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The U S and World War II

The movement of this country toward greater economic and military participation in the present European conflict is unmistakable. "Business as Usual" seems to be a slogan of the past as the United States continues to shift a greater part of her home economy to the basis of a war economy. America has taken a definite stand. From all appearances that stand is to give all possible aid to the opponents of Hitlerism.

The attitude of this government in pursuing this policy toward the ultimate victory of the Allied cause is having a definite effect. If this is to be the stand of the United States, then the war effort must be complete. A half-hearted program of aid will only tend to confuse and delay the final outcome of the war.

Present indications are that this country will take a definite stand. The President has given an order to the navy to shoot if necessary to preserve American property. The United States is making a certain move back toward the traditional policy of "freedom of the seas."

"President Roosevelt made this fact clear when he stated in a recent challenging speech, "We have sought no shooting war with Hitler. We do not seek it now. But neither do we want peace so much that we are willing to pay for it by permitting him to attack our naval and merchant ships while they are on legitimate business."

"In the waters which we deem necessary for our defense, American naval vessels and American planes will no longer wait until Axis submarines lurking under the water, or Axis raiders on the surface of the sea, strike their deadly blow—first . . . It is no act of war on our part when we decide to protect the seas that are vital to American defense. The aggression is not ours. Ours is solely defense."

There can be no doubt as to the meaning of these statements. Positive action will replace mere words in the future if German acts of aggression are continued. Likewise, if this country is to adopt such a dynamic stand, then it must also be ready to see drastic changes occur at home.

The American people must face the fact that this means a vital change in our present peace-time economy. With a goal of \$30,000,000,000 as an annual expenditure for national defense. This indicates more planning and more shifts of industry from civilian to defense work.

Since apparently, this country has set its course of action toward greater involvement in World War II, then the American public will be called upon to accept the responsibilities and hardships that come to a nation when it directs its energies toward the task of giving all assistance possible to England and Russia.

Whether or not this country becomes actively and openly involved in military conflict, the nation will have sacrificed much in its effort to maintain a decent world.

Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man, without his vices. This praise, which would be unmeaning flattery if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just tribute to the memory of Boatswain, a dog.

—Lord Byron

Quotable Quotes

"Public opinion polls on the attitude of American citizens toward the war represent one of the privileges of a free country. In view of the opportunity and privilege inherent in a public opinion poll, it is extremely important to maintain the spontaneity, representativeness, and truth of these polls. The polls conducted by Gallup and Fortune Magazine are regarded by competent experts as polls conducted with great integrity and with scientific procedures. Congressman Stephen A. Day recently sent to me, among others, the following ballot: 'The United States should enter the war . . . ; Stay out of war'

This post card request for an opinion on the war situation is of the same category as the following: "Have you stopped beating

your wife? Answer yes or no.' In other words, the way the question was worded loaded the dice of reply. Either the question was phrased as printed because of ignorance of the principle that answers can be predetermined by the way the question is formulated or the question was phrased in order to get the kind of reply desired. This amateurish effort to collect evidences of public opinion illustrates the danger of attempts to conduct a poll by inexperienced people. As stated the question will get only a reply, 'Stay out of war,' because that is the only answer a reasonable person could make to the question as phrased. The returns from the type ballot sent out will be completely unreliable and unrepresentative of opinion." F. Stuart Chapin, chairman of the University of Minnesota department of sociology, warns against snap judgments based on so-called opinion polls.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

John called Mary on the telephone and said "What are you doing tonight?" Mary was so mad she nearly passed out; she wanted John to ask her outright for a date and give her the privilege of either refusing or accepting, but John wanted to keep from getting a refusal, and to do a little checking up on Mary. Our sympathy is more for John, than Mary, but if John wants to be proper, he should ask Mary for a definite date and leave the detecting out of it (etiquette is on Mary's side); if John will think it through, he will see that it is much more of a compliment to him for the girl to accept if she has the chance to refuse him than if he gives her no choice.

The term "date" covers most any kind of entertainment from a ride to Bryan, to a formal dinner or dance. The young man should state the type of date he has in mind when he calls the young lady, then she will know the kind of clothes she should wear; the old saying, "Clothes make the man," should be changed to "Clothes make the man," if the woman has a chance to wear her "best," too; no woman wants to be wearing sport clothes if it is a "dinner date"—so be sure to let her know what sort of date she is accepting.

"Blind dates" are considered socially acceptable in general, but they may be a great disappointment to the individual. As a rule blind dates should not be accepted unless they are arranged by an acquaintance of both parties concerned.

In all ordinary situations the girl has the responsibility for suggesting the time to go home. And the young man should realize that she is suggesting going home because she feels she should, and not because she is bored.

A man's conduct on first "dates" usually determines whether there will be future ones. (The same holds true for the girl.)

