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Don't give up the ship!

Defeatism is gaining entirely too much ground in this country. Entirely too many people are saying war is inevitable, and that there is nothing that can be done to stem the growing interventionist sentiment. Despite previous convictions voiced before the emotionalism that accompanies war had blinded their eyes, more and more people are accepting the pessimistic viewpoint that American democracy and freedom will go down with England and that the invincible German armies, if we delay, will soon reach this hemisphere and destroy the American way of life.

They are falaciously arguing that it is better to burden Americans with taxation, chance communistic uprisings that thrive in disrupted post war economies, and fight a war miles from our home base now to avert the remote possibility of a war in the future on our own continent.

"There doesn't seem to be much we can do about it," the editor of the Indiana Daily moans, "if war is coming, it's coming, and we're beginning to think it is coming. With such convictions it isn't easy to be serious about the few remaining weeks on the campus. Many men students will be in the army next semester; many will never come back."

To resign oneself to this fatalism however is like giving up at the start. And resignation to it without a protest when one sees America's future better insured by following other courses, is not the patriotism America wants. 1,180 students in the campus spring election three weeks ago voted to support England only "short of war," 523 desired that America take a more isolationist stand, and only

123 of those coming to the polls desired active participation in the war.

Great efforts by way of propaganda and pressure will be made by administrative heads in Washington in the next few weeks to change this anti-interventionist vote here and all over the country to meet their purpose. So strong will be the pro-war shout that those not already resigned to the inevitableness of the war will be inclined to give up like the Indiana editor, saying "if it's coming; it's coming."

All of which will bring a let down in business, in classroom attendance and in scholarship. And the student body here and the young men everywhere will more or less mark time until the war or danger of war is over. This is a very dangerous attitude for it poisons the blood of the whole country. And it is all so unnecessary for polls over the entire country show that the public is still for peace.

If America gets into the war we cannot back down. For once in the war, the prestige of this country is at stake. And every man irregardless of his former beliefs will have to pledge everything he has to insure a victory for his country. But until that war does break out, every man can shout his beliefs to the housetops. And he can fight on, ever confident that interventionism has not yet stamped out the policy to which America adhered strongly during its sane years of peace. He can work in his business and study in his school, with a promising future still ahead for him.

Above all, he can refuse to give up the ship.

Denver U faculty decides . . .

Bronze nude statue in library distracts students from work

By Associated Collegiate Press.

Art is all right in its place, but when the art is a nude statue, its place isn't the library of Denver university. So "Summer," a modern classic nude cast in bronze by the French sculptor, Aristide Maillol, is back in her niche at the Denver art museum.

The trouble started when "Summer" was lent to the university by the museum to assume her stance in the Renaissance room of Mary Reed library. She had been there only a few days when a professor asked at a faculty meeting: "When is that statue going to be moved?"

It wasn't so much what he said as the derogatory tone he used that caused art professors to leap to her defense.

"She doesn't belong in a library" one faction contended. "Students go there to study, not to be distracted—by art or anything else."

Art a study.

To which the art instructors replied: "Of course students go to the Renaissance room to study. Art is a study, too. And we would be shirking our educational duty if we failed to give our students a chance to see and appreciate the great works of art."

The anti-"Summer" faction, charging she attracted too many students to the library—but not to pore over its books—suggested the nude be placed in the university stadium. "She could draw as many people as she wanted down there without disturbing anyone. The stadium needs filling, anyway," they said.

A college columnist took sides with the anti-"Summer" faction.

"She should be retired to a quiet corner—where always the obvious appears more subtle and the artistic more comfortable," Lewis Kornfield said in the Clarion. He described "Summer" as "a rather peasant-looking woman with thick ankles and a fine carriage" who is "standing in the draft."

"Summer," finally was removed to the museum, where she is so highly regarded that she is insured for \$30,000.

Gray addresses Congregational student group

Dr. Henry D. Gray, national secretary of student work of the Congregational church, will address a meeting of Congregational students next Tuesday evening on the topic, "The Problems of College Youth." The meeting will be from 7 to 8 in room 313 of the Union.

