



By Sydney M. Miner

IN SPITE OF the fact that local newspapers lead one to believe that the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee, headed by Senator Hugo L. Black, is the latest step toward inquisitions of the dictatorship type, any fair-minded person will hesitate to accept the indictment without looking into both sides of the question. Out-of-town papers are somewhat more lenient toward perpetrators of the investigation and are willing to admit that there are two sides to the problem of Congressional Investigating Committees.

PROBABLY THE LOUDEST cries against the actions of all such committees, and the present controversial one in particular, is the denunciation of the violation of Article IV of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution, security against "search and seizure." Reference is directly applicable to the apprehension by the Black Committee of an estimated 5,000,000 telegrams sent by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies to Washington between February 1 and December 1, 1935. When this statement is parried by the answer that fraudulent lobbying and petitioning are being investigated, the hue and cry become the age-old tradition of the inherent right of citizens and corporations to lobby in Congress and to petition for or against legislation.

HOWEVER, ONE of the most important arguments against investigating committees, at least from the standpoint of the average citizen, is the fact that they often merely serve as a means for the party in power to perpetrate degrading influences against the advent of a possible change of power. This forms the strongest denunciation of the Black committee, even though opposition may take the legal form of injunctions against illegal search and seizure.

TURNING ATTENTION to the other side of the story, it is pertinent to note a statement once made by President Woodrow Wilson:

"If there is nothing to conceal then why conceal it? . . . Everybody knows that corruption thrives in secret places, and avoids public places, and we believe it a fair presumption that secrecy means impropriety. So, our honest politicians, and our honorable corporation heads owe it to their reputations to bring their activities out into the open."

THE STRONGEST argument in favor of investigations is that they are an economy measure from both a financial and legislative time basis. They serve to prepare evidence and obtain material prior to judicial action in many cases, and in other cases, they obviate the necessity of judicial action through the clearing up of supposedly involved difficulties. (Continued on page 3)

## Fraternities Pledge Support in Pageant

At a meeting of the Interfraternity Council last Friday morning in the Tau Beta Pi rooms Paul M. Martin asked the cooperation of all the fraternities in the annual Interfraternity Pageant held during Junior Week. Those fraternities who were represented at the meeting pledged one hundred per cent support. A suggestion that each fraternity post a bond which would be lost on failure to participate in the pageant has not been passed upon.

The date for the first interfraternity smoker has been tentatively set for May 4, the place probably being the Interfraternity Club.

## FORMAL DANCE IS FINALE OF JUNIOR WEEK, MAY 11-15

Dean Heald has definitely set aside the week of May 11-15 as Junior Week, so as not to interfere with the trip of the baseball team the following week. At a meeting held last Friday, the junior marshals mapped out a tentative program of the five days of extra-curricular activity. The usual time-honored events are again scheduled for this year.

These events include Open House on Monday night, a baseball game with Elmhurst college on Tuesday afternoon, the Spring concert and Interfraternity sing on Wednesday night, the freshman-sophomore class rush on Friday morning, and the Junior Formal on either Friday or Saturday evening.

### New Stunts Promised

Baseball will predominate as the competitive sport, with a comic faculty-senior game and interclass games as the features of this sport. In addition, there will be interfraternity baseball games and the finals of intramural baseball. Other athletic functions will include interclass relays and interfraternity track.

As yet, the junior-senior competitions have not been disclosed but according to Paul Martin, head junior marshal, the stunts will be new and unusual.

### No Favors for Formal

Early this week the junior class will have a meeting to decide upon the details of the formal supper-dance to be held either Friday, May 15 or the following day. At this meeting the juniors will select the orchestra and the place to hold this annual affair. Among the orchestras being considered are Charles Gaylord, Jack Chapman, Emil Flindt, Jack Russell, and Tweet Hogan.

It has been decided that the sentimental value of favors is not great enough to warrant the added expense. All juniors are urged to offer suggestions concerning this annual class event.

## A.S.M.E. Adopts New Constitution

A new constitution and set of by-laws was adopted by members of the Armour student branch of the A. S. M. E. last Friday at a general business meeting. This set of by-laws will govern the policy and procedure of the society for some time to come.

### New Policies Adopted

Among the provisions is the embodiment of a mechanism for setting up a professional division to be known as the Aeronautical branch of the A. S. M. E. A new policy establishes means by which undergraduates may become associate members without the cost of dues to the National Society, thus enabling students who cannot afford full national membership to enjoy full privileges of the local branch. After some discussion the article which would exclude non-members from inspection trips and social functions was passed. A vote was taken on the exclusion of non-members from regular meetings, but because of indecisions on the part of same, this question was deferred to a future meeting.

### Inspection Trip Announced

Inspection trips for junior and senior mechanicals under the direction of Professor W. A. Pearl were announced. The Inland Steel Company and the Foote Brothers Gear and Machine plant will be visited.

Professor D. Roesch, faculty sponsor, presented "The Engineers' Manual" by Hudson, which will be given later in the year to an outstanding student member of the A. S. M. E. He announced also that Bulletin is now coming in from the parent society on positions which are available through the engineering society's employment service.

