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**THE NEXT WAR**

EVEN THE MOST casual perusal of current newspapers, periodicals, and books impresses one with the imminence of the next world war and of America's participation in it. Elmer Davis, for example, in the March issue of *Harpers* tells us "We Lose the Next War." It's shocking to perceive the patness and matter-of-factness with which the experts inform us of our participation in this inevitable war.

Is it really a matter of such certainty that we shall become involved? Indeed, is it so certain that there is to be a general war at all? We of the uninitiate might well meekly ask: "But how? Why? What are the reasons?" And the answer comes glibly back: "The democracies must stop the fascists," or "The Rome-Berlin axis must be broken," or "Neutrality for America is an impossibility," or a host of other equally confusing, pompous, and meaningless statements.

TO SPEAK OF fascists, neutrality, Germany, America, etc. as tangible entities is simply bunk. Stuart Chase in his recent book, *The Tyranny of Words*, offers a very excellent discussion of this idea. The semantic analysis of words and ideas, which he explains in his book, exposes many of our most confusing and baffling questions as being nonexistent because the words themselves are meaningless.

It's about time we literally pinched ourselves to see if this really isn't some crazy dream. Is half the world to be wiped out in this inevitable war because some silly, referentless word like prestige, or America, or fascism, or democracy is blinding the people to what's happening to them? There is absolutely no sane excuse for this coming conflict. In fact, it is regrettable that it is so confidently spoken of as inevitable. It leads the people into a kismet philosophy from which they will passively await and anticipate war.

THINK OF IT! There are fine people, really good people, who make up the populations of these so-called outlaw nations against which we are to wage war. The general attitude, as Chase puts it, seems to be "The German people are not so bad in the main, but Germany . . ." We must be educated to the knowledge that there isn't any Germany—only German people; there isn't any France—only Frenchmen, there isn't any Japan—only Japs. They don't want to die, they don't want to kill—no more than we do. Who then is to blame—the extremely small percentage of the peoples of the earth who represent them, rule them, legislate for them, and make up words or slogans or non-existent concepts for them to die for? It must be these few—surely the peoples don't want the war.

Perhaps the people don't know what's best for them. They don't want war but their rulers feel it necessary for the national welfare. After all, the rulers are assumed more intelligent than their subjects. In examining their motives we have to ignore such things as personal cravings for power, defense of prestige, etc.—they are indeterminate and incapable of analysis.

WE SHALL take as a typical example Signor Mussolini's adventure in Ethiopia. He must have known before he started that Ethiopia was quite unsuited for colonization being composed of mountains, wilderness, and swamps. Whatever he accomplishes in this land he conquered is done at prohibitive expense to the Italian people. In Ethiopia it costs the Italians one-half million dollars to build a road fifty miles long. The country is full of rebellious tribes. It will be many, many years before the Italian people receive any dividends on their immense capital investment in Ethiopia. What then did Italy derive from her adventure in Ethiopia—gain in prestige, the dubious honor of humbling England? These benefits are, of course, of no consequence to the Italian people. They are the intangibles which the diplomats consider worth human lives.

What is needed is a spreading of the gospel among the peoples of the world that this war is not at all necessary. Perhaps the force of public opinion might make our rulers step more lightly.

**'Highway Safety' to Be Topic at W.S.E. Meeting**

**Investigation Reveals Causes of Fatalities**

"Night as Well as Day Highway Safety" will be the subject of discussion at the Western Society of Engineers' meeting next Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the W. S. E. rooms located on the twelfth floor of the Engineers' Building, 205 W. Wacker Drive. Investigations have revealed that night auto travel, which forms but 25 per cent of the total mileage, accounts for 65.6 per cent of the traffic accident deaths.

G. W. Barton of the Safety and Traffic Engineering Department of the Chicago Motor Club will discuss the causes of this high fatality in night driving. Among these are fatigue, discomfort, poor lighting, and glaring headlights. The subject of proper highway lighting will be debated by C. H. Rex of the Traffic Engineering and Illumination Department of the General Electric Company. He will utilize slides, photographs and other devices in demonstrating the value of non-obtrusive and adequate lighting of intersections, the sodium vapor lighting method, and other illumination features. J. G. Learned, vice-president of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, will present the economics of the battle on night traffic accidents. The cooperation of the utilities has been and will continue to be an important factor in making driving by night as safe as by day.

**Fellowship and Scholarship Notices on Bulletin Board**

Although shunted off in a corner, the side bulletin board in the main building hallway contains information of vital importance to the graduating seniors. Announcements of fellowships and scholarships from schools the country over are posted thereon.

