

By David Thompson.

The U. S. is at war with the axis. There is no longer any doubt about that fact. The United States, British Empire, China, Russia, and The Netherlands present a united front against Japan and the other partners of the axis. The complacency of the American people, heretofore fostered by the great expanses of sea on either side of this hemisphere, has been dispelled by the stunning attack launched upon our Pacific possessions by Japan.

The facts of the sudden attacks are upon the lips of everyone and need not be related here. We shall confine our comments to an analysis of the Japanese strategy in this war.

Obviously the major Japanese offensive cannot be directed against Hawaii. The attack upon the powerful naval base of Pearl Harbor, and the military establishments in that group of islands is more an attempt to cripple the American fleet stationed there and thus delay its movement to the western Pacific where major Japanese operations in Siam and the Malay Peninsula are in progress. If the U. S. fleet can be kept occupied around Hawaii, the chances of success in an attack upon the British Gibraltar of the east, Singapore, are much enhanced. Loss of this important naval base in the center of the East Indies would be a serious blow to operations by the British and American fleets in the Indian ocean and the Indies.

We may all be confident of eventual success in the Pacific war, but no one should be guilty of expecting it to be a matter of a month or so. Japan is a much more formidable opponent than most of us realize, and has a good deal of advantage in fighting near adequate bases which its opponents lack in the Far East. Already we have felt the sting of the Nipponese (See NEWS, page 2)

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## Students Tense In War Reaction

### Late War Bulletins

Compiled from Press Dispatches.

Tonight at 9 p. m. (c.s.t.), President Roosevelt will make a radio address to the nation in which it is said he will give a "more complete documentation" of the Japanese situation.

The San Francisco Chronicle last night reported that 50 unidentified planes were sighted headed for San Francisco at 6:20 p. m. (p.s.t.). With no explanations given, radio stations discontinued broadcasts at 8:15 p. m. (c.s.t.).

A Tuesday bulletin from Singapore indicated that bombs began dropping there at 4 a. m.



Lincoln Journal  
C. S. BOUCHER  
... sends message

Since Sunday afternoon when first reports of the Japanese attacks on U. S. territory were heard, student interest has been centered on the radio, on newspaper extras, on rumors—on WAR.

Now campus atmosphere is tense but confident. Chancellor C. S. Boucher issued the following statement:

"We stand ready to devote all of the resources of the university to the federal government in our emergency. We shall heartily comply with any suggestion or request for any assistance, direct or indirect, that can be rendered."

Meanwhile, ROTC officers and basic cadets feel vitally affected, and the let-down is noticeable. The uncertainty of events is what seems to bother them.

Col. Charles A. Thuis, commandant of cadets, told newspapermen that the status of the 318 advanced military students is "as unpredictable as the price of wheat next year. Any decision is up to the war department. I will make no attempt to outguess that department."

Under the present selective service law, advanced ROTC students are exempted from the draft until they complete the four year training course; after receiving their commissions, however, most of them enter active duty.

**Basics Not Exempted.**

Over 1,800 students are enrolled in basic ROTC. They are not exempt. (See REACTION, page 2)

### ROTC Groups To Continue During Crisis

War or no war Scabbard and Blade and Phalanx, the two national military fraternities, will continue their activities on the campus. "Scabbard and Blade amended their constitution last year which stated that the organization would disband in case of a declared war," said Captain Millard Cluck. "Our national office believes that we should continue our auxiliary training on the campus."

"Phalanx never had any provision for disbanding in case of war in its constitution, so naturally we will continue to function on the campus," said Captain Bob Pierson.

Phalanx will meet Wednesday night at 7:15 in the Union. Lieut. Robert Avery, commander of Phalanx in 1937 and 1938, will speak on army life at Ft. Leonard Wood. Lieut. Avery is on his way to the Philippines.

### America First Group Issues Statement

The executive board of the campus chapter of the America First Committee, thru its secretary Luckey Paul, issued the following statement to the press Monday.

"Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, AFC spokesman, declared Monday: 'We have been stepping closer to war for many months. Now it has come we must meet it as Americans.'

"We join with Col. Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler and our president in supporting united action for American defense.

"The America First Committee has always stood for Christian tolerance, humanitarian idealism, and American realism.

"Realists recognize that all (See STATEMENT, page 2)

### Many Former Students Live In War Zone

Former Nebraskans, now in the war zone, comprise an unusually large figure, according to reports made by the alumni office and Omaha and Lincoln newspapers.

Eighty-one former Nebraska students are living in Hawaii. The majority of them are doctors, teachers, and businessmen although they are engaged in all types of businesses.

Actually living in Japan are twelve UN grads including eight Americans and four Japanese. (See WAR ZONE, page 2)

### Twelve Campus Aces File For King of Hearts Title

... Women Vote Thursday

"Maybe all men are aces, but surely there's one king in the lot." Thus spake Shirley Russel, vice president of Mortar Boards, Monday in all and great earnestness as she urged coeds to vote for the King of Hearts Thursday at a special election in Ellen Smith.

