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News Roundup

By Norbert Mahnken

NAZIS PUSH ON

It is beginning to look as though the allies are getting the worst of the bargain in Norway where German motorized units yesterday smashed through several allied sectors to drive the allies to the wall.

The Germans evidently threw all their strength into the project of occupying all of the territory northward from Oslo to Norway's narrow belt near Trondheim. The allies only chance now seems to be to drive down the strategic Gudbrandsdal valley which Germans took yesterday, but where they have not yet entrenched themselves.

Evident aim of the German High Command is to push down from Trondheim and up from Oslo to gain control of Central Norway and the railroads which run through that section. As yet the Norwegian defenders and the allies are holding the section.

The allies struck at Trondheim again yesterday, but by the time the latest reports came in from both sides there seemed to be little gain made by either side with the Nazis still holding the city, where they have dug in, and the allies trying to attack the Nazi fortifications. Both sides were reported to have suffered heavy losses around the northern city.

At the same time, the DNB official German news agency issued the threat that Germany would reply "bomb for bomb" if the British continue what Germans allege was the bombing of towns without military importance.

Of course, individual victories mean very little as yet, for the terrain of the country is just as hard to hold as it is easy for motorized units to take. The side that will win in Norway is the side that can hold on to the territory in wins. As yet the Germans have all of the advantages for they were there first, and got a chance to get themselves established long before the allies and Norwegians were able to get underway. As has been constantly true for the last few days—unless the belligerents are able to dig in it is next to impossible to hold anything because of the terrain. In the central portion of the country the allies are entrenched so unless the Germans do something drastic it looks like the war in the north too may become a stalemate.

Candid Clippings

Morton Margolin

"Hot in Egypt? No! Why, the camels that live there couldn't stand to live in Arizona because of the intense heat," an Egyptian exchange student told members of the library staff at Oregon State college last week.

What price advertising . . . ask eight pledges to Sigma Delta Chi, profession journalism fraternity, who ambled about the University of Oregon campus last week looking like fugitives from a coal bin.

According to a survey made among University of Hawaii students by the university paper on the subject of statehood for the island one-fourth of the students opposed the project and 40 percent more thought that it might be all right some time in the future but not now.

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 1940 records in its section on unique and interesting facts and customs of the colleges that perhaps the most unusual routine for freshmen is observed by the Colorado School of Mines where freshmen must keep off the grass, wear green hats, and carry a bugle upon which they must be prepared to "sound off" at any time.

The University of Virginia "College Topics" reports that a William and Mary girl has to sign her life away when she goes out on a date. She must fill out a blank which contains the following questions: With whom are you going out? Where are you going? What means of transportation do you intend to employ? If you are going by car give the name of the car owner. What time are you leaving? What time are you returning?

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students, and faculty members. Notices for the bulletin must be sent or brought to the DAILY office by 5 p. m. every day for insertion in the paper the following morning.

NOON FORUM.

Dr. Leland Stoff, of the research and agricultural experimentation station will be the guest speaker at the Friday noon forum in the Home Ec building on the ag campus.

BARBS.

Barb Union will hold a dance in the Union ballroom at 7:30 p. m.

UNION DANCE.

Dave Hann and his orchestra will play for the Union dance in the ballroom at 8 p. m.

REQUEST PROGRAM.

A program of request music will be played on the Carnegie Music set in the faculty lounge at 4 p. m.

LUTHERAN STUDENT CLUB. Members of the Lutheran student club will meet at 8 p. m. in room 316 of the Union.

SENIOR BARB WOMEN.

All senior Barb women are welcome to be in the Ivy chain on Ivy Day. Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 p. m. in the Temple theater.

SATURDAY

KAPPA PHI BANQUET.

Members of Kappa Phi will meet at 6:30 p. m. for a banquet in parlors XYZ of the Union.

SUNDAY

BETA SIGMA PSI.

Beta Sigma Psi will meet in parlor X of the Union at 1 p. m.

Parade of opinion

CROMWELL

College editors are emphatic in their criticism of James H. R. Cromwell, United States minister to Canada, because of his recent indiscreet speech, and they are equally emphatic in refusing to join him on the Allied band-wagon.

Key to the majority opinion was perhaps set by a recent widely read and far from favorable magazine article on Cromwell, for the U. S. minister is treated like a fraternity pledge during "Hell Week" by many a college editorialist. "That a man like James H. R. Cromwell can serve as American ambassador to Canada is clear proof of the cordial relations between the two countries," says the Harvard Crimson, while the Dartmouth remarks: "It's hard to take seriously a would-be diplomat who is trying so hard to be somebody that he gets himself comically out on a limb."

Little levity in editorials.

However lightly Cromwell himself may be treated, there is little levity in the editorial consideration of the implications of his speech. The University of Iowa Daily Iowan thinks that Secretary of State Cordell Hull's stinging rebuke of Cromwell is "a deserved reminder of the diplomat's position," and continues: "Cromwell knew when he spoke that he was pledged to a policy of neutrality. He defied orders from Washington about headquarters' approval of all his utterances, on the grounds that as a private citizen he had a right to say what he wanted.

