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New frontiers beckon from South

Americans everywhere are patriotically whooping up the "I am an American" celebrations today. And with a deep love for the freedom of this country and its frontier way of life, many of these patriots have decided an offensive war against a strong enemy and at great cost to ourselves has become necessary. Perhaps no fear is stronger nor has contributed more to this military fatalism than the belief that German success in Europe will ultimately lead to economic penetration into South America, resulting in America's markets there being destroyed and the present friendly attitude between the Latin American countries and us going down before a wave of Nazi uprisings. The success of such penetration and control in Latin America, few will deny would be a critical blow to the security of the United States itself.

Our interests aim at the protection of the entire hemisphere, and the creation of an interdependence and close friendship between its respective nations. Instead of celebrating "I am an American Day" therefore we should toast "Pan-Americanism" and be ever watchful for ways in which our relations with the countries south of us can be improved.

These countries offer untold opportunities for development for wealth and for economic expansion. And contrary to the popular belief, Latin America is not resentful to American penetration, but rather desirous of our assistance.

Letters to DAILY NEBRASKAN this week describe unlimited openings in Ecuador, where its department of commerce pleads for energetic young Americans to do great work. Many fields are almost untapped, the chamber reports, and American capital is badly needed for their development.

Fields for expansion

Millions of ivory like tagua nuts go begging in Ecuador awaiting new uses. About half the size of a man's fist, the skinned tagua closely resembles task ivory, though it is far easier to carve and to stamp out in any desired shape or form. Finger rings and beads are being made by the natives from these materials now, the Sociedad Pan-Americana reports, and it is very likely that the Tagua would make a splendid pipe bowl similar in appearance to the expensive Meersham. "At present the hand work of the Indians is but a small industry. Ecuador needs an outlet for this product in ton or ship load quantities."

"No man can estimate the quantity of gold that is washed away unclaimed and not worked out, that flows down the slopes of the Andes cordillera in Ecuador. Interpid prospectors with gold pans or washing apparatus have frequently reaped huge rewards for their efforts, but this is one potential industry that needs development."

"The biggest product for American entrepreneurs the chamber declares is balsa wood. At present most of the balsa is exported to the United States is used in making life preservers for ships. In addition however balsa would be ideal for small shipping boxes because of its small weight, and serves splendidly for insulation. Thousands of acres await outside markets and the ingenuity of North American individuals."

The banks of Ecuadorean rivers moreover are lined with Sandlewood trees. Extracts from this product are used in the manufacture of the most expensive perfumes. The wood is almost as heavy and as strong as iron and when polished, there is no more beautiful wood in the world. The possibilities of it for cabinet wood are limitless, yet its exportation today is practically nil.

While the Sociedad Pan-Americana is urging American immigration the Ecuador department of education has arranged a special six weeks summer school course designed primarily for North American students. Including boat fare to Quito and back to the states again, tours to all points of interest enroute and in the Andes, and comprehensive instruction by Ecuadorean professors in the Spanish used in Latin America, in South American geography, history, native music and art, the course

Gamma Lambda, band honorary, initiates 15

Initiated last night into the honorary band fraternity, Gamma Lambda, were Jesse Bennet, Dick Weekly, Bob Gillespie, Norman Capsey, William Neal, Verlyn Swanson, Norman Vets, Tom Drummond, Bob Thatcher, Frank Barnes, William Ekblad, Stanley Lowe, John D. Woolf, Paul Kelsey and Robert Whitney.

A banquet was held after the initiation ceremonies.

Reception-

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tunity to talk to Chancellor Boucher and other faculty heads before leaving.

All of the persons in the receiving line besides Chancellor and Mrs. Boucher have not been selected yet. Innocents and Mortar

amounts to less than \$300.

With the crisis in Europe, Ecuador is turning to the United States for friendship and assistance. Expansion of her industry will not only provide new places for investment, but will insure the continuation of friendly South American relations irregardless of the outcome of the European bloodbath.

Here is a weapon that pays dividends to its users. The fears of the interventionists that South America will fall to the nazis can largely be quelled by more active interest in these countries by America itself.

The Sociedad Pan Americana has several pamphlets available describing business conditions there and the details of this subsidized good will summer course. The address of the Ecuador chamber of commerce and more details about it are available at the NEBRASKAN office.

So with our patriotism and our whoops for the "I Am an American" celebrations, let's bear in mind its Pan American aspects, and toast those Americans already working there and promoting good will between the countries, and those young men who in the future will cement this hemisphere even closer together.



Behind
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Danger in Martinique

There can be no question but that relations are definitely strained between the United States and one of its traditionally warmest friends—France.

The tension, which has been latent ever since the establishment of the reactionary Petain administration following the fall of France in June, 1940, threatened to flare into the open last week as President Roosevelt warned the Vichy government against too close cooperation with the axis.

A big reason for this country's concern over increased Nazi domination of Vichy is the presence of important French possessions in this hemisphere.

The most significant of these is the heavily-fortified island of Martinique in the Caribbean. Others are, Guadeloupe, Clipperton and French Guiana, to the south, and the islands of St. Pierre and Mequielon to the north.

The situation has become so serious that four democrats on the senate foreign relations committee—among them traditional foes—have united to demand seizure of French possessions in this hemisphere.

The four included Pepper of Florida, Reynolds of North Carolina, Clarke of Missouri, and Murray of Montana. Senators Reynolds suggested that if a legal excuse were wanted they could be taken over in payment of war debts. Clark, who long has been an opponent of administration foreign policy, declared that he "had always been in favor of occupying Martinique and other possessions needed for defense."

Although the senators urged direct action, reports from Washington however, give every indication that this country would do nothing except in concert with the other republics of the Pan-American union.

