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A Nazi Talks of Freedom

It must have been with a terrific sigh of relief that Dr. Friedrich Schoenemann once more planted his two feet on the soil of his native Germany. After a harrowing year in the United States during which he spent a semester as exchange professor at Nebraska, the supreme academic freedom of Nazi Germany probably acted like a gentle rain on Dr. Schoenemann's parched and trampled spirit of democratic individualism.

All in all, we feel pretty disillusioned about the university after reading Dr. Schoenemann's article. Imagine the English department, faculty and students alike, plotting devilishly to heckle the Berlin professor when he spoke before the German club! But they must have sneaked out of the room with heads hanging when some inner voice warned the speaker "Sprechen sie Deutsch, Schoenemann!" Imagine the English department heckling in German!

With the exception of this one boorish group, tho, we feel sure that the university's handicapped deans and overworked professors found a true spokesman in Dr. Schoenemann. Of course, Dean Oldfather told the

World-Herald that he thought the article in "decidedly bad taste" and declared that the German educator had "no strings attached to anything he might care to teach," but the radical leanings of the arts and sciences college are common talk! Besides, Dean Oldfather probably didn't dare to speak otherwise. He realizes as well as do we all that Gov. Cochran has the national guard behind him.

The suggestion that Dr. Schoenemann might have written his article upon the suggestion of the ministry of propaganda is absurd. Hitler and his staff are devoted to the cause of truth in their program to keep Germans aware of the superior conditions there as compared with the rest of the world. Had the professor been impressed with the spirit of American liberty and freedom of speech—well, but he just couldn't have been impressed in that way!

The final crushing blow of Dr. Schoenemann's revelations comes when he says, "There is no proof of American freedom when many institutions tremble before the god of public opinion." What kind of a country is this, anyway, to be swayed in its action by the opinion of the majority?

As we said before, we're pretty disillusioned.

R. de B.



The big news story at this writing is the results of the Iowa primary election. On the democratic side of the ledger we find that the first so-called test of new deal strength in the middle west has been completed. Senator Guy M. Gillette has bested by a two to one margin his congressional rival, O. D. Wearin, for the nomination for U. S. senator from Iowa. The reason that the new deal had such a vital interest in this primary vote was that Wearin was running with the support of James Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins. Gillette had voted against the court plan in the senate and was therefore opposed by the administration spokesmen. It might be pointed out, however, that Senator Gillette was also running on a new deal platform, except with the statement that he reserved the right to vote against any new deal proposals that he considered not to his liking.

British shipping has suffered another loss from the Spanish war. This time three British sailors were killed when five of Franco's planes bombed a British freighter. With Britain taking more of an interest in international affairs the past few weeks, one may expect anything to happen if the ordinarily stolid British are provoked to action. The British do not have the largest navy afloat for nothing. Some reports claim the British are considering setting up neutral zones for British shipping and that if these are then violated, the British might retaliate by seizing rightist ships. It would seem that Franco would see the danger of such a foolish course of action and leave British vessels alone, but it might also be possible that he is having a hard time keeping track of the various developments which are taking place about him all the time.

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