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## The Real America First

What's in a name? We want to know what's in the name America First, the misnomer adopted by that committee which is telling the people of the United States to have nothing to do with the war in Europe. To us, the term America First should mean doing everything in our power to preserve America and the committee by that name is suggesting a course of action which will not preserve the United States or any other part of America for that matter.

The "America First" committee preaches, among other things, that the United States should keep her ships off of the seas and do everything to prepare "at home" against invasion. Those who subscribe to the committee's doctrines are willing to make this brave statement: "I would be the first to fight if the United States were invaded, but I do not want to die in foreign mud." Possibly these people do not realize that to prepare our home defenses we must have products from other countries. For example, we need millions of tons of manganese to be used in making steel which is one of the most vital defense materials if not the most vital. We have to get manganese from other countries and cannot do this without sending our ships to get it.

With such an economic system as ours we cannot say that we can stay at home to prepare our defenses. Aside from the fact that England is fighting our enemy, Germany, and we should help England fight that enemy, we shall also have to fight even to keep building our home defenses. We shall have to fight to keep a real America First.

## Behind the News

By David Thompson

### Anything Can Happen

Ever since the catastrophic fall of France in June 1940, the Vichy government under Marshal Petain has kept an ace up its sleeve with which to check a good deal of the Nazi demands on them. That advantage was the presence of General Maxime Weygand and some 200,000 French colonial troops in North Africa. Numerous times the Germans have asked Vichy to recall Weygand to France for good, and to turn French North Africa, including Dakar, over to the axis. Every time the demand has been turned down upon the insistence of Weygand who was able to bolster the weakening Vichy position. It was the personal strength of the general that insured his position.

The possible chance that Weygand might turn his formidable fighting force and the territory it polices over to the Free French under General de Gaulle was enough for a long time to check German demands on France. Since the accession to power of Vice Admiral Darlan in Vichy the prestige of Weygand there has waned, and it is now officially rumored that Petain is willing to permanently recall Weygand from his command in North Africa in a short time.

If Weygand accedes to the recall, that will turn over for axis domination all of French Morocco and Tunisia, and with the expected assent of Spain make possible both a frontal and rear assault upon the British stronghold of Gibraltar. That is a probable point of attack by the Nazis if and when they subdue Russia.

Whether Weygand will accede to the orders that may come from Berlin via Vichy or not is another question. No one doubts that, if Weygand decides to spurn the axis orders and join the Free French, most of his well equipped and trained men will go with him. This would be a valuable addition to the British and Free French forces in Africa and would make possible a flanking movement on the axis forces in Libya.

Anything can happen . . .

## Campus Forum

Dear Editor:

Speaking not alone as a faculty member but as one who was once a student and now intimately associated with administrative affairs of the University, I would commend to all students on the University campus serious consideration of the claims and challenges of Religion and Life Week.

Circumstances in the times in which you live and, most assuredly, the demands of all time require that we shall be ever mindful of the spiritual events of life and ever conscious of our responsibilities for growing spiritually that we may the better serve the larger purposes of life.

To the University have come some of the outstanding leaders in the field of religion and from them each of you cannot help but gain much that will serve you well.

G. W. Rosenlof

Because of Indexes . . .

## Looking Up References Now Work of Minutes, Not Hours

. . . At UN Library

Have you ever worked for hours to look up a reference? Time wasted, say the reference librarians who can look everything from songs to items from the Daily Nebraskan quicker than a blink of the eye.

According to Miss Clara L. Craig, reference librarian, many students may save time by consulting the indexes which the library has purchased. Not long ago, according to Miss Craig, a professor, after a three hour search for an item in the Daily Nebraskan which he thought was published about two years ago, finally went to the reference room and discovered within two minutes the piece he wanted from the index which the library keeps to this paper.

Some of the printed indexes most used are the Reader's Guide, with which most readers are very familiar; the New York Times Index, which serves as an index of current events; Granger's Index to Poetry and Recitation, which is very useful for locating an illusive poem by author, title, or merely first line. A large number of books of quotations also help to locate the poem if only a line or two with catch words is remembered.

