



By Leroy Beckman

WHEN THE SECOND Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism met in Chicago recently, it confronted a far gloomier state of affairs than on its first assembly one year previous. To the tune of "Rather than be united in concentration camps, let's be united now," the congress occupied itself with organizational work intended to enroll every person and party opposed to fascism and war. To the near 4000 accredited delegates, the class war ceased to be an academic quest and became a grim reality. Before the delegates there appeared the reports of the International Labor Defense for the months from January to September, showing fifty-four killed in the economic struggle, as well as 104 cases of alleged criminal syndicalism, sedition and insurrection which are now in the courts.

OF PARTICULAR interest, was the appearance on the platform of representatives of the National Guard and of the regular army in uniform. The latter related that with the army being provided with special equipment for riot duty, the primary function of the soldier was no longer to defend his country, but to defend the property of the possessing class. This latter portion of the statement made the congress emphasize in its resolutions the gradual tendency to enlist the government as a tool of the possessing class.

INTERESTING indeed, is the fact that the Communist Party was represented by 105 delegates. As one would expect, a predominant reason for hesitation in joining the American League Against War and Fascism has been the belief that it was dominated by the Communist Party—to derive its own benefits. As to reason for the affiliations, we might say that the Communist Party intends to make the League as efficient an instrument of defense as possible—which they most certainly need. We sincerely hope that the American League Against War and Fascism will succeed in its efforts. At least the radical element involved in the form of the Communist Party may assure activity.

DURING THE LAST few weeks, the convention of the American Federation of Labor has been occupied with the important business of policy-making. The report of the executive council has outlined a list of failures during the past year. Among these were: "minimum wage rates in the codes have been set so low that the purpose of the NRA has been completely nullified in a large portion of industry"; codes have failed almost completely to protect the higher-paid groups of employees; and "the machinery set up by the government is dealing effectively only with a negligible portion of all violations". The fallacies as outlined by the American Federation of Labor are, without doubt, the fault of the New Deal. But, we would enjoy seeing that organization replace fault with a solution.

Armour Players May Employ Female Cast

During a meeting of the Armour Players last Wednesday, the possibility of exchanging members with the dramatics group of some nearby girls' college was discussed. Each group would produce its plays individually, merely borrowing players from the other for the necessary roles.

This would be of distinct advantage to both groups, as it would eliminate the necessity of restricting the plays to those having only male, or only female characters, enabling them to give more interesting productions than would be possible otherwise.

Tau Beta Legate Back From East

R. D. Armsbury returned to school last week after a five day trip to New York where he represented Armour chapter of Tau Beta Pi at the annual convention of that national honorary engineering fraternity. The convention was held at Columbia university in New York on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and a full program for the delegates was scheduled.

Ninety-eight delegates and visitors registered Thursday morning and all sixty-five chapters were represented at each of the four business meetings held Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon, and Saturday morning. Along with routine business, charters were granted to Rutgers and Stanford university. It was announced that \$33,000 in fellowships has been awarded to 34 students during the last six years.

Hosts of the convention were the New York Alpha chapter, Columbia university; New York Epsilon of Brooklyn Polytechnic institute; New York Zeta chapter of New York university; and New Jersey Alpha chapter of Stevens Institute of Technology.

A formal dance was given for the delegates at the Columbia University Faculty club. Saturday afternoon the delegates had the choice of attending a football game between Virginia Military institute and Columbia university, or taking a tour of Rockefeller center.

An informal banquet held Saturday night at the Columbia University Faculty club concluded the activities of the delegates. Among the speakers at the banquet were President H. N. Rogers of Brooklyn Polytechnic institute and Dean J. W. Barker of Columbia university engineering college.

Finnegan Is Host to University Professor

Last Friday Professor J. B. Finnegan was host to Professor F. H. Thomas, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois. Professor Thomas is the principal assistant of Professor Casberg who is in charge of the shop laboratory courses at the university.

Professor Thomas is interested in the research work on shop courses at Armour, and came to obtain a preview of the final report which will be released in the future.

Tournament to Find Best Chess Players

A tournament to determine the abilities of its members is among the plans of the Armour Chess club, which has already taken in seven new men, and is still on the look-out for more. The next formal meeting of the group will be held on the coming Thursday.

Daily chess games are held on the fourth floor, first entrance, Chapin hall, during the lunch hour, and prospective members are asked to report there at that time. The outstanding members returning from last year are: H. Dreil, E. Freireich, R. Hella, A. S. Majercik, W. C. Rundell, and B. Wilhelm.

The club has been affiliated with the Illinois Chess Association for some time, and its members have decided to retain the affiliation.

Alpha Chi Sigma Has Election of Officers

Alpha Psi chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, announces the installation of the following officers for the coming year: R. M. Paulsen, president; L. W. Robbie, vice-president; A. Rulis, treasurer; and A. J. Ragan, reporter.