In addition to France's western hemisphere possessions, another reason for American concern over her complete submission to Hitler is the proximity of Dakar, on the coast of West Africa.

Senator Pepper, who first demanded that we take over Martinique, also demanded in the same speech the occupation of Dakar by American forces. The urgency

Boards will perform their last official acts in the university when they assist at the reception.

An orchestra has not yet been selected for the senior dance which will follow the reception. All seniors and dates are invited to attend the dance which is being planned by the Alumni association.

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regents and the chancellor will meet Thursday afternoon to consider the bids, preparatory to the awarding of contracts.

The Olson Construction Co. of Lincoln was low on base bids for the general construction contract with \$475,876. Other bids were Paul Steenberg Construction Co., St. Paul, Minn., \$497,200; Ernest Rokahr & Sons, Lincoln, \$508,493; Assenmacher Construction Co., Lincoln, \$533,374; Parsons Construction Co., Omaha, \$549,797; Green & Cekel, Manhattan, Kans.,

\$560,000; Bushboom & Rauh, Fremont, \$564,340.

Newberg & Bookstrom. Offering a base bid of \$108,600, Newberg & Bookstrom of Lincoln were the lowest bidders on the heating, plumbing and ventilating contract. G. H. Wentz, Inc., Lincoln, \$110,066, and E. L. Rodwell, Omaha, \$122,500, also submitted bids.

Electric wiring base bids were offered by the Gregg Electric Co., Lincoln, \$22,980; ABC Electric Co., Rapid City, So. Dak., \$31,245, and Karrasch Electric Co., St. Joseph, Mo., \$41,562.

The \$36,765 bid of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. was the lowest of the base bids for the steam jet vacuum cooling unit contract. Others bidding were the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp., Omaha, \$38,065, and Natkin & Co., Omaha, \$51,260.

Bids on the mechanical draft cooling tower, taken for 4,500 and 4,000 gallons per minute forced

and induced draft equipment, were submitted as follows, with the amounts in 4,500 GPM induced draft, 4,000 GPM induced draft, 4,500 GPM forced draft, and 4,000 GPM forced draft: Pasol Engineering Co., Omaha, \$18,635, \$17,710 (no bid on forced draft); Foster-Wheeler Corp., New York, \$20,800, \$18,360 (no bid on forced draft); Schubert-Christy Corp., St. Louis, Mo., \$17,360, \$15,810, \$17,360, \$15,810; Little-Hoffman Cooling Towers, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., \$18,990, \$16,995, \$17,990, \$15,995; The Fluor Corp., Ltd., New York, \$21,057, \$19,826, \$17,944, \$16,498.

Base bids submitted on the book stack construction contracts include: Art-Metal Construction Co., Jamestown, N. Y., \$109,377; Sneed & Co., New Jersey, \$121,930; Remington Rand, Chicago, \$124,260; General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown, O., \$162,018.

The \$5,828 base bid on finished hardware by Fred J. Veith, Lincoln, was low. Others bidding were Anderson Hardware & Plumbing

Co., Lincoln, \$6,429; Townley Metal & Hardware, Kansas City, Mo., \$6,484; Nelson, Johnson & Doudna, Omaha, \$6,595; Rudge & Guenzel, Lincoln, \$6,910; Johnson Hardware Co., Omaha, \$7,296.

The book stack elevator bids were submitted by the Otis Elevator Co., Omaha, \$7,486; O'Keefe Elevator Co., Omaha, \$8,681; Krause Elevator Co., Omaha, \$11,200; Westinghouse Elevator Co., Chicago, \$12,975.

Advertisements for bids were sent out earlier this year, soon after the Love bequest was announced, university officials said.

Commentorials

... from our readers

Letter 'commends' those who signed memorial

Dear Editor:

I simply must commend those of the faculty that fixed their signatures to the Memorial sent to Washington officials and Nebraska Congressmen. Ah, what a noble overture indeed! We, the students, have such a brilliant future planned for us—to be slaughtered on the seven seas! To be slaughtered possibly on Iraqiian plains so that the British may retain their "precious" oil supply. To die on the Libyan desert sands so that the British may retain control of the Mediterranean Sea.

To aid the Allied people 'not necessarily short of war' can mean only one thing. It is that we would take that irrevocable step from which there is no honorable turning back. It would mean that we would underwrite a Hitler defeat. Try to imagine, if you can, the frightful number of lives that must be sacrificed to rout the most efficient and best equipped army of all time. The time is past for talking of theories, for wishful thinking. The facts are before us. Let us be practical. In advocating aid 'not necessarily short of war' the signers of the Memorial would have American dead strewn the world over. I do not want that. You do not want that. America does not want that!! We must notify the Allies that our aid is and will continue to be short of blood.

It would seem that the signers made an error by sending the Memorial to the Roosevelt, Wallace, Hull, Rayburn, Norris, et al. Instead they should have sent it to Secretary of War, Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Knox. I may seem too cynical, but what can one expect when he sees that the professors in whom he has faith and for whom he has respect, are now willing to throw away our lives for vague objectives. The youth of America are not afraid to pay the "cost in blood and sacrifice"; we merely demand that we get more than a cross and a medal for the exorbitant price.

Herbert Longren.

of Pepper's demand has been intensified by reports that the nazis already are beginning to filter into Dakar.

The time has already passed for the American public to cease its wishful thinking about France, and to face realistically the true significance of the forced collaboration between the French and the Germans. Any study of the German method of conquest will convince that unless this country supplements its watchful eye with a will to take all necessary steps to prevent it, the war may be brought to the western hemisphere—and at Hitler's convenience.

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