

# Native Czech grad student says his country 'hasn't given up hope'

By George Abbott.

"Czechoslovakia has decidedly not given up hope; its spirit and faith as a nation will never die," Milan Hapala, graduate student in the political science department who left his native Czechoslovakia in September, 1938, told a DAILY reporter in an interview yesterday.

"Although the Czech people were 'disappointed' in England's failure to fulfill its pledge 'to defend frontiers,'" the Czechs are nevertheless counting on the aid of the United States and England in the future reorganization of Europe, according to Hapala.

He pointed out that "Chamberlain probably thought it was best at the time of the Munich pact to appease Hitler and sacrifice Czechoslovakia, and in view of recent events, it will probably not be held against the English to a great extent."

Lived in Brno.

Hapala, whose home is in Brno, Moravia, a province of Czechoslovakia, was studying for his PhD degree at the Real Gymnasium when he was awarded a scholarship at Beloit, Wis., coming to this country Sept. 22, 1938, shortly before the invasion of his homeland by the nazis.

Explaining the difference in the European school system and that of this country, Hapala pointed out that a "gymnasium," such as the one he was attending, resembles an American high school and the first two years of college, including seventh and eighth grades, the four high school grades, and freshman and sophomore college grades.

Upon completion of work in this school, the student is given an examination over the eight years of study, after which he may enter a university, receiving a PhD degree after four years in the university.

Admires achievements.

"I greatly admire the educational achievements of American colleges," Hapala replied when questioned about his opinion of our educational system. "They combine both mental and physical success, with a little too much stress on the athletic side," he added, "but I was impressed by the intimate relationship between professors and students which is expressed here; that is a thing which is sometimes completely lacking in European schools."

Outstanding impression which this Czech student gained is one which first came to him upon landing in New York. "America is a land of extremes; I was impressed by the fact that the most beautiful streets in New York are flanked by some of the ugliest,

with poverty and wealth side by side," Hapala asserted.

Tempo of life.

Also impressive is "the American tempo of life; Americans feel nervous in a rhythmical tempo not at all like Europe." He cited swing music as an example of this "tempo" and added that "Americans, if you were to take away such luxuries as cars, radios and mov-

## Senate makes appropriation for chemurgy

### Board of Regents receive \$25,000 for industrial research

For research into new industrial uses for Nebraska farm products, the senate Friday entrusted the university Board of Regents with \$25,000.

The amendment proposed to appropriate \$7,000 from tax money and \$18,000 from an unexpended balance in the real estate broker's license fund. It was passed without a dissenting vote.

Appropriations committee chairman John Callan, one of the chief proponents of the measure, indicated that this amount would be at least a start in the vast field of research chemurgy.

With no further change in the appropriations bill so far as the university is concerned, the senate advanced the measure once more to select file.

## Sheldon talks on 'Nebraska Farmer, War'

### Historical society head says peace threatened by acts of aggressors

Dr. A. E. Sheldon, head of the State Historical society, spoke on the subject, "The Nebraska Farmer and the World War," at the poultry science club's annual banquet.

"In order for the younger generation to appreciate Nebraska they must be constantly reminded of the cost in human suffering, in labor, and hardship that it took to build the Nebraska we enjoy today," he stated.

Sheldon pointed out that the peace and contentment we have in Nebraska is being threatened by certain acts of the aggressor nations, and from this conflict there are only two possible alternatives which we can follow: liberty or efficiency.

"Efficiency is the alternative followed under dictatorship, liberty is the one that the human race has followed for ten thousands of years with very good results. Thus, with liberty as the only alternative, America must win this war so as to preserve not only our Nebraska peace but the peace of all English speaking nations."

After the address, Doyle Free, the new president of the club, gave out the membership certificates to the new members. Approximately forty people, including faculty members and students, attended the banquet.

## Sigma Xi-

(Continued from page 1) ballroom, Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p. m.

The membership pledge will be administered by Prof. J. E. Weaver, president of the university chapter, who will also present certificates to new associates and actives.

Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, will introduce the new members, and Prof. William L. DeBaufre, chairman of the engineering mechanics department, will introduce the society to the initiates.

