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DR. MINAKUCHI'S ADDRESS

If the statements of Dr. Minakuchi rest upon a foundation of truth, we may indeed attribute the American feeling of distrust for the Japanese, to American journalism, the "Yellow Peril." According to Dr. Minakuchi, anti-Japanese sentiment has been growing and spreading throughout the United States since 1906. Its origin he attributes to German propaganda instigated by one Mr. Schmitts, mayor of San Francisco in 1906. Germany, he states, being in fear of the growing power of Japan, hoped by stirring up feeling in the United States against Japan, to throw the balance of power, in the new and old worlds, against this much dreaded rival. These are new facts to most of us. We have been told many things regarding our relations with Japan, and have long been at sea as to the correct attitude to take on the Japanese question.

Unfortunately, Dr. Minakuchi's feeling was very evident to his audience. In the first part of his speech, instead of assuming a conciliatory attitude, he at once took the defensive attitude of the debater, and launched forth with a vigorous presentation of the Japanese side of the case. His subject was an extremely delicate one to set before an American audience, and to say the least, it was walking on dangerous ground to tell an American audience that the "Great White Peril," is the imperialistic greed of the Anglo-Saxon West.

Dr. Minakuchi's address was very scholarly and showed an admirable understanding of the subject. He gave a new angle to the American-Japanese question, and his remarks will cause those who heard him to weigh carefully anti-Japanese propaganda before passing judgment. Students should not accept blindly the statements of Dr. Minakuchi, but they should, perhaps, give more consideration to the Japanese side of the case, and should give fair play to our "associates" in the East.

EXERCISE YOUR CIVIC RIGHTS

The right of the vote has been fundamental to the privileges of American citizenship since the adoption of the Constitution in 1789. Recently this right has been extended to the women of Nebraska, and the day is not far distant when national equal suffrage will prevail. By a law passed in the legislature two years ago, the women of Nebraska were given the right to vote. At the coming city primaries of April 8th, and at the election, four weeks after on May 6th, all students of the University, both men and women, who are registered in Lincoln, will have the opportunity to cast their vote.

We as university people take an interest in the advancement and progress of university people, and especially of people connected with, and actively associated with, the University of Nebraska. As a strictly non-partisan proposition, we take pleasure in repaying in some small measure, the debt we owe to certain ones who have worked long and hard for the advancement of our University. A regent of the University, Mayor John E. Miller, is a candidate at the coming election for re-election to the office of city councilman. Mr. Miller has always been interested in the welfare of the University, and has given hours of thankless labor to the work of adding to the good name and success of our school. In a small way, we can repay this generous business man for some of the good things he has done for the University, by casting our vote for a university regent at the city election.

LANGUAGES AS ASSETS

The old idea of the necessity of eradicating the mother tongue in order to nationalize foreigners belongs to past centuries. It found its highest expression in the Prussian system and therefore is not worthy of twentieth century consideration.

However, the question has arisen in the Hawaiian Islands, where Japanese language schools exist side by side with the American territorial schools. While all Japanese of school age are required to attend the territorial schools, nearly all of them are also students in the language schools outside of English school hours. Whether or not these Japanese schools, about fifty in number, shall continue under present conditions will be discussed by the territorial legislature.

Prof. Vaughn MacCaughy of the College of Hawaii expresses the opinion that the Japanese in Hawaii should be given full opportunity to learn their mother tongue, as children well versed in both English and Japanese will help cement the friendship between America and the Orient.

A friendship gained in this way is more permanent than one forced upon a people by the eradication of the native language, for this is the basic part of one's life. Many American children learn several languages; it is found to be a personal asset as well as a public benefit. The Japanese language, properly taught, has great cultural value. The German language, which at present seems in danger of being forever driven from American schools, also has great educational value.

As long as there is something beneficial to be gained, as long as nationalism is not affected, why not let the students of foreign languages pursue their studies at will?—Daily Kansan.

ALUMNI NOTES

Moses T. Barlow, ex-'98, of Fort William McKinley, Rizal, P. I., writes to the Alumni Headquarters that he expects to leave the Philippines next June after twenty years of military service in these islands. He intends to settle in Baltimore.

Charlotte Epperson, '16, Elizabeth Robert, '14, Everett L. Randall, '19, and Josephine Lloyd, '17, were visitors at Alumni Headquarters this week.

Sergeant Kenneth G. Hecht, ex-'20, has written the commercial department at the university that he is now stationed at Coblenz, Germany, with the army of occupation. His address is Company H, 355th Infantry.

IN DAYS GONE BY

Fifteen Years Ago Today

Only four of the seventeen seniors elected to Phi Beta Kapa were men.

Eleven Years Ago Today

The girls' basketball team left for Minneapolis to play the University of Minnesota.

Ten Years Ago Today

George Frankforter, a former Nebraska student, discovered a method by which the by-products of American trees could be utilized as wood pulp. This was considered of great value to the industrial world.

Seven Years Ago Today

The athletic board decided to have a baseball team and to conform with Missouri Valley rules.

Six Years Ago Today

Fraternities decided to adopt the plan of second semester rushing.

Three Years Ago Today

Plans were completed for the erection of a new greenhouse at the State Farm.

One Year Ago Today

The funeral of John Blaine, '18, the first Nebraska soldier to die, was held.

HAND GRENADES

ARE THEY CATTY?

We were requested to write a category on the "cattiness" of girls in general—but in particular, of university girls. Are they catty? Well, let's see. Celestina Smith was just pledged to the Eta Beta Pi sorority. She was popular. She was "chic." Also she was "catty." But the boys did not know this. Night after night Celestina attended hop after hop. Her spirits were ruined and so were her feet. Still she danced on, and still the boys were ignorant of her cattiness. Her studies interfered with her numerous parties, but she had a good time, and still the boys thought Celestina superb—grand—"class."

Now one time there was also an inter-fraternity council decided that the Eta Beta Pi's did not study enough—especially their freshmen. They demanded that each Eta Beta should give up her nightly "trip of the light fantastic" and ponder and pore over her each and every book. This hit Celestina. It was all over—all ended now. She fell. She had had such a good time. It was all over—all ended now.

Bill called, a chilly breeze swept down the campus; Bill called again the next night, the snow fell; Bill called the third time, it was icy and freezing. Soon Bill was on the lips of every campus luminary, and on those who were not luminaries also. The same for Jack—and Ted—and Joe—and well you know.

And now who says university maidens are not catty?

CONGRESSMAN ANDREWS ON "LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

Sunday afternoon Congressman Andrews will speak on "The League of Nations" at the Temple at 2:45 o'clock. "This address will be one of the best ever given in Lincoln and students must go early if they desire to sit down," says Dr. Condra, "for standing room after two-thirty will be at a premium." Mr. Andrews was formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury at Washington and is now a member of congress from Nebraska.

Following his address state reels of motion pictures, showing a journey in the sand hills of Nebraska, will be exhibited. They will present Nebraska's grazing, cattle raising,

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Half the battle is in what you do before you begin.

It's only when a piece of property is offered for a song that a man discovers that he can't sing.

Few people are likely to die of information of the brain.

When it is costing so much to fill the stomach, let us be thankful that we haven't as many as a cow.—Farm Journal.