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WE WANT TO LIVE

It was a surprised America that read of its president's smiling farewell to his "little white house" a few days ago. That America shuddered at its president's flippancy when he casually, yet deliberately, remarked, "I'll be back in the fall if we don't have war."

Always has the American, the son of hardy frontier stock, prided himself on his steel-like nerves, his ability to jest in the face of grave danger. In like mood has the American forever braced his spirits with the tonics of optimism. But there is one topic which even the sturdiest, the most devil-may-care men of the nation, do not speak of lightly. That topic is war.

Obviously, Mr. President was not speaking lightly. Instead he was speaking very seriously and very purposefully. War is not imminent in America. But war has been threatening almost continuously in Europe for almost a year. Yet by that word "we," it was made clear to interested European diplomats that their war will be our war, just as it was made twenty years ago.

Perhaps Mr. President is simply play-

ing chess and injecting his thoughts into the moves of the democratic powers. Perhaps America's 120 million people and its untold wealth and resources are being made the foundation of a potent bluff. Perhaps Mr. President is merely performing America's duty to the world, adding its little bit toward preserving peace and perhaps civilization itself, by angling to force the totalitarian states to restrict their guns and their inhuman ideologies to the borders in which they were born. Perhaps not.

Twenty years ago the American people, their wealth, and their resources went to the aid of the European democratic powers to "save the world." Nothing was said.

Instead in the world from the roots implanted by that war have sprung uglier, more horrible autoeracies than ever anyone deemed possible in a century so far removed from the savagery of prehistoric time. Even we of a generation born and reared after the last war still founder and fumble in its aftermath. We suffer today because of an economic upheaval, resultant of that war we fought for Europe.

Suffering we have received in plenty because of that conflagration. But benefits we have received none. Even that would not seem to make all so hopeless, but that Europe itself gained only horrible memory and prolonged unhealing hatred. Are we to be inveigled into another such fruitless, vain struggle?

America was surprised, and it shuddered also, at what its president said, because its not the American's way to resign himself to an unpleasant fate. To admit that a European war would unquestionably drag us into participation, is to batter down our first national defense.

Americans do not want war. But as an attack with rifle fire must be met with rifles, so must active propaganda to lead us into war be met with equal activity. We must not allow neutrality measures, introduced in times of sane and unemotional consideration be swept away when we are less sane and less unemotional, and, paradoxically, when those neutrality measures are most sorely needed.

America is not shrinking any idealistic duty to the world when it declares that self-interest is its first essential. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and from it springs the best of the race. America at peace, secure in its own defenses while the rest of the world wage mad war, can remain, even at heavy cost, the home of a living civilization, the haven of freedom. They can remain the survivors of the fittest, the best of the world.

Kosmet committee sends out plea for 'Alias Aladdin' lamp

Snow can fall in April, and faculty members can give easy examinations, but none can put on an oriental musical comedy centered around Aladdin's lamp without a magic lamp.

It's not lost. It was never found! The problem of where such lamps, not one lamp but two, can be found has thrown the two-man property committee of Ralph Reed and Grant Thomas between the horns of the dilemma.

But four days remain until the curtain rises on a scene, somewhere beyond the Mediterranean and no one has produced the magic piece essential for the play. Were this the only problem with which this committee would have to contend in their search for Aladdin's original lamp, there troubles would only be numerous. But to add additional hairs to two already greying scalps, Irvin Sherman, program chairman announced, that the

name of the Genii of the unfound lamp has already been placed on the program.

No lamp, no Genii. This leaves them with a lost Genii that can't be found until the magic lamp is found, and no magic lamp is found.

A final plea is sent out to all loyal students and especially those who have bought tickets in expectation of a Monday night opening, to join in the search for these unfound properties. The committee promises that any person producing the lamps, which can go thru the assigned routines and produce a clever acting Genii will be a "cinch."

Any clues as to the whereabouts of such a property or the name of any person having knowledge of things unknown, will be reported to the Kosmet Klub detective agency, Ralph Reed and Grant Thomas incorporated.

R.O.T.C. practice parade to be held Friday at 5

An R.O.T.C. practice parade will be held Friday at 5 o'clock, according to military officials.

First call will be held at 4:50 and assembly will be held at 5 o'clock. The battalion adjutant's call will be followed by the regimental adjutant's call. The band will form west of Andrews facing north and the junior battalion, south of the tennis courts, facing west in a position of close columns.