Twelve campus romances set forth their desires to be king of all UN women's hearts when they filed for the position before filings closed Monday. But only one can win, everybody knows that, as the coeds pick their king from among these 12 glamorous Valentines—or is it Barrymores?

Vying for the honor are John Mackey, Sigma Nu; Walt Rundin, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Richard Geesaman, Delta Upsilon; Robert Sinkey, Kappa Sigma; Ren Buka-

cek, Kappa Sigma; Bill Robinson, Kappa Sigma; Bob Schlater, Alpha Tau Omega; Donald Steele, Alpha Gamma Rho; Robert Irvin; Marvin Athey, Delta Upsilon; Robert Hyde, Alpha Sigma Phi and Bob Poe, Phi Delta Theta.

Two masks will be given to each woman who shows one of the Mortar Boards present at the election her ticket for the "Black Masque Ball" Saturday night. Those buying tickets later will get their masks when they arrive at the dance. Swinging out to Russ Morgan and his orchestra, coeds and dates will remove their masks later on in the evening.

Ballots for the election of the King of Hearts open Thursday at 8:30 a. m. in Ellen Smith hall and close at 5:30 p. m.

### Studio Takes Cornhusker Photographs

With obstacles resulting from the closing of Rudge and Guenzel's store overcome, Shirley Russel, editor of the Cornhusker announced that the Rudge and Guenzel photography department, operated by the Whelan studios, will continue to take pictures under special arrangements at the closed store.

Only entrance will be thru the Lincoln Book store, 132 So. 12th St. as the studio is staying open especially for students who have not yet taken their pictures for the Cornhusker.

Because of the complications, deadline for all proofs to be turned in has been moved forward to Dec. 19, and Cornhusker staff members asked that students take their pictures a week before that date since a week is needed to make the proofs.

### Frosh to Confer With Advisers

All students now registered in the junior division are requested to arrange with their advisers for pre-registration conferences. These conferences are to be held before Dec. 20, for the purpose of preparing class schedules for the second semester. Appointments, if not already made, should be arranged at once with the respective advisers.

### CAA Grounds Flying Students

Students taking the Civilian Pilot Training courses have been grounded temporarily to prevent any sort of sabotage. According to Prof. J. W. Haney, chairman of the mechanical engineering department, no CPT students will be allowed to take a plane up until they can prove that they are American citizens.

Professor Haney explained, "The student must secure his birth certificate or a statement to show that he is an American citizen. Then the student must take his certificate or statement over to the CAA office to have it countersigned. This measure, it is hoped," Professor Haney said, "will prevent saboteurs from destroying any airships or doing any other sort of damages."

Booth in Union.

In order to stimulate interest in the CPT primary course and secondary course offered at the University of Nebraska a booth is being maintained in the Union lobby by the Nebraska Aeronautical Association. At the booth pamphlets and other information concerning the CPT course will be available.

If a student shows interest in the course and has the necessary qualifications, he will be given a complimentary ticket which will entitle him to a free airplane ride. The stand will be maintained in the Union until Saturday, Dec. 20.



Lincoln Journal  
J. W. Haney  
... announces grounding.

### All Seniors Must Apply for Degree

All seniors who wish to apply for degrees or certificates, either in January or June, must make application for them at the office of admissions, Room 7, Administration building, not later than Dec. 13.

### 'Prologue to Glory' Opens Tomorrow

Theatre Pays Tribute To Playwright

Opening Tuesday night on the Temple stage, the University Theatre will pay tribute to one of the university's distinguished alumni when they present Ellsworth P. Conkle's newest play, "Prologue to Glory."

In 1936 Conkle, who received his AB degree from the university in 1921, wrote this play depicting the early manhood of Abraham Lincoln. First produced at Iowa University, the play made its first appearance on Broadway in 1938 when the federal theatre presented it at the Maxine Elliott Theatre as one of several in their series of historical productions.

One of 'Best Plays.'

Acclaimed by critics and audiences alike, the play was included by Burns Mantle in his collection of best plays for "an outstanding success in the popular sense that likewise boasts artistic merit."



Courtesy Sunday Journal Star  
E. P. CONKLE.  
...writes theatre production.

Receiving his MA degree in 1923, Conkle did graduate work on the campus in 1931 after which he received a Guggenheim traveling fellowship and spent a year in England.

Iowa Faculty Member.

Returning to this country, Prof. Conkle joined the drama faculty of Iowa State university. There he wrote a great many of his plays including several of his better known works, which are "Mayor of Sperm Center," "Oxygenator" and "In the Shadow of the Rock."

During his teaching career, Conkle has also acted as principal of the Comstock, Neb., high school and has taught at the universities of North Dakota and Delaware. Now risen to a position of prominence in the theatre of America both as a playwright and teacher, he will have his most successful work presented at the institution where he began his career.