Graduate members D. J. Mullane, R. W. Marty, and W. E. Gunderson are back at Armour on fellowships granted by the North Shore Coke and Chemical company and the Universal Oil company.

HOTCHKISS NAMES FACULTY COUNCIL, NEW COMMITTEES

Professors, Associates Form Advisory Group

COVER ALL ACTIVITIES

Providing for Armour's faculty a new high in organization and ability to cope with the problems of the school, President Hotchkiss announced last Thursday the formation of a faculty council to consist of all the professors and associate professors, the treasurer and the registrar. The council is to meet once a month to consider all problems which may arise concerning school affairs.

President's Annual Report Made
At the meeting Dr. Hotchkiss named the appointments of the various members to numerous committees. He also read his annual report, which had recently been submitted to the Trustees. The report contained a summary of the results of the present administration's actions, and also an outline of the plans to be inaugurated in the near future.

A few of the committees named at the meeting had already been in operation. The placement committee will be a permanent organization. Placement of men will not be limited to future graduating classes, but will include all the graduates of previous years. The school was not able to fill several good jobs this summer, because of the lack of records of old graduates.

Two Committees Active Now
The loan committee has been functioning for two weeks, and has already approved 8 or 10 requests for loans to juniors and seniors. The publicity committee has been functioning since last year. The radio talks of last year are a partial evidence of some of its operations. These two committees were the only

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Mr. Kelly Will Attend Registrar Convention

Mr. Kelly, registrar of Armour Institute, will attend the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars at Blackburn college, Carlinville, Illinois, on Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26.

A program containing possibilities of new and constructive ideas relating directly or indirectly to the work of the registrar has been arranged. President Hudson of Blackburn college will present the opening address. Dean Benner of the University of Illinois and Dr. Russell of the University of Chicago will be guest speakers. Among the more important subjects to be discussed are, "State Testing Programs in Secondary Schools" and "The New Accredited Procedure of the North Central Association."

Appearance of Pigeon in Freshman Drafting Room Draws Artillery Fire

By Jim Sheehan

Pigeon hovering o'er,
Why didn't thou tap the door?
If thou hast belief in fate,
Please keep away from my plate.

Bulletin

A wee little pigeon the pride of the aviary family paid an unconventional visit to the freshmen drawing class on the fifth floor of the main building last Wednesday afternoon.

Diving above novice heads and swooping to the rafters an unassuming pigeon unduly (?) frightens his hosts. (German Fokkers in the war could not have drawn more attention.)

Eyes look to the rafters in fear. Hands swiftly moving camouflage all things in danger.

Anti-aircraft shells (pencils and rulers) continually break around him. The gunners below grit their

Societies to Hold Combined Meeting

Mr. Charles Comfort Whittier will be the guest speaker at the combined meeting of the engineering societies of Armour which will be held next Friday, October 26, at 10:30 in the Mission building. Mr. Whittier, who is a graduate of the University of Maine, is a specialist in the value and use of industrial plants and processes, and in the development of mining properties. With a background such as this, Mr. Whittier is well qualified to speak on his topic, which will be "The Engineer's Future."

Mr. Whittier is already known to some of the Armour students, for as president of the Western Society of Engineers he talked at their annual dinner held recently. However this is his first appearance before the combined meeting of all the Armour engineering societies.

This inter-society meeting is the first of this year, although not the first in the history of the societies. If the meeting is successful, there will be more of a like nature later on.

Although the meeting is arranged by the various student chapters of the A.S.M.E., A.I.Ch.E., A.I.E.E., F.P.E.S., and the W.S.E., the entire student body of the school is invited to be present to hear Mr. Whittier.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting was composed of the various presidents of the student engineering societies, namely, J. H. De Boo of the A.S.M.E., J. N. Weiland, of the A. I. Ch.E., L. F. Higgins, of the A.I.E.E., E. N. Searl, of the F.P.E.S., and G. A. Nelson, of the W.S.E.

Four Men Pledged by Honorary Fraternity

Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity, pledged four men at a meeting held last Friday. From the senior class L. C. Galbraith and W. M. Uzunaris were honored, and the two men in the junior class were N. J. Cooper and V. J. Kropf.

The latest development in the fraternity was the appointment of Professor Moreton as faculty advisor. Professor Moreton will assume an advisory position which is essential to the continuous and efficient operation of such an organization.

Pi Tau Sigma Elects Officers at Meeting

Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, held the first meeting of the new semester in their rooms last Wednesday. An election of officers was held, and the announcement of the men elected will be given at a later date.

The next meeting will be held in the Pi Tau Sigma rooms Tuesday evening. All new members will be introduced, and a general discussion of the plans for the semester will follow.

