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Another Editorial On 'Complacency'

That's all right, just sit around and twiddle your thumbs.

Shut your eyes and listen to the radio and try to feel comfortable. Convince yourself that things are going fine.

Read in your newspapers where Russia is making smashing drives against Germany. And then look at a map and see what little distance they have covered.

See in the movies how the planes are rolling off of American assembly lines. And then check up on the figures and see that deliveries are behind schedule.

Hear on the radio about the tremendous losses inflicted on the Japanese at Singapore. And then look at the map and see that, losses or no losses, they have gained their objective.

Tell your friends that the war will be over in a year. And then stop to see Japan, controlling Singapore, holding the Dutch East Indies, cutting off the Burma road, threatening Java and later Australia. See the axis forces in Africa sweeping to the east once again and notice that Russia is vulnerable to a flanking movement from the south.

Struggle to keep up your sense of uneasiness, tell yourself that there's nothing to get excited about. Even go so far as Roger Babson and advocate "getting your share" of the consumer goods left, hoarding if necessary.

And some day you'll wake up with the British and French fleets, axis-controlled, shelling New York City.

No, my good coke sipper, America is far from being "all out." America's people still think they are impregnable (so did they at Pearl Harbor), still aren't ready to put out for the war effort (neither was France), still want to hang on to their last bits of "normalcy."

The corporations are still holding out in many cases for that last nickel of profit, government officials are still fumbling around about getting all-out production under way, America's people are still smug and complacent, expecting things to break their way any day now but not awake enough to make their own breaks.

America still doesn't know she's at war. -The Kentucky Kernel.

The editor says . . .

That the statement "America still doesn't know she's at war" is a very broad generalization which needs qualification. The general public knows that it is war. The average man and woman know they should do their part to help win it. The main difficulty is that they

don't know what to do, and most of them wouldn't know how to do it if they did.

Whose fault is it that Mr. and Mrs. Doe sit back with an air of complacency? Part of the fault rests with no one. The business of war is entirely different than it was 25 years ago. The battles are fought now with machines and not with men. It's hard to arouse patriotic fervor over a jeep or even a 40-ton tank. The close relationship between the man at home and the man on the battlefield is not present to the extent it was in the "war to end wars." World War I took the idealistic attitude out of war. Those who fought in the last war really believed they were saving the world for democracy. The attitude today is "Save the world for democracy? . . . Well, maybe." The generation which fought the last war was idealistic. Their bitter experiences and lack of results for their blood and sweat have made them realists. To them war is a dirty business that has to be done. The emotional appeal is gone.

Also, the younger generation was reared in a peaceful environment. There were no wars to speak of. There was no desire for war and every desire for peace. Disarmament, not armament, were the front page headlines. He was taught that the only way to settle international disputes was by means of the League of Nations or world court. And as the second world war approached it was fed on neutrality acts and embargo regulations. Then with comparative suddenness, this generation, born and bred in peace, was thrown into a war which it had been taught to hate. It is easy for a nation to jump from war to peace, but it is difficult to get the mind to jump with it.

But a part of the fault for the "do nothing" attitude of the American public rests with various governmental agencies and other administrative heads. The general public has lost a lot of its faith in the OCD due to bungling by that office and publicity given recent appointments. Secretary Ickes' oil shortage scares put "Oh yeah?" in the mouths of Mr. and Mrs. Doe.

Thus, the complacency which the Kernel talks about is founded to some degree in futility. No one quite knows what to do, yet their own consciences and their neighbors demand that they do something. If the American public is complacent about the war, it's because they don't know what to do.

A War Ago

By Marsa Lee Civin.

An urgent call for university men to take advantage of the opportunity to help farmers in their need for corn huskers was sent out by the Farmers Co-operative Union of Nebraska through J. O. Shroyer, secretary.

The appeal was made to those who can husk corn to remember men in the trenches, who perhaps have corn in the fields which their fathers cannot handle. It was hoped many students could see their way clear to respond to the call in this crisis.

Normals of the Physical Education department voted to purchase material with which they would make clothing for homeless French orphans. All members of the organization contributed to the fund for purchasing the necessary equipment and agreed to make at least one garment.

The Engineering society placed a box on the door of the tool room in Mechanical Engineering building in which the contributions by engineering students were put and used to raise money to send Christmas presents to former Nebraska engineering students who are now in France.

The faculty division of the Patriotic League of the university decided to send greeting cards to every enlisted man whose address was known.

Contributions to worthy causes continued as the Art Club presented the proceeds of their current program to the French War Orphans fund. Juniors in law school gave all the proceeds of their dance to the Y. M. C. A. students war fund.

the required qualifications are class standing, activities, personality and, least important, appearance.

