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The Peace Strike

For the past few months, talk about the "peace strike" has been making a stir on college campuses throughout the United States. But not a breath of it has been heard at Armour, either because we were inadvertently overlooked by the national organizers, or because our well-known conservatism frightened them off.

Now that all is over, we can only examine the results, and they are a disheartening spectacle indeed, if the daily press is to be believed. In leading colleges all over the country, the demonstrators were assailed with everything from rotten eggs to cannon crackers by fellow students whose motives were obscure but apparently gratifying to the conservative press, which reported their activities with manifest satisfaction.

The real trouble with the peace strike was that it was plainly being led by groups whose interest is not only peace but social upheaval, and since the beliefs of these groups are, for the moment, under intense popular disapproval, it was inevitable that popular disapproval should spread to the peace strike. The discouraging thing about it all is that the very hundred per cent Americans who are most apprehensive over the survival of Americanism in this case adopted the most un-American means at their disposal to express their disapproval of another group's ideas. They used means which are more characteristic of Hitler's storm troopers than of American R.O.T.C. cadets.

Of all the rights guaranteed us by the constitution, of all the characteristics of Americanism, the right of free thought and free speech is the finest, the most valuable, and the most to be treasured. Any attempt to abrogate it by the government would undoubtedly be resisted to the utmost by all Americans; private groups have even less than no right to deny this privilege.

It is interesting to note that nearly all the preliminary opposition to the peace demonstration was of the "I am in favor of peace myself, but—" school of thought. There were, indeed, many reasonable grounds for opposing the demonstrators. But for those who took part in the assaults on the demonstrators, no excuse can be found.

There was the germ of at least one good idea in the peace strike. It has been tragically true in the past that those who bore the greatest suffering in war were too young to have any voice in its making. In the future the suffering will probably be more evenly distributed, but young men will still be expected to do most of the fighting.

Armour students probably feel this as much as any one, but they were nevertheless well out of an affair which ended so discreditably for so many schools.

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick": let
the Slapstick fly where it may.

The dinner party was over. All had eaten heartily and expensively. In one corner a lone Scotchman strove to make himself inconspicuous when the check arrived. Suddenly, to everyone's complete surprise, he spoke up: "Just leave that check to me. I'll take care of it." They obeyed.

Item in next morning's newspaper:

SCOTCHMAN MURDERS VENTRILOQUIST!

Twenty stories he did fall
To the pavement down below.
I rushed to him, my face apall,
"He must be dead I know."
He smiled and said, "I'm not dead.
I'm not hurt at all.
I fell right square upon my head,
And the sidewalk broke my fall."

Landlady: Do you like that crazy quilt?
Boarder: No, nor the damn mattress, either.

Jack: Why, I'll betcha a buck you won't even marry me.
Jill: I'll take yuh, and raise yuh five.
(And don't think she didn't.)

Englishman: What's that bloomin' noise outside this time o' night?
American: Why, that's an owl.
Englishman: Of course it is, but 'oos 'owling?

"Does my gown look as though it were falling off my shoulder?"
"No, let's dance."
"I'm sorry, but I must go and arrange it. It's supposed to look that way."

It takes a manicurist to nail her man.

"My future just passed," yelled the co-ed as she saw a "B" on her fiancé's exam paper.

"Does Bill still walk around with that old slouch of his?"
"No, I hear he's going with better women now."

"Mary, did you kiss someone in the kitchen?"
"Well, ma'am, the junk man said he came for a little oven."

Some girls are so dumb that they have to count on their fingers while others count on their legs.

Dictionnaire Moderne

Lunch—a kind of a stab made in fencing.
Odes—a kind of a horse-feed.
Noose—what this paper is supposed to bring.
Taut—past tense of think.
Hill—back and bottom part of a shoe.
Pigeon—throwing a baseball fast.
Poll—act of tugging.
Paddle—present tense of paddle. (Paddle, paddle, poodle.)
Heal—a small mountain.

Have you ever noticed that the blunt people usually come to the point?

Mother (calling from upstairs to daughter who is on the porch): Daughter, who are you with?
Daughter: Oh, just one of the boys from the college.
Mother: Come inside this minute. And bring the porch swing with you.

E. J.

Fraternity Notes

BETA PSI

Congratulations are in order for Charlie Schnackel, who was recently pledged to Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Ed Johnson, F. P. E., '36, is home in bed recuperating from an accident suffered during the first baseball game of the season. It seems that in falling he tore a ligament at the knee cap. His doctor says he won't be back for three weeks, but we hope it is sooner than that.

Our ping pong team suffered a defeat in the first part of the match with Delta Tau Delta, but the team promises a comeback in the return match to be played at the house tomorrow evening.

We also wish to congratulate Brother DuSelle, who was pledged to Sphinx, honorary literary.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Alpha Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of Edward Joseph Donnelly, Arch. '38.

With spring in the air, the boys have been playing quite a bit of ball. We played a practice game with the Deltas Monday afternoon. Any house wishing to book practice games with us should see Art Merrow right away.

Brother Bill Berry, A. E. '29 dropped in to see the fellows last week. Bro. Berry was formerly with the Missouri Inspection Bureau, but is now working as Engineer in the American Fire Insurance Companies.

DELTA TAU DELTA

We wish to congratulate John Davis who was recently pledged to Salamander, honorary Fire Protection Engineering fraternity.

Baseball practice has been started and games with other houses are desired. Our ping pong team defeated Beta Psi in the first round of the inter-fraternity tournament finals. The second round will be played Wednesday night. A large part of our chapter attended the 26th annual Delt-Prom which was held at the Bal-Tabarin, Hotel Sherman last Saturday night. Many of the alumni were present.

