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Editorially Speaking

Rx. for U. S. . . .

Avoid excitement, gain strength daily

. . . by wisely-directed activity

As Europe's war continues with important new developments from day to day, American opinion varies considerably as to what part this nation should play in the great history-making struggle. There are those who would not see United States citizens fighting overseas for any reason. There are others who think that the United States already has delayed too long in lending active aid to the Allies and would not have us hesitate another moment before taking such a step. The latter group has lost a number of followers since recent press releases have indicated that U. S. armed might today is not all that it should be and could not be made adequate for many months even under an intensive program of armament. Even so, such a reputable publication as the New York Herald-Tribune has editorially advocated immediate entry into the war.

One thing is fairly well agreed upon by all groups, and that is that the United States must maintain her forces of defense at a level where she can successfully lead in warding off any penetration of the western hemisphere by a European power. Although no one can foresee exactly what conditions would be like in the world if Germany wins the war, it is rather obvious that the position of this country would be a difficult one in such an eventuality. There might be grave danger, in the years which would follow nazi victory, of attempted armed penetration of South America from African colonies which would fall to Germany's lot. There would undoubtedly be attempts to take such territory important to U. S. security as the Dutch East Indies and other islands which are considered vital despite their distance. If one does not restrict himself to the immediate future, it is possible even to conceive of an invasion of North America. However the sort of wild war hysteria which has prompted the mayor of a Texas city to start arming his police force against an air invasion is not only absurd but the worst way to begin setting up an adequate defense for this country. Despite the unprecedented might of the nazi war machine no one can seriously imagine any sort of invasion here for at least several years, and in that time there is no reason why a nation with the vast resources of the United States cannot become impregnable armed. It can't be done by excitedly spending money before the best use for that money has been learned. It can't be done by changing plane specifications every week to hamper speedy mass production. It can be done only by keeping a cool head, finding out just what needs to be done, and then doing it as quickly as possible.

The fate of England and France lies now in their own hands. There is little which the United States could do to help them which is not now being done. If the combined forces of these two great powers cannot stop Germany, neither could a mere declaration of war by the United States. We must always remember to look to our own interests first, and all facts indicate that we can do that best by staying clear of any European conflict

News Roundup

By Norbert Mahnken

A GOOD WORD IS WORSE.

The day's fighting promised only the worst for the Allied cause. With renewed fury the German war machine yesterday smashed its way northward from Abbeville to Boulogne. Wednesday it had appeared that there might be some slight ray of hope for the Allies, for the German attack had slowed down, and a French counter-thrust had retaken Abbeville. The British were reported to be making some resistance along the Arras front, and optimism was suddenly blooming forth on every side. Today it appeared that the lull in the fighting was not the result of Allied counter-attack, but rather was caused by the German's catching their breath and consolidating their forces for another gigantic push. Thursday the drive was under way.

Abbeville was retaken by the Nazis without a great deal of resistance. At the same time a motorized unit struck out northward towards Boulogne, the French channel port which is just 26 miles from Dover. Prime Minister Churchill announced that heavy fighting was going on outside the city of Boulogne, while the Germans asserted that the city had already fallen.

Anyone who examines a map of the battle fronts in northern France will realize better than words can describe the seriousness of the situation which the Allies face. The enveloping movement is dangerously near success, and there appears to be an imminent danger that the Allied forces in the north may find themselves in a trap from which they cannot extricate themselves.

ON AMERICAN DEFENSE POLICIES.

Additional evidence was revealed today of the mistakes which guided American defense policies during the last years. Philip D. Johnson, president of the Boeing Aircraft company, told of the abandonment of two of the most vital improvements needed in modern aircraft, the self-sealing gas tanks and armor plating.

The Boeing president pointed out that his company in 1922 built 200 planes with self-sealing tanks. During the same period a number of planes containing armor plating around the engines and the cockpits were turned out. Yet both of these improvements were left out of the specifications which the army air corps submitted for later planes. The net result is that today the army is faced with the problem of replacing practically the entire air force to incorporate these now vital improvements.

Scrap Irony

Chris Petersen

READ OF TWICE, ONCE AND GO MAD.

Oh, pardon me prof. I'm Timothy Featherfly II of your Psych 1181 class. I'm in a dither, just simply a dither, and I need your advice.

You see it's like this, I bought a pair of twin puppies, and it's gotten me all mixed up, that is not the pups but their names. First of all, I named them Take It and Leave It. Heh, heh, heh. You know how little pups are, yea verily.

But that wasn't so good so I changed their names to Once and Twice, so when people would say, "Here, doggie, doggie," I'd say, "You'll have to call him Once and the other one Twice." But now I can call them both at once because I realize that in naming them Once and Twice, I had renamed them both twice, once before. I also realized that I could name Once Before and the other Twice Before because I have already named them once before and twice. Now, neither comes when I call Once or Twice and I wanta know—

Oh, heavens above, prof, not here on the campus. Murder! Save me campus cop. Mur—, Ahhhugggg.

I hope some one is looking after my twin puppies, now that I am gone.

which could exhaust us to the point of prejudicing our own territory and alter our government to the point where it would resemble that of our worst enemies. England and France were forced to enter this war whereas the United States is not, and they were probably better prepared than we are. Their situation today should hold a very great lesson for the American people against ever being similarly caught.