To arrive at a selection, the Sabersmen have put the choice of candidates to the women themselves. Each dormitory and sorority is directed to select a candidate. Names and pictures of these character-girls are submitted to Col. G. F. N. Dailey, head of the military science department, and a group of university professors. These gentlemen will remember not to believe their eyes and eliminate all but four girls.

Higher ROTC students then will choose the character girl.

College Oddities . . .



Band . . .

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Is it true that Kay Kyser will be here for the Prom a day early so that he can address a university convocation?

"University convocations are fine institutions, but Junior-Senior Proms are magnificent all-university events. Every student should."

The Nebraskan received a press release about Bob Crosby's band the other day. That wouldn't have any connection with the Prom, would it?

"Ticket sales will begin early next week, and a free pass will be given to persons selling 15 tickets."

And the the band? "The band, oh yes, the band. Well, I'll see you later, have an appointment with a—yes, yes have an appointment. Thanks a lot. Anytime you want any information just—"

Activities . . .

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theme will be noticed throughout the dance floor.

Leo Pieper and his orchestra will play for the party. Dancing begins at 9 p. m. and ends at the "conventional time." And so . . . girls, it's up to you to do the dialing for your date. Tickets may be bought at the door. The dance is semi-formal.

Scholarships are now available for the second semester. Sears Roebuck and Hynes are the two that are ready for applicants. The deadline is Feb. 21. Application blanks may be obtained in Dean Burr's office.

Timothy Allen, founding president of Allegheny college, was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of Plymouth Rock fame.

Ex Libris

The University library wishes to announce that a list of books recommended for army officers is now available in the documents room. This is the official reading list published by the war department and includes books of philosophy, psychology, history, economics, political science and international relations.

The list is intended to bring to the attention of officers the titles of books of a general cultural and informational value which are considered desirable in the non-professional reading of the army personnel. Most of the books listed are available in the University library.

The attention of all ROTC cadets, especially those in advanced courses, is directed to this list and to the introductory remarks which include this statement: "It is advisable for officers to read at least six works from this list every year."

This list is available for consultation in room 310 of the University library. The second part of this pamphlet consists of the reserve officers' reading course, a classified list of technical military books.

Goddess . . .

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they, Ruth Millar, Ruth Myers, Monetta Newman, Helen Novacek, Margaret Ohrt, Rosella Olson, Gerda Petersen, Madeline Pfister, Virginia Phillips, Patricia Preston, Myrtle Quinby, Myrlene Rees, Verma Reiger, Lois Riggs, Helen Schultz, Dorothy Sie, Frances Simon, Gay Stonecker, Betty Spaulding, Jean Marie Stewart, Marian Swanson, Mary Ulrich, Betty Weaver, Vivian Westerhoff, Gussman, Dorothy White, and Ellen Wilkins. Louise Frolch and Xenia Lindberg are also eligible, but they are attending the Merrill-Palmer school this semester, and can not be here for the event.

Bulletin UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 19th and R St. Next Sunday, February 22, at the 11:30 a. m. service Bishop Reinger, the Bishop of Nebraska, will be here for Confirmation and will deliver the sermon. This service is for all who wish to attend. Y.W. STAFFS. Y. W. Staffs which will meet today at Ellen Smith are: the city campus Freshman cabinet from noon until 1 o'clock, and the knitting and discussion group at 2 p. m. Ag YW cabinet will meet today at 4 p. m. DEFENSE STAMP DANCE. Because of the Coed Counselor Penny Carnival, the scheduled Defense Stamp dance will not be held in the Union ballroom.

It's Character That Matters At Vermont The pretty girl with the blond curls and a consistent C average is being relegated as a luxury by ROTC men at the University of Vermont, at least for the duration. Members of Champlain Sabers, honorary military society, have decided that the first qualification a girl must have to reign as co-ed r for at Military Ball is charac. In descending order

the required qualifications are class standing, activities, personality and, least important, appearance. To arrive at a selection, the Sabersmen have put the choice of candidates to the women themselves. Each dormitory and sorority is directed to select a candidate. Names and pictures of these character-girls are submitted to Col. G. F. N. Dailey, head of the military science department, and a group of university professors. These gentlemen will remember not to believe their eyes and eliminate all but four girls. Higher ROTC students then will choose the character girl.

TONIGHT! "LADIES IN RETIREMENT" UNIVERSITY THEATRE Dept. of Speech—School of Fine Arts Febr. 18, 19, 20—Curtain 8:00 P. M. Gen. Adm. . . . 27c Tax 35c Total 62c Reserved 50c Tax 05c Total 55c TEMPLE THEATRE 12th & R Sts.