### Library Indexes Plays.

In addition to having some good printed indexes to short stories, the reference librarians keep an index on cards which has proved very useful. While there are many printed bibliographies of plays such as Logasa and VerNooy, Index to One-act Plays, Firkin's Index to Plays, and Drury's View-

points in Modern Drama, none of these is so useful as the card index to the plays that have been published in collections, in Poet Lore, or in Drama.

Perhaps not many students are familiar with the Song Index compiled by Miss Sears. If you know only the line "Not my mudder, but 'tis me, O Lord," by using the Song Index, the title of this old Negro spiritual may be found. To supplement An Analytical Bibliography of Universal Collected Biography, compiled by P. M. Riches, the librarians have made an index to biographies in other collections found in the library. A card index made by the reference librarians also supplements the printed index to essays published by the Wilson company.

Besides indexing the Daily Nebraskan as mentioned above, the reference librarians have indexed the University Journal and Nebraska Alumnus for personal items of any length, and have a growing index on debate subjects. As time permits they are compiling a list of Nebraska authors to supplement the Provisional list of Nebraska authors which was published by the university library in 1918.

In self defense, the librarians have had to index certain works of French and Spanish writers which were published in sets of thirty or more volumes without an index. For the same reason it has been necessary to prepare an index to the French encyclopedia which is now being published as fast as Hitler permits.

These various indexes have grown through the years as the need for these time-savers became apparent to the librarians. They were compiled with the thought of helping the reader to save time and effort as well as being an aid to the library staff. The reference librarian hopes the readers may make full use of these indexes and other helps in her department, and will be pleased to point them out to any one interested.

Students should also remember that much information of a brief nature may be given over the phone when there is not time to visit the library.

## Hunter Speaks At Joint YW, YM Meeting

City and ag YWCA cabinets will meet with the YMCA cabinet tonight at 7 o'clock in Temple for their regular joint meeting. Dr. Allan A. Hunter will speak to the group and then will lead a discussion. All members of the three cabinets are urged to attend the meeting.

## Program

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chiro Yuasa. Z—"How Do We Know Right and Wrong?" Albert W. Palmer. XY—"Personal Religion," Allan A. Hunter. 315—"Ethics," Father John O'Brien. 316—"Planning a Student Religious Program," Gould Wickey.

5 p. m. Seminars. Union. 316—"Problems of Organized Groups," John Oliver Nelson. XY—"Preparation for Christian Marriage and Home Life," Sylvanus Duvall.

7 p. m. Seminars. Love Memorial Hall. "The Christian World Mission," DeWitt C. Baldwin.

303 Ag. Hall. "Planning a Student Religious Program," Walter Malone.

Pioneer Coop.—511 No. 16th St. "Student Cooperatives," Carroll Moon.

5:30-8:00 p. m. Denominational and group meetings.

On the Thirteenth . . .

## AWS Freshman Group Holds Superstition Party for Women

. . . In Ellen Smith

Inspired by the date, AWS freshmen are holding a superstition party for all university women at 5 p. m. tomorrow in place of their regular meeting. Members of the AWS board will be guests of honor and consequently are exempt from the ten-cent admission

fee which must be asked from everyone else to cover refreshment and entertainment expenses.

Serving on the party committee under chairman Charlotte Graber are Norma Pasternak, Mildred Fishberg, Natalie Neumann, Virginia McCulla, Dolores Schwenker, and Pat Chamberlin. Rachael Ann Lock and Sue Shaw will direct games.

## Red Cross . . .

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November 21, each organized house will have a house chairman selling memberships. Each day, these workers are to report to the Red Cross desk in the Daily Nebraskan office where they will turn in money and lists of members and replenish their worker's supply kits.

Members of Mortar Board are contacting members of the faculty for membership contributions, and students in every phase of campus life will be reached by members of the council committee under the direction of Mary Rosborough.

Preston Hays is in charge of fraternities; Maryellen Robison, sororities; Shirley Phelps, dorms; Bob Alberty, bars; and Betty Ann Tisthamer, ag campus.

## Botany Prof Presents

### Paper on Fungi at Dallas

Dr. L. B. Walker of the University of Nebraska Botany department, will present a paper on a new type of earth fungi at the national Symposium of the Mycological Society in Dallas, Texas on December 29.

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