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Behind the News By David Thompson

U.S. Faces Test

So far all the news that we have heard in this war has been bad. That applies to the official as well as unofficial information that is being circulated thruout the nation.

Democracy faces the greatest test in its whole history. We all realize that its major criticism has been that it is too cumbersome and slow moving, that it cannot adapt itself rapidly enough to face crises.

The admitted loss of the two British capital ships in the far east the battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse, is a serious blow to British-American naval strength.

Don't fool yourself, we were not completely prepared for this war. The threat never seemed imminent enough for us to realize the need for full speed ahead.

On Other Campuses By Marjorie May

Missouri U will hold an informal dance Friday in the Rothwell gymnasium to the music of Russ Morgan who will play there for the Mortar Board blow-out.

"Hello Week"—similar to our Howdy Week, only coming later in the year—was held last week on the Fresno State College in California to renew an FSC campus tradition.

Introducing a new honor system with the December exams Utah State university is trying out a method of student co-operation to prevent and eliminate cheating.

This measure is being introduced largely as a protective measure for conscientious students who resent the unfavorable reputation which the university is getting from persistent cheating.

NYA funds on the Indiana State college were cut last week and 512 students received a flat 25 percent reduction in pay and working hours.

After 12 Years Growth . . . How About Getting Lead Out Of Andrew's Target Range?

. . . For National Defense

If Sgt. G. W. Johns wants to do some more for national defense, he might get the lead out of his target ranges.

This lead is pulverized in the sand that serves as a backstop at the target range. After the bullet is fired the lead is deflected from a metal backstop and then settles in the sand.

According to Sergeant Johns, military storekeeper, the sand at

the target ranges has never been strained, and if it were, at least a ton of lead would undoubtedly be revealed because of the continual use of the range by the military department.

Some Brass.

However, the brass in cartridge shells is saved by Sergeant Johns and is sent to Omaha to be used as salvaged junk.

Each year two boxes of brass are sent to Omaha. Each box originally contained 2,000 rounds of live ammunition.

Corn Cobs Hold Post-Basketball Dance Friday

Corn Cob actives will hold an informal dance Friday night after the basketball game. According to Frank White, "There'll be lots to eat and every one will have lots of fun."

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Threat Is Great

Many of us have been saying that it's going to be easy to whip Japan. We've been saying that "little" Japan is no serious threat in the Pacific and that we'll polish that nation off in short order.

We quote some figures on the lineup of sea power in the Pacific given in the Dec. 12 issue of the United States News. "Exact figures on the number of warships in the United States and British far eastern forces are closely guarded military secrets," the article says.

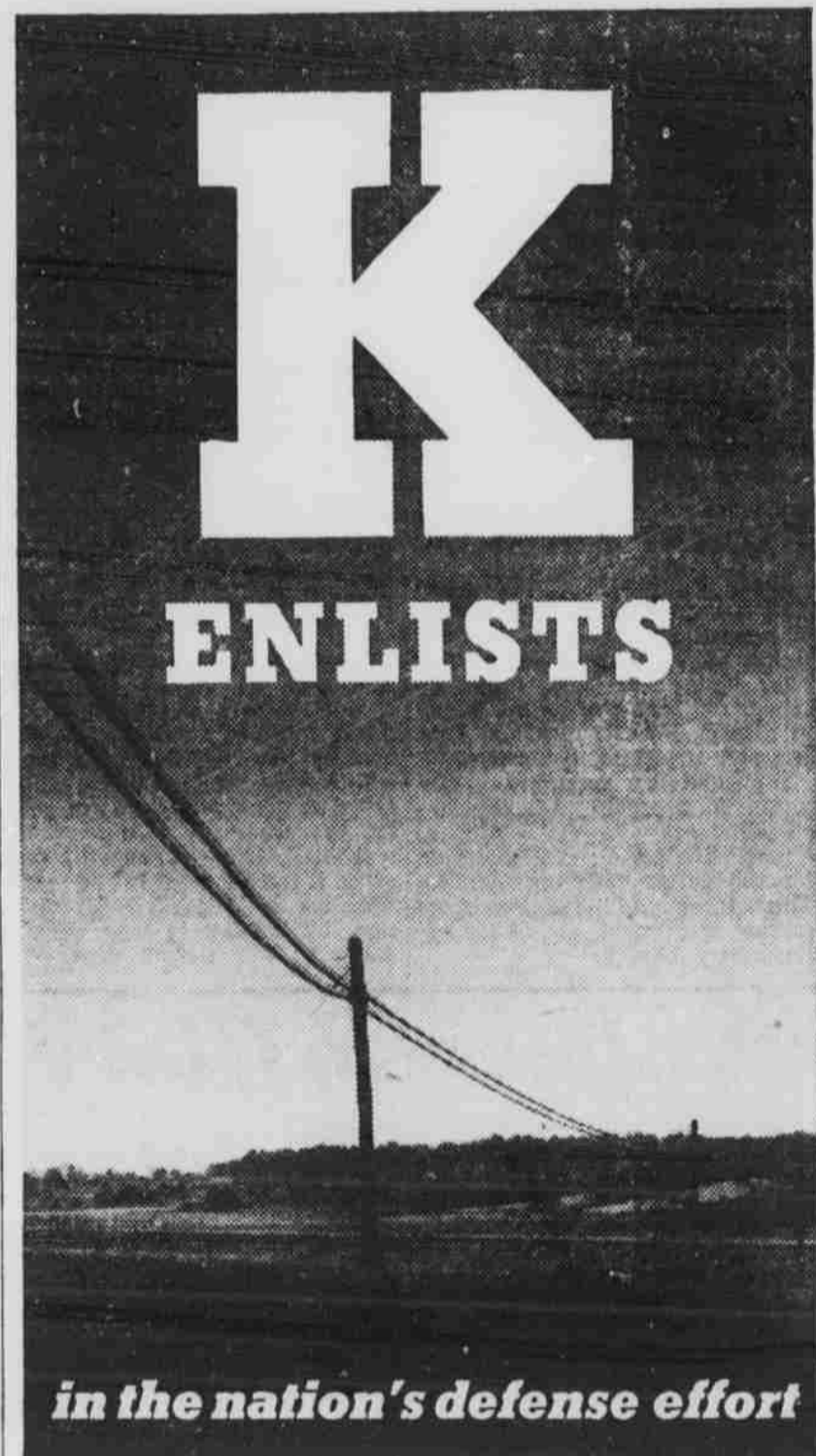
Up to the start of the war on the Pacific estimates showed that the United States, Great Britain and the Netherlands East Indies had mobilized approximately 345 major warships in the Pacific, against a Japanese total of 274—not too safe a ratio for the democracies.

A breakdown according to types of ships is as follows: Battleships: Japan 11, United States 14, Britain 2, Netherlands East Indies, none.

These figures are self-explanatory. The combined forces of the democracies add up to just 71 more warships and 370,000 more tonnage.

Educators Need Public's Support, Appreciation

"The present world crisis has made it imperative that in our country the schools shall rededicate themselves to effective citizenship training. We must create a real tolerance toward those who differ from us in race, wealth, occupation or belief.



in the nation's defense effort

K—a type of carrier telephone circuit—is now being built into many miles of Long Distance cable lines to increase their capacity.

Engineers at Bell Telephone Laboratories developed this circuit which enables two pairs of wires in parallel cables to carry as many as twelve separate conversations at the same time.

K carrier is one of the ways we have found of adding a lot of long circuits in a hurry to meet defense communication needs. Such problems constantly challenge Bell System men with pioneering minds.

