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Colleians View Propaganda

PERHAPS AS NEVER BEFORE, America's collegians are conscious of the propaganda about them. If proof of this consciousness were necessary, we might quote briefly, almost at random, from the college press:

"The British Library of Information and the German Library of Information both favor this office with free copies of their publications. On the whole the British do the better job, although their propaganda seems a little staid and colorless to eyes conditioned by the American press . . ."—The Minnesota Daily.

"Out of Europe come rumors and lies—and little of anything else. The papers print what they can get and what they believe is most truthful. They are performing the service of making their readers doubt what they hear . . ."—The Akron Buchelite.

"Powerful short wave broadcasting stations, located in Berlin, London, Rome, Paris, Moscow and Tokyo are blasting their ways through to the Pacific coast with the volume of local stations. The flood of propaganda reaching this country by way of these stations is enormous. War travels fast via radio . . ."—The Oregon Emerald.

Concerned over the effect of foreign and domestic propaganda, the Duke Chronicle believes "it is time that our generation of college students asked the writers and teachers of the preceding generation one very serious question. In its simplest form, the question is this: What are we to believe?"

"To a large proportion of his professors and to most of the leading American journalists, a member of the class of 1941 might reasonably address himself thus: 'After the last great war, you told us how unreasonable and unprofitable was this business of killing our fellow men. Today, before our very eyes, you have changed your tune. You tell us that war has become glorious and necessary and manly again. You apologize for your former teachings of skepticism by telling us you were caught in a popular trend. Is that not what accounts for your present attitude also?'"

"At any rate, we reserve to ourselves the right to do our own thinking from now on. If youth is ever to decide with clarity and certainty about such vital things as war and democracy and tolerance and the worthiness of human life, the decision must be made by youth itself, for our present 'leaders of thought' have failed dismally as a consistent formative influence."

The Denver Clarion raises the point that "our problem now is not to criticize and evaluate the propaganda efforts of other countries. Our problem is to build a propaganda at home strong enough to keep us from getting an inferiority complex—should we start reading Germany's claims to righteousness."

In this belief the Clarion agrees with a recent utterance of Dr. Harwood L. Childs, associate professor of politics at Princeton university, who, incidentally, has urged that the United States conduct a vigorous war, either formal or informal, against the axis powers. "We need, in this present emergency," said Dr. Childs, "a propaganda ministry to defend the people of this country from the propaganda attacks which are now being directed at us from abroad. In view of the effectiveness of propaganda as a weapon, why should democracies cringe at the thought of establishing such a ministry to defend their ideals, when they do not hesitate to appropriate billions for armaments of other types?"—Associated Collegiate Press

The Collegiate Review

UNIVERSITY OF New Mexico student employment director recently sent out a call for an experienced egg candler.

Emotion tests given men and women students at Kent State university reveal that men are much more easily stirred by swing music than co-eds.

Dan Nupen, former ski orderly to King Haakon of Norway, now is coaching the Middlebury college ski team. He taught Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha.

John Kirwin, 6-foot, 6-inch, 230-pound freshman at Ohio State university, wears size 20 shoes that are 16 inches long and nearly 6 inches wide.

John B. Waite, professor of criminal law at the University of Michigan, is a bow tie addict. The other day 100 of 130 freshmen in one of his classes showed up wearing bows.

Something To Read

BY DR. T. F. MAYO

What America Is Reading

THE "BEST SELLERS of the Week" (in the Publishers' Weekly for March 29) include thirteen titles, fiction and non-fiction. Seven of these are available in your college library. Two are on order. Would you like for us to buy the other four (listed below)? Thanks to the Mothers' Clubs, the Aggies still have some money to spend on request:

Best Sellers NOT in the College Library
Mr. and Mrs. Cugat, by Isabel Scott Rorick (Fiction—I don't know how good).

The White Cliffs, by Alice Duer Miller (a long narrative poem on England and America. Said to be better than her Saturday Evening Post fiction. I hope so.)

Ambassador Dodd's Diary (a behind-the-scenes view of diplomatic and other doings in pre-war Germany.)

