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Letters to The Editor

Ed Note: Today we publish a letter commenting on a letter published in the Daily Nebraskan and written by the secretary of the campus chapter of the America First Committee. This letter brings out the same ideas brought out in the editorial answering the America First's letter, but with a few different angles. The writer of the letter does not want his name published.

Dear Editor:

If it is not too presumptuous, may an interested subscriber write the editor?

We read with interest the letter of the UN America First Committee which you published Nov. 7.

Viewed in the light of international developments during the past year this organization might well be named "Let England Fall, America Next Committee." We have seen Hitler's doctrine of Divide and Conquer enslave millions and create conditions more horrible and more lasting than war. Able observers have warned America for the past several years that our colleges and universities are hotbeds of communism; and the most fertile field in which to sow the seeds of subversive propaganda. If the Committee's letter expresses the consensus of opinion of many of our students, it indeed strengthens the charge.

To all but the blind and the gullible, the handwriting on the wall is clear. Hitler proposes to

enslave the world and dominate over it by his self-styled "superior race." America has a job to do and it will not be done by wringing our hands and proclaiming "War is terrible." This assertion neither raises nor settles any issue. No one denies it.

Mr. Paul in his letter asks the editor "Have you ever visited a Veteran's hospital and viewed the lasting results of our last Crusade?" May I ask Mr. Paul. Did you ever see Warsaw? Did you ever see a German concentration camp? Can you picture the agony of the families and friends of the thousands condemned to die in countries overrun by the Teutonic beasts. To a proud nation disarmed, starved and regimented for all time to come by ruthless tyrants, the horrors of war pale. All honor to the men who bore the brunt of the last crusade. They obtained for us a twenty-year lease on freedom and decency, and America will not now undo their heroic deeds by following a weak and vacillating foreign policy.

When Mr. Goebells reads the outpourings of Lindbergh, Wheeler and the America First Committee I can well imagine his reporting to his chief that there is nothing to fear from America: "They are soft to the core, Adolf."

Mr. Paul says "and 79% of the youth oppose sending an expeditionary force to die in foreign wars." A greater percent are opposed to rattlesnakes but they should unite to exterminate them. The America First Committee frequently gives us statistics of the consensus of opinion of the youth of America. I am wondering if some of these statistics are not gathered from the youth of The National Youth Congress. That organization was conceived, organized and financed by foreign subversive interests with the avowed purpose of creating internal dissension and softening America.

The orators of the America First Committee invariably preface their remarks by stating that there is not one of them who would not give his life for America if her boundaries were actually invaded. Faith of our Fathers! If modern warfare has taught us anything it is that the Army that waits for that contingency to happen need not fight at all. It is already defeated just as America will be defeated if she follows the teachings and precepts of the America First Committee. For an American to say he wouldn't fight until our borders are actually invaded is the equivalent of saying that he wouldn't fight at all. America may be thankful that our Commander-in-Chief had the courage and foresight to acquire naval bases from Greenland to the Panama Canal, bases that would have been acquired and occupied by Hitler had that matter been submitted to Congress while Mr. Lindbergh, Wheeler and the America Firsters promoted a filibuster.

Our nation is at war. It is not a question of peace or war but a question of preserving or losing our freedom and all that Americans hold dear. The dangers confronting America are realistic. Let us be practical and get there "firstest with the most."

Yours very truly,
 R.

Agronomy Society Elects Keim National Vice President

Dr. F. D. Keim, chairman of the agronomy department of the college of agriculture, was elected vice president of the American society of agronomy at its joint meeting with the soil science society of America in Washington, D. C. The meeting was held last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and was attended by several staff members from the college and Nebraska experiment station. Present were about 700 delegates from major agricultural colleges in the United States and Canada.

Selection of Dr. Keim means that, according to the rules of the organization, he will become president a year from now. The incoming president of the society is Dr. Richard Bradfield of Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.

Dr. Howard Sprague, who received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Nebraska, was chosen a fellow of the American society of agronomy.

University students took the lion's share of the honors in the society's annual national essay contest. First place went to Dan Atkinson and second to Charles Gardner. Fourth was Dale Weibel and seventh place winner was Jack Carter. This was a contest for essays of 3,000 to 3,500 words on "The Role of Legumes in Agriculture." Winners of the first three places were awarded expense money to the 1941 international hay and grain show which opens in Chicago late this month. Other prizes consisted of cash.