## Senior Dance Straw Vote Will Be Taken

At a meeting of the senior social committee, March 26, in the physics lecture room, it was decided that questionnaire slips be passed out to all seniors. The slips are to be filled out by each man, who is to state whether or not he intends to attend the senior dance.

The purpose of these slips is to ascertain the number of people who will be present at the dance, which will be held April 24 at the Knickerbocker Hotel. According to R. M. Paulsen, chairman of the committee, the slips, after having been filled out and returned, will enable a definite price to be placed on the tickets and a definite order of tickets to be placed.

## W.S.E. to Hold Splash Party at Lawson "Y"

Saturday night, May 9, has been set as the date of a combination smoker and splash party of the W.S.E. to be held at the Lawson Y.M.C.A. This affair is to be a variation of the usual affair tendered to graduating members, for, beside the members of the society, the sophomore civil engineering students and all alumni are invited to attend.

The last meeting of the W.S.E. held Friday, March 27, featured a lecture on "Reinforced Concrete" by Mr. G. A. Thomson, engineer for the Portland Cement Company. Included in his talk were the history of concrete and its present uses. In addition, Mr. Thomson discussed the methods of reinforcements and present methods of monolithic casts in exterior designs of buildings, illustrating different points with slides.

## Trick Problems Will Be Shown Math Club

"Trick Mathematical Problems" will feature the Math Club meeting Friday, April 3, at 10:30, in the electrical lecture room.

Mark Dannis, a junior, will be the speaker. His talk will include many problems used by known "life-of-the-party." Well known fallacies, which Dannis has collected over a period of several years, also will be discussed.

## Armour Tech News-ances Ketchup with Kallous Ketchup Krimester

By Richard Weissman

"And the quarterdecks were spatteredashed with other people's blood." —John Masefield.

Blood, buckets of it! Spattered on the blood red tables in the Student's Union. Splashed upon the spotless floors. Smearred upon the calomined walls. Blood, blood, everywhere, nor any drop of blood. Red, fresh blood, or was it only ketchup?

"What! Haven't you heard? Yes, a freshman, it was. Sure! Just picked up a ketchup bottle and bam! Right over the guy's head. Sure, split it right open. They carried him out the back way! Don't spread it around, they're trying to keep it dark."

"Ah, a mystery to be solved," we think, in our quaint way, "here's where our extensive study of detective stories will come in handy." The proper way to solve a mystery is to send Mohammed to the mountain, and not wait for the mystery to come to you. So out we went, to track down the story to its bloody source.

### We Ask Stan Livingston

"Hello, Stan. Listen, what about this story of the freshman who cracked the other freshman on the head with a ketchup bottle, and split it wide open?"

"What, the ketchup bottle or the head?" gurgles Stan, delighted with his little joke.

"No, really, Stan, who was the guy who got klunked, and is he still alive?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, I don't know exactly, I wasn't there, I

## Komarewsky Speaks to A.I.Ch.E. Members

"The Chemical Engineer in Europe" was the subject of the address presented at the A. I. Ch. E. meeting last Friday by Dr. V. I. Komarewsky, a noted research chemist in the field of hydrocarbons and polymerization, who is at present working at the institute for the Universal Oil Products Company. Dr. Komarewsky graduated from the University of Moscow, worked in Germany for some time, and came to the United States four years ago.

Starting with the observation that Europe has no true chemical engineers, since students follow a program of specialization in particular fields of chemistry, the speaker gave a description of the development of industry in that country.

In Europe the student performs more work by being in the laboratory all day, whereas emphasis is placed on theory in the United States. Lecture attendance is Europe is voluntary, with the passage of final exams as the only requisite for credit in the course. The degrees awarded in different countries all result from practically the same amount of work.

Dr. Komarewsky spoke of three phases of chemical industry—biological, dye research, and physical, with references to alcoholic fermentation of sugar, synthetic ammonia, field research, and the cellulose, dye and pharmaceutical preparations industries.

## Auto Plant to Offer Summer Employment

An opportunity for Armour students to gain first-hand knowledge of actual production methods used in the manufacture of auto bodies has been made by the Wayne Manufacturing Works of Richmond, Indiana. Students selected will start at a minimum wage of thirty cents per hour and work regular hours. The type of job offered varies from shop to office work.

Living expenses in Richmond are as low as \$6.50 per week for room and board. The plant is situated close to town and near the Pennsylvania railroad. Richmond is 65 miles east of Indianapolis. Mr. Setters has posted an announcement on the bulletin board, and thirty applications have been sent in.

## Civils On Inland Steel Trip Today

Using the entire day for an inspection trip, the senior and junior civils are including the Inland Steel Co. as their first spring field trip today. The group, in charge of Professors M. B. Wells and R. L. Stevens, is meeting at Indiana Harbor, where they will see the entire steel mill in operation.

Structural steel is rolled into the commonly used beam sections at this plant, after having been converted to steel in an open-hearth furnace from iron ore.

