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## American youth— two different kinds

Once again, the call of the American Student Union faintly reaches the ears of American college youth, with the announcement that from Dec. 27 to 30, that auspicious and energetic group of young people will convene in New York to resolve again that this nation is headed for war.

The call begins something like this: "More appropriate than tinselled fir-trees and gay carols this Christmas are rows of little white crosses and dirges for the dead. For war has wrapped Europe in its misery... America itself stands at the very point of total participation in the world wide conflict, the steps 'short of war' becoming shorter and shorter."

And we agree, the steps are becoming "shorter and shorter," only in a different sense than the A. S. U. announcement implies. Those steps are not strides of seven league boots, but are short steps. The fear that American Youth will be thrown into the holocaust has overtaken the A. S. U. with a great degree of hysteria.

We would not agree, ever, that the rows of crosses are more appropriate than "tinselled fir-trees and gay carols." We would never urge American youth to forget Christmas and turn its attention to war, especially when Christmas and whatever realization of religious principles it resurrects is so near.

The mouthings of hot-headed collegians, back of whom are forces unknown, are enough to disgust that representation of American youth which wants only to play its part in whatever is destined to come. Efforts by such an organization as the American Student Union, representing as it does, the

eries of so few persons, and unrepresentative as it is of the total youth opinion in this country, are tolerated and given the constitutional stamp of approval, because this nation and its laws and ways of living allow that group its freedom of expression and of assembly.

We're not intimating communism, fascism or anything else comparable is connected with the A. S. U., but we can hardly trust an organization whose propaganda sheet states that this nation is already half-way down the road to hell! The primary basis of unity and strength in our nation is our belief that we have every chance to stay out of war, that we have every chance to continue being the greatest nation in the world, that we have every chance to maintain our democracy and freedom.

Whatever ties there may be between the A. S. U. and the American Youth Congress, which meets in Washington Feb. 8 and 9, we're inclined to look upon the latter as a healthier movement. Its program includes speeches by Federal Administrators who will, according to A. Y. C. announcements, "explain how the U. S. government works."

The willingness of the latter group to hear and follow the advice of the real leaders of the nation stamp it as one worthy of recognition. At least its attitude is one implying a desire to help maintain and build, based on the realization that there is still plenty of room for maintenance and construction.

The charge that the American Student Union has been connected with communist-leaning labor groups may or may not be true. Its speech program Dec. 27 to 30 includes many labor leaders, a few educators whose "liberalism" may probably be questioned. On the other hand, the American Youth Congress will hear from Federal officials. The A. S. U. meeting expects to number 250, the latter 5,000. One must BELONG to the A. S. U. to attend the conclave; one must be just an American youth to attend the A. Y. C. meetings.

## On The Side

by Bob Aldrich

The American public dearly loves personality tests. You can scarcely pick up a magazine these days without finding at least one test, written by some psychologist or philosopher, designed to show you your true personality.

Most of these tests take no more than ten minutes to work and yet the reader is expected to base his entire life on the results shown. In fact, as all the personality tests give you a different kind of personality, anybody who took all the popular magazine tests offered would have a personality like a chameleon's or a patchwork quilt.

So far we haven't seen any personality tests designed specifically for college students—except the ones they give in the psychology department—so we are designing one for busy students who haven't time to let the psychology department find out what their personality is like.

We are entirely qualified for giving this test as we once read all the way through a psychology book, including footnotes and the index, without going out for fresh air.

Remember to answer the following questions with absolute honesty or the test won't be any good—of course, it isn't any good anyway but it's as good a way to waste time as going to classes, and you should know by now that that's the purpose of this column. Answer "Yes" or "No" all the questions in groups X, Y, and Z.

X.

1. Are you easily influenced by compliments?
2. Is that spot on your necktie from gravy or did it look like that when you bought it?
3. Do you prefer the company of sober people?
4. Was that a blond I seen you out with last night?
5. Do you believe in polygamy or monotomy?
6. Are you inclined to be angry when someone steps up to you and calls you a dirty, low-down, thieving rat, at the same time twisting your neck into the shape of a pretzel?
8. Where were you on the night

of November 19th?

