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Aim at happiness!

The world cannot be changed

Yesterday it was the Kaiser, today, Hitler, tomorrow somebody else. Men rise and fall. Dreamers they are, of new orders, of world empires. And with each day of glory comes a decade of depression and gloom. For centuries the world has been drifting on, always with its dreamers, always with its Napoleons and its Wilsons.

Despite all the advancements in science and knowledge, despite all the efforts of statesmen to secure a lasting peace and order in the world, today the entire world is battling in one of the worst wars in its history. It is battling in a war more deadly than any preceding one, and with all the forces of destruction working overtime is pressing downward the standards of living, the culture and the security that a century of toil has built up.

Since the eighteenth century Greece and Serbia have been sacrificing men by the millions to gain for themselves the right of self government. For a time they won freedom from the Turks, only to find themselves today subject once again to rule from abroad, this time from Germany.

The Roman civilization rose, flourished and fell. Nations that one time were powerful are today weak and plastic. Empires have collapsed and the ever changing forces of time have shifted power from one state to another. But wars have continued, corrupt governments are always present, suppression and misrule is as bad today as at any time in history. The dead of centuries, crucified as martyrs for their ideals have failed to mould a better world. Man is too weak, the forces controlling the world too strong, to make the efforts to secure world wide brotherhood bear much fruit.

Are there then any real values in the world? It would be a very pessimistic point of view to feel that man is no more than a drifter moved by forces over which he has no control.

There should be no cause for such pessimism. The world is full of goals, goals big enough to challenge any man. And there is much work to be done. But what there is to do lies near at home. In all too many cases the small things that

need attention at once are overshadowed by dreamers' vague and impossible ideas of a new order for man.

There is no greater value in the world than happiness and justice. To live a full life, to enjoy the fruits of this life and to make the lives of as many as possible with whom one is in contact, full and happy is a mighty big job. The energies however, which are so often spent in fighting wars for vague ideas, employed towards these ends would produce results that we could see and feel.

America fought on war for ideals. We have none of those ideals today. And the American people are no happier for the loss of thousands of lives and the expenditure of billions of dollars.

Today men are saying we once again should go to war. To preserve democracy, to preserve freedom wherever that freedom is challenged, they say. Day by day our country moves closer to that war. If we should enter and win we could gain nothing permanent; we would only be carried along by the forces of nature.

Yet at the same time thousands in this country are unemployed. Great sections of our larger cities are ill housed and ill fed. Men are dying of disease because our medical service is not available where it is needed. And a faulty legal profession lets the rich control the poor and the crime rings control the governments.

We never think of spending billions of dollars to alleviate these conditions, though we are now willing to sacrifice this money for assistance in war. The amount to be spent if this country enters the European war would remove most of our slums and make the living conditions of the whole population better.

We would then be bringing happiness and justice. True, these things are not the ideals that the politicians are yelling so much about. But we wouldn't sacrifice them and wouldn't tax the people to the breaking point for all the fine phrases they can concoct. The only real values in life are individual happiness. Just for a change let's devote our time and money to securing it.



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Total aid now

As the war in Iraq increases in extent and intensity, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden urged the United States to increase its supply of war materials with all possible speed.

Eden declared that England's paramount need is ships and more munitions because the effectiveness of her diplomatic moves was conditioned on her military strength.

This is particularly true when those diplomatic moves are centered in the eastern Mediterranean where military strength overrides all other considerations in the eyes of the rulers.

Eden coupled his appeal to the United States with a warning to the Arab peoples of the middle east not to side with the axis and thus throw away their freedom, but even as he spoke the fighting in Iraq spread, as the German inspired Moslems continued the fight against the British.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt convened his cabinet in an extraordinary session Tuesday to act on his request for the greatly expanded production of the planes that will be necessary to give the democracies command of the air.

Earlier the president had called on Secretary of War Stimson to speed up the production of heavy bombers, to facilitate the early reaching of the new goal of 500 long range, four motored ships.

The president's latest demand but emphasizes earlier ones, and the speeches of other well informed persons which stress the desperate need for greater action now.

Every request for ships drives home with greater intensity the fact that the United States has but few it can contribute, and the increase in production are com-

tion and start in business he might become a success sooner because of the head start.

After marriage recreation becomes more beneficial, said Miss Liston, and this does not mean that there need be less recreation. Recreation and budgeting are connected, for included in the budget should be a "splurge fund," she said, which should be divided among the members of the family and used without questions from the others.

Big problem.

The problem of money and marriage is big enough for a semester course and the questions which were discussed constituted but a start for future thinking and planning.

Miss Liston suggested several books and pamphlets which would help the beginner in buying, budgeting and making money go the farthest.

The next lecture will be Tuesday, May 13, in parlors X, Y and Z, at 4 p. m. This will be the last in the series and will be called "Religion in the Home."

ing with painful difficulty. Things have now come to the point where not only are all actions which retard production a serious menace, but every person who fails to do all he can to increase production shares a responsibility for contributing to a German victory, which only the United States can prevent, and which the United States can prevent only if the people of the country make the total aid program mean total, not partial aid.

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Twelve co-eds at Barnard college are learning how to repair automob-

biles in a course in practical mechanics.

Compulsory chapel attendance is threatened at the University of Rochester as the result of poor attendance at weekly chapel.

Marriage-

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woman may develop a career, and there are several possible dangers here. The husband may become jealous of his wife or he may depend upon her to make the living. Another possible outcome of the wife working is that they may strive to "keep up with the Joneses" because they feel that with the additional income it will be possible.

Marriage in college?

This question led to a discussion of marriage while in college or while a graduate student. Handicaps which develop might not appear at the time, but later. The man might have to sacrifice his career and later would blame it on his wife, or the opposite might be true. If the wife worked and helped her husband get his educa-

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