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What to Do

Since war was declared there has been a rush to the various recruiting stations. Many college men are saying "I might as well enlist and get it over with."

Most draft boards up to now have tried to place college men whose numbers were up in more responsible positions than as army privates.

Carveth Wells Says Japs Committing Mass Suicide

"Japan is committing mass suicide." That was the conclusion reached by World Explorer Carveth Wells in his convocation speech Sunday night.

national hari-kari. She chose the latter. "With the aid of our material, our scrap iron and our oil, Japan can last two years," he stated.

discussion of Japanese armed might was his contention that every Japanese ship and bombing squadron has German officers aboard.

Returning to the original topic of his speech, "The Battle for Tin and Rubber," the lecturer explained in much detail America's dependence on Malaya and the Dutch East Indies for vital raw materials.

Wells indicated that we must obtain our tin, our rubber (we have only one year's supply at the present time), and our Manila hemp from the far east.

Shows Motion Pictures. Like the "National Geographic" come to life were Wells' moving pictures of his recent trip around the world.

In response to a question from the audience, Wells replied that he did not trust Russia. He expressed the possibility that the German retreat is a strategic move to remove troops from Russia to defeat England in Libya.

French Club Meets. The French club will meet Wednesday at 4 p. m., room 315 Student Union.

Behind the News

By David Thompson

Damage done to the U. S. fleet in the surprise attack upon Pearl Harbor over a week ago was serious, but due to the heroic defense made by the navy and army personnel there, the damage in the striking power of the fleet as a whole was not lessened greatly.

Staggering as this is to a nation which is not accustomed to the horrors of modern war, we can all be relieved to know that the Japanese did not succeed in their undertaking. It was the Japanese hope to knock out the entire fleet by the tactics of surprise, or to at least so seriously damage it that Japan could control the Pacific long enough to complete land operations in the Philippines and Malay.

Long as we had to wait for the news of the attack upon Pearl Harbor, it was much better that way than to have the air full of unconfirmed rumors and axis propaganda which would do nothing more than to create unrest among the American people.

Secretary of Navy Knox's report of the attack upon Hawaii did not pull any punches, nor will any of the war of navy communiques. The government is fully convinced of the capacity of the American people to absorb shocks and as a result nothing will be withheld.

branches), in all branches of the navy, and in the officers' training branch of the army.

The government wants trained men to fill responsible positions and a college education will give men this training if they just "sit tight" and wait until they are needed.

Nebraskan Finds That . . . Student Opinion Split on How U. S. Should Fight Japanese . . . In Present War

By taking a short poll of about a dozen students' opinions on the question of how the U. S. should win the war against Japan it was found that about half of the ones interviewed were in favor of careful, planned strategy while the remaining half were for intensive action immediately.

Leland Allen: "Drop the draft age to eighteen or nineteen. Tighten the grip on industry or put it under federal control entirely. Bomb Japan to scare her and put in force a complete economic shut-off."

Kenneth Bogard: "Concentrate forces in the Pacific. Use intensive bombing. Continue all aid to Britain especially in the Pacific."

Don Bridenbaugh: "Bomb Tokyo off the map. Take bombing planes from Alaska and make an arc through the Japanese archipelago."

Orville Schmieding: "Complete national unity. Get bases in Russia and with organized forces start bombing."

Keith Jones, Paul Sonderegger and John Kuhlman all agreed on this plan: "First get more planes. Then bases in Siberia, men in the Philippines. Try to destroy the Japanese navy and invade the islands if possible."

Roy Johnson: "Send over a sufficient air force and bomb every strategic point to lower the morale. Three or four raids ought to be sufficient to give us peace on our terms."

Howard Stacy: "Russia will have to allow us to come in behind Japan through Vladivostok. We can't risk our aircraft carriers with submarines."

Ephraim Gershtater: "Japan is economically depleted now. I really

don't see how they could declare war. They are very vulnerable to bombing and blockade."

Marvin Athey: "Knock them out by bombing."

