

U.S. Has Blundered In Asia--Hallet Abend

BY JACK CRESSMAN.

"The political situation in Asia at the present time is not only dangerous, but tragic in the extreme--another World War may start there at any time."

With those words, Hallet Abend, Asiatic correspondent of the New York Times, began the revealing story of the Far Eastern situation before a capacity student audience in the Union ballroom Tuesday.

"The United States has lost the confidence of the Asiatic peoples," he said. "Our prestige has suffered immeasurably."

Reasons.

"A primary reason for the many political blunders we have made in the Far East," Abend pointed out, "is the poor quality of diplomatic representatives we have put in command in that area."

"Any man who puts sufficient quantities of money into the political machine is considered qual-

ified to be an ambassador or diplomat," he said. "Any old amateur can seemingly handle our foreign affairs. As long as we allow this kind of political spoils system, we'll continue to get inept foreign service," he added.

When the Japanese ambassador to the United States received the Atlantic Charter in Washington, he asked Abend to carry Japan's official reaction to the document to the Secretary of State. In substance, the Japanese ambassador said: "Japan cannot possibly accept the eighth point of the charter calling for disarmament of aggressor or seemingly aggressor nations. If this point is not immediately rescinded or altered, peace can last only a few months. Japan has only two alternatives--to give you time to build up your military might or attack you while you are weak."

"I took this message to Secretary of State Hull," Abend said. (See ABEND, page 4.)

S. Pope Will Install Coed Counselors

Marthella Holcomb will replace Suzanne Pope as president at installation of Coed Counselor's new officers today at 5 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall.

Installed as vice president will be Joy Hill; as secretary, Patricia Neely and as treasurer Marion McElhanev. Senior board members are Phyllis Teagarden and Alice Rife.

Board Members.

Mary Dye, Priscilla Flagg, Phyllis Sorenson, Janice Chappel and Beverly Jackson are junior board members. Grace Smith, Jackie Wightman and Harriet Bridenbaugh were chosen sophomore members.

All students who wish may attend.

State Alumni Select Officers

Election for officers of the Association of Nebraska Alumni will be made on ballots sent out this week to all members of the Association, according to Clarence Swanson, association president.

The ballots will be mailed directly to all active members this year, instead of being printed in

the Alumnus as they have been previously. An increased interest is expected under the new method, Mr. Swanson said. Voting will end May 1 and the officers will be announced at the association's annual Round Up to be held May 25.

Arthur A. Dobson, '11, Lincoln contractor, and Robert R. Moodie, '19, West Point attorney are candidates for president. Vice-presi-

Saddle, Sirloin Club Chooses Essay Topic

The Saddle and Sirloin club, national ag group, has chosen "The Livestock Industry's War Contribution" as its topic for the 1946 Saddle and Sirloin Club Medal Essay Contest.

In the 35 years of the contests' existence no student from the Nebraska ag campus has won, but the contestants have placed in the upper twenty bracket several times.

The competition is open to all ag college undergraduates in the United States and Canada. The Saddle and Sirloin Club, located in the Union Stock Yards in Chicago, is of world-wide fame for its portrait gallery of leading live stock men.

Prize.

A sterling silver cup is awarded to the college rating highest in the top twenty essays. This cup must be won three times to be kept permanently by one college. Washington State college is the lone entry in the double winner field.

The winners of the 1945 contest wrote on the subject "The Value of Sires That Work Improvement." They were first, Nancy Van Waters, Washington State; second, Delbert E. Klussendorf, Wisconsin university, and third, Allen W. Brakke, of the University of Minnesota.

All essays must be in the hands of Charles E. Snyder, 836 Exchange Ave., Chicago 9, U. S. A., by Nov. 1, 1946. Other information on the contest may be obtained by seeing Prof. W. J. Loeffel, chairman of the Animal Husbandry Department, in room 201 A. H. Hall. Any member of the Animal Husbandry Department or the English department will be glad to help any student who is interested in entering the contest.



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dential candidate are Mrs. H. E. Cook, '31, Grand Island and Mrs. L. S. McGoogan, '30, Omaha. Both offices are for one year.

Dr. John L. Pucelik, '22, South Sioux City, and Lowell L. Walker, (See ALUMNI, page 4.)

Ag YM Members Meet With Prof. Mussehl Tonight

Ag YM members will meet at the home of Prof. F. F. Mussehl, chairman of the poultry husbandry department, tonight at 7:30, according to Francis Wagoner, Ag president.

"This is an opportunity to become personally acquainted with some of the faculty," said Wagoner, "and the discussion on social problems in agriculture will be well supervised."

Professor Mussehl will discuss problems in the fields of poultry husbandry citing problems encountered on his own farms.

Delegates Talk to YM About Trip

Bill Miller and Dean Jensen, who returned Tuesday from the Atlantic City YMCA conference, will present their reports of the conference to city campus "Y" members at 7:15 tonight in the Temple building.

Following these reports, the four commission groups will hold their weekly meetings with faculty members at 8 p. m. Personal Effectiveness, led by Bill Roberts, will discuss "How to Get Along With Others," at the home of Dean Claire Harper.

Groups Meet.

John Ellis will direct the Political Effectiveness group in a discussion of "War Implications of Our Economic System." This commission will meet with Dr. David Fellman.

Dr. Joseph Alexis will be host to the World Relatedness group which will talk about the "Indonesian Problem" under the direction of Phil Frandson.