The man who is anybody and who does anything is surely going to be criticized, vilified, and misunderstood. This is a part of the penalty for greatness, and every great man understands it; and understands, too, that it is no proof of greatness. The final proof of greatness lies in being able to endure contumely without resentment. —Elbert Hubbard

The World Turns On

By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry

Of all the devices used by Hitler to unite the German people into a solid front against the major portion of the rest of the world the race argument has been the most absurd. Purification of the so-called "Aryan race" was a subterfuge to justify in the eyes of the common people of Germany the attack on the Jews. It was justified in the eyes of many others because of the personal profit that resulted from a confiscation of the economic assets of the Jews in Germany. Hitler himself has acquired tremendous personal wealth in this manner.

Ashley Montague in a recent lecture delivered before the American Association of Physical Anthropologists stated that "the concept of race is nothing but a whitened sepulchre, a conception which in the light of modern experimental genetics is utterly erroneous and meaningless, and that it should therefore be dropped from the vocabulary of the anthropologist, for it has done an indefinite amount of harm and no good at all."

All geographical groups of people have the same chromosome number and are completely inter-fertile. Their bloods may be transfused without any harmful effects. A bottle of "canned blood" of the appropriate type from an Englishman would save a wounded German soldier's life as readily as a transfusion from the veins of his fellow slaughterers.

The geneticist would admit that large geographical groups may differ statistically in a few minor superficial characters like color of hair, eyes, and skin. However, there is so much heterogeneity in any one of these groups that they overlap all the others to a certain extent at the borderlines.

Herr Hitler has recently read out of the Aryan fold the Norwegian group. As Dr. Cook, editor of the Journal of Heredity, puts it, "the color of Norwegian hair and eyes has not changed." But, "Rugged Norse individualism has made it impossible for the most Nordic group in the world to accept the Procrustean savagery of the new order." "If the world is ever to be united in universal peace it must come as a result of our basic similarities under the skin and the courageous use of our differences for particular specializations.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"It's not fair, Major. If I'm to be punished, I want to be sent to the guard-house like anyone else!"

BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

We Once Heard a Story . . . a comparison of the lives of two men. Both were common laborers.



Babcock

One worked hard and made his money honestly. The other was a "goldbrick"—dodging duties at every opportunity. Both men advanced to higher positions at the same time. The first man was a success, but the "goldbrick" failed in every respect.

That's not an unusual story. We've watched the same plot develop every day here at A. & M.

To be specific, we have reference to those freshmen living in corps headquarter dormitories. They have been given orders not to carry out any of the customary freshman duties—yet, they refuse to do so, stating that they don't want to handicap themselves for three years by not going through a fish year.

Boot Day

Something that has been needed for a long time . . . an official boot day on the A. & M. campus. . . a day when seniors can proudly wear their boots as a group.

In fact, there will be two boot days each week (Wednesday and Sunday), according to Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis.

All of which brings up the discussion of whether or not boots are popular with the majority of seniors. To those of you who are accustomed to arguing the pro and con merits of boot popularity, please glance at the following data:

About 90 per cent of the 1941-42 Senior Class of nearly eight hundred men are owners and wearers of the customary military officer boot.

That '90 per cent' spent approximately \$25,000 at the rate of \$41 per pair so that they might wear the distinctive mark of a senior.

It is very unlikely that the boot (See BACKWASH, Page 4)

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Tonight marks another milestone in the history of Texas A. & M. Guion Hall is opening up tonight with "LOVE CRAZY" starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

This is really a good beginning for as fine a theater as Guion Hall promises to be. New drapes and carpets have been installed. The acoustics improved greatly, and all in all, it will really be a first class theater.

"LOVE CRAZY" is a top-notch comedy done in that manner that Powell and Loy have made so famous. This time Myrna tries to divorce William when he strays away from the marital fold and falls for Gail Patrick. In order to prevent this, Powell feigns insanity and is committed to an asylum. He dresses as his sister, and returns to his wife's bedroom. It is a perfect scream from the beginning to the final frame.

Everyone in the cast, especially William and Myrna, have done a magnificent job in the show.

"ANGELS WITH BROKEN WINGS" is showing at the Campus today. More about divorces and their consequences is the idea of the plot. Binnie Barnes and Gilbert Roland are the leading players. It is a rather weak story and contributes nothing really lasting to the history of motion pictures.

On the musical side, we offer "DANCE HALL" with Cesar Romero and Carole Landis.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Tuesday — "ANGELS WITH BROKEN WINGS" with Binnie Barnes, Gilbert Roland, and Billy Gilbert.
Wednesday, Thursday — "DANCE HALL," featuring Cesar Romero and Carole Landis.

AT GUION HALL
Tuesday, Wednesday — "LOVE CRAZY," starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

PALACE

Wed. - Thur. - Fri. - Sat.



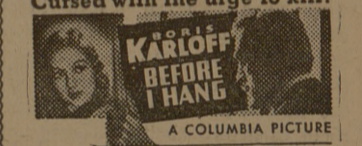
Campus

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