Kansas to speak.

Prof. M. G. Gaba, last year's chapter president, will deliver the presidential address, following Dr. Weaver's administering of the pledge. Prof. Lloyd Bingham of the electrical engineering department, responding for the actives, will be followed by Kenyon Payne,

ies, would not know how to entertain themselves."

Turning to the international situation, Hapala declared, "The American people are facing a difficult period of their history. The present conflict offers two different moral concepts between the nazi and democratic way of life. We all agree that we want to preserve democracy, but we disagree as to the means.

Economic responsibility.

"Many people recognize the economic and political responsibility of a great power in using this power for good and evil. I think that power should be used to suppress evil.

"Nazism is a revolutionary and dynamic force which cannot be defined, cannot be kept within the boundaries of greater Germany. Nazism is trying to impose a new ideology upon the world. A direct attempt to nazify the United States is no longer the 'fantastic conception of a lunatic.'"

Nothing impossible.

Elaborating on this point, Hapala stated that "The word 'impossible' is no longer included in Hitler's dictionary, and what happened to France is proof of that.

"If Great Britain falls, Hitler will be in possession of weapons whose number and nature could surpass any defense we could build here. That is the reason I favor intervention."

Before the war in Europe, Hapala was preparing himself for a position in the diplomatic service and was planning to study in Paris and Berlin, but now plans to stay permanently. He will go to Duke university next fall, and part of the reason he says, is "because I have heard that the terrain of North Carolina somewhat resembles that of my homeland."

Becomes citizen soon.

Hapala, who will receive his citizenship papers in the near future, corresponds regularly with his relatives who remained in Czechoslovakia, but "has given up hope that they will be able to leave the country." He explained that the Czechs gave up their freedom of movement along with their freedom of speech and assembly when the Germans invaded their country.

Although he will probably take up a career of teaching, depending upon the course of events in Europe, Hapala's ambition is "to return some day to Europe and enter the diplomatic service."

And by the way, speaking of the "American tempo of life," this Czech who will soon become a citizen has two favorite swing bands, Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman.

graduate student from Manhattan, Kas., who will represent the associates. Dean C. H. Oldfather of the College of Arts and Sciences and Mrs. Oldfather will be guests of honor at the banquet.

Sigma Xi officers elected to serve the Nebraska chapter next year, the 44th in the chapter's history, are Prof. J. B. Burt, president; Prof. D. J. Brown, vice president; Prof. H. H. Marvin, counselor; Prof. F. E. Mussehl, treasurer; and Prof. E. W. Norris, secretary.

## Prof. Frankforter talks at Kenesaw

Prof. C. J. Frankforter of the chemistry department will deliver the commencement address at Kenesaw May 23.

## Choir-

(Continued from page 1) sented concerts in Omaha, York, Seward and Norfolk. The program follows:

Dear Christians, Let Us All Rejoice... Duet  
The Great Angelic Host... Greg. Buhl-Aschenbrenner  
Sins Are Heavy Burdens... M. Praetorius  
Veni Redemptor Gentium... Bach  
O God, Our Help In Ages Past... Stelzer  
Benedictus... Liszt-Cain  
Mary's Lullaby... E. Nolte  
Vom Himmel hoch... Bach  
Cradle Song of the Shepherds... Glaz-Folk-Song-Davison  
To Us Is Born Immanuel... M. Praetorius  
Hosanna to the Son of David... M. Praetorius

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A Lamb Goes Forth Without Complaint... Bach  
See World, Thy Life Suspended... Bach  
O Bleeding Head and Wounded... Bach  
O Saviour of the World... Bach  
O Morn of Beauty (Korm Finlandia)... Sibellus-Matthews  
Holy Lord God... Cain  
Spirit Mostly Holy... Scandell-Lundquist  
Thine Forever (Moted on Christian Education)... Stelzer  
Hallelujah, Amen... Handel  
Beautiful Savior... Christiansen

## At Daily picnic . . . Staff plays ball; decides that swimmin' season has come

A good time was had by all. Even the chaperones!

