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Editorially Speaking

Why should we have Big Name Orchestras?

Well, why not?

Last night Joe Venuti brought his orchestra to town to provide music for the annual formal season closer, the Junior-Senior Prom. And very nice music it was, as nobody can deny. But—whatever Mr. Venuti's national reputation may be, he is not particularly well-known to Nebraska students and so the announcement of his appearance here was greeted with considerable groaning and practically no applause. Why? Because students look forward to and expect big name band attractions at the major all-University parties such as the Prom, Military Ball, Interfraternity Ball, and Mortar Board party, and Mr. Venuti just didn't come up to their expectations.

Just why students do expect big-name bands is difficult to explain. Certainly it is not because they have become accustomed to having them at these parties in previous years. But they do. As Dwight Fiske would say, it is probably just biological. At the same time many persons cannot understand why on earth students care whether they are dancing to Joe Blow and his musical oboe or Kay Kayser and his college of musical knowledge, so long as the music is good. But they do. Students may not be able to distinguish between the music of a good local orchestra and a Big Name band blindfolded, but they want Big Name bands at their big dances. They just do.

And the DAILY thinks that they should have their way. If they would rather pay a little more for their tickets or would rather be a little more crowded on the dance floor by dint of a stronger band attraction, that is their privilege. If they are lackadaisical about the average \$700 orchestra but could become rapturous about any one of many available for from \$850 to \$1,000, then they should be given one of the latter. As a matter of fact, the Prom might have had Kay Kyser, Jimmy Dorsey, Vincent Lopez, Duke Ellington, or Jan Savitta had the orchestra committee been allowed a little more money. (Vincent Lopez is playing for the Military Ball at the University of South Dakota this week.) But those who hold the purse strings seem to have a moral scruple about raising the ante and are not at all impressed by prospective big names waved in their faces by hopeful orchestra committees.

But after all who is it that patronizes the dances? For whom are the dances planned? Then why not please these students by giving them what they want? It seems logical that they would reciprocate by showing more interest in the affairs and boosting attendance figures. The DAILY is now conducting a survey of all Big Six and Big Ten schools and other representative institutions over the country to determine whether central booking

agencies aid them in securing better orchestras. There also is a Student Council committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of such booking agencies. But if the real reason that other schools get better orchestras than we do is that they allot more money, no amount of central booking can help the Nebraska situation.

Those who have the power simply must allow more money for securing these orchestras the campus wants. And we're for it—right along with the several thousand other students who find Big Name bands impressive evidence that so-called Big Parties are the real article.



HITLER FOR HITLER

No official reports of the discussions between Hitler and Roosevelt's trouble-shooter, Sumner Welles, have been published as yet. Via the usual grapevine route, however, certain reports of Hitler's demands have filtered out, and none of them indicate any possibility of the European war being terminated at an early date.

If Welles had any hopes that he might find a basis upon which negotiations might be begun between the belligerent powers, those hopes were apparently shattered at the very outset. More than ever it is apparent that the only peace treaty which Hitler would consider would be one negotiated by Hitler, signed by Hitler, for the benefit of Hitler. The United States has been eliminated as a possible mediator, Hitler says, because its neutrality can be questioned. It is rather commonly admitted that there is no other nation whose position would make it more acceptable as a mediator, so it appears that Hitler has chosen for himself the alternate of a "dictated" peace, dictated either by a victorious Nazi leader, or by the conquering allies.

Hitler's demands are spectacular. His suggestion for disarmament envisions British surrender of Gibraltar and the Suez canal, and the dismantling of such "pirate hangouts" as Malta and Singapore. In other words, the Fuehrer's first objective still remains the break-up of British sea might, and the dismemberment of her colonial empire.

The Scandinavians are to be "benefited" by the Germans, for Hitler insists that the British and French must not stir up the Swedes and Norwegians. Doubtless they are to be left to the benevolent care of Hitler's ally, Stalin.

A "Monroe Doctrine" of a new type was also proposed, this one to recognize the German hegemony in Central Europe, particularly in Bohemia-Moravia, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary, which should be pleasing news to the Hungarians.

All the reports leaking out seem to indicate that little spectacular is to be expressed as a result of Welles' visit. Hitler's determination not to retreat from his advanced position is evident, and the thing most striking is that his position regarding the disposal of the British empire is more intransigent than many first believed. The discussions serve to emphasize the fact that inactivity on the fighting fronts will certainly not be paralleled by quiet on the diplomatic or propaganda fronts.

OUR DISCARDED DOCTRINE

While Hitler was proposing a "Monroe Doctrine"—German style, America's Monroe Doctrine was shoved a bit farther into discard. President Roosevelt, just returned from his visit to the Canal Zone, emphatically stated that no further acquisition of territory in the vicinity of the Canal Zone was being contemplated. Proposals have been advanced during the last few weeks providing for the creation of a long-range system of defenses for the Panama Canal, and the question lurked in the back of the minds of some individuals as to whether or not this might not involve the acquisition of additional territory. These fears, if they are worthy of being dignified by the term "fears," were thus decisively put to rest. Of all the policies of the Roosevelt administration, none has been more consistently followed than the "Good Neighbor" policy in dealing with Latin America, and yesterday's presidential pronouncement will doubtless be greeted in the Central Americas as confirmation of this policy which they so view with favor.

Arndt—

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and real values. We thought prices, dividends, and financial budgets represented wealth. Governments have got to learn a good deal more about economic life than is taught by current sciences. How can we cure the patient when we haven't learned the diagnosis? Right now we're somewhere before Harvey's discovery of blood circulation in our study of economic troubles."

"There is no cut-and-dried formula for prosperity. We simply have to keep on studying and

working." Arndt's favorite vacation spot is southern California, particularly the mountains of the Sierras where he goes to hunt and fish each summer.

New deal needs schooling. "But the New Deal has made many mistakes. It does not have the knowledge of the social sciences which it needs to make its trials more frequently successful. . . . Personally I am not afraid of a change in the economic sphere . . . nor in education."

As far as the current political scene Arndt "hasn't made a personal choice of candidates." He

has some he would rather not see run but thinks that the whole question of who is to be president is "exaggerated beyond its importance. It is the policy involved that matters. I don't think a choice now will involve a very fundamental change in policy."

Besides teaching, Arndt is chairman of the convocations committee, and president of the Student Union Board of Managers—which he speaks of as though he had a violent headache.

A specialist in money and credit, Arndt does not use textbooks in his classes, except for outside reading.

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TODAY

WOOD LECTURE.
Grant Wood will lecture in the Union ballroom at 3 p. m. on "Regional Art."

LUTHERAN STUDENT CLUB.

Rev. Fred Wiegman, president of Midland college at Fremont will speak at the Lutheran Student club Sunday, at 3 p. m. and at the Grace Lutheran church at 7 p. m. on "Standards of Living." He has just completed a tour of churches and institutions on the west coast.

MONDAY

VESPER CHOIR.

Y. W. Vesper Choir will rehearse at 8 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall.

REQUEST PROGRAM.

There will be a record request program played on the Carnegie music set at 4 p. m. in the faculty lounge of the Union.

TUESDAY

HARMONY HOUR.

A Stinsons harmony hour will be held in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

KOSMET KLUB.

There will be a meeting of all Kosmet Klub workers at 8 p. m. Advertising contracts will be issued.

SIGMA DELTA CHI.

Sigma Delta Chi will meet in the faculty dining room of the Union at noon.

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