The Faith For Life commission will meet with Dr. Charles Patterson. The topic for discussion to be led by Dean Jensen is not yet decided.

Foreign Born Students Form Campus Group

The Cosmopolitan club, a new organization of foreign born students, had an attendance of representatives from 11 different countries, including the United States, at its first meeting Thursday.

Estelita Saldanha, temporary president, stated that the purposes of the club are to build friendship among foreign-born students on the campus and to promote interest in their lives and customs. He also emphasized its importance as a prelude to future common understanding among nations.

The constitution and purposes were presented and discussed, but no definite action has as yet been taken. Special committees have been appointed to begin work immediately.

All foreign born students and those interested in foreign languages may contact the secretary at the new headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. office in the Temple building, before Thursday. Office hours are between 3 and 5 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Post-War Exam For Civil Service Jobs Scheduled

The first general examination for probational appointments in the federal service since the return to regular civil service procedures was announced yesterday by Rena B. Smith, regional director, 8th United States civil service region.

This examination is for typists, \$506 a year, and stenographers, CAF-2, \$704 a year, for positions both in the Eighth U. S. civil service region, which includes the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and for the positions in Washington, D. C. Applicants may file for employment in either locality but not for both. Appointments to similar positions at higher salaries may also be made from this examination.

Applicants.

Applicants must be citizens or owe allegiance to the United States. The age limits are 18 to 62, except for veterans and persons in the federal service who are war service indefinite employees.

Applications may be secured from the secretary, board of U. S. civil service examiners, at any first or second-class postoffice, or from the Eighth United States civil service regional office, Post-office or customs house building, St. Paul, Minn.

In order to be admitted to the examination, applicants must be received in the Eighth U. S. civil service regional office not later than the close of business March 26, 1946.

Student Pharmacy Branch Meets Tonight in Union

The Student Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association will meet in the Union today at 7:30 p. m. to see the film "Now for Tomorrow."

This film, showing the development of the American drugstore, was contributed by the Owens Illinois Glass company. Pharmacists of the Lincoln area have been invited to attend this meeting.

"Ah, Wilderness" Tryouts.

Try-outs start this afternoon for "Ah Wilderness," by Eugene O'Neill, last major production of the University Theater this season. They will be held from 3 to 6 p. m., in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 p. m. in the evening, in room 201 of the Temple Building, both today and Thursday. Any university student in good standing is eligible to try for parts in this production, according to Dallas Williams, University theater director.

Dean Arthur Postle Believes Colleges Fail in Vet Education

Dean Arthur Postle, University of Cincinnati instructor, stated in a recent issue of Liberty magazine, that too many colleges are falling down on the job of veteran education.

Dean Postle believe that it is "high time the Veterans Administration performed its role and really took over the GI education program. "Veteran education is a far bigger thing in its implication than is generally recognized," he said, "and the Veterans Administration has an opportunity to make a tremendous social and educational contribution."

Modernize Programs.

To take advantage of this opportunity, each college must organize and modernize its V-16 and V-268 programs. Among the more obvious shortcomings of the bill providing college education for vets is the housing stipulation, Dean Postle added.

A second Postle charge against the purveyors of higher education is that they are exploiting the veterans, and using them to bring in revenue rather than supplying them with an education. "Even more important, courses have not

been modernized and nineteenth century techniques in teaching are forced on practical-minded veterans used to the best of new teaching methods," the dean stated.

Vet Aims.

According to Dean Postle, the following principles should be put into effect immediately by the Veterans Administration:

1. Demand that colleges meet specified standards if they wish to continue as veteran-training institutions.
2. Overhaul the admission system so that the entrance and accrediting of veterans is handled according to recognized national standards and not determined by the whims of college officials.
3. Require that colleges employ adequate staffs and up-to-date teaching techniques.
4. Insist that satisfactory living quarters and food be made available and at reasonable prices.
5. Put payments of tuition, fees and books on a cost basis so (See POSTLE, page 2.)

Students Asked to Aid In Union Food Saving

By MILDRED QUICK.

The Union food management will make no food conservation effort but conservation should be made by students. Changes may result from not being able to obtain certain food products, according to Miss Inez White, Union food director.

"Our method of conservation started with the war and food changes came as a result of certain products becoming unobtainable," Miss White said. Wheat breads and pastries will be used as long as they can be obtained. Since cake flour will soon be off the market, cakes will be made from all purpose flour. The change will be slight and almost unnoticeable, the food director pointed out. Rice is being substituted for noodles and macaroni when necessary.

Standard Portion.

Food conservation may take place at the individual will, Miss White emphasized, telling of the standard serving portions as set up by OPA, which can be changed by the management.

If students find the standard portions too large they may ask for smaller ones at no change in price.

Half portions may be asked for and obtained at half price and students may take only one slice of bread or one roll instead of the usual two if they wish.

Students who eat at restaurants in down town Lincoln called attention to a few minor food changes. Some say that smaller helpings of butter and more brown bread are being served and one student called attention to slightly smaller servings.

Famine Committee.

President Truman's famine emergency committee has made 39 suggestions toward meeting the drastic food shortage in Europe. It has been estimated that the saving of half a slice of bread by every family in the United States would mean the saving of half a million pounds of bread daily.

Among other recommendations for consumer substitution of oatmeal for wheat flour products the serving of fewer fried foods and limitation of the use of oils and salad dressing. A teaspoon of fat a day saved by every person in the United States will mean a total saving of at least one million pounds of fat daily.