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Behind the News

By David Thompson

The situation in the Far East is about to become explosive even while Japanese envoys remain in Washington to try and reach an agreement with the U. S. The military crisis nearing the boiling point does not involve the U. S. directly however, but is largely concerned with the massing of British troops on the Burma-Thailand border to back the latter nation in protecting itself against further Japanese infiltration into French Indo-China and thus to Thailand.

All the time that Japanese-American negotiations regarding the Far East have been in progress, Japan has been busily engaged in transporting more and more troops to newly prepared battle stations in Indo-China particularly on the Thailand border.

As a counteracting measure the British have moved a good many Indian and Australian divisions into Burma to be ready to carry out the secret guarantees that Britain has made to Thailand (Siam). In addition to this, powerful units of the British fleet formerly on duty in the Atlantic have been transferred to Singapore in order to make the numerical naval odds a little less on the Japanese side.

The Japanese-American negotiations have apparently reached a deadlock with Japan demanding that the U. S. stop aid to China, stop the encirclement tactics, and allow Japan a free hand in the Far East and the U. S. demanding that Japan cease the Chinese campaign and withdraw from the axis. Either Japan is stalling for time or is convinced that the U. S. will see things her way, for the Japanese envoy is not noticeably discouraged. It would be rather difficult for either nation to back down now, since both have publicly committed themselves to the present demands and any backing down would result in a loss of face for the party concerned. At any rate the situation in the Pacific seems to be pretty much of an unknown quantity for the present at least.

The most important effect of the Russian successes in the south will be upon the wavering status of neutral Turkey whose strategic position was becoming more and more imperiled by the rapid German advance in the Ukraine. It has been reported from Turkey that the Turks were seriously considering joining the axis. This decision will be postponed now very likely, since the direct threat to Turkey wanes with the success of Russian troops in the south.

The Saturday Letter

To some, Oskosh, is the name of a city built on saw-dust; a city where grey-beards tell Paul Bunyan tales of lumbering days where young bloods give the grand-dads the Ha! Ha!, hustle to keep ahead of income taxes and fly to Broadway. To some, Oshkosh, is the name of a bronze Indian chief who looks steadily out over Lake Winnebago in search of white enemies and is seemingly unconcerned over the fact that the whites have long since cut down his trees to make room for turnips, and cleared out lake fronts to make room for (two week vacation) tourists. To some, Oshkosh, means what one says to the merchant when such a one is in need of a pair of overalls or what one sees on a metal tag when one is buying a trunk large enough to hold the extra blue serge suit and the wife's 27 ounces of party gown. To some, Oshkosh, is pie a la mode and to some, (who are too puritanical to say, "double-darn") it offers (because 99 out of 100 add "By-gosh" when the word is spoken) an opportunity to swear a little with out disturbing the non-profanity pledge.

I say, Oshkosh, means this to some, that to others and something else to a few more, but to a small select company of gentle souls it means a "state of mind." Don't ask for reasons and arguments because there are not any such things. It is one of those strange, inexplicable, intangible situations for which there is no theorem, formula or logical proof.

When one acquires this "state of mind" and thereby automatically joins the select company, he is known by his acts and labled by his attitudes. For example altho such a one is so non-mechanical he doesn't know how to repair his zipper he (when in this state of mind) starts building a boat, starts buying guns, starts making flyrods, gets the back-yard cluttered up with ice-boats, thinks the high school football team is superior to that playing Notre Dame and starts jumping out of bed at 4 a. m. to go forth to meet others of his kind at a (two above zero; spot on a lake shore point and—well, that's about enough to indicate that there is nothing usual or ordinary about this "state of mind" business. But by far the most important phenomenon is the friendship angle.

A member of the Oshkosh select company is just about the brotherliest son of a lumber jack one could find anywhere. He loves everyone who speaks the magic word "Oshkosh" wherever, whenever and regardless. Some think fraternity members know a few things relative to the blood-brother stuff, but the fraternity "now" and "till death" activity is kindergardenish when compared to the way the Oshkoshers stick, hang and pull together.

Oshkosh—a spot, a chief, a pair of overalls or a trunk to you—but to the members of this select company it names the "state of mind" an Oshkosh carries about with him in that ivory dome of his at a time when the world is on fire and at a time when everyone is attempting (simultaneously) to run for the hose and to run away. It is rather pleasant to have such a "state of mind." It is, at least, something a few lucky persons can be thankful for.

Very truly, Raymond E. Manchester. Office Dean of Men, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Americanism at War

Great has been the effort during the last year, by everyone from the president of the United States to the editors of the country's smallest newspapers, to bring the American people, by different words but with the same purpose in mind as in 1917, to the realization that they must be willing to enter the war to safeguard the American way of living.

Now that Hitler and Roosevelt have agreed that this is to be a "shooting war," the problem arises whether America will again find itself intolerant toward its German-American citizens.