That just about sums up the DAILY NEBRASKAN staff picnic which was held Friday at Linoma beach. Highlights of the day included the softball game, swimming and boating, and the food and cokes.

In the softball game between the editorial and the business staffs, Sergeant Regler, the umpire, had a difficult time in calling strikes

that were strikes and balls that were balls. Pitcher George Abbott, after two hard fought innings, finally removed his shoes and stockings and was able to pitch a no hit inning.

Move base.

Allan Jacobs moved second base out into center field so far that Ed Segrist nearly ran into the lake while running from first to second. Sergeant Regler soon got the base back in place, however, and the game which ended in a tie was resumed.

The swimming-boating team of Petersen and Svoboda spent half the time swimming after falling out of the boat and the other half trying to get back in the boat. Betty Dixon brought two pair of slacks in case she fell in and true to her expectations, she fell in, after a slight push by some member of the staff.

## Naval officer to interview UN students

Lieut. C. R. Underwood of the United States naval medical reserve will visit the university campus Wednesday and Thursday of this week to talk with men interested in becoming engineering and deck officers through appointment to the naval reserve.

Lieutenant Underwood will give a talk at Nebraska hall Wednesday at 5 p. m. and on Thursday he will hold interviews all day. To be eligible for appointment, applicants must hold a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or engineering degree with at least two semesters of college mathematics including plane trigonometry. Senior students may apply, with enlistment held up until they receive their degrees.

Half of the men to be accepted for the reserve at this time will be taken from among engineering graduates, according to Lieutenant Underwood, and most of them will be trained as engineer officers. Others will be trained to become deck officers. Following a preliminary course of enlisted training, successful applicants will be appointed as midshipmen and later may qualify for commissions as ensigns.

## Behm, Osborne talk on citizen day program

Forrest Behm and Mary Ellen Osborne will be speakers on the "I Am an American" program Wednesday night at 8 p. m. at Everett junior high school in honor of 1,900 Lancaster youths who have recently become 21.

Behm is outstanding in military work, Innocents society and is an honor student. Miss Osborne, a graduate of the university, is now a staff member of the Lincoln YWCA.

Other speakers will be included on the program. A feature will be a dramatic presentation by the university radio class on "Let Freedom Ring." Dean O. J. Ferguson will preside at the meeting.

## Harrison goes to Denver

Prof. Earnest Harrison of the music department faculty will go to Denver this week to act as one of the judges for the national auditions being sponsored there by the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

## Game-

(Continued from page 1) was also given a token of special recognition.

Members of the band, directed by Don A. Lentz, staged a comedy novelty musical number, "William to Hell," after which moving pictures of the band at the Rose Bowl and in the Rose Bowl parade were shown, as well as pictures of the band on its recent spring tour. All pictures were furnished by Mr. J. B. Douglas. Attendants converted the party into a dance following the honors and movies.

## Today-

(Continued from page 1) in receiving the guests. Presiding at the serving tables will be Florence Smith and Evelyn Metzger, Carolyn Ruby and Mrs. Daisy Kilgore.

Six junior home economics students will assist in serving. They are Jean Burr, Maxine Copey, Retha Edeal, Marie Ingalls, Lucille Jack and Dorothy Mattley.

The decorations will consist of centerpieces and bouquets of spring flowers. About 80 students and 21 faculty members are expected to attend.

## Math honorary elects officers, awards prizes

Pi Mu Epsilon, national honorary mathematics fraternity, initiated seven men, elected officers and awarded two prizes at its annual picnic Friday evening at Pioneer Park.

Winners of the annual mathematics competition, based on a contest held May 8, are William J. Koch, sophomore in engineering college, who won the calculus prize of \$10, and Robert M. Judd, freshman in engineering, who was awarded the freshman mathematics prize of \$10.

Officers elected for 1941-42 are Dayle D. Rippe, director; Joe Parker, vice director; Hazel Zink, secretary, and L. A. Rife, treasurer.

New initiates are Melba Lynch, William Longman, Donald Blych, Ernest Peterson, Lee Peterson, Donald Rodgers and Hazel Zink.

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