Wisconsin University, for example, offers very many fellowships, scholarship, teaching and research assistantships in their bulletin. Other schools with equally imposing lists are California Tech, New York University, Massachusetts Tech, Iowa State, Cincinnati, Montana School of Mines, Virginia Polytech, Harvard and many others.

Besides engineering and scientific awards, scholarships and fellowships in public service are being made.

The government is also represented with civil service notices and fellowships in their various bureaus. Opportunities for study in foreign lands are also posted.

**Enrollment—**

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225. Of this total, the "A" group, only 158 are now in school. This would bring the total enrollment in the day school to 1060 students. The "B" group now working, numbers 72.

Registration among cooperative students by group is 1A, 67; group 2B, 46; group 2A, 47; group 3B, 26; and group 3A, 44. A new group, 1B, will enter in April to swell the ranks of this new department.

**Fraternity Notes**

**THETA XI**

The "celluloid bouncers" of the house are engaged in a private tournament in preparation for the forthcoming inter-fraternity ping pong tournament . . . and can some of these boys swing. Coach Giovan will select the team.

Bro. Emmerich, editor-in-chief of the *Alpha Gamma News*, says that the first copy of the chapter paper will be out near the end of March.

Our pledges have planned a party this Saturday to be held at our rooms on 43 W. 33rd Street. We are told that a good time is guaranteed.

We regret that there has been an error as to the classes of Bros. Hruza and Wilson. These men hope to be graduated in 1941 not 1942.

**DELTA TAU DELTA**

Following a well organized "Courtsey Week," formal initiation was held Sunday, February 27, for the following:

- Paul Harold Adair M.E. '41
- Carmen Louis Basile C.E. '38
- Eugene Edward Dailey M.E. '41
- Judson Harvey Doane M.E. '41
- Donald Sherwin Knief F.P.E. '41
- Clarence Raymond Lindeman F.P.E. '41
- Howard Earl Meyer F.P.E. '41
- Kenneth Holston Myers Jr. M.E. '41

- Ralph Roy Tullgren C.E. '39
- Delano E. Wessels Ch. E. '40

The national "Founder's Day" banquet was held last Friday evening in the Bal Tabarin room of the Hotel Sherman.

**PHI PI PHI**

Phi Pi Phi takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of Daniel Conant Co-op '40

Our semi-annual Fathers and Sons Smoker was a great success and all men present really enjoyed a good time. The fathers were very much pleased at the condition of our house.

At a tea held by the Mother's Club last Friday the following officers were installed: Mrs. Caldwell, president; Mrs. Larson, vice-president; Mrs. Plengey, secretary; and Mrs. DeMent, treasurer.

**PI KAPPA PHI**

On Sunday, March 6th we had the pleasure of initiating Harry F. Heidenreich, Martin W. Kraegel, Edward V. Malela, John E. Sauvage

The initiation banquet was enjoyed by the new members' recapitulation of their h - - - week experiences.

Our ping pong tournament is rapidly drawing to a close and it seems that this year's team will be superior to any past team.

A notice from the registrar's office this week states that program cards are DUE and should be turned in to Mr. Kelly before the end of the week.

It is imperative that those seniors whose names are posted on the bulletin board have their records checked this week.

**De Pauw Here Friday for Tech Tank Duel**

On Friday, the Armour tankmen will play hosts to an aggressive De Pauw squad on a return engagement, the Techmen having lost the meet held there early in February.

The local mermen should give the visitors a battle, as they are swimming their accustomed distances, rather than the long ones they were subject to during their invasion of Greencastle. Chief opponents of Tech are Salisbury and Erdman, the De Pauw sprint men.

Armour will depend on captain Dodge, Pettes, Svagdis, Downing, and Winblad to capture their respective events.

Besides Saisbury and Erdman, De Pauw has a record breaking back stroker. Armour encountered a strong team on its visiting trip with De Pauw taking most of the individual events as well as the relay and medley.

However, the distances being shorter as she is accustomed to, Armour will have a better chance to do or die. The meet promises to be exciting with thrilling finishes and the aspect of several new records. The De Pauw tankmen tipped three of their team records while they were tripping the Techawk tanksters.

The tankmen now have won four and lost five. Opening the season against Wright they lost that meet, the Loyola meet, and defeated North Central and South Side. They fell to DePauw and Kenosha, defeated North Central and South Side again, and lost to Wright last Thursday.

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