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Disarmament Dupes and Dreams.

Dr. William H. Werkmeister of the University of Nebraska faculty in a recent talk to the World Forum contended that disarmament is a dream and that it can never be more unless existing conditions are changed. He believes that the attitude of European countries prefaces failure for the coming Geneva conference to begin Tuesday. He lays almost the entire blame at the door of France.
 Prefacing remarks with the following statement, Major H. C. Sweeney, commandant of the R. O. T. C. at Creighton university, recently expressed doubt at the success of the same conference. "The Geneva arms conference which will open Feb. 9 at Geneva, Switzerland, will accomplish nothing," he said.
 The conference itself is a noteworthy effort. Representatives from sixty-eight countries will be present at the conference and it promises to be one of the largest mass meetings of governments ever to be held. Disarmament conferences have come to be almost fashionable, each one having for its slogan, "Bigger and Better Than Ever Before." Each one accomplishes exactly nothing. Much talk and much hot air float about during the meetings and considerations of all things except the basic fundamental in the whole proposition are discussed.

The element of human nature (foggy term) enters into every arms conference but the delegates always choose to regard it as a minor element. To the contrary, human nature is the primary element in any discussion of war or in propositions to abolish man's oldest sport. It has been definitely established by many writers that selfishness is the primary instinct in the human animal. Thinkers and philosophers of many schools contribute man's every action to that basic drive. Down through the years it has become tempered and conditioned so that often it is not regarded as selfishness, but if the cloak about the action is lifted then beneath it will always be self centered ambition.

It is virtually impossible to pick up any newspaper, and glancing through it, find any item which does not have for its keynote, selfishness. A study of human nature, regardless of sex, age, creed, nationality, or previous condition of servitude, will show this to be true also. A group of individuals bound together by flag waving and led by fallible humans can hardly hope to differ from the individuals themselves. Selfishness, envy, and conceit will enter into the affairs of the nation. Selfishness, envy and conceit, until stamped out, will continue to cause wars.

Although America is far from blameless, and many historians point with glee to the Mexican war, the European nations are the greatest obstacle in the way of a workable disarmament plan. The present governments on the continent cannot be blamed for the situation. In order to place one's finger on the real blame one must journey back through history to the great strife between the Crescent and the Cross, Mohammedanism and Christianity. Only a close study of the Crusades will open the doors to the real cause of the European attitude. In those two centuries of strife Europe became so inured to hardship, warfare, wholesale bloodshed and fanatic slaughter, that present generations still cling to the idea that war is noble and fine.

A certain police force is necessary to the affairs of a government. This police force cannot readily be reduced. The administrators of any government recognize that they owe a debt of responsibility to the governed, that of maintaining the law and order. While all people hope to live peacefully it cannot be forgotten that often laws can only be carried out by forcible means.

And so disarmament conferences will go on. They are noble efforts, there can be no doubt of that. The delegates are always imbued with the highest ideals for the good of the world. The world is tired of war, they contend, and so are trying to legislate against it. They want to supplement the work of the last great war, our favorite war, the war to end war. Until they recognize that they cannot legislate against human nature, that they cannot hope to alter man's makeup in two weeks or two years or two centuries they will fail. The best of luck to the conference and best wishes for many return engagements.

Nebraska's Own Dishonor System.

A number of extremely interesting comparisons between Harvard university and the University of Nebraska were drawn by Dean J. D. Hicks in a recent interview following his return. For the most part the items in which

Dean Hicks showed contrasts were to the disadvantage of this university. The unusual feature of the comparison was, however, that the unfavorable criticism of this institution which might be inferred was not based on the handicaps of physical equipment, nor on the lack of some educational facilities which this institution never can hope to have.

The criticisms were entirely constructive and were based primarily on the attitudes of the students in the two institutions or on the method of aiding students in their work. One point in particular in which he revealed a superior state of affairs at Harvard was in connection with the conduct of examinations, and certainly the implied criticism of the system in force at Nebraska might well be taken seriously.

The "honor system" for various reasons has never been considered practical in an institution of this size or character. As a usual thing students feel no compunctions about getting help or giving help in examinations. Perhaps we could preach about the unethical practice of cheating in examinations, but preaching is unpopular and furthermore it is impractical. While a preaching campaign lasting over a period of several years might influence a few students to be conscientious, in the meantime these conscientious students as well as the students who had studied in the course would be preyed upon as they are now by students who do not have and never would have any scruples about passing an examination on the basis of some one else's work.

In short the present system in operation demands that the instructor of every course take every precaution and use every effort to prevent his students from cheating. If he fails to do that, he is failing to protect the interests of the conscientious and the deserving. He is putting a premium on unfairness and the student who fails to take advantage of the opportunity to cheat is one of a few and he might well ask himself if he is not a "sucker" for living up to his convictions.