He forgot, apparently, that the world would have no interest in his remarks if he were nothing more than a private citizen, and that any citizen who is a diplomat has special significance attached to what he says." To this the Cooper Union Pioneer adds: "Those of us of military age would not feel too badly if Doris Duke's playboy Cromwell were recalled lest he again put his foot in and our necks out. His recall would discourage any other would-be, self-constituted spokesman for the American people from jeopardizing our neutral status."

Criticized along with Cromwell is the American system of ambassadorial appointments. The University of Wisconsin Daily Cardinal says: "Precisely what Mr.

Cromwell's qualifications are, we do not know. He does have a lot of money, and that seems to be an easy way into diplomacy in this country. It is, however, a way that should be stopped up. Mr. Cromwell is proof of that."

The Harvard Crimson adds a ringing "Amen" to the Wisconsin paper's remarks with this pungent paragraph: "Underlying Cromwell's blunder is a basic fault in the administration of our diplomatic service. American ambassadors receive salaries far too small for the expenses which they are bound to incur as official representatives of the United States government. The result quite naturally is that very few men can afford to accept the responsibility of diplomatic service and we must expect the consequences. But even under existing conditions, Messrs. Roosevelt and Hull should have been able to draw from the pork-barrel a better appointment than that of the present tobacco-minister to Canada."

On the Student Council . . .

Something Nice Has Happened

. . . Merit downs politics

Something happened in Student Council meeting Wednesday which does not deserve to be passed by without notice. A member of the minority faction on the Council was elected as a hold-over member to serve again with next year's group. The Council recognized the meritorious work which this man has done all year and re-named him without regard for party affiliation. Such a thing has not happened for a very long time, and it can be considered a major victory for both the student body and the Council.

Faction politics have their place, but that place is not in a student governing body. It is an honor to sit on the Council, but the organization is not an honorary. It is a place for hard work and enthusiastic endeavor on behalf of the students and school which its members represent, and politics can play no part in that. No one who fails to shoulder his responsibility as a member of such a body even deserves to be a member, much less a hold-over member. And for the mutual good of the Council and its constituents, any one who does his job well should be re-elected without fail since such persons are not so numerous as to be easily replaced.

Although this year's Council has not yet set the campus afire with its activity, nevertheless it has indicated itself a serious-minded, conscientious group, in many ways superior to any Council for a number of years. It recognized the vote of the student body this spring asking for a campus election of Prom Committees by agreeing to follow such a change. At the same time it recognized that the Council is not the sort of organization to be engaged in staging parties and asked to be relieved of the sponsorship of future Junior-Senior Proms. Such action was both magnanimous, in giving up a traditional political plum, and wise. The Council has a specific function, student legislation and government, and is not a general service group such as some other campus societies. Its operating fund is designed for that specific function and is not compatible with party-giving, as was demonstrated in the question of this year's Prom deficit. Under more suitable sponsorship, the Prom doubtless can regain its old success and prestige as a major campus party, and the Student Council will no longer be burdened by an activity outside its line.

Yes, this year's Council has shown a number of times that it is not a run-of-the-mill group, and its latest action in the election of really deserving hold-over members is a fitting climax. It deserves a great deal of credit for having the courage and foresight to break a very strong though ill-conceived precedent, and it is to be hoped that this may prove indicative of a new course to be followed by future Councils. Certainly it is to be hoped that no matter what faction holds a majority on the Council in years to come, it will follow the lead of this year's group in never sacrificing the purpose of the Council by slighting worthy members of minority groups.

Come to Church

Sunday, April 28

First Baptist

14th and K

Clifton H. Walcott, Minister 9:45 A. M.—Roger Williams Class for College Age Group. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Service. 6:00 P. M.—Social Hour. 7:00 P. M.—Roger Williams Club.

First Plymouth Congregational

20th and D

Raymond A. McEunell, Minister 11:00 A. M.—"Faith and Works." 6:00 P. M.—Youth Supper. 7:00 P. M.—Sunday Evening Club—Newton W. Gaines.

University Episcopal

13th and E

Rev. L. W. McMillan, Pastor in Charge 8:30 A. M.—Holy Communion. 11:00 A. M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.

First Presbyterian

17th and F

Dr. Edmund F. Miller, Minister 9:45 A. M.—Bible Class for College Age Groups—D. B. Marti 11:00 A. M.—"A Stubborn Faith." Chancel Choir. 6:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship. Miss Irene Dean, City Y. W. C. A., "Living Creatively in Times of Conflict." 7:00 P. M.—University Discussion Group. "The Christian Attitude Towards War." Walter Terkes.

Westminster Presbyterian

Sheridan and South

M. V. Ogden, Minister 11:00 A. M.—"The Return to Worship." Music by 2 choirs. 6:00 P. M.—Fellowship Supper. 6:45 P. M.—Discussion, Kenneth Longman. 7:30 P. M.—Choral Worship Service.

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