Dr. Guilford named

Dr. Joy P. Guilford, of the department of psychology, has been named advisory editor for all books on psychology published by the Van Nostrand Company of New York City.

Dr. Bengtson to speak

Dr. Nels A. Bengtson, chairman of the department of geography, will address a Kearney State Teachers college convocation May 2 on some fundamental factors in the United States' relationship with countries of Latin America.

Student Pulse

To the Editor:

This letter takes up the cudgel in behalf of my much maligned friend, Lloyd Jeffrey, whose recent effort was termed by Lee Claire and co. a "puerile diatribe on our bibulous brothers" based on falsehoods born either of emotionalism or ignorance.

Lee, compare the three syllable-studded, name calling rebuttal with its personal attacks, to the calm, thoughtful claims of the first letter and then ask which is emotionalism.

A man drinks to enjoy the taste, to follow custom, to show off, to satisfy a habit, or to get the effect. No one begrudges the drinker the taste, it is the effects that bring the debate. It is self evident that manly self control is the avoidance of the evil effects which Lee admits can follow drinking.

In the "rashness of youth" many drink simply to show off, thus expressing a self conscious defiance of an authority which they feel will follow them around like a nurse-maid being shocked at their daring. As a matter of fact authority has nothing to do with the question.

If a "drink or two" slows up reactions, causes dangerous over-confidence, begets pugnacity or otherwise threatens society—and rail-roads and air-lines feel their employees are not able to fulfill their duties if they drink at all while on the job—the careless drinker finds himself face to face with harmful effects on himself or upon society, not merely flaunting the tall, thin faced, umbrella carrying, bone-dry "Kansan."

It is concern for the welfare of others, even if it forces one to forego even so innocent a pastime as "scuddling the suds," or forces one to resist the laughing ridicule of friends that manifests true manliness. The most expressive, and by far the most sure, method of exercising the regard for our fellowman is Lloyd's abstinence.

Ellsworth Steele

Events--

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with his announcement in Georgia that he would "return in the fall, if we don't have a war."

Authoritative sources report that national guard releases are not being granted this summer. All in all, the situation is none too bright. America may not be able to stay out of this coming conflict, much as Americans have expressed their fervent desire for peace.

Personalities in the News

T. R. Amle, Wisconsin radical appointed by President Roosevelt to the I. C. C., has requested that his nomination be withdrawn. It was understood that a majority in the senate was ready to block his confirmation on the grounds that Amle was unfitted for the post both in temperament and in experience.

Marian Anderson, Negro contralto recently in the public eye because of her tiff with the D. A. R., has been asked by Mrs. Roosevelt to appear in a performance to be attended by the king and queen of England during their June visit to the United States.

Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade program took a severe beating from the Wallace bloc when it was announced that the United States was soon embark upon a cotton-export-subsidy plan in order to rid itself of surplus stores. Wallace and other new dealers unfavorable to the Hull policies have often urged the adoption of barter agreements or subsidies as a means of alleviating this country's farm problem. The new program is highly analogous to the German export subsidy scheme.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes celebrated his 77th birthday on April 11. Hughes' past record shows his political campaign on the G. O. P. platform of 1916, his occupancy of the secretaryship of state during the post-war era, and more recently his appointment in 1930 to succeed ex-President William Howard Taft on the supreme court from which Hughes had resigned in 1916 to run for the presidency. Hughes is still

among the most active members of the court, having written 18 opinions during the term which began last October.

National interest will be focused upon the transportation conference to be held this week end at Nebraska's Student Union building. Many of the country's leaders in this field of highly specialized transport and commerce will be in attendance. Nebraska students should avail themselves of the opportunity offered to participate in this really outstanding event.

Cubberley's 'Pin Money' Gift

Dr. E. P. Cubberley, recently retired after over 35 years of teaching, has presented Stanford university with a new education building to be constructed of his "pin money" donations to the school. Several years ago Dr. Cubberley presented Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of the university, with a check for \$5,000 and continued this peculiar practice for some four years. Then in 1937 he made his last bequest, a check for over \$400,000 accumulated from lecture and consultation fees and from royalties on his more than 100 textbooks.

The building was erected to Dr. Cubberley's own plans, its construction was supervised by him, and the good doctor and his wife even picked most of its furnishings. Very few men and very few schools can be as proud as Dr. Cubberley and Stanford are of this novel gift made possible thru "pin money" contributions from one of the generally underpaid instructional staffs of the nation's colleges.

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