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A commendable program

Though the finals in softball have not yet been completed, last night's game between the Sig Alphas and ATO's to all intents and purposes brought the closest intramural race in the six years of Bill Horney's sponsorship of the program to a close.

And as the points were tallied giving Delta Upsilon the championship, Alpha Tau Omega second and Beta Theta Pi third, it was revealed that more students had participated in the 1941 intramurals than ever before, forfeitures were fewer and the interest shown by all groups was beyond comparison.

Responsibility for the increased interest may be laid at the closeness of the contest throughout the whole series of vents, or it may have resulted from the fact that cups are awarded for firsts or seconds in all sports and to those houses aside from the champions making special showings in the race as a whole.

Whatever the cause, the results are evident. Houses have exhibited more spirit and enthusiasm, intramurals have assumed a more prominent position on the campus than in the past, and most important of all more students have benefitted by the competition and group exercise the program offers.

Congratulations to the Intramural office.

Dear Editor

Grad student decries
"war" petition signers

Dear Editor:

I should like to present the opinion of a graduate student in the matter of the "not necessarily short of war" petitions that are being signed by many faculty members. I am aware that some of my superiors have

signed this petition. Due to my position as a subordinate I am not signing my name and urge that you publish this letter as anonymous. My stand on this matter would put me in high disfavor. It would cost my badly needed references and might result in my expulsion. (Who says we have freedom of speech?)

I am opposed to active military intervention in the European conflict. I feel that those faculty members who have signed this petition are not qualified to urge warfare. Most of them are beyond military age; many are women. Many of them are unmarried and hence have no offspring to be slaughtered. Most are probably physically unfit—either too rotund or rapidly falling into a condition of senescence. Most of them are risking little in the event of war. All are enjoying greater financial security than those soldiers that they would have to fight to preserve this security.

It is my suggestion that these petitions and the names of those who have signed them be given full publicity in all local newspapers including the DAILY NEBRASKAN. We know that there are numerous local enterprises upon which the belligerent faculty could pour out its adrenalin. The campus needs cleaning and beautification; non-affiliated men need improved living conditions. Our neighbors to the north and east of the campus need social uplift. Research of infinite quantity needs to be done. These are just a few things upon which our belligerent faculty friends could profitably devote their energies.

Finally, I suggest that if war comes—and goes—that a memorial be erected not to the university men who sacrificed their lives, but to those petition signers who urge needless loss of life. A tall shaft on Memorial Mall inscribed with these names might serve to prevent future faculty members from crying for a bloody fight whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Very sincerely,

A Graduate Assistant.

It is very likely that the interventionists over the draft age have not considered the suffering and tor-

tures of war to the extent that these factors have been considered by those who may have to fight. Yet condemnation of them in this way is not altogether just. For many holding war sentiments dread that war and will be affected by it—if not directly probably through relatives and very close friends and only believe war is necessary as the best safeguard for those things America holds dear.

Whether their views are right or wrong, whether they have been hastily conceived and are based upon an emotional irrational desire to aid England or accepted with full realization of the price America must pay in the war is not known. They are relatively sincere in the sentiments they hold and should therefore not be condemned by future generations if their guesses prove costly.

Editor.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Why do you call defeatism the gradual recognition that the British fleet is indispensable to our safety? Why do you call willingness to face grave danger defeatism? Do you call fascism liberalism, or English democracy national socialism, or Roman Catholicism communism, or love hate, or life death?

You are disturbed about emotionalism affecting our calm judgment. Do you think that judgment is rational when it is governed by the emotion of fear? Do you think that love of liberty and hatred of submission to military aggression (hatred of what most English-speaking people call defeatism) blind the eyes of rational judgment? Do you wish us to follow the realism of Baldwin and Chamberlain Did that turn out to be a good model of rationality?

Why should you use the slogan "Don't give up the ship?" The figure of speech is unfortunate when what you advocate is literally giving up all the ships, certainly the British merchant marine and the British navy, and eventually perhaps the American navy. Better say "give up all the ships." What do we care? We can't use ships on the prairie.

Thomas M. Raysor.

Chinese-

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now concentrating to a greater extent on national pride."

According to Wong, the government gives land to the refugees, loans money, and encourages them to make use of untouched natural resources; "the government en-

courages them to be 'producers' as well as 'consumers.'"

Of much interest to those attending the forum was the speaker's story of students in China. "Despite the war," Wong asserted, "there are now more students enrolled in Chinese universities and colleges, than there were in pre-war days."

Reason for this, he said, lies in the encouragement given to students by the government. "We realize that after the war students will be the ones who will be doing the work of reconstruction. The government would rather have the young people in school than fighting in the army," the lecturer declared.

An interesting sidelight on this "occupation," according to Wong, is the fact that "the Japanese soldiers in the 'occupied' cities are afraid to go out on the streets at night because of guerrillas."

Devoting much of his lecture to the western part of China, the dean said, "A tremendous problem in the west is that of the refugees migrating to western China. These refugees, numbering between 60 and 80 millions of people, are migrating to a land which is much more backward than the one from which they have come."

Pointing to the Chinese national student body as one of the stabilizing influences today, Dr. Wong told of the terrific hardships which students and educators have to endure to continue their work.

"Some refugee students walked as much as a thousand miles to the new location of their university, with some universities changing locations as many as five or six times," the doctor declared, "and they studied and held their classes as they traveled from one place to another."

Dr. Wong's home is in Chengtu, 200 miles west of Chungking, the present free capital of China. He has been in the U. S. for two years as a theological student in New York, and is a graduate of the Peking university.

Choir-

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has appeared it has been greeted with enthusiasm and has received hearty praise for its performance. The Norfolk Daily News said "Especially favorable comment came concerning the expression, modu-

lation and shading of the tones." This group of 60 young men and women makes an annual tour of the state and has already been invited back for an appearance next year in Omaha.

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