Jack Hazen: "Cut supply lines to them. Eliminate their fleet."

Hobart Dewey: "Befriend Russia until we get airdromes. Keep the fleet close to the U. S. Guard against the total axis powers."

John Loeber: "Get there with the most men."

Union . . .

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to the community toy shop for repairs and will be distributed to the poor. Pat Lahr, Union director, announces that a prize will be awarded for the best toy contributed. Donations are not to be considered tickets of admission, however everything is free.

During the presentation of the play, a double quartet from the school of music under the direction of J. Dayton Smith will sing. In the group are: Bob Kellog, Fred Prentis, Ann Jacobs, Elaine Libsock, Carol Wherry, Marjorie Hayes, Cecil Elve and Hal Moore.

Messiah . . .

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original version, the university's program contained 26 different parts. There was no applause until the end of the program.

Westbrook Directs.

Arthur E. Westbrook, head of the school of music, conducted the program. Soloists were Hazel Arpke, Roma Biba, and Catherine Tunison, sopranos; Hazelmae Cagle, and Nelda Michael, altos; Robert Rough, Thomas Pierson, Earl Jenkins and Richard Koupal, tenors; Aubrey Pettit, Charles Oldfather and Cleve Genzlinger, baritones.

Two brass quartets, made up of Robert Krejci, David Kinsman, Robert Thatcher, Lyman Lorenson, Ted Thompson, Carlos Atkinson, Omar Jensen, and Lester Lock, also took part in the program.

The choral union was composed of the Ag College Chorus, the Grieg Male Chorus, the University Singers II, The Beatrice Community Chorus, the University Singers I and the University Chorus. Earnest Harrison was at the piano and Myron Roberts was at the organ.

Convo . . .

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meeting with a short address and will introduce General Guy N. Henninger, officer in charge of the state selective service office. Following General Henninger, T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, and Dean O. J. Ferguson, of the college of engineering will speak briefly. Representing the student body, Student Council President Burton Thiel will also address the convocation.

The program will be opened with the varsity band playing the national anthem, and at the close, the audience will join in singing "God Bless America."

AICE Views Motion Pictures

American Institute of Chemical Engineering will hold a regular meeting Tuesday in room 313 of the Union at 7:30 p. m. A motion entitled, "Evolution of Oil Industry" will be shown and free refreshments will be served. All chemical engineers are invited.

Despite War Students See Opportunities

By Student Opinion Surveys. AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16—The war, the social upheaval in the world today have apparently failed to worry the majority of American college students.

Many believe their opportunities for success have increased since the war started, and nearly two-thirds will tell you they feel even more secure personally than they did two or three years ago—this poll completed before last Sunday's world-shaking developments.

Those are conclusions sifted out of thousands of answers in face-to-face interviews with collegians from one coast to the other. Student Opinion Surveys of America, of which the Daily Nebraskan is a cooperating member, asked, "Do you think the opportunities for most young men and women to get ahead today are better than they may have been thirty years ago?"

better than those they had themselves."

In a Student Opinion Surveys poll taken in April, 1939, prior to the war, 48 percent of the collegians believed opportunities were not as good as a generation ago. It is possible that this upward trend of optimism, reflected further in the answers to the question below, is caused by the defense boom and the decline in unemployment.

More secure . . . 62%
Less secure . . . 34%
About the same . . . 4%
(Less than 1 percent were undecided)

When the ballots are segregated into freshmen, sophomores, and so on, it is immediately evident that the bland attitude students appear to entertain about their future is considerably weighted by the opinions of lower-classmen, who look forward to at least two and a half more years on the campus. Seniors are the least sanguine about their opportunities to get ahead today as compared with what they may have been a generation before this:

Table with 4 columns: Class, Believe Opportunities Better, Worse, Same. Rows include Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, etc.

In the current Fortune Survey, on the other hand, it is reported that there has been a sharp decline from Feb. to Dec. among those adults who believe "opportunities for their sons are now

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