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Editorial

# Your Backing Needed

Last weekend 500 editors and business managers of college newspapers, yearbooks and magazines met in St. Louis, Mo., for the annual convention of the Associated Collegiate Press of which the Daily Nebraskan is a member. The 500 representatives heard talks by qualified speakers on the various phases of college publications. They discussed their mutual problems and collected ideas for improvement. They heard the usual comments on the need for preserving the freedom of the press.

Most impressive to this editor was the fact that all the speakers at general convocations and banquets said substantially the same thing-that, along with freedom of the press, at this time the press must back up the government in its policy and preserve the other freedoms-those of speech, assembly, religion and protest. Branch Rickey, vicepresident of the St. Louis Cardinals, lawyer and officer in the last World war, speaking at the convention banquet, said: "Our people have various opinions on defense policy, but what is to be gained by opposition to the government elected by the people." This government must make irrevocable decisions for the sake of the whole nation from information that would give aid and comfort to potential enemies if given out to all.

James Irwin, St. Louis president of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, expressed the thought that the little attention was paid nationally to the ACP discussions, they would be important later when many of those present hold responsible positions in government and business. William C. Fitzgibbon of the United States Treasury department gave the familiar quotation, "A free press means a free people." This quotation takes on great meaning now that we face a challenge of world domination by Hitler. At the closing convocation, Frank Smother, foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, spoke on the Rome, Berlin, Tokyo challenge. When he said "We alone hold the decision in our hands," Smothers impressed the future newspaper men and women with their importance in this decision.

Scraps of speeches-yes. But they represent a general feeling that the citizens of the United States, including those who represent the press, must back up the government they have elected in its foreign policy regardless of former prejudices. We are in the war and we must help the government to win the war.



"Students want their dirt" reads a story in the lesa College Criterion. A survey taken by that paper revealed that 100 percent of the students read the "dirt" columns. "The first all out question," the Criterion reports, "was, 'Would you rather see the "dirt" columns discontinued ?' The entire group questioned answered, 'No.'

Comment

## **Behind the News**

By David Thompson

#### Advance On Moscow

While Germany is taking a considerable hammering in the North African campaign and this new theatre of war is gaining the greater share of the headlines, one should not overlook the fact that the nazis are closer than ever to Moscow, and that the Russian battle has lost none of its importance in the war drama as a whole. It appears that the stalling of the German drive on all sectors in Russia for several weeks was nothing more than a breathing spell during which the nazi panzer forces recuperated and prepared for the drive that is now in progress. The North African drive of the British has done little to relieve the pressure in Russia.

Most satisfying to the U.S. are the reports issuing from Libya as to the effectiveness of American tanks and airplanes seeing service there now. Off and on since the beginning of the lease-lend program we have heard comments, both here and abroad, that American planes and other war supplies were not up to par and to the needs of modern mechanized warfare. Perhaps this was the case in in the early days of our production speedup, but it is no longer a legitimate criticism.

About one-fourth of the British mechanized and air forces now in operation in the desert are American built and designed. Both the men who operate them and the leaders who direct their operation are more than satisfied with their performance. The tanks not only out-maneuver the axis mechanized units, earlier considered the best in operation, but they can outgun them too. With this war rapidly becoming a matter of armored forces against armored forces, rather than man against man, the increasing weight that American production is putting into the allied fold will begin to tell on all fronts. The U. S. long ago proved that man for man it was second to none, now it is rapidly proving it on a machine for machine basis.

In order that The Netherlands government can give full attention to the protection of defense of its territory in the East Indies and to protect the valuable bauxite mines in Dutch Guiana, the U. S. yesterday agreed to put armed forces into that small colony on the northeast coast of South America. The announcement was made after a conference held over the weekend between Australia, Britain, China and The Netherlands, and is being done with the full assent and cooperation of the neighboring South American republic of Brazil.

the reporter then asked, 'Do you object to having your name mentioned in the dirt columns?' The answer was again 100 percent, 'No.' (Of course this didn't bring up the question of 'how,' it would Koupal and Kieth Studevant, be mentioned.-Ed.)

