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Hudgins avers geography not sole national barrier

Wayne professor suggests power, chance, traditions equa determinants of nationalism

"Geography is not the sole determinant of political ideas, and it is folly for geographers to try to explain national traits and boundaries in terms of topographical features or valuable natural resources," Professor Bert Hudgins, visiting instructor from Wayne university explained to Nebraskan reporters last week.

Quite distinctive from the ordinary stereotyped geographer, who believes that in his subject lies the explanation of all political problems, the Wayne professor expressed the opinion that geography was but one of a vast number of factors which make a people act as they do. He suggested that national traditions, power and even chance were outstanding among the molding factors of a nationality.

Topography once.

Conceding that no doubt originally there were topographical boundaries obstructing the intermingling of different tribes, Hudgins contended that today the influences of powerful countries have pushed back these boundaries and have set up political lines of division separating their peoples. Nevertheless, he added, the Pyrennes have always divided Spain and France and the indistinct, geographical features surround the center cores of such peoples as the Poles, Czechs, and Austrians.

"But to say that Hitler, for instance, wants colonies because of his niggardly supply of materials at home, is to stretch geographic determining beyond its logical end," Hudgins declared, acknowledging that he can see no economic good

for the German people by the acquisition of an empire.

'Empire', powerful word.

He expressed his certainty that in this case the glory of the word 'empire' and the desirability of prestige alone are driving Hitler on his mad quest.

On the other hand however, the visiting professor who was just recently elected to the Association of American Geographers suggested that geography could be used to point out certain problems which peoples must constantly face.

"Germany" he explained, "has too critical a shortage of materials to respond to the large population and industrial occupations which these people are wont to engage in. This state of affairs tho not the determinant of Germany's government or of her military exploits, nevertheless presents a problem which the German nationals must forever deal with."

"A second example," he added, "is found in the effect of Nebraska's geography and climate on the speech of the people. Since my arrival in Lincoln, Hudgins explained, "I have noticed that the common everyday talk is of irrigation and of a hope for rain."

Nebraska talks weather.

With a jolly big smile he wondered whether anybody could say that this factor would determine the government of Nebraska, but he queried "Is not geography an everlasting problem which the people of Nebraska must constantly face?"

In the opinion of the good natured instructor, the value of geography lies in its ability to analyze these climatic problems which ever-affect mans wellbeing, and as such constitutes a subject which should be rated equal with economics and political science in the curricula of a university. Before one can fairly judge the forces which are making and breaking down governments," he concluded, "one must understand the geographical problems with which these forces interact."

Professor Hudgins is a graduate from Central Illinois Normal where he received a degree of bachelor of education. Later he took a masters degree in geography at Chicago university, and a doctors degree in the same subject at Clark university, Worcester, Mass.

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Supreme Court admits 110 to bar Chief Justice Simmons extends compliments

The supreme court sitting in special session last Friday morning admitted seven young women and 103 young men to the Nebraska bar following the state examinations given earlier in the month.

Chief Justice Simmons extended in behalf of the court the compliments and best wishes of the tribunals to those taking the oaths of the legal profession. The new lawyers were so numerous that they had to be sworn in in two groups.

The large number admitted to the bar at this time arises from the state law requiring all new lawyers whether studying in a law office or diploma holders from the law colleges to pass the examinations before they can practice in Nebraska.

Following the installation service, the new lawyers took turns at signing the register of attorneys. Each received a diploma, but must become affiliated with the State Bar association before they are full-fledged lawyers.

Darlington—

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modern school district with special classes or visiting instructors."

Darlington cited Chicago, and several small Nebraska towns as examples where pupils progress at their own rate more or less independent of the teacher.

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20 years precedent

"Home study has been satisfactory for more than 20 years in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. Australia...with a correspondence school enrollment of 5,260 is a Gibraltar in educational annals," he state.

Additional benefits of home study courses, Darlington said, were certain social and character developments. The United States, he declared put the cart before the horse when it started supervised home study programs on a college level.

"The functional administration and success of supervised home study depend on three factors... local supervisor, instructional materials, and supplementary teaching and correction service."

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Administrators hear Dr. O. B. Bimson at third summer clinic

Teacher participation in the administrative program of the school increases the effectiveness of administration, Dr. O. B. Bimson, assistant superintendent of Lincoln schools, advised state superintendents and principals who attended the University of Nebraska's third administrative clinic last Thursday afternoon in the Student Union.

"The teacher has something to contribute because of her close contact with pupils," Bimson stated. "In addition to increasing the effectiveness of administration, teacher, participation also helps to develop a more adequate educational program."

Dr. W. H. Morton, chairman of the department of secondary education at the university, will be in charge of the clinic today.

Teachers college plans safety conference

Teachers College is planning an all day conference on safety education July 25, which will have for its theme, "Where are we in safety education?" Dr. Herbert J. Stack, director of the center for safety education, New York University, will be here for the program. Dr. G. W. Rosenlof will be in charge.

Indiana university is assisting in the codification of all the Hoosier state's blue laws.

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