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Behind the News

By David Thompson.

The President of the United States yesterday delivered his annual "State of the Union" address to the reassembled 77th Congress. In ordinary times such speeches by the President are of little interest to the population at large, and are largely summaries of the previous year and executive estimates of the year to come. Such was not the case in this year 1942.

For some 18 months the U. S. has been making humdrum estimates of the amount of defense materials that could be produced in the days to come. None of these estimates any where near match the figures the President presented to congress as the amounts to be produced in 1942 and 1943. 60,000 planes in 1942 and 125,000 of the same in 1943, 45,000 tanks in 1942 and 75,000 of these in 1943, these are the major weapons of war that will be forged to meet the threat of the Axis. It will not be done by sitting around and bemoaning present losses, but only through the all-out effort of every American. More than one-half of the nation's income will have to be spent every year in comparison to the 15% which has been expended to date. War means privation and hardship, but the U. S. will not shrink from the task which faces it.

The President's address was heard by most of you, and it is too long to condense in the space available to this column, and so I will confine this discussion to a few of the more important features of the epoch-making address.

It was stated by the Chief Executive that American forces, land, sea and air, will be used at any point where they are needed. He mentioned the Far East, the British Isles, and on all oceans. The feeble discussions pro and con about another American Expeditionary Force that were heard prior to December 7 never contemplated one of such vast proportions and spread over such an area. The U. S. is not only the arsenal of the democracies now, but a main source of man-power as well.

Great Britain herself has only a population of approximately 40 million, while Germany has nearly double that amount. The main source of the man-power prior to the entry of the U. S. came from the Dominions and Crown Colonies. The English armed forces are necessary to forestall an invasion attempt and must of necessity remain on the Island fortress. In addition, to make sure of the invulnerability of the British Isles, which will some day serve as the base for an annihilation attack upon the continent itself, such U. S. troops as are necessary will be sent there.

The President is a realist and made no attempt to paint a rosy picture of this war. His speech was not meant to bolster our morale, that certainly is not needed, but was meant to indicate what must and will be done to win this war. It is a grim task, but it will be accomplished in a minimum of time if everyone does his share.

Former Students Write . . . Unbelievable U. S. Heroism, Courage Minimized Treachery . . . of Jap Attack

A story of American courage and heroism in the war zone has been received from three former UN architecture students now employed as designers at "a Pacific naval air base" whose letter to Nebraskans was received recently.

Jack B. Thompson, '39, and Gilbert R. Golding, '38, and Herbert J. Wittman, '39, both of Lincoln, are the three Cornhuskers in the war zone. Their letter was in response to a holiday greeting sent to them by more than thirty architecture students and faculty members.

"Scurviest Attack" "Hawaii was subjected to the scurviest attack ever launched by the so-called government of any civilized nation," wrote the three young men. "Almost unbelievable

American courage and heroism here minimized the destruction that might have been wrought due to this terrific advantage of treacherous surprise. American ingenuity and patriotic inspiration have effected a near miracle in repair of the damage and in preparation of a warm reception for possible future attacks."

The greatest loss in the Pacific was in personnel, said the letter, many being "murdered in their bunks, at mess, or in preparation for chapel."

In their letter, architecture department members declared, "Although we are worried concerning your individual safety, we are proud that graduates of this department are so valuable to our government that they are in places of danger. When the going gets tough, remember that we are 101 percent behind you."

The Nebraska trio replied, "With all this good old Nebraska fighting spirit behind it, America, as always, will prove invincible."

Help Wanted

Organizations the country over are now sending out urgent calls for volunteer workers to help with various defense activities. The Daily Nebraska-Student Union defense committee will soon issue a similar call for volunteers on the campus. Students should be thinking of what they would like most to do as there will be several choices offered. A large number of women students are now engaged in knitting for the British War Relief society and many students assisted with the sale of tickets for a movie sponsored by the society in the fall. Now that the United States is involved directly in the war there will be a much greater job to do and University of Nebraska students are needed to help in this great job.

Victory Books

Beginning January 12 the American Library association, the Red Cross and the USO will direct a nationwide "Victory Book" campaign to collect gifts of books for men in all branches of military service. The goal is 10 million books for USO houses, army day rooms, ships, naval bases, camps and cantonments. All students and faculty members here have been asked to contribute books to the drive.

This drive is just another one of the efforts to make life more agreeable for men in the service. Everything possible should be done to accomplish this end for even a little bit of comfort goes a long way for our fighting forces. Here's hoping students and faculty members of the University of Nebraska will cooperate fully in this drive and contribute as many books as they possibly can.

Presenting a New Band

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Friday, Jan. 9

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Ed Calhoun Calls Business Meeting

All members of the 1942 Cornhusker business staff will meet at 5 p. m. today in the Cornhusker office. This is a very important meeting, according to Ed Calhoun, business manager, who urges all to be present.

Dr. Louise Pound Attends Meeting At Indianapolis

Miss Louise Pound of the English department attended meetings of the Modern Language association, the Linguistic Society of America, and related organizations in Indianapolis Dec. 28-31. Professor Pound, president of the American Dialect Society, is on the advisory board of the American literature group of the Modern Language association, and is chairman of the nominating committee of the College English association. She expects to attend a meeting of the National Council of English Teachers.

W. H. Brokaw Announces that . . . Ag Extension Service Shifts Work to Meet War Demands

. . . Through Education Program

Work of the agricultural extension service will be shifted to meet the demands of the present war situation, it has been announced by Director W. H. Brokaw at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture. The big job of all extension workers and co-operators thruout the state, he said, will be to help farmers meet the production quotas set up for Nebraska in the "Food-for-freedom" drive of the U. S. department of agriculture.

The 1942 program of education with farm men and women and young people will serve the needs of the time. A statewide food production campaign for the family itself is expected to be launched immediately. The Pasture-Forage-Livestock program will be continued. Four-H club work will be expanded to carry the work to

more young people. The "how to do it" angle of increased production will be stressed by all county extension agents and specialists.

"We realize that the agricultural extension service has a definite responsibility in the present emergency," said Director Brokaw. We intend to meet that test in our year. Aready, we are asking our workers to so plan their work."

The family food supply program will be continuation of past work. Emphasis will be laid upon encouragement of more farm gardens and production of recommended varieties of vegetables. Home canning will be strongly encouraged again.

All other activities of the agricultural extension service will be keyed to the present emergency, concluded Director Brokaw.

Louisiana Prof Says War Crisis Lowers Grades

BATON ROUGE, La. (ACP). War exerts its ugly influence even unto scholastic averages of university students. One of the reasons why grades drop during times of conflict, Dr. E. K. Zingler, Louisiana State University professor of economics, says, is that students feel that an "A" student is just as likely to be shot as a "C" student. Increasing occupational opportunities and reduced morale of a war-time world also enter into the lowering of the academic averages, he believes.

There's a bright side to the war picture for women students, Dr. Zingler points out, since it means the widening of their vocational fields.

Franklin and Marshall college will receive about \$30,000 from the estate of Benjamin F. Fackenthal, jr., former chairman of its board.



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A Mystifying, Entertaining Magician John Mulholland 4:00 P.M. Sunday, Jan. 11 Student Union Ballroom