THETA XI

Alpha Gamma of Theta Xi takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Peter Slug, E. E. '37. The baseball team aided by Bro. Smith's able pitching is planning to win the first leg of the new cup. Although the golf team is out of condition, they are looking forward to a successful season. The brothers who attended the inspection trip at Milwaukee, reported that they were disappointed in the town.

PHI PI PHI

Gamma chapter of Phi Pi Phi takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of Charles Shukes, Ch. E. '36.

The house had the pleasure of seeing Brother Callan's smiling face last week. Loy dropped in to give Brother Grakavac a few pointers on

John Massen Talks on Traffic Problem

Alderman John A. Massen of the 48th Ward, chairman of the City Council Committee on Traffic and Public Safety, addressed the Junior chapter of the Western Society of Engineers last Thursday evening on "Limited Ways—A Plan for the Greater Chicago Traffic Area."

In discussing the problem which is facing Chicago at the present time, Mr. Massen admitted the great mistakes which have been made in the past because of insufficient knowledge of the true facts. There have been mistakes of location, mistakes of construction, and mistakes of method. As examples of such errors in Chicago, the speaker mentioned the widenings of La Salle St. and Ashland Blvd. Not only did the location of these projects not warrant the sum of money expended on them, but the appreciation of property value expected from them did not materialize.

As a glaring example of a mistake of construction, Alderman Massen named a project which is not in Chicago, but in New York. The West Side Express highway of that city was, in the words of the speaker, "built so well that two Twentieth Century trains could run abreast of each other on the structure and yet not strain it." Obviously, such overbuilding is unnecessary when the structure is used exclusively by rubber tired passenger vehicles, and it results in a tremendous waste of public funds.

Auto traffic within the city of Chicago and crossing its boundaries reaches the staggering figure of 429,000 vehicles per average business day. This great number, a great deal of it either terminating or passing through the Loop district, must be handled in such a manner that congestion and accidents are reduced to a minimum. A very low speed limit would have the opposite effect on congestion and so must be ruled out. Also, every attempt must be made to segregate pedestrian and vehicular traffic to prevent fatalities.

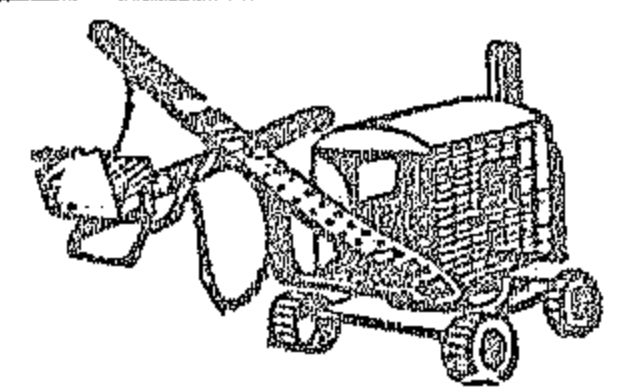
The suggested remedy, therefore, after an intensive study by Mr. Massen and his committee, is the construction of "limited ways." These super highways, which would be elevated, would radiate from the Loop district to each of the major sections of the city. Archer Ave. to the southwest, Chicago and 12th to the west, and Kingsbury to the northwest are the suggested routes. In addition to this system of limited ways, the present boulevard system would continue in its present importance, with the Outer Drive and Sheridan Road serving the south and north divisions.

how to run the house track team.

Practice for the Interfraternity Sing is progressing under the able tutelage of Brother Tallafuss. The members show great promise and hope this year to sing straight to first place.

The plans for the first annual Spring Dance are well under way. Brother Suhr has selected Thorne

THE STEAM SHOVEL



The Steamshovel is conducting an investigation to determine the identity of the mysterious person who accompanied M'RISE ALEXANDER to the RIALTO last Friday. Any minute now....

Prof. Barr apparently heeded the subtle suggestions in last week's "Dirt Digger." We haven't investigated, but we got a hunch that he wears them under his socks now.

ROY BECKMAN and ART HIGHMAN had a slight difference of opinion as to the demoralizing effect of certain pictures pasted in their locker. Highman probably wears smoked glasses at the beach even on cloudy days.

If AL LANE hasn't yet acquired the technique of good manners, he can get it from NELLIE STEEL, for about 12c. (Adv.)

PROF. THOMPSON'S new theory of relativity: "It's better to have it too short than not long enough."

HOIMAN SUMNER gave a good exhibition of transferring rolls from one basket to another. If he ever walks into that place again, the price of buns will go up from 0 to 5c.

If Hal Vagtorg isn't careful, he'll flunk in hydraulics for too many cuts.

RUS LANG says that high heels were invented by girls who were always kissed on the forehead.

Senior Chemicals See Production of Acids

On Wednesday, April 10, the senior chemicals inspected the Grasselli Chemical Co. at Whiting, Indiana. The tour was conducted in two groups, each led by a company guide. Professor McCormick and Mr. Barr were the faculty sponsors.

The Grasselli Chemical Co. makes a variety of products such as sulphuric acid which is manufactured by both the chamber and contact processes, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, zinc chloride, lead arsenate, and the silicates of soda. The acids are all sold in both commercial and C. P. grades. This company has the reputation of manufacturing acids of the purest grade attainable.

The next inspection trip will be to the Universal Oil Products Co., Riverside, Ill., on Wednesday, April 17.

Hall on McKinlock campus as the site of the social event to be held on May 4. Tickets can be secured from any member and all are cordially invited.

