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No Thanks, AFC

The national office of the America First Committee has sent out a request to 12 college newspaper editors to co-operate in a poll of students on their respective campuses on the issue: "Should America declare war and engage in total participation in the present European war, or should America not?" The University of Nebraska was selected as one of the 12 schools to be polled—thru the Daily Nebraskan—because, to quote the letter, it "represents a particular section of the nation, where a college poll will have definite significance in presenting a true picture of undergraduate opinion on this peace-war problem."

The Daily Nebraskan is not complying with the request of the America First Committee, not simply because this newspaper wishes to have nothing to do with that group, but also because we think a poll of this sort can have no value in deciding the fate of the United States in this war. According to the AFC letter "College editors have a responsibility to their own generation. It is up to them to present to our leaders the true picture of undergraduate opinion, whether it be for war or for peace for America."

We reiterate our previous statement that the leaders of the United States have the facts before them and are handling the foreign situation to the best of their ability. America's price on Hitler's head as voted by the United States Congress, that legislative body elected by all the people, is 12 billion dollars for defense and aid. Since we have assumed the responsibility for the defeat of Hitler,

we must follow the government in its attempts to defeat that power.

Aside from these, reading the AFC letter brings up another feeling—that the information given in the letter is not to be trusted. First, the letter says: "Witness Time magazine's report of undergraduate opinion last Oct. 13. On the basis that there was a trend to interventionism in a few colleges, Time gave the impression that the trend of the whole body of undergraduate opinion was toward intervention." Then it adds: "This, of course, (note the positive 'of course') has been disproven by the recent college newspaper poll of Nov. 12 conducted by the Yale Daily News. Of the 850 college newspapers polled 64 percent of college newspaper editorial policy was definitely against intervention."

On the basis of the Yale poll, the America First Committee seemingly thought it was safe to conduct a poll of its own, since the result would probably be against intervention. The AFC is forgetting one thing—that 850 editors did not answer the Yale poll. To quote from the letter received from the Yale Daily News by this editor after the poll was over: "Many thanks for your co-operation in the Foreign Policy poll. Although 800 letters were mailed to leading colleges and prep schools, only 157 colleges and 12 prep schools have replied to date. But we have decided to release the results of the Poll now and there will be no later release."

Because the poll was not deemed representative and for one other reason the Daily Nebraskan editor and staff did not publish the results. The other reason was that the main question—"Weighing carefully the factors for and against intervention, do you think the United States should enter the present European war?"—would naturally bring from most editors a no answer. Few want to say: "Yes, we'd just love to go to war." The fact that the majority of the editors who answered favored the revision of the neutrality law to permit American merchant ships to enter the war zone, knowing that such revision would result in entry in the war, also showed the poll to be inconsistent.

For these reasons, the Daily Nebraskan says "No Thanks" to the America First Committee and would say so regardless of what the paper's editorial policy was.

Social Style Quiz

By June Jamieson

Sequins and satin and lapin and lace will adorn Nebraska's coeds when the Military Ball heralds the opening of formal season Saturday night. Contrary to other years, there'll be no set style to which to conform. There's no rule that says formals must be "covered-up" or strapless, for this year anything goes.

Maribou, in all shades and designs, adds glamor to chiffon and net dresses; and sequins come next in line as a trim. One man-catcher has an all-sequin black bodice that V's into a champagne faille skirt with a tiny peplum. Shoulder length black velour gloves complete the color scheme. Since the theory in practice is the one which says that gentlemen prefer white, Friday night will probably find white net, taffeta, chiffon and faille with touches of color gliding over the floor. Red is the second favorite, and, since South America has exerted its influence, one little number has combined all three features with a white metallic top and red rhumba skirt of pleated chiffon.

If your man likes you sweet, pink is the next shade to do the trick. Pale pink satin with a billowing skirt and ermine at the neckline should convince any man of his date's irresistibility. And startling is the word for the sophisticated black jersey and red taffeta job trimmed in bead drops at the neckline and the low waist. Olive green velvet edged in gold kid with gloves to match the piping will make anyone sit up and take notice, as will the new princess-line ivory brocade with

demure elbow-length sleeves and sweetheart neckline.

Since accessories are the things which finish the gown, they have their place and are a definite asset to a good time. Formal purses this year are kid in gold and silver. Sequins to match your dress and fabric to blend with it are other good materials. Slippers in glass and metallics will sparkle on dancing feet, toeless and heelless, and we'll hope they won't get stepped on.

The crowning touch, that bit of sequin or the ostrich plume in your hair will complete the picture of what the well-dressed coed wears to Nebraska's biggest formal party.

Three members of the original freshman class of Queens college that was graduated in June have returned to the campus as members of the faculty.

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Dr. H. Holck Writes Article For Magazine

An article by Dr. H. Holck, associate professor of pharmacology appears in the current issue of Pharmaceutical Archives, a publication covering pharmacy and related fields edited at the Nebraska College of Pharmacy by Dr. J. B. Burt, chairman of the department of pharmacy. Dr. Holck's article suggests a safe and economical container for injection solutions.

The large number of rats used in several recent series of experiments carried on this last year by Dr. Holck and Donald R. Mathieson, past assistant in the college of pharmacy, created a considerable danger that the ordinary small glass containers would be upset. To eliminate this danger, Dr. Holck initiated the use of common heavy glass Sanford paste jars, the center well of which holds the solution, the shape and weight of the jar making it almost impossible to overturn.

Home Ec Group Discusses State Customs

The home economics association held its first December meeting in the social parlors of the home economics building, at 12:20. Topic of the program was "National-

Rudge's Close Doors Abruptly After 54 Years of Service

One of Lincoln's oldest stores, Rudge and Guenzel's closed its doors abruptly yesterday morning

and is going out of business after 54 years of service in the city. The company has been owned for several years by Allied Stores, Inc.

The 250 employees were notified at a meeting yesterday morning after the store closed its doors and all will be paid a dismissal bonus on completion of their duties. An inventory and audit is now being made in the store.

Tuesday evening the employees did their Christmas shopping in the store and when they arrived at the store yesterday morning they found they were without jobs. The annual payroll of the company is around \$200,000.

Library . . .

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 Yes, there will be a fourth floor, he added. On top of that will be a lantern 25 feet high, similar to the one on top of Carrie Bell Raymond hall.

Noticing the hundreds of wires hanging from the rough brick ceiling, Ellis explained that the final plaster ceiling will be suspended from them.

"We have been very lucky in the construction this far," he added. "Only two workmen have been injured and neither one was hurt seriously. One man nearly had his eye put out when a piece of molten lead splashed into his eye. It missed the pupil and the man can now see perfectly."

Ellis gave a hint of things to come by saying that the library will be one of the most modern in the United States. It will be four stories high and will have a student lounge and small auditorium.

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