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Frosh Coeds Have Chance To See Kosmet Klub Show

With campus interest centered around the Kosmet Klub fall Revue tomorrow night, the AWS board and the dean of women announced today that all freshman women will be allowed a 10:30 p. m. night to attend the show.

Ten organized houses held dress rehearsal at the Temple theater Monday night and Klub workers yesterday completed the structure from which this year's Nebraska Sweetheart and Prince Kosmet will be introduced.

One word description of the show which will be presented at the Nebraska theater beginning at 7 p. m. is NEW, Kosmet Klub members report, with a new sweetheart and prince, and also new fraternity and sorority prize winners since both Alpha Phi and Phi Kappa Psi, last year's winners, are not represented this year. Virginia Bergstren and Ralph Worden shared the sweetheart-prince spotlight last year.

Who Will It Be?

When Johnnie Cox's band strikes up "Sweet Nebraska Sweetheart" either Betty Marie Wait or Bonnie Wennersten will step to stage escorted by either Chet Bowers Larry Huwaldt, Jack McPhail, Bob Sandberg, or John Thiessen. Students selected the UN honoraries at the fall election but the identity of the two will not be revealed until the show.

Picking the winning skits will be an applause-o-graph, a mechanical device secured by the Klub to insure accurate recording

of the applause from the audience which decides the winners of the annual cups awarded.

Organized houses having skits in the revue are the following sororities: Pi Beta Phi, Kappa

Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Delta Delta Delta; fraternities entered are: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Alpha Sigma Phi.

Expert Forecaster of . . . University Can Even Let You Know What Days to Put On Your Galoshes . . . By Studying Weather Maps

BY ED HIRSCH.

Will you have to put on your galoshes tomorrow or will it be a fair dry day? The Lincoln weather bureau of the United States government can tell you 36 to 48 hours in advance and be substantially correct every time.

According to T. A. Blair, associate professor of meteorology, the reason that these forecasts are usually right is because the weather bureau does not guess. Professor Blair is director of the Lincoln weather bureau which is under the supervision of the U. S. Bureau of Commerce and is located in Brace laboratory.

To make successful predictions the weather bureau depends mainly on weather maps. Over newly

installed teletypes which connect all of the U. S. weather bureau stations come reports that provide the Lincoln bureau with necessary information to construct weather maps that show weather conditions over large areas at a particular time. These maps are made once a day and when the essential information is on hand it only takes about one hour to make.

Complex Weather Maps.

On these weather maps are placed the atmospheric pressure, the temperature, rainfall, and the wind velocity of various regions of the United States and Canada. High and low pressure regions are also marked on the map. Generally the high regions are of clear and cold air, and the low regions bring

warm air. The interaction between the air masses of high regions and low regions bring rain. It is on the border of these two regions where rainfall occurs.

Professor Blair, weather man of this territory, then by examining the weather map can predict the future weather for any area. The air masses always tend to move from west to east and sometimes move southeast or northeast. If the weather map shows a warm rainy "low" over Denver, while wind velocity and direction, and other conditions indicate that by tomorrow this center will be over Lincoln, the probabilities are that there will be a warm rain over Lincoln on the following day.

To record the temperatures in

the region accurate thermometers are employed, and anemometers are used to measure the velocity of the wind. The pressure is measured by a barometer. A decrease of the pressure, known as a "falling barometer," indicates the approach of a storm, and an increase of the pressure, "a rising barometer," is a sign of fair weather. A steady high barometer usually denotes settled fair weather.

In Professor Blair's office is located a triple register. This machine indicates the changes in direction of the wind, the amount of rainfall, and sunshine on a chart moved along by clockwork so as to give a continuous record of a certain number of hours. All of those instruments are connected with wind vanes, rain gauges and sunshine indicators on the roof of the Brace Laboratory building which registers on the chart in Professor Blair's office. The instruments on the roof and in the office are connected by electrical current.

The Lincoln weather bureau furnishes the Lincoln Newspapers and radio stations with the daily weather reports. Also Professor Blair sends into the main weather station in Chicago the weather reports for this region. With this information and reports from other stations in the state of Nebraska, Chicago is able to issue the weather predictions for the whole state instead of local areas.

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