Y.

1. If you took a girl out to dinner and she refused to pay her half of the check would you ever speak to her again?
2. What makes you so dopey, anyway?

Z.

1. If you order a strawberry coke and the waiter brings you a strawberry ice cream cone, do you feel like throwing it in his face?
  2. Well, why don't you, you sissy?
  3. If someone wants you to get up early and go on a picnic and you'd rather sleep, do you prefer to shoot him or merely to send him a poison-pen letter?
  4. Haven't you anything better to do than take moron tests like this one?
- Now, total up your answers. If you have more than ten "Yes" answers in each group, you're drunk. If you have less than ten, you're a definite psychopathic case and we don't want to have anything more to do with you—you're nuts!

## Bulletin

### BARB UNION.

Barb Union will hold its regular weekly meeting at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in room 507 of the Union. All unaffiliated men are invited to attend.

**DELTA PHI DELTA.**  
Delta Phi Delta will meet at 5:45 p. m. Tuesday in parlor D of the Union.

**PHALANX.**  
Phalanx will meet in parlor X of the Union at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

**AG YWCA.**  
Mrs. Ray Anderson will review the story, "The Other Wise Men" at the Tuesday noon meeting in the home ec social room.

**HOME EC ASSOCIATION.**  
A demonstration on Christmas gift wrapping will be the feature of the meeting of the home ec association today at 6:45 p. m. in the home ec social rooms.

**ECONOMICA.**  
Economica will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Union. Prof. Karl Arndt will discuss "Current Conflict in Monetary Theory" to be followed by an informal discussion of the subject.

**ALPHA KAPPA PSI.**  
Alpha Kappa Psi will meet tonight in parlor C of the Union at 7:15. Mr. Ear-

## Infantry, engineers fire for accuracy record this week

Lieutenant Richardson, engineers, announced that during this week and part of next, the ROTC infantry and engineering units will fire for a marksmanship record. In addition to being part of their semester grade, the results will be averaged and the company with the highest average score will receive a ribbon. Col. C. A. Thuis will present the award at the spring ROTC compet.

## DuTeau-

(Continued from Page 1.)

Stanford has caused considerable comment. There is no need to elaborate upon the background or meaning of the statement. It is entirely unwarranted and unfriendly. You may be sure that Nebraska as well as our 54,000 alumni vigorously resent the affront, especially in view of the fact that the implication not only unjustly discredits Nebraska, but the statement itself is absolutely wrong as both Stanford and Nebraska can show.

"In this instance I would say

nest Smith, of Magres, will speak on "The Graduate's Place in His Home Community."

### CHARM SCHOOL.

Charm school will not meet again until after Christmas vacation. Maria Crager announced today. A meeting has been planned for the first Tuesday after school starts.

### VESPERS.

Paul Moritz will speak at Vespers at 5:00 p. m. today. His subject is the situation of Chinese students. He was sent to China by the Student Christian movement.

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that Time 'went out of its way' to offend Nebraska and its people—and did it on its own suppositions. Our interpretation may be somewhat inaccurate, but 'slim pickings' doesn't sound very complimentary. The implication that Nebraska was chosen after other teams had signed up for other Bowls is a gross mis-statement. It is not our intention to exaggerate the importance of the observations in your story but it might interest the man who wrote it to know that Nebraska was right up in front in considerations as early as several days before the Stanford-California game. Naturally, in view of the facts, we cannot help resenting the sort of 'second choice' or worse classification which the very short paragraph devoted to Nebraska in your story consigned to us.

"Nebraska is a university where football is truly Nebraskan, played by Nebraska boys for the spirit and fun and glory of the game. Its educational standards have always been maintained on a high plane, especially as a member of

the Association of American Universities for the past 31 years.

"We have one of the greatest teams in our 50 years of football, and we've had some good ones as anyone who knows football will admit. It is a far cry from the lonely 'slim pickings' to which Time referred, as we hope to prove. We deserve better treatment than we received in your Dec. 9 issue.

"P.S. According to Stanford's own words, no feelers were sent to any school until the actual invitation was given Nebraska."

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