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WITH THE eyes of the Western world on the effect of the Spanish Civil War to the peace of Europe, we are forgetting the less sensational but equally vital problems of the maintenance of peace in Central and Eastern Europe. Most troubled of the nations in Central Europe is little Czechoslovakia. Surrounded almost entirely by nations unfriendly towards her, she is bravely making a stand against the implied threats to her freedom. Along the Prague's main thoroughfares young men in khaki, sweating under the weight of heavy packs, on their way to home barracks from the annual maneuvers, straighten their packs, lift their chins and gaze steadily ahead. Along the length of the battalion the hobnails of their boots strike the cobblestones with a rhythmic ring. Though weary from a strenuous period of marching and trench digging, they march steadily through the lines of spectators.

THE CITIZENS of Prague watch this parade of young troops with anxious eyes. Would these young soldiers be able to meet an enemy on equal terms? That enemy—Hitler's provocative speeches and the expansionist program of the Third Reich leave no doubt about it—can be only one nation, Nazi Germany. As Berlin's military machine grows progressively more powerful and German agitation operates more boldly in the Teutonic districts of Bohemia, the Czechs face the threat inherent in the Third Reich's push to the East.

THE THOUGHTS in the minds of

FORMAL

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the orchestras most popular in the eyes of the public are those that have a sound rhythm background for all arrangements played.

Inaugurating a new idea in formal dances, a dinner will be available as an optional feature to those wishing it at the Junior Prom at the Drake Hotel on February 12. Stan Healy, social chairman, stated, "This plan is being presented in order to satisfy students desiring a formal dinner dance and those desiring a straight formal dance."

Bids will be sold at three dollars per couple, while the price of dinner will be one dollar per person. Those desiring dinners should notify committee members of their intention when buying the bid, but the dinner charge will be paid to the waiters at the Drake Hotel.

the men and women who watch the passing infantry are voiced by a leading Czech journalist: "For three hundred years we lived under the tyranny of the Hapsburgs. Now scarcely eighteen years after the restoration of our independence, we are threatened by an even more powerful and ominous enemy. We are in danger of being forced to play the role in the next war that Belgium enacted in 1914. Perhaps it is the price we have to pay for living at the crossroads of the Continent. Certainly it is the price we have to pay for having neighbors like Hitler and his Nazis."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA is living anxious days and nights. The atmosphere of Prague bespeaks uneasiness. Every shift of the European diplomatic winds is recorded on the political weather vane there; every detonation of the Nazi-Soviet duel reverberates through this one-time capital of the ancient kingdom of

Fraternity Notes

PI KAPPA PHI

At the last meeting of the chapter the following men were elected as officers for the coming term:

- Harry F. Perlet—Archon.
- Robert A. Winblad—Treasurer.
- John F. Sturgeon—Secretary.
- Idris Thomas—Historian.
- George J. Svehla—Warden.
- Raymond A. Dodge—Chaplain.

We hear that Ed Searl, an alumnus, has lost his pin to a girl in St. Louis. Well, it's all right as long as he is connected with the Fire Insurance Rating Bureau at St. Louis.

Ray Dodge was arrested for speeding; and with his girl along too. He had to go to court and post a bond, visit the morgue, etc., etc.

Also sat through a green light at Randolph and State, his girl friend was still along.

Also he was reprimanded for speeding in Hinsdale. We recommend a 1907 Ford for Ray instead of a 1937 model.

Bohemia. When Hitler talks on expansion the Czechs know that he is casting greedy glances southward toward their territory.

THIS LIVING in the shadow of a powerful military dictatorship casts its dark outlines over Prague. It leaves its mark there. A visitor standing on the famous old Charles Bridge may look out over the towering heights of the Hradsany and see a squadron of tri-motored bombing planes. How out of keeping are such birds of prey with the peaceful "Rome of the North"? Yet how vividly the modern monsters droning in the sky typify the contrast between the forces of peace and the forces of destruction now struggling for mastery in troubled Europe.

DELTA TAU DELTA

As the semester draws to a close, the house has been changed into a quiet solitude of study.

Ray Bacci was beaten soundly by Fred Engelthaler in the finals of the house ping pong tournament. Perhaps this defeat gave Bacci his fistful of fury as he took down the crown in the 147 lb. class in Armour's recent boxing tournament. The Delta basketball team will include in its line-up the stellar Bill Scherer from downstate. Parmenter and Winslow, the co-managers of the Delta sport activities, have great expectations in the coming inter-fraternity track meet.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The house wishes to congratulate the other fraternities on the campus for the competition shown in the swimming meet last Wednesday.

Our annual Splash Party has been postponed until after final examinations.

Plans are being made for the annual Pledge Dance, to be held on Feb. 6.

Members and guests enjoyed a radio party last Saturday night at the house.

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The Mothers club held a card and bunco party on Friday evening, January 8. There was a very good attendance and the affair was judged to be one of the most successful that has been held for quite some time.

We congratulate Phi Kappa Sigma on winning the swimming meet. Our own team, composed of Vandekieft, Dunbar, Johanson, Abbot and Forberg took second place. Congratulations follow!

Brother Johanson, the swimming architect, recently received another first mention, his second this semester. Nice work, Larry, but how about leaving some for the other poor ark.

Armour Boxers

Victors in First Meet of Season

Defeat Team From U. of C. Settlement 6-0

Tech pugilists opened the season with a bang last Friday, Jan. 15, when they overwhelmingly defeated the University of Chicago Settlement team. Armour made a clean sweep of all six bouts by scoring with four decisions and two technical knockouts.

The first bout, an exhibition because of the difference in weights, was fought by Collins of Armour and Sachey of the settlement. The first official bout of the meet was between Winslow of Armour and T. Antosiak of Chicago. The bout went to Winslow on a decision. Calhoun, fighting his first fight, won a decision over Kacer.

The 135 pound match was a surprise bout that caught the spectators unaware. Allegretti, fighting for Armour, scored a technical knockout over M. Antosiak of Chicago in the first few seconds of the first round. Allegretti took the offensive at the outset and after landing a few lefts and rights, he stunned his opponent with a hard right to the jaw. The Chicago second threw in the towel to stop the fight. In the last bout of the meet, Stober of Armour jolted Oskvasek time and again with long lefts that left his opponent groggy. By the second round Oskvasek was showing

PLAYERS

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and A. N. Schriber, business manager. The scenery will be designed and executed by Richard Lischer, graduate architectural student and past president of the Armour Players.

The Armour Players are planning an extensive program next semester. The new Players Club Room to the west of the stage will be completed for the opening of the new semester. It is of modern design with a brilliant color scheme and will be one of the most unusual and beautifully designed club rooms on the Armour Campus. With the opening of the Players Club Room the recently formed honorary dramatic organization will begin its formal activities.

At least two plays will be presented next semester by the Armour Players. One of the plays is being planned for presentation during Junior Week in May. The play may be given in the evening to permit the students to bring outside guests.

signs of weakening and by the end of the round he was continually sliding to the mat. One wild swing missed and he fell on his face as the bell rang for the end of the round. The fight was called at this point and Stober was awarded a technical knockout.

SUMMARIES

- 125 lbs.—Winslow (A) beat T. Antosiak (C).—Decision.
- 135 lbs.—Allegretti (A) beat M. Antosiak (C).—Technical knockout.
- 147 lbs.—Moore (A) beat Burowski (C).—Decision.
- 160 lbs.—Calhoun (A) beat Kacer (C).—Decision.
- 175 lbs.—Stober (A) beat Oskvasek (C).—Technical knockout.

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