WILLIAM ALT IS ELECTED JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT; GRAHAM IS SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

Neal, Cotterman, Kropf, and Dollenmaier Gain Majorities for Other Offices in Final Election

CLASS MEETING SUPPORTS COMMITTEE

In an effort to take active part in the city's safety campaign, the Dean's office requests all students to observe the Institute parking rules.

All reporters of the News staff are requested to submit their program to this office at once.

William Alt was elected president of the junior class in the final election held last Thursday. He polled 101 votes out of the 134 ballots cast in the election. The electricals placed D. C. Graham, V. J. Kropf, and H. R. Dollenmaier into the offices of social chairman, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms, respectively. D. J. Neal was elected vice-president and F. D. Cotterman was named secretary.

Complete Returns Given

The results of the final ballot for officers of the junior class are:

President—
W. Alt 101
I. M. Hughes 33
Vice-President—
D. J. Neal 91
R. Knaus 42
Social Chairman—
D. C. Graham 85
R. M. Paulsen 47

Treasurer—
V. J. Kropf 81
G. A. Quandt 51

Sergeant-at-arms—
H. R. Dollenmaier 72
H. J. Sumner 62

The final election was held after no one received a majority in the primary. The nominating committee had specified that to be elected a man must have a majority, and had provided for the final election. The two men who received the greatest number of votes were placed on the second ballot. In all cases except that of the office of sergeant-at-arms the men who were highest in the primary were also elected in the final balloting. H. R. Dollenmaier beat H. J. Sumner for the office by 10 votes.

Final Election Was Desired

Wednesday at 1 o'clock, a class meeting was held to determine the reaction of the members of the class concerning the election, for a petition had been circulated asking to do away with the final election. It was felt that the nomination committee had overstepped its bounds. The class voted to hold the final election.

The nominating committee consisted of three men from each department. The purpose of the committee was to eliminate as much departmental politics as possible. This committee was introduced for the first time at Armour when it was apparent that politics was rampant in the nominations for class officers of the junior class.

Salamander Pledges Five Fire Protects

Salamander, honorary fire protection engineering fraternity, pledged four seniors and one junior at a meeting of the organization in the Salamander rooms last Friday morning. The men honored at that time were C. R. Bristol, Lester Kerlin, W. A. Trudelle, and H. J. Zibble of the senior class, and R. A. Peterson of the junior class.

Qualifications for membership in Salamander are superior scholastic ability and good character. The pledging Friday was preceded by a quiz the previous Tuesday.

Present members of the fraternity are J. J. Ahern, president, O. P. Freilinger, pledge captain, L. W. Biegler, J. K. Morrison, E. N. Searl, and G. W. Wheaton.

One of the primary duties of the pledges will be the preparation of five thousand word papers on fire protection engineering subjects. Others are the preparation of F. P. E. S. posters and Salamander paddles.

W.S.E. to Include All Departments

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to join the student branch of the Western Society of Engineers no matter what department they are in. Through a misunderstanding the organization formerly consisted of civil engineering students only.

C. P. Grakavac and J. M. O'Connor are in charge of the membership drive launched this week. A membership fee of fifty cents is charged and the dues are one dollar per year payable in two installments. Special effort is being made this year to emphasize the fact that the meetings are open to students of all departments and classes including freshmen. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to join however.

The W. S. E. meets once every two weeks, usually in C mission, at 10:30 on Fridays. Lectures and papers are presented by prominent engineers on a wide range of subjects of interest to all engineers.

The by-laws of the association are being revised this year. Closer relations with the downtown Junior branch, which meets on Thursday nights, will be stressed. This group will cooperate in obtaining speakers for the meetings at school.

Old Members Fill Up Ranks of Glee Club

This year Mr. Erickson, director of the glee club and orchestra, hopes to fill some requests for concerts at an earlier date than usual. In the past the music organizations were unable to fill any engagements until later in the semester when the new men had been sufficiently trained. Since many of the old members have returned this year, the glee club, its ranks swelled to 75 members, is already in fairly good condition. Another advantage is that the club is unusually well balanced.

Although the orchestra lost some important men, it was fortunate in securing several capable freshmen. However, Mr. Erickson feels that many of the students who play either orchestral or band instruments do not realize the possibilities in the orchestra, and he urges them to come to the rehearsal in the assembly hall at 5 p. m. tonight. If it is at all possible, these men are requested to bring their instruments.

Faculty Club Marking Time Until Initiations

Social activities of the Armour Tech Faculty club are at a standstill at the present time. The new instructors who are not members of the organization are first given a chance to become acquainted with the rest of the faculty before a formal invitation to join is given them.

Club members hope that all of these formalities can take place in a short time in order that the new men may be initiated at the annual Christmas party.