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Retiring governor's last act—6.7% cut recommended for UN

Retiring Governor Cochran, in his last public act (until he is elected to some other position in the state, by the state . . .) recommended an increase in the state budget for 1941-43 of approximately 8% over the amount appropriated by the last legislature for the 1939-1941 biennium.

Accompanying the budget proposals was the three-term governor's message. In explaining the items listed in his recommendation, he hurriedly, it seems, skipped over any reference to the 6.7% slash he made in University of Nebraska funds from taxation monies.

Last appropriation for the university from tax funds was a little over \$3,500,000. Cochran's idea of what the university should have for the next two years is \$3,266,028. The amount requested by the Chancellor and the Board of Regents (and that amount is the lowest, the very minimum that is needed . . . no exorbitant request was made and nothing unnecessary was asked) is \$3,931,300.

The retiring governor's recommendation is not only a 6.7% cut under

the last actual appropriation, but it is a 16.9% cut under what the regents and the Chancellor requested.

At the same time, state normal schools received a cut of barely over 10%. Their fight for appropriations is their own. It is noteworthy to write that in Cochran's message, when he spoke of the cut in educational funds, his subject did not stray from the normal schools, which take less than half of what the university gets. There was no reference to the university slash.

Unless Mr. Cochran simply didn't understand that the Regents and the Chancellor were entirely honest and conscientious; entirely cognizant of other needs for public monies, we can see very little reason for cutting the university appropriation, or recommending a cut in it.

The governor has the job of reframing this proposed budget and the new legislature has the job of passing his proposal. Whatever political wrangling and whatever political reasons there are behind the whole budgetary problem, we are not informed well enough to comment upon. But we can surmise there is some skulduggery.

We do hope Governor Griswold and the new legislature decide that granting the university what it asks is not too much.

The time when the legislature could say the university could stand being underfed another couple of years is past. Cochran may have thought the institution's constitution was stronger than we know it is. And then again, there may be other reasons for cutting.

In the meantime, we must wait a few weeks to see what Governor Griswold does; and also in the meantime, if we want to think things . . .

Behind the Headlines

by Olson and Ordal

Defense and deficits

Two days after reporting the state of the nation to be one of "unprecedented peril," President Roosevelt submitted an unprecedented peace-time budget, reflecting the huge cost of preparing for total defense in a world at war—a budget which asks 10 billions for defense and ups total allotments for gun economy to 28 billion.

This estimate took no account of cost of aid to Britain, Greece and China, an extensive program to be covered in a subsequent appropriation request and which may easily mean an additional 10 billions before the completion of the fiscal year 1942.

On the basis of the President's message, it is calculated that the national debt will rise to 58 billions in 1942; and the chief executive indicated that he believed statutory limitations on the public debt should be removed.

Clearly mandatory upon the new congress is the necessity of voting new taxes. Relative to this exigency there exists an unprecedented state of mind among the American people. In diametrical opposition to the usual yowling of diatribes against new taxes by the groups about to suffer them, the general public now is willing to pay new taxes—even asking for them.

A recent Gallup poll shows that a majority of adult Americans favor the imposition of a special income tax on ALL incomes from whatever source derived, and regardless of total income.

This attitude certainly deserves commendation. It seems to stem from a general realization that defense needs are imperative; that annual deficits running into decades of time are unhealthful. It is another indication, fairly common in the last two years, that general thinking is ahead of congressional action.

Another encouraging factor in the situation is the fact that the American public is not faced with the necessity of choosing between guns or butter. We shall be able to have both—at least for some time to come.

Equally encouraging, however, is the realization that toil, and sweat and sacrifice are essential to protect the American way of life. Immediate action stemming from that realization is the news of the moment. As the president has aptly said: "It will never be any earlier."

Latins may win CAA awards

Training division offers scholarships to students

Twenty special primary flight training scholarships are being offered by the Civil Aeronautics Authority to all Pan-American students registered in United States colleges, Prof. J. W. Haney of the mechanical engineering college said today.

Recipients of scholarships will enter the program on the same physical and scholastic basis as regular students except for meeting citizenship and national defense requirements.

Applications must be in Washington, D. C. not later than Jan. 22. Blanks can be secured from Prof. J. W. Haney.

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Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

MORONITORIAL

"In Defense of this Column"
"A Statement of Column Policy."

I don't know of anything more innane or assinine or Freudian than an unradical radical. Such an imbecile is a heretic and unworthy of his Alma Mater. As H. L. Mencken says, "hic, haec, hoc." He ought to feel, as I do, more responsibility toward raising the decadent standard of student morals. If he can't write free verse he ought to at least contribute a new dance step to modern culture.

I don't like dumb people who aren't members of Phi Beta Kappa and intelligent ones who are. I am a radical myself but not many people know it. However, I have read all the books on the restricted shelves of the library in preparation for this worthy declaration of policy. As H. L. Mencken says, "such is life."

But I digress. Time was when a fellow could drink two bottles of soda pop and produce a masterpiece. Look at Poe. Now you can't thirst or even hunger toward degenerate thinking and get by with it. As H. L. Mencken says, "bah!"

So if there's anything wrong with this column, that's it. I light another cigarette to make me feel wicked and give up in smoke. As H. L. Mencken says, "sno use 'sno use."

UN bacteriologists

attend St. Louis meet

Dr. G. L. Peltier, chairman of the bacteriology department, and Dr. K. H. Lewis, Dr. C. E. Georgi, and L. F. Lindgren of the department attended the annual meetings of the Society of American Bacteriologists in St. Louis, Dec.

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University Dames will meet at Ellen South Friday at 8 p. m. The program will be on the subject "Food and Menus," with Ruth Monahan presiding. Hostess is Mrs. M. J. Phillips.

SOCIAL WORKERS.
Pre-social works majors will meet in parlor X of the Union at 12 p. m. today.

SINFONIA.
Sinfonia will meet in parlor Z of the Union at 11 p. m. today.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
Student Christian Scientists will meet in room 216 of the Union at 7:30 p. m. today.

SOCIAL WORKERS.
The Association of Social Workers will meet in room 213 of the Union at 7:30 p. m. today.

FRESHMAN AWS.
Freshman AWS will meet today in Ellen South at 5 p. m. to discuss activities.

UPPERCLASS AWS.
The upperclass AWS will hold a work meeting today at 5 p. m. in Ellen South.

Optomists to hear Hosp

Helen Hosp, dean of women, will discuss "Observations in South America" before the Optimists Club luncheon meeting today at the Lincoln hotel.

It is claimed that the modern coed likes to be healthy, wealthy and wisened-up.

The rains that Nebraskans saw in "sunny" California kind of wash up the work of the chambers of commerce out there.

27 to 30. Also attending from the University were John Steinhaus and Fred Strandkov, graduate assistants.
Dr. Lewis presented a paper on "Growth of Non-Sporulating Anaerobic Bacteria of Intestinal Origin in Synthetic Media" which he wrote in collaboration with Dr. W. E. Militzer of the chemistry department and Robert A. West, Jr., who received his M. A. degree from the university last June.



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