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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." To them we say this is the wrong attitude to take. There are many places where college graduates are more necessary than they would be as privates or as sailors. There are many more places for such men than there were in the last World war. Our advice to college men is to wait until they are called for duty and to find out what they can do that will be most useful during the war in the meantime.

Most draft boards up to now have tried to place college men whose numbers were up in more responsible positions than as army privates. The college graduates who have been drafted have gone up quickly in the army, it is true, as non-commissioned officers and many are doing clerical work, but they might be better used elsewhere. College men are needed in all the industries, in offices, in administrative work, in the civil service (medicine, engineering, inspection, and all other technical

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. Most staggering to the populace at home was the number of human lives lost during the attack. There were approximately 3,300 dead in the whole of the Hawaiian islands of which some 2,800 were naval personnel.

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. In the event that the Japanese attack upon the fleet had been completely successful, it would have been impossible to transport reinforcements to the Philippines, a task hazardous enough with naval protection, and as a result that commonwealth would have fallen sooner or later in spite of the valiant efforts of its defenders to save it.

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. As long as we realize that all information will be forthcoming from the war and navy departments as soon as it is both confirmed and safe, it will be much easier to rate down the vastly exaggerated and unconfirmed rumors emanating from unwitting dupes and propagandists inside our nation. Above all things DO NOT GIVE CREDENCE TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS NOT COMING FROM OFFICIAL WAR AND NAVY SOURCES.

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 and will introduce General Guy until they are needed.

Carveth Wells Says Japs Committing Mass Suicide

reached by World Explorer Car- terial, our scrap iron and our oil, speech Sunday night.

empire had the choice of losing acy, and economic strangulation face by withdrawing from her con- will win for America. quered territory or of performing

By Student Opinion Surveys

war, the social upheaval in the

to worry the majority of Ameri-

day's world-shaking developments.

of thousands of answers in face-

to-face interviews with collegians

from one coast to the other. Stu-

dent 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

Those are conclusions sifted out

Many believe their opportunities

can college students.

cide." That was the conclusion latter. "With the aid of our maveth Wells in his convocation Japan can last two years," he sttaed. It is his belief that pu-Wells pointed out that the island periority in the air, naval suprem-

Interesting sidelight of Wells'

"Japan is committing mass sui- national hari-kari. She chose the discussion of Japanese armed might was his contention that every Japanese ship and bombing squadron has German officers aboard. "The Japanese," he said, 'have notoriously poor vision."

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. "The United States is the arsenal of democracy," he said, "without the proper natural re-

sources." Wells indicated that we must obtain our tin, our rubber (we have only one year's supply at the present time), and our Manilla hemp from the far east. "That means keeping the Pacific lanes open," he said. Wells believes that Africa of optimism, reflected is the unexploited paradise of natural resources.

Shows Motion Pictures.

Like the "National Geographic" come to life were Wells' moving wictures of his recent trip around the world. In them he showed Hawaii, Tokyo, Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Dutch East Indies, Bombay, Suez, Rome and Genoa.

In response to a question from the audience, Wells replied that he did not trust Russia. He ex-pressed the possibility that the ions of lower-classmen, who look German retreat is a strategic move forward to at least two and a to remove troops from Russia to

"Tokyo," he said, "is a house of cards." But he also contended ahead today as compared with that bombing would not destroy what they may have been a gen- Japanese morale.

French Club Meets

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

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. Although the question was a general one and very debatable everyone ventured an opinion.

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-

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 archipel-

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

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

Ephraim Gershater: "Japan is economically deplete now. I really

Convo . . .

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meeting with a short address N. Henninger, officer in charge of the state selective service Following General Henninger, T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, and Dean O. J. Ferguson, of the at the organ. college of engineering will speak briefly. Representing the ATTEND LINCOLN'S student body, Student Council President Burton Thiel will also address the convocation.

The program wil 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.

don't see how they could declare 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 . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) 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 Cgle, 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 Atki-Omar Jensen, and Lester Lock, also took part in the pro-

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

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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

Despite War

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Students See Opportunities

better than those they had them-AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16-The selves."

In a Student Opinion Surveys poll taken in April, 1939, prior to the war, 48 percent of the colworld today have apparently failed legians believed opportunities were not as good as a generation ago. for success have increased since It is possible that this upward said. the war started, and nearly two- trend thirds will tell you they feel even further in the answers to the question below, is caused by the de-fense boom and the decline in unmore secure personally than they did two or three years ago this

poll completed before last Sun- employment.

> 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 opinhalf more years on the campus. defeat England in Libya. Seniors are the least sanguine about their opportunities to get

eration before this: | Believe Opportunities | Better Worse Same | Freshmen | 76% 13% 11% | Sephomores | 76 20 16 | Juniors | 65 24 11 | Seniors, etc | 59 27 14