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## The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The information now available on the battle of Midway Island makes it appear that the American victory here was very similar to the victory in the battle of the Coral Sea. In each case the battle, at least in the early stages, was primarily a contest between American bombing planes and Japanese ships. In each case the Japanese suffered greatly from bombs but relatively little from the fire of surface vessels.

The battle had the immediate effect of preventing a Japanese landing on Midway, and may have prevented attacks on more important bases. More than that it adds a little more information on the subject of naval warfare in these days of air power. It must be obvious to everyone by now that battleships have no business operating anywhere close to land without ample plane protection. It is also obvious that a naval force with plane support has every advantage over a naval force without plane support. It has also become quite obvious that land based planes have many advantages over carrier based planes. The planes themselves maneuver more easily, and they always have their base to return to. Carriers, however, seem particularly susceptible to misfortune, and when a carrier goes down all of its planes are lost. Relatively light damage to a carrier might prevent the use of its flight deck, and would thus render its planes useless even through none of them was damaged.

There can be no doubt that naval warfare is being revolutionized by the airplane, but there is no point in writing off navies as being of no further use. To win a war in this age a country needs an army, a navy, an airforce, and the ability to keep them well supplied. The airplane has supplanted neither the navy nor the army but has become a necessary adjunct to each of them.

If reports reaching this country are to be relied on, the Germans have not executed more than 1,000 Czechs in retaliation for the assassination of the Nazi hangman. The Germans do not contend that all, or even any, of the persons executed had anything to do with the assassination. Terrorism similar to this has been practiced on a smaller scale throughout many of the occupied countries. The Germans are, beyond doubt, building up a wave of hatred that it will take centuries to live down. This is one of the factors which makes the possibility of a lasting peace in Europe seem small indeed.

## Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

Steinbeck on the War ("The Moon Is Down")

When the creator of the Oakie Joads (The Grapes of Wrath) and George and Lennie (Of Mice and Men) comes out with a War novel, we have a right to expect something. What we get is a brief, fastidiously written tale of a democratic (unnamed) country which has been beaten and occupied by a totalitarian (unnamed) army. The point of the book is that mere military defeat and occupation can never really subdue a free people. The dramatic conflict is focussed in two groups: Mayor Orden and his homely little circle, (by no means forgetting Annie, the cook), and Colonel Lanser and his officers.

As soon as The Moon Is Down appeared, a violent controversy as to its merits arose among the critics. The chief contentions were about as follows:

1. The book is a beautiful and moving story, but absurd, taken as an analysis of such a situation.
2. It is a penetratingly true analysis of the situation in Norway, etc., but a very poor novel.
3. It is both a literary masterpiece and a major prophecy.
4. It is intolerably affected writing, and preposterously unrealistic as a "message."

In case you are interested, the reviewing staff of The Battalion is disposed to agree, (unanimously) that The Moon Is Down is a highly dramatic and touching story in a style the occasional affectedness of which is excusable because of the author's evident earnestness; that, as a literal analysis of what is going on in the occupied countries, it is probably a little on the "wishful thinking" side; that it ought to be viewed rather as a stirring exhortation to all free men to refuse to be impressed by mere force, even when that force is apparently triumphant. Anyhow, the book is well worth reading. It gets better and better right to the end, and just before the end the funny old Mayor says some fine things:

His voice was very soft. "The people don't like to be conquered, sir, and so they will not be. Free men cannot start a war, but once it is started, they can fight on in defeat. Herd men, followers of a leader, cannot do that, and so it is always the herd men who win battles and the free men who win wars."

enemy can force us to employ as the price of our lives, then we must wage our own world war, with our own preferred methods of persuasion, humanity, and justice, and ourselves create, after our own model, the world of tomorrow." Dr. Ralph Barton Perry of Harvard university urges democracies to take the offensive against error, inertia and reaction.

"In order to live under a dictator you must be a conformist, and a conformist cannot be a progressive scientist." Waldmar Kaempfert, science editor of the New York Times.



"Of course, I'm hungry. I'm always hungry!"

## This Collegiate World

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A 21-year-old American-born Japanese student was notified at a California evacuation center that he was the scholastic leader among the 4,800 in this year's University of California graduating class.

The honor student is Harvey Akio Itano, born in Sacramento. During his four-year pre-medical course in the college of chemistry he maintained a straight A average.

The youth went to an assembly center April 22 and university officials were unable to contact him in time to have him present at commencement exercises to receive the medal emblematic of his scholastic achievement.

To aid in detection of saboteurs in defense industries, the University of Wisconsin chemistry department is incorporating sabotage work in its course in use of scientific methods in detection of criminals. The course is conducted by Prof. J. H. Mathews, director of the course in chemistry and well-known crime detection expert.

Emphasis is placed on methods for tracing sabotage and saboteurs. Lecture material includes bombs and explosives, truth-serum and lie-detection tests, fingerprint identification, methods for making casts of foot-prints and tire-prints, identification of guns, bullets, and shells, and blood identification.

The course in crime detection was inaugurated at Wisconsin in 1937. Mathews has won a nation wide reputation for his crime detection work in the state and he has testified in more than 50 murder trials.

Although it has already given 104 of its staff members to the armed forces and has another 36 enrolled in an army base hospital unit which expects a call to active service any moment, the University of Michigan medical school has cut a full year from the time necessary to obtain the M.D. degree and will increase enrollment in its next freshman class by 25 per cent as wartime measures.

More members of the medical school staff are being commissioned and called to active duty every day.

Through an agreement with the United States surgeon general's office, the medical school is also preparing to offer graduate courses in a number of medical specialties. The first group of 50 medical officers are expecting to enroll in these graduate courses July 1. Several important research projects