At Harvard, so Dean Hicks reports, there is very strict supervision of examinations so that it is virtually impossible to cheat. Possibly Nebraska cannot afford to have several "proctors" presiding over every examination, but Nebraska can encourage each professor to exercise due diligence for the benefit of those who do not want to cheat or do not need to cheat. Many a student, we believe, who is neither inherently dishonest nor necessarily a shirker in his course, is impelled to give and receive help in an exam in order to protect his own interests, and we believe that such a circumstance is more to be blamed upon the system of lax supervision than it is to be blamed on a class of degenerate students.

Freshmen

Are Wanted.

Student interest in extra-curricular activities was given considerable attention by the Daily Nebraskan last semester. The question was asked: "Is interest in student activities on this campus declining?" The general answer was that it is. Why? No satisfactory answer was found.

Largely for its own benefit, the Nebraskan this semester is attempting to draw more students into activities. Thursday an appeal was made in these columns for reporters. A letter appearing in the Morning Mail column today, inquiring the requirements for work on the Nebraskan, provides what seems to be the answer to the question asked last semester. The writer, a freshman, opines that it is a "feeling of inadequacy" rather than lack of interest that deters freshmen from entering activities.

An answer to J. H. B.'s letter may dispel this "feeling of inadequacy." The requirements are a willingness to work and a receptiveness to instruction. Freshmen are wanted. Previous experience in newspaper work is not necessary, although a knowledge of the use of English is presumed. The amount of time required varies directly with the benefit one would obtain from the work. Saturday nine new reporters, many of them freshmen, reported for work at the Nebraskan. The Nebraskan hopes J. H. B. may also report.

The Awgwan And Students.

Pointing toward one hundred per cent circulation the Awgwan this morning announces a second campaign for subscribers. The official campus humor publication has had a stormy career on the Nebraska campus, having been ousted at least twice and being reinstated upon promises to be good. The truth of the whole matter, contrary to the usual belief, is that the Awgwan was abolished, not because of smutty material, but because of financial difficulties, caused, in the main, by lack of student support.

The official black sheep among the family of student publications is now in its first year A. D. (after debt), and is making its way again. Student interest in the first few issues ran high but soon fell off, as student interest at Nebraska seems to have a way of doing. The fact of the matter seems to be that students will not support a humor magazine unless its contents are shady and smutty. At present the Awgwan is weathering all storms and is sailing along nicely. The campaign by members of Sigma Delta Chi tomorrow merely serves to build up the circulation list in order to make the publication absolutely representative.

MORNING MAIL

Freshman Seeks Knowledge.

TO THE EDITOR:
 I note with interest your plea for reporters. I believe a similar plea was made the first semester with gratifying results. Most freshmen in journalism, of which I am one, have a feeling of inadequacy rather than a lack of interest. Perhaps if you would answer the following questions you would get some response. What are the requirements? Are freshmen wanted? Is any previous knowledge of writing required? I admit the questions seem unimportant but perhaps if they were answered it might be beneficial to some who are interested in becoming reporters. A clear explanation of what is required might be instrumental in causing me to report for duty.
 J. H. B.

TREND OF THE TIMES

by GERALD BARDO

PEACE between Japan and China seems a long way off. Settlement would be easier if one were absolute victor. But China still without declaring war stubbornly resists, saying that she will never sign treaties prejudicial to her territorial and administrative sovereignty and will continue to resist Japanese aggression.
 Japan, not satisfied with the peace proposals of the great powers, is working out a proposal of her own insisting that she is fighting in self defense. Japanese newspapers have already begun the play of atrocity stories. Japanese government and people are forgetting that their budget is unbalanced, that the yen is falling in value, that soon will be time for general elections. Instead everyone talks war. Each man walks to work with a military stride.
 From Berlin rumors told that soviet troops were being massed at Vladivostok and that two Moscow agricultural machinery factories had been converted into munitions plants. Last week Japanese gained control of Harbin where headquarters of the soviet-controlled Chinese Eastern railway are.

Following are perhaps some of the reasons why Japan is imperially inclined: Her population of 64 millions is confined to 147,327 square miles. If all of this land were cultivatable and her population evenly distributed there would be 438 to each square mile. Japan's birth rate is increasing at 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ per thousand each year. And in spite of science her death rate has been increasing till now it is 20 per thousand. It is a survival of the fittest.

Such a situation is just the opposite of conditions in European countries. In England the birth rate has decreased from 36 to 17 per thousand. At the same time her death rate had decreased from 21 to 12.

BECAUSE building programs have decreased so, and because so many are out of work that a strike is impractical. Building Trades Employers' Association in New York City is ready to cut union wages 25 percent. Since labor receives 60 percent of building expense this action should be stimulating.

SOME of the taxes under consideration by the Ways and Means committee at Washington are: 10c per month on all telephone sets, five percent on electric current, two to five percent on gas consumption, five percent on petroleum.