Winston Churchill, by Rene Kraus. (I don't know how good it is.)

Best Sellers Available or on Order
Random Harvest, by James Hilton. (Said to be his best. Read it if you like the author of Goodbye, Mr. Chips, and Lost Horizon. He seems to me to be overrated.)

For Whom the Bell Tolls, by Ernest Hemingway. (My own favorite novel of the year. We have two copies, but you'll have to stand in line.)

H. M. Pulham, Esquire, by J. P. Marquand. (What happens to college Exes? A good novel.)

Delilah, by Marcus Goodrich. (A Texan writes a story of the officers and crew on a destroyer.)

Oliver Wiswell, by Kenneth Roberts. (A determined attempt to be fair to the Tories in the American Revolution.)

Sapphira and the Slave Girl, by Willa Cather. (Negro slavery quietly depicted by a great stylist.)

Out of the Night, by Jan Valtin. (The revelations of an ex-Communist and a victim of Nazism. Neither Totalitarian system fares very well.)

Behind God's Back, by Negley Farson. (Sinister doings in Africa. Non-fiction.) On order.

The Wounded Don't Cry, by Quintin Reynolds. (The heroism of the British people.) On order.

As the World Turns...

BY "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF

SLIPS IN THE AXIS "World Revolution." Since the present war began there have been several upsets to distort Hitler's planned "World Revolution." The early meteoric successes of the war have, more or less, obscured some damaging miscalculations which the German general staff, propaganda ministry, and the diplomatic corps have made. The Dunkirk episode has been already immortalized in military history. The failure of the Germans to capture the British expeditionary forces on the continent stands out as one of the great victories for the democracies. Hitler's boast that by the middle of September (1940) German soldiers would be walking on the streets of London has been definitely checked. Only a successful invasion of Britain would give a promise for a German victory in this war. That is far from realization now since the United States has pledged aid to Britain for an all out victory.



Sugareff

The Italian African Empire is fast disappearing. Except for a part in northwestern Libya, the rest of the Italian Africa is daily passing under the Union Jack. The British Admiralty claims that two-thirds of the Italian naval strength has been demolished. The Greek victories in Albania have proved that the Italian army is far from the efficient machine which Mussolini claimed it to be. Hitler dismissed the Italo-Greek war as purely an Italian war but the results of it, have made it so far chiefly a Greek war. Hitler is making now the Italo-Greek war the main concern of the Axis. Here too, the Axis plans have been upset.

Yugoslavia has refused to capitulate to the Axis powers. In the preparation for the Battle of Greece Yugoslavia was essential. It affords most direct route to the unfortified northern Greek border and to Salonica. A railroad of a standard gauge runs through Yugoslavia to Salonica. And it has double tracks most of the way. The highways through the southern part of Yugoslavia are better than those in southern Bulgaria and eastern Thrace where the Greeks are getting ready to meet the Germans. Nearly all these highways were improved by the Germans during the last war. Yugoslavia also supplies German with large quantities of food stuffs and raw materials. Hitler's agents used every device, short of war, to bring Yugoslavia under the Axis power. Success crowned their efforts. Yugoslavia, after hesitating for several weeks, joined the Axis powers last week. Meanwhile the English too were busy in Yugoslavia. Many a Balkan statesman believes that England has never lost a war. General Dushan Simovitch is one of them. He and his officers of the Yugoslav aviation corps planned and effected the overthrow of Regent Paul and his ministers whose signature of the Axis pact was considered a national disgrace. Again the Axis powers have been forced to discard their old plans. War or peace, the Yugoslavs are now determined to meet any eventualities. The Axis must make the next move. The Yugoslav revolt is a success for the English secret service agents. The Axis powers were administered a dose of their own medicine.

