for forage grasses, Dr. Aamodt remarked, "Throughout the northern great plains and part of the inter-mountain area, grass and livestock specialists are appreciating more and more the great value of smooth brome-grass. The Nebraska agricultural experiment station has taken a very prominent lead in the development of improved strains and in demonstrating its value to the agriculture of this region."

Some of the oldest and best recognized strains of brome-grass are those which have been grown in Nebraska the last 30 to 40 years, he commented.

"One of the best summaries of the value of brome-grass is that which is presented in the new circular on brome-grass production just published by the Nebraska station," he said.

### Sigma Alpha Iota elects new officers

Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, music honorary held election of officers at their last regular meeting. New officers are: president, Virginia Clarke; vice president, Evelyn Nerud; secretary, Elizabeth May; treasurer, Betty Blaznik; chaplain, Ardis Freeman; and editor, Aronita Daskovsky.

Social chairman is Mary Ellen Monnich; sergeant at arms, Barbara Miller; alumni secretary, Wilma V. Miller; and program and rush chairman, Dorothy Hendricks.

The University of Pennsylvania has appointed a committee on national defense to coordinate all its defense activities.

April . . .

### Flash appears featuring new format; photo contest winners

The smile of Roberta Estey on the front cover of the April Awgwan Flash, out yesterday afternoon, catches the spirit of this month's issue. In addition to jokes and gore reminiscent of the old-fashioned Awgwan, the April issue features good cartoons, clever writings in several feature sections and a sprinkling of action pictures.

Causing the most comment is the cartoon, but Flash in the Pan and the Cornhusker Poll, inaugurated last month, continued with the poll this month directed at personal "habits" of the women, are the favorites of the magazine editorial staff.

#### Composite coed.

"A tight-sweatered college girl with skirt hem flowing between her knees and her larynx, and while making feeble attempts at putting it down, she dreams of paradise as eating Russian peanuts in the back seat of an ATO convertible," writes Flash in making up its composite Nebraska coed in its summary of the poll feature.

Ralph Worden and Lois Drake combined with the Flash photographer to give men helpful hints on "How to break a date."

Flash photographers also had a field day when Stephen's Susies were having fun at the Union.

#### Easter preview.

Lincoln merchants and others took one afternoon off to show students what they should wear in the Easter parade.

A mysterious section entitled "Why I Pledge," shows the Beta dog in action, a few fraternity tortures, and a (?) photo of Phi Delta Theta's rushing tactics.

Winners in the Flash photo contest were also named with the picture on the front cover of "Roberta" winning the \$25 first prize for Ralph Tucker. Don Wilson and Charles Edholm won second and third. Honorable mention winners were Howard Jonson, Ralph Kell, Bernie Epstein, Deane Jensen, Joe Parker, Steve McGinnis and Philip Smith.

"Flash distribution will be continued today at the regular newsstands," Ed Wittenberg, business manager, said.

### Naval reserve officers interview students April 17

United States Naval Reserve aviation training opportunities will be described and illustrated to university students April 17, when an officer from the Great Lakes naval training station visits the campus.

A moving picture, "Navy Wings," will be shown and interviews given to applicants between the ages of 20 and 27 who are interested in obtaining naval flying commissions. The showing will be in social sciences auditorium at 5 p. m., according to Col. C. A. Thuis, commandant of the ROTC.

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