#### Law Freshmen **Practice** Final Exam Tomorrow

Believing that "practice makes perfect" the law professors are endeavoring to make each freshman in the law college pass the final examination with a high score.

To insure this, the freshmen law students will be given a practice test Wednesday morning in order to show the student what he is to expect at the end of the semester. Each professor of the five courses taken by the law freshmen will give each student one question. The test is to last two hours, and the result of the test is expected to give the student some idea of how many more years he has in the law college.

#### Col. Frankforter **Speaks** in Omaha **Tuesday Noon**

Col. C. J. Frankforter, associate professor of chemistry, will travel to Omaha Tuesday to give a talk before the Tribe of Yessir of the Omaha chamber of commerce at a luncheon. The speech, "Powder Civilization vs. Destruction, will be given with demonstrations. Don Little, senior in chemical engineering, will assist Col. Frankforter.

### **Honorary Holds Special Meeting**

Special meeting of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engi-neering fraternity, will be held Tuesday in the M. E. reading room at 5 ". m.

#### UN Vocal Octet **Gives Program** In Omaha Sunday

Sponsored by the society of liberal arts, a mixed vocal octet from the school of fine arts presented a program Sunday afternoon in Omaha's Joslyn Memorial. The group sang, "The Morning of the Year," a song cycle by Charles Wakefield Carman.

Members of the octet are Catherine Tunison and Antonette Skoda, sopranos; Hester Whitemore and Nelda Michael, contraltos; Richard bers are urged to attend. tenors; and Cleve Genzliner and

## **Short Course For Farmers** Begins at Ag

Sixty new faces showed up on the ag campus yesterday morning as the farm operators' short course started with tests designed to show their needs in English and arithmetic. On the schedule for Monday for the group was a tour of the campus, to acquaint them with the various buildings in which they will be working during the next few months.

Dean W. W. Burr of the college is scheduled to speak to the group today at 11 a. m. Mrs. Altinus Tullis, director of musical activities at the college is to lead in a group singing.

Jerome V. Srb, supervisor of short courses at the college, stated Monday that enrollment for the course was well over that for the opening day last year and might reach the 70 mark. Four states were represented, and approximately 20 of those enrolling were back for the second half of the work included in the short course. Faculty Members on Staff.

As in the past, members of the college's regular instructional staff will be in charge of practically all the work included in the farm operators short course, Srb stated. Paul Fidler, who recently joined the faculty in animal husbandry, will be in charge of a section of the animal husbandry students, Animal pathology will be taught by Dr. Skidmore, associate professor of animal pathology and hygiene. Among other instructors will be Dr. A. W. Peterson, assistant professor of rural economics, who will teach farm management; Lloyd Huribut, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, in charge of work with machinery and motors, and Dr. M. D. Weldon, associate professor of agronomy, in charge of soils study. The course will continue for sixteen months.

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Ag WAA. Ag WAA will not hold its regu-

lar meeting this week.

Countryman Staff.

There will be a meeting of all staff members of the Cornhusker Countryman at 5 p. m. today in room 303 Ag hall. All staff mem-

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"Another landslide answer was to the query, 'Do you enjoy seeing the names of others in these columns?' 'Yes' was the unanimous reply."

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From the South Dakota Collegian:

'December 5, 1779-

Indians Eesiege Stockade; Massacre Entire Regiment

"December 5, 1941-

Military Ball Goers Romp in Historic Stockade to Music of Red Nichols

Yes, a stockade will be the scene of the military ball at South Dakota State college this year. And students there will meet up with cannons, wooden gates, spiked log walls, and blockhouses with sentinels keeping watchful eyes open for a sudden Indian attack. Red Nichol's orchestra will play for this rustic party.

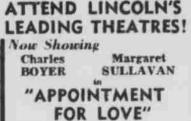
The Dartmouth, oldest college newspaper in America, reports:

"Through the cooperation of Mr. Walter Wanger and the Hays' office, Dartmouth colleg is now the possessor of a movie-script library which is unequalled by any other in the world. Housed on the south balcony of the Sanborn House Library. there is a collection of over 750 original movie scripts."



Aubrey Pettit, bases. Mary Jane Chamber is planist.

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