

# Sounds as If the Army Went Too Far

To the Editor:

Now it is very possible that my humble folks neglected my upbringing greatly and that my environment has been exceedingly deficient in those things which effect character attributes, but nevertheless, I was always brought up with the simple idea that peace is not fighting, and that education is a term, vague though it may be, that has to do with the process known to us, the less glib, as thinking. And so when a plump, if not opulent, member of that renowned body known as the "service" tells me that the sure way to peace is a large army, I can't desert from indulging in a bit of heresy; that is, mentally questioning the reasoning of this erudite patriot.

Now far be it from me to be a doubting Thomas, but when another member of this self made aristocracy informs me—as well as fifty other basics, thus killing many birds with one stone—that pacifism is a racket and that all pacifists are treacherous, sissies who don't know what the score is, I am greatly tempted to elevate my nostrils in noble disdain. So I arouse sufficient courage to inquire of the gentleman as to how he so adroitly arrived at his deductions; and I am favored with the reply that the army says so, and the army can tell no lies.

I could figure out how the boys who wear the ribbons and the medals on the same—because the ones who deserved them are dead could justify themselves as teachers of honesty to God listening. Many times the "service" has told me that the army trains men to be righteous, upstanding, successful, country loving, God fearing men. So you can understand my irritation when so illustrious a personage as our own beloved (?) colonel behaves in so ungentlemanly a fashion as was recently displayed, namely employing most violent language in referring to a former colleague.

**Editor's note:** The reference here is to a story in the Nebraska which quoted Colonel Oury as condemning Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler in most ungentlemanly language. The Nebraska is glad to take this opportunity to apologize to Colonel Oury for this quotation. Colonel Oury stated very emphatically after the story appeared that he had not meant his vituperative opinion for publication. Consequently the reporter who wrote the story was at fault. The colonel is entitled to both his opinion and his language, and neither can be used as evidence that the colonel is not a gentleman, if he confines the same to his own private office.

To continue with the letter. Or could it be that the army dislikes people who question its statements and that suppression is the best way to spread untruths. You see, I am entirely too innocent to realize that army men could be something more than

beneficent God like creatures who sacrifice their all for the sake of their native land.

This is no bet, but I don't think that all the doves in God's fair kingdom—it is fair, isn't it?—could make a peaceful world when there are guys, yes, just ordinary guys, who would smack over somebody who refused to salute the flag, or who show kids how to kill other kids so sometime no kids will have to shoot other kids. And I don't think that all the women in hell—that's the type the army boys go around with—and all their babies could make a colonel's heart gentle. And as far as patriotism goes, there are a hell of a lot better men than the colonel who don't salute the flag.

You know, I don't like this compulsory stuff—it's like Foster said, that is, every little thing, no matter how small, that embodies the suppression of free thought and free expression is inherently damaging to democracy, the very thing that the "service" is pledged to uphold. And I personally don't think that you particularly admire the military stuff yourself. So far as most issues, I reckon you have done like Foster—what you damn please; so tell me, why not sometime, when the fuel of thought is burnt low, don't you pull the old firebrand of compulsory drill out of the casket and rehash it a bit, and rally a few of us humble ones with simple thoughts, and let us know that there is another sissy around who is a wise traitor rather than a patriotic fool.

So what say, Mr. Editor, to a period of revival for the blasphemers; the prospect of a hell is much more exciting than the sureness of Heaven, especially when that hell is the combustion of the remnants of the things known on earth as the gentlemen of the army—brilliant, respected, celebrated, God fearing, country loving, but crazier than an asylum inmate and more corrupt than the devil himself, if I may be so bold as to express my own thoughts.

A. H. O. W.

Company M Sophomore.  
The editor would like to remind the above pulse writer that his own language is not especially gentlemanly, and some of his allusions might have been kept as private as the colonel's vituperation was intended to have been. As for dragging the old corpse of compulsory drill out and rehashing it, we decline to do so. The present editor, like his predecessors, believes compulsory drill indefensible. But he also believes that one semester of rest for Nebraskan readers from the tirades against drill will do no harm. We welcome occasional pulses to keep the issue alive.

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### H. G. Wells Names 1940 Year of Greatest War Dangers

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sons may examine any book in existence in miniature by means of a projector and electro-film," declared the imaginative author.

#### Prophecies Federal World State.

International reorganization will be along the line of consolidation. "This is the line along which we are being forced—a federal world state—as sure as the sun rises."

Wells declared that 1940 would be the danger year for war, but qualified this statement, "I don't mean to say that inevitably there will be an international conflict in 1940. However, present conditions and forces seem to point to 1940 as the year of maximum danger."

The only hope in preventing war, according to Wells, is to attack it at its source, mis-education. Reorganization of educational methods and the spread of knowledge to every locality in the world would enable humanity to meet the problems that are threatening its destruction.

## AG DRAMATICS CLUB WINS SILVER TROPHY IN COLL-AGRI REVUE

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Farm House's skit represented the "Evolution of the Corn Plant."

#### Rope Twisting Wins

A clever exhibition of rope tricks won curtain act honors for Melvin Beerman, while an act entitled "Redemption Road" won second place for Farm House.

Other organizations and individuals who entered acts in the revue included: Alpha Gamma Rho, the Ag Cafeteria club, the 4-H club, the Ag College Boarding club, the Home Economics association and Marjorie Francis.

#### Rhythm Ramblers.

Judges who announced winners of the competition were: Miss Marjorie Thomas, Miss Virginia Amos and Ray Ramsay.

Coll-Agri-Fun board members who had charge of the revue included: Al Nove, manager; Pauline Walter, assistant manager; Ray Cruise, secretary; Lois Lichlter, treasurer; Peggy Pascoe and Carroll Garey. Faculty sponsors of the board are: Prof. L. K. Crowe, Prof. A. W. Medlar, Miss Louise Leaton and Miss Marian Reinke.

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