That will even be hard on fraternities and sororities. Extension lights will have to be cut. The sooner spring comes the better for those heating houses by burning petroleum. For the college student a four-cylinder Model T might be better, too, if the gas tax goes through. Automobile manufacturers are fighting it.

AT GENEVA, France leads with a proposal of an international police force. Debate was not supposed to begin till this week, but France was given the floor Friday and to the surprise of all, Andre Tardieu showed that France was willing to lead. Particularly a plan of reduction of airplanes, tanks, big guns and other instruments of aggressive warfare was outlined.

BELIEVING that there are some 1,300,000 hidden dollars in the country the President has called Frank Know, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, to head a national organization to free these dollars.

Now if the American Legion succeeds in putting a million men to work so they can get some of these dollars it will help. The zero hour is eight o'clock the morning of February 13. Then the legion

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 Shampoo and Wave \$1 75¢
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will begin the asking of every manufacturer to put one or more men back to work. Likewise each city block will be asked to furnish 48 hours of work for some man.

"THE chief causes of mounting expenditure and of growing burden on the taxpayer are in reality two, war and waste." This is a statement in an article by Prof. E. R. A. Sellman, Columbia university, in the February 1 New York Times. "It is from this point of view that the League of Nations is of paramount importance," he asserts.

Included in his fiscal reform are: budgetary reform, central control of local finances; a business administration in American politics and the pay-as-you-go system.
 We are going to be taxpayers some day.

It is a little late for a January sale but Finnish bootleggers are dumping their stocks at fifty per cent reductions now because the Finnish Diet since the prohibition referendum has given the voters what they want—plenty of cheap liquor. The government sells it.

MANY ENROLL FOR COURSES

Extension Division Shows An Increase of Fifteen Over Year Ago.

Despite general financial conditions, January registration in the university extension division showed an increase of fifteen students over January of a year ago. During January of 1932 a total of 116 students registered for 388 college hours and 27 high school units. In January of 1931 registration files reveal that only 101 students registered for 386 college hours and 24 high school units.

300 COUPLES ATTEND ANNUAL GREEK BALL

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headed by Norman Galleher, Bassett. Other members are: Jack Thompson, Lincoln, entertainment; Chalmers Graham, Hastings, orchestra; James Crabill, Red Cloud, chaperones; Charles Skade, Lexington, tickets; John Ziegler, David City, decorations; Howard Allaway, Homer, publicity.

Three hundred couples attended the ball played last year in the Hotel Cornhusker by Benny Moten's fourteen piece colored orchestra from Kansas City. Decorations featured "fraternity row" with miniatures of all the Greek houses, not as they looked, but as they "ought to look." Last year's committee, headed by Marvin VonSeggern, now president of the Interfraternity council, consisted of Robert Kinkoad, Otis Detrick, Art Wolf, Richard Bell, Robert Venner and William Comstock.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
 12th and H Streets
 Arthur L. Westley, D. D., Minister
 The Church Without a Creed
 Not the Truth but the Search for Truth
 Sunday, Feb. 7—Must Religion Be a Confession of Defeat?

Y.W.C.A. STAFF PLANS ALL UNIVERSITY TEA

Race Relations Group to Give Annual Function On Thursday.

The race relations staff of the Y. W. C. A. will entertain all university women at a tea at Ellen Smith Hall on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 3:00 to 5:00. This is an annual function and always falls near the birthday of Lincoln. All tea appointments will be in red, white and blue.

An interesting collection of literature and art of different races will be displayed and music and entertainment will be furnished all afternoon. Miss Reynoldson, professor in history, will serve one hour and Miss Violet Chan will serve the other.

Members of the staff will serve and act as hostesses. Ruth Cheney and Opal Duhachek are in charge of arrangements.

CHEM SOCIETY WILL HEAR HOMER H. BEDO

Homer H. Bedo, associate director of research, of the Ethyl Gasoline corporation of Detroit, will speak on the Chemistry of Combustion at the 152 regular meeting of the Nebraska section of the American Chemical society, which will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chemistry lecture room of Chem hall.

The meeting is open to all interested in chemistry, and students registered in chemistry and chemistry

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courses are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

CAPTAIN BAUMEISTER TO LEAVE NEBRASKA

Captain T. A. Baumeister, infantry D. O. L., received an appointment to the quartermasters school in Philadelphia, Pa. where he will report August 22. After having served at the University of Nebraska for four years, he will leave June 1 for a trip thru Wisconsin and other points in that region before going on to Philadelphia.

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THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Wishes to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the patrons of the annual Greek ball.

We trust you enjoyed the evening and will be with us again next year.

Monday February 8
2:00 --- 6:00 P. M.

All Interfraternity council members check in tickets and money at the

Cornhusker Office

Ticket Manager Charles Skade will be there.

ALL TICKETS AND MONEY MUST BE CHECKED IN AT THAT TIME