



Jorgensen Explains Atom Power Today

Explaining the secrets of the atomic bomb, Prof. Theodore Jorgensen will address an all-university convocation today at 3 p. m. in the Union ballroom.

An eyewitness to the first test of the atomic bomb, Professor Jorgensen was at the time on leave of absence from the university. He and a group of Chicago scientists constructed and tested the bomb at the Los Alamos, New Mexico, government metallurgical laboratory.

Speaks to Rotary.

Speaking before the Lincoln Rotary club Tuesday noon, Professor Jorgensen stated that an atomic bomb dropped at 15th and O streets would destroy completely everything in an area from ag college campus to Wyuka cemetery, to the corner of 27th and Sumner to Gooch's mill.

Before going on leave for the government to work on the atomic bomb, Professor Jorgensen was an assistant professor of physics at the university. He is giving a series of talks over Nebraska to acquaint the people with the working of atomic energy.

Describing the first test of the bomb to the Rotary club, Professor Jorgensen stated:

Description of Test.

"At that instant the country around lit up with the most intense and unearthly light I have ever seen. Even at a distance of six miles it was many times brighter than the noon-day sun. I was standing inside the shelter and I felt the heat reflected from the surroundings into the shelter. For an instant one had the feeling that the bomb had touched off the earth and turned it into a super-nova.

However, after several seconds, the light gradually began to dim, and only then did I collect my

Athletic Board Airs Col. Jones Issue; Publishes Two Letters

Two letters dealing with negotiations for the return of Col. "Biff" Jones, former manager of athletics, to the university campus were released by the university athletic board today.

At the time the letters were written, Dean T. J. Thompson was chairman of the athletic board. Since then, he has been succeeded by Prof. R. D. Scott.

The complete text of both letters is as follows:

Colonel L. McC. Jones, Graduate Manager of Athletics, Army Association, West Point, N. Y., Dear Colonel "Biff":

Today we had a meeting of the Athletic Board and discussed again the prospects of next fall's athletic program. We are not too sure that we shall have a large enrollment. Despite that, however, we are anxious that we shall be able to say to the people of the state and to our friends that we are ready to take up our program where we laid it down in 1940.

After a considerable discussion it was agreed by unanimous vote that we should make a request of the War Department for your release along with a request for the release of Colonels Browne and Petz and Lt. Elwin Dees of the Navy. To this end the following motion was unanimously adopted:

"It was ordered that the Chairman of the Board proceed to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the release by September 1 from the armed services of Colonel L. McC. Jones, Colonel W. B. Browne, Colonel Harold G. Petz, and Lt. Elwin Dees."

Browne, as I have already indicated, had previously stated to me in a letter that he was ready to be returned at any time if we had need for his services.

Right after V-E Day I saw this thing coming and was hoping I would have a reply to my inquiry from you ere this

UN Forum Opens

Debate Squad Wins Honors In Iowa City

Returning undefeated from the Iowa Invitational Debate and discussion conference held at Iowa City last week end were UN varsity debate squad members Tom Sorensen, Bob Gillan, Ted Sorensen, and Don Kline.

Holding the distinction of being the only undefeated school at the conference, the squad, coached by Donald Olson, speech instructor, also was ranked in second place in regard to total points accumulated in individual quality ratings.

"Free Trade."

Rated as superior in debating the question of free trade was the affirmative team, Ted Sorensen and Don Kline. The negative team, consisting of Bob Gillan and Tom Sorensen, rated excellent.

Participating in the conference were 21 colleges and universities. Schools debated and defeated by the Nebraska squad included

First Debate Argues Wage Increase Issue Tomorrow

"Fifty-two for Forty or Fight," "Higher Wages Mean Higher Prices." Carrying these and other slogans students will assemble in the Union ballroom at 7:30 tomorrow evening to hear and participate in the first All University Forum of the year.