Dr. Gray is on the campus to discuss expansion of Congregational student work at Nebraska. Following his address will be an informal discussion period, in which all attending may take part.

Sophomores at Butler college elected twins, Barbara and Marjorie Kelly, as "Sweethearts of Butler."

Prowlers who raided a bookstore at Drew university limited their loot to several dishes of ice cream and several pencils.

Opposition—

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was the answer of AOPi Doris Marshall, sophomore.

Barb sophomore Leslie Wright replied "Yes, if we're going to enter the war we ought to enter it right now. Otherwise we should build up the home defense and stay here."

Kappa Sig frosh Bill Palmer said "If we're going to get in the sooner the better. We should have got into it long ago."

"I am absolutely against it," asserted Leola Schaper, Tri Delt senior. "I don't think we have any reason for entering it now, but I think we're going to get into it sooner or later if we keep sending supplies to England."

Aitheia Ware, barb freshman, stated "I think it would be suicide for America because we're not prepared, and I don't really think it would help anyone more than our present aid is helping. If we do get in we won't have the proper perspective on the peace terms."

AOPi sophomore Lucy McLafferty thought that it wouldn't do any good. "It will take our natural resources and men, and what are we going to get in return?—Nothing!"

"Definitely not"—the predominant opinion of the students queried, was also the first words of Charles Roper, barb junior. "I think we should stay at home for a while," he continued. "I don't think we have any business with the war."

Mary Ann Schwarz, freshman barb, replied "No, I think we should stay at home. It didn't get us anyplace last time."

Delta Sig Bob Harkens, sophomore, believes that we can do more by staying home. "I believe in everything short of war," he said.

Unaffiliated freshman Al Brown stated, "I don't see why we should



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Bombings, east and west

Nazi bombers lashed at the Suez canal for two hours Thursday in the longest raid sustained by that link in the empire life-line since the start of the war.

British officials at Cairo acknowledged that there was "some damage," but declared that there were no casualties.

In other aspects of the war in the Near East, the British seem to be holding their own, and in some instances have taken the offensive in quelling the Moslem disturbances.

The threat to the important Haifa oil pipeline appears to have been dealt with successfully, and the RAF has bombed Bagdad with such effect that the Iraq forces are retreating to the east.

Optimists declare that the attempt of the Nazi mercenaries to stir up a holy war in the Near East are failing, and British authorities in Palestine say that the area is more quiet than ever before.

In the western theatre, London claims direct hits on the 26,000 ton German battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, anchored at Brest.

The attack on the ships was part of a series of raids aimed at St. Nazaire, and the refineries at the mouth of the Loire river in France. St. Nazaire, it may be recalled, was one of those sleepy French ports that were vitalized during the first World war by the activity of the American expeditionary force.

And while the war continues to rage, the United States is in the throes of a heated debate on the subject of convoys.

Much of the unofficial demand for convoys is being expressed by Wendell Willkie, who declared Thursday: "Call it convoying, patrolling, airplane accompaniment, or what not . . . We want those cargoes protected at once and with less talk and more action."

fight their war for them." He recommended that students read "Roosevelt vs. Hitler" in this week's Life in forming an opinion on the question.

"No," answered Betty Jean Maxwell, Chi O junior, when asked the question. "I don't think we should because there may still be a chance to arbitrate. Besides, I don't think we're prepared."

Lucy Maxwell, unaffiliated senior, said "I'd like to have them try some other possible way of getting peace without entering the war."

"Although I do not favor war," began Mylan Ross, Farmhouse senior, glancing at his watch and stroking an imaginary mustache, "I think the time has come for us to shave the mustache off old Adolf in one way or another."

Today—

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ana," and "The West Florida Controversy, 1798-1813," and in 1939 he translated "Study of the History of Chile" by Louis Galdames.

He received his B. A. from Dartmouth in 1896 and his Ph. D. in 1904 from the University of Pennsylvania where he studied on a research fellowship.

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