If Hitler's blitzkrieg has done anything, it has almost eliminated the change of this country sending troops to Europe, since only in a long drawn out war could U. S. help of that sort be effective in aiding the Allies. And in a long drawn out war, it is likely that the Allies could win without U. S. aid. So finally (or perhaps we should say, currently) it appears that there are just two things for this nation now to do: (1) watch the war in Europe with unflinching interest, doing what can be done wisely to further Allied success; (2) coolly and shrewdly arm ourselves against the day when we may find the dominant continent of the world dominated by a force inimical to our own peaceful, democratic mode of life.

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TODAY

GAMMA LAMBDA.
Gamma Lambda will meet at 5 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

PHI CHI THETA.
Phi Chi Theta will hold its annual initiation at 5 p. m. in parlor A of the Union.

SIGMA TAU.
Members of Sigma Tau will meet at 6:15 p. m. in parlors B and C of the Union.

CORNHUSKER FIELD COMPANY.
The Cornhusker Field company will meet at 6:30 p. m. in parlors XYZ of the Union.

SINFONIA.
Members of Sinfonia will meet at noon in parlor Z of the Union.

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

FRIDAY

UNION DANCE.
Johnny Cox and his orchestra will play for the Union dance to be held in the ballroom at 8 p. m.

PHI TAU THETA.
Members of Phi Tau Theta will meet at 6:15 p. m. in parlors X and Y of the Union.

SATURDAY

ACBC.
Ag College Boarding club will meet in parlors XYZ of the Union at 6:30 p. m.

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

I refused the Pulitzer prize

Judges of men are but sham Gods

By Art Adams.

Fame is an interesting phenomenon, if you are interested in phenomenon, but I am not. Phenomena only helps to prove biological theories, progress, and the truths in Kipling's poetry. I do not believe in progress or Kipling's poetry any more than I believe in famous people. There are men who write nice patterns of trash for the rest of us and they are famous, but that is stupid. We say that famous men are great but that is not so. I do not know exactly why men are great, and if I did I do not think greatness is very important anyway. Everyone eats.

Want thrills

If you sit down to read the "Cosmopolitan" or the "Liberty," you want to be thrilled or excited; and if you become thrilled or excited, you decide that you are reading a good story, and you admire the man who wrote the story. Why is he any better than any other man? I could write stories to thrill you.

We go beyond the limits of the human mind, which is really infinite, when we measure absolutes. I don't think that the God man's mind created expected us to decide for ourselves which man is great and which man isn't great. We did not create a God to be as stupid as we are. We worship him because he is perfect and does not make the mistakes that we make. That is the exact point. We cannot judge God, tho we may know how He should act but doesn't.

Tiny men in ponds

Tiny men arrogate to themselves the power to tell us what is good and what is not, but that is impossible because there is really no good and no bad. You and I know that without being told, but we like to be told differently.

I saw some violets yesterday, and they were simple. I thought they were good. I hate rhetoric and patterns, but violets make me think about truth. We all live for truth, even when we do not imitate St. Paul. A man with a healthy look in his eyes, or a little child laughing up at her father—that is the truth we live for—and that is a truth a thousand times more important than all the wise young men who tell us which books are good. Mostly, they tell us which ones are bad.

A dissection pan

We love the truth—I love it—but I know that I have never pinned it down in a dissection pan, and I know that I never will. All I can do is try to recognize it when I see it, and see it as often as possible. I do not ridicule other men's ideas because they are better for them than mine. But I will not hold other men's ideals for them, for I must maintain my own character. I think that humility comes next to God. To save my own character, I must not fall into habits of thinking that make me depend upon artificial colors and loud music. I must be all alone with my ideas.

Because I love God, and the earth, and the men of the earth, I do not suffer when I am alone. Sometimes I am hungry, but I do not suffer when I am alone. Sometimes I am hungry, but I do not care because I can do what I think is worthwhile. Most of us can't. If I fell from my own orbit, I would not have my own life to lead, and we must all lead our own lives. My life would be ended, I would walk in dark streets, and spill money from my mouth, like the mint in San Francisco.

I am not Pontius Pilate, and I do not see how anyone can be a judge of anyone but himself. We

Come to Church

Sunday, May 26

First Baptist

14th and E
Clifton H. Walcott, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Roger Williams Class for College Age Group.
11:00 A. M.—Musical Service by Choir, "The God That Budded."
6:00 P. M.—Social Hour.
7:00 P. M.—Miss Irene Lyons, Chicago.

First Plymouth Congregational

20th and D
Raymond A. McCord, Minister
6:00 A. M.—May Breakfast, Pioneer Park.
11:00 A. M.—"A Worthy Memorial."

University Episcopal

18th and E
Rev. L. W. McMillan, Priest 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
9:40 A. M.—Bible Class for College Age Groups—D. B. Marti
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.
6:00 P. M.—College Age Group.

Westminster Presbyterian

Sheridan and South
M. V. Oggel, Minister
11:00 A. M.—"Neutrality Is Not Enough."
5:00 P. M.—Outdoor Picnic and Vesper Service, Mr. Peter Greenwood, speaker.