School Plans New Dorms For Students

"The university, conscious of the student housing situation in Lincoln, will construct three new dormitories, to be ready for occupancy next fall," Chancellor C. S. Boucher announced Monday.

No tax funds will be used for the \$350,000 buildings as the University of Nebraska Dormitory Corporation will issue revenue bonds, derived from student rentals, to cover the cost. The three new dormitories will answer the need for comfortable, low-rent housing for university students and are the first phase of a man's dormitory system which will eventually house 800 men.

The dormitories, to be built next spring and summer, will hold 258 students. Two of the buildings will have 68 men and a proctor each and the third will house 122 men and a proctor. The constructions are the first dormitories for men at Nebraska. The rent for rooms in the two small units will be \$50 per student per semester, or about \$12 a month. Rent in the large dormitory will be approximately \$40 a semester or \$10 a month.

Smaller Units.

Located between 15th and 16th (See NEW DORMS, page 3.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

by BILL ROBERTS

TOP NATIONAL subject of discussion this week in both newspapers and common conversation, remains the steadily rising conflict between management and labor.

Biggest strike is the struggle between General Motors and the United Automobile Workers union involving about 225,000 men. At first, both sides held an uncompromising attitude toward the other, then GM made an offer of a 10 percent wage increase provided the OPA would raise prices to cover the wage hike.

Adamantly, however, the union refused to accept any wage increase that would result in higher prices for the general consumer. Angered at this attitude and at the union suggestion that company books be opened to show actual profits, the corporation leads withdrew their offer of a 10 percent increase and at the same time refused a union suggestion of impartial arbitration.

Although the company had resolutely refused to bargain collectively until the UAW's demands were "modified," President C. M. E. Wilson did consent to consultation with Edgar Warren, Conciliation Service head, and Labor Secretary Schwelienbach.

Saturday, when G. M.'s Wilson proposed to UAW's Reuther that partial production be resumed in G. M. plants supplying Ford and Chrysler, the union leader approved. Difficulty was encountered, though, in a few local (See NEWS IN BRIEF, page 3.)

"Wage Demands." Subject for discussion will be "Are Labor's Wage Demands Necessary?" Asserting "Yes" will be Tom Sorensen and Prof. Richard Bourne. Slated to take the opposite position are Johnny Van Horne and Prof. Curtis Elliott. Moderator will be Bill Miller.

The meeting will be conducted in old American town hall style. Prefacing the discussion will be short speeches by each member of the forum. Following will be a short period of question exchange between the speakers, and then the last half of the hour will be opened for questions from the audience. Microphones will be provided if possible.

Bring Signs.

Houses will come in groups, bringing signs, banners, sandwich boards or any other means of advertising the slogans of their side, stated Jackie Eagleton, member of the planning committee.

Appearing in the Union hall today and tomorrow at noon will be a "Man in the Hall" with a public address system interviewing passing students about their opinions and ideas on the labor-management question.

Reading Hour Features Essay By R. Benchley

Robert Benchley, noted American humorist and columnist, who died last week in New York, will be honored at the third in a series of reading hours sponsored by the Experimental theater, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Thursday, in the studio theater at the Temple.

Bob Hastert, engineering senior, will read Benchley's hilarious "Treasurer's Report."

Other Writers.

Three of the most famous American writers, Walt Whitman, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Carl Sandburg, will also be included in the program, which is under the direction of Dallas S. Williams.

Patricia Heynan, speech student, will read "Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field One Night," and "There was a Child Went Forth," both by Whitman, whose "Leaves of Grass" has become an American classic.

Millay, Sandberg.

Edna St. Vincent Millay, "Morriturus," and "Dawn," will be given by Mimi Hahn.

Three of Carl Sandberg's pieces, "Killers," "To a Contemporary Bunkshooter," and "Cool Tombs," will be read by Mary Dye.

Students, faculty and season ticket holders may attend this reading hour.