It is part of our American way of life to promote the belief that all men are equal in opportunity and freedom. It is also part of our American way of life to see that no person shall be found guilty of treason or any other crime without due process of law.

Woodrow Wilson, in asking congress to declare war in 1917, made it clear that it was to be a declaration of war against the imperial German government—not against the German people. President Roosevelt, again in 1941, has made it clear that it is Hitler, not the German nation, who must be destroyed.

Those who were old enough in 1917 remember acts of certain so called patriotic Americans, who mistreated, humiliated, and scorned citizens of German extraction. "Slacker" was painted on mail boxes and other personal property, memorials and houses were daubed with yellow paint, and in some cases these German-American citizens were tarred and feathered by self-appointed guardians of patriotism. Such acts were a travesty on our ideals. Let our citizens do nothing now that will give them cause, a decade from now, to be sorry for their actions as a nation of liberty loving Americans. Morton Margolin.

UN Pilot Training Course Rates Low in Attendance

By Ed Hirsch.

The civilian primary training course at the university is not on par in attendance with the other schools of this area, and the aviation minded persons of the state have been disturbed over this fact. Lieutenant Governor Johnson declared in a personal interview yesterday.

According to figures obtained at the Civil Aeronautic Administration in regard to the CPT progress of the schools in this area which includes the states of South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska, the university is decidedly below par in attendance with other schools. In this university about one per cent of the male enrolments have entered the flying course offered here.

The University of Omaha has six per cent of the male attendance in the CPT and at the Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, the CPT has 12 per cent of the male enrolments. Hastings College has 13 per cent and Doane College at Crete 14 per cent of the male students.

Not Necessary to Go in Army.

Mr. Johnson, present president of the Aeronautical Association of Nebraska, believes "the reason that more students do not go into CPT is because some students have the erroneous impression that graduation from it would mean the entrance into the armed forces. This is not true. A student does not obligate himself to go into the armed service at all, but merely makes an agreement that if he is called for duty in the armed forces that he will seek a transfer into the aviation branch." "There is not a field," Mr. Johnson asserted, "that offers greater

promise to the young man than that of aviation if he desires to make it his career after graduation from college and the CPT. Since airlines are planning a vast expansion there is a crying need for men in all branches."

Training Equipment Good.

According to Mr. Johnson, the training equipment at the univer-

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room. There will be two small kitchens and dining rooms, and the remaining floor space will be occupied by instructors, a large locker room, storage space, and a faculty dressing room.

Over half of the top floor will be used by students seeking advanced foods work. Here, dietetics and experimental cookery laboratories will be located, along with a room for graduate students and a large lecture room. Dr. Leverton and her assistants will continue their research work in nutrition in the remaining part of the top floor.

As soon as the new building is completed, the rooms used by the foods department in the present home ec building will be taken over by the housing and equipment division which is now located in the Home Ec annex.

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sity for the CPT is the finest in the land. He believes that some think that flying is a hazardous occupation, but accident statistics and insurance rates belie this suggestion. Nebraska averages one serious accident in private flying operations in approximately 1,270,000 miles of flying. "The students of the university are not fully aware of the opportunities that are offered by aviation," Johnson said. He maintained that the students should look into the CPT and become aware of the fine opportunities that this course will offer.

ASME Members See Pictures

American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold a regular meeting tonight in the Union at 7. A movie, "The Right Material for the Right Job," will be shown, and Roy MacDonald, senior in mechanical engineering, will discuss "Mobile Applications of Air Conditioning."

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Only Once A Year . . . UN Coeds Take Turn at Annual Mortar Board Party Dec. 13 . . . Women Foot Bills

Now is the time for all good coeds to come to the aid of their escorts!

Digging deeper into some pockets (dad's, I presume) the Nebraska miss is "shelling out" the sum of \$1.45. A few males were complaining that the price wasn't \$3, but that's what a girl can expect from a mere man.

Dec. 13 is the date of the Mortar Board party, annual super vice-versa affair. Anything can happen and usually does. On that evening strange sights are seen.

The coed drags her "man" to the coliseum in taxis, rented cars, bicycles, motorcycles, and put puts. Business is literally booming for car agencies. Lucky is the gal that possesses a neat little job in the form of a convertible.

Many new highs in fashion are sounded. The close observer may

detect a stunning new midnight blue tuxedo with the newest thing in a radish, garlic corsage adding just the right touch to this stunning outfit.

Some couples bring their lunch, spread a cloth in the middle of the dance floor where wholesome appetizing odors of steak sandwiches and susy-q potatoes will reach the nostrils of dancers by.

Curfew at 1 o'clock in the morning finds many a tired young woman creeping into bed after having left her date on his own doorstep. Every coed will remember this most glorious evening of her life when her date was a splendid example of blushing manhood as he let her spend all of dad's hard earned money.

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