These jolts to the Axis plan of "World Revolution" tend to increase in number and momentum. Our lend-lease act is heartening the democracies everywhere. Our seizure of Italian and German cargo ships has encouraged some of our Latin American neighbors to do likewise. Public opinion in this hemisphere has taken an aggressive attitude toward the Axis powers. A counter revolution against them may be in the making.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

The Way of Things . . . Jack Jennings, first sergeant of H Company Infantry, sold more tickets to the recent Student Aid Fund benefit picture show than any other first sergeant on the campus. . . . Bernie Cummins, who maestroed the Coast Artillery ball this year, can be heard nightly via NBC from Chicago's Edgewater Beach hotel at 11 o'clock . . . Eddie Fitzpatrick, who will play for tomorrow night's Cavalry ball, is not altogether unfamiliar to Aggie land. Four years ago he played the Ross Volunteer dances at which time: His orchestra whipped the R.V.'s 11 to 6 in a softball game; several members of his orchestra were "drowned-out" by members of the R.V.'s; the following night members of the orchestra reciprocated by drowning-out the few R.V.'s who were doing any sleeping. Eddie's band was a smash hit the last time it played here . . . Campus elections this year, and student politics in general, are getting off to a bum start. Three meetings of the junior class have been held to elect a senior yell leader, and at no time has a quorum been present. The situation brings to mind last year's disputed popular senior election when 15 more names were signed to the petition disputing the election than were original votes. Although the corps has long been noted for its lack of interest in student elections, something should be done to change this condition—definitely a cancer on the corps' extra-curricular activities.



Fuermann

The Rating
The Backwash orchestra poll committee met Monday night and voted four orchestras and as many vocalists into a half-way mark rating where cadet opinion is concerned. Here it is:
Tied for first place are Bernie Cummins and Boyd Raeburn. In the second division, and also tied, are Bill Carlsen and Russ Morgan. Two draws like that doesn't indicate very much, but remember that this is only the half-way mark and that still to come are Eddie Fitzpatrick, Duke Ellington and Al Donahue.
More than that, committeemen have not yet had time enough to accurately sound-out cadet opinion. And then, too, the final rating is the one that counts.

M. Douglas

Best of the current believe-it-or-not stories now going the rounds is the one being unfolded by G. H. Easterly. It concerns Cavalryman John H. Irving who was recently waiting for an incoming plane at the Fort Worth airport.
Noting a few of his fellow lookers-on, he was particularly struck by one familiar face in the crowd. A tall, handsome man whom John was certain he had seen many times before; he was at his wits' end trying to remember the fellow's name.
Finally, in desperation, John walked up to him and began a conversation, after first introducing himself in the Aggie manner. "Douglas is my name," the man

UT Medical Dean Interview Pre-Meds Today for Med School

Dr. John W. Spies, dean of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, will arrive here at noon today to interview prospective medical school applicants.
Dr. Spies will interview pre-medical students who wish to enter medical schools in the next two years this afternoon. He will discuss the work and life at different medical schools and also advise what courses pre-medical students should take.
for a broadcast of his weekly radio program. Further details as to his substitute arrangements were not revealed.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Thursday, 3:30 and 6:45—
"THE PHILADELPHIA STORY," starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, James Stewart, Ruth Hussey, John Howard, Roland Young and Virginia Weidler.
Friday, 3:30 & 6:45—"LOVE AFFAIR", featuring Irene Dunn, Charles Boyer, Maria Ouspenskaya, Lee Bowman and Maurice Moscovitch.
AT THE CAMPUS
Thursday, Friday, Saturday—
"WESTERN UNION," starring Randolph Scott, Dean Jagger, Virginia Gilmore, Robert Young and Barton McLane.



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and
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GRAPEFRUIT JUICE—5½ oz. Doz.	.45
MAXINE SOAP—3 bars	.11
MONARCH PEARS—No. 1 can	.15
MONARCH TOMATO JUICE—No. 1, 3 for	.23
ARMOUR'S TREET—can	.25
ARMOUR'S DOG FOOD—3 for	.23
VIENNA SAUSAGE—Armour's, 3 for	.25
CORN BEEF—Armour's	.19
PIE CHERRIES—Yacht Club	.14
APPLE SAUCE—Monarch	.12
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