In the afternoon the group is meeting at 1:00 o'clock at the Universal Atlas Cement Company Mill at Bufington, Indiana. The tour through this plant will be conducted illustratively. The group will receive illustrative literature and will be escorted by special guides.

At the cement plant, the students will witness the manufacture of portland cement from blast furnace slag, instead of lime stone as used in other cement mills. The blast furnace slag is a by-product of a steel plant.

This particular trip is made every two years, the last one having been made in the spring of 1934.

## Photo-electric Tubes Discussed by Johnitz

Thirty-six members of Armour's student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers heard a talk last Friday on "Industrial Vacuum Tubes and Their Applications," by Mr. T. E. Johnitz of the General Electric Company. Mr. Johnitz made his lecture especially interesting by the use and demonstration of several pieces of apparatus he brought with him from his Chicago laboratories.

The speaker first gave a basic discussion of electron action in vacuum tubes and the manner in which they affected the tubes that are being developed by General Electric at the present time. He then outlined the practical applications of these tubes. The many and varied uses of the photo-electric-tubes were listed as including the counting of beer bottles, setting off alarms of all sorts, and checking the color of navy beans at the rate of 600 beans per minute.

The how-and-why details of vacuum tube control of electrical current for welding processes and theater lighting were carefully explained by Mr. Johnitz, who also helped to clear up student questions concerning the usefulness of these electron tubes.

## Large Group Attends Campus Club Smoker

Armour's Campus Club, one of the oldest organizations at school, held another smoker last Friday night. Besides the regular members, the seven pledges, and the three alumni, members of the News staff and the night watchman were invited to help dispose of the refreshments.

Prof. J. F. Mangold is the faculty advisor for the club, which has for its purpose the promotion of fellowship and friendship among Armour students, while supplying them with recreational facilities. The club has a ping-pong table, a pool table, magazines, and a radio among its attractions.

Last semester a pledging party, a general smoker, and an initiating party were held, besides a roller skating party. J. A. Kubie won the ping-pong tournament, while S. T. Nylen was the pool victor.

The pledges present last Friday were N. S. Aravosis, E. A. Brown, J. C. Bystricky, R. A. DeLoor, H. F. Kelly, A. Schlax, and G. R. Wiegman, while the alumni were L. Beckman, E. May, and H. Olson. The officers of the club are R. O. Patterson, president, W. Waite, executive secretary, and B. H. Griesbach, recording secretary. W. Bottleson, who was vice-president, left school.

## FRESHMEN SELECT APRIL 18 TO HOLD PENTHOUSE DANCE

Herm Crone's Orchestra Will Supply Music for Second Frosh Dance

### FREE BIDS OFFERED

Herm Crone's South Shore Country Club orchestra was selected last week as the orchestra which is to furnish the music for the freshman penthouse party on April 18. Although Louis Panico was previously suggested, it was decided to have Herm Crone because of his smooth swing type music, more suited to the needs of a young crowd. He is featured over the radio via the Columbia Broadcasting System.

### Announce Poster Contest

To promote the sale of bids, it was announced by B. G. Anderson, social chairman, that every one selling more than ten bids would receive one free. In addition, a poster contest will be held. Two free bids will be the prizes, and posters are due April 6.

The penthouse at 666 Lake Shore Drive is considered by the social committee as quite adequate. The floor will accommodate four hundred couples, and the lounge adjoining the dance floor has a comfortable seating arrangement table.

### Will Be Table Dance

Tables will surround the dance floor where soft drinks will be served. If any large parties intend to go, B. G. Anderson requests early reservations to insure satisfactory arrangements.

Members of the freshman social committee are J. D. Rice, Bunce, I. M. Footlik, N. D. Rice, and R. W. Starmann.

Ample dancing space is assured with the number of bids on sale being limited at two hundred. In the center of the dance floor is a beautiful inlaid design; shining on this design from above are soft-colored lights. Dancing will continue between the hours of 9 p. m. and 1 a. m. Abundant parking space will be found on all streets surrounding the location.

A multitude of freshmen will, of course, attend the occasion. However, particular emphasis will be given to the welcome of the upper classmen who attend this dance.

## Chemalumn Will Hold Spring Party April 9

Chemalumn, the senior chemical class' organization, has completed plans for an elaborate party to be held Thursday evening, April 9, at the well known Craftsman's Club of Chicago. An excellent dance orchestra has been obtained to provide scintillating rhythm for the evening.

This spring party, however, is not the only social event planned by the group. A bowling night will be held, probably during the week following the party. Refreshments are also planned to follow the evening's entertainment.

The seniors have been practicing ball during the last week and R. M. Paulsen, their pitcher, says that all indications point to a strong championship team.

Wednesday afternoon the Chemalumn made an interesting inspection trip to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's plant at 95th street and the lake.

## Two College Groups Hear Roesch Speak

"The Internal Combustion Engine" was the topic of two lectures on automotive engineering given by Professor Daniel Roesch, during the past week. On March 25, he addressed the South Side Junior College, and on March 17 he was guest lecturer at the Wilbur Wright Junior College. A total of 700 students was present at both lectures.