Cornhusker Pix

There will be no more pictures for the 1946 Cornhusker taken after 1 p. m. Friday, according to Beth Montgomery, managing editor. Pictures may be taken today and tomorrow and Friday morning in Miller and Paine's studio on sixth floor.

Students having proofs out must return them promptly.

YW Guests Hang Greens In Ellen Smith

YW members and their invited guests will decorate Ellen Smith Hall with a tree and greens at the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony and informal dinner at 5:30 p. m. today.

Mary Ann Mattoon, president, in her welcome speech will explain the tradition of the "Hanging of the Greens" which is derived from an old English custom. Beverly Ramer will perform a modern dance and there will be a marimba solo by Phyllis Fischer.

Christmas Carols.

While the group is assembling the YW choir under the direction of Gretchen Burnham will sing Christmas carols from the balcony. They will also sing a grace before the dinner.

The Dean of Women and her staff, WAA council, Coed Counsellors board, AWS board, BABW board, Tassels, ag college and city campus YWCA cabinets, freshmen commission leaders, and YWCA advisory board have been invited to the ceremony.

Committees.

Plans for the evening were under the direction of Cleone Reetz, general chairman. Committee members are program plans: Lorraine Kinney, chairman, Lois Henderson and Ruth Norman; menu: Jeanne Walrath and Julia Ann House; selection of greens: Martha Clark and Betty Easter; tickets and souvenir program: Barbara Vesely and Neta Bellinger.

Wanted: One Worthy Soul To Circulate

The Nebraskan

By George Tierney Shestak.

Little do you realize, dear fellow students, the trouble we go to, to put out this high class paper. All you ever think about is whether or not your respective names are in the society column. You are happy on the days when you can run home to momma and show that Jidge Mason has finally mentioned you as the skunk of the week. Otherwise you are just noncommittal.

Apply Now!

This we don't mind. We put out this paper for the sheer joy of creative effort. After it leaves us . . . phooey.

Apply Now!

BUT . . . unless you want to (See HELP NEEDED, page 3.)

PHI CHI THETA

Phi Chi Theta will hold its regular meeting tonight in room 316 of the Union; at 5 p. m. according to Laurine Hansen, president.

Military Training Staff Adds M/Sgt. John H. Straka

Master Sergeant John H. Straka, former university student, has been added to the ROTC staff, according to Col. James P. Murphy, director of the military training activities.

Before retiring as an officer in the army air corps, Sgt. Straka was supervisor of the instructional staff in supervised correspondence study at the university extension division. Prior to this, he was supervisor of science instruction at teachers college high school at this university, and high school principal at Belvidere.

Sgt. Straka received his B. Sc. degree from the college of agriculture, and his M. A. from teachers college at the university. He has also done work on a Ph. D. degree in education.

action was taken. As I expressed to the Board today, I assume the pressure of concluding your work has prevented you from replying before this time.

As I indicated to you previously, the Board is very anxious to announce its program and feels we can no longer delay in getting our personnel assembled. Whether or not the War Department will consider your release of course is very problematical. We hope of course that you will be kindly disposed toward our request.

I trust this letter finds you and Mrs. Jones in good health. With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
T. J. Thompson, Chairman
Intercollegiate Board of Athletics.

Bizad Department Presents Awards At Annual Dinner

Bizad college will hold its 21st annual honors and college dinner Saturday evening, according to an announcement made by John D. Clark, dean of the college. Scholastic awards for the 1944-45 college year will be presented at the dinner.

Awards will include the William Gold prize keys given to the ten freshmen with highest scholastic averages; announcement of new members of Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary society of the college; and names of bizad students in the upper ten percent of their class, which will be placed on the Beta Gamma Sigma plaque of 1945.

Senior Degrees

University seniors who expect to graduate in January or May should check their credits and apply for degrees or certificates in the Office of Admissions, room 7, administration building, not later than December 7, according to Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, director of admissions.

Seniors in the college of agriculture may check credits and apply on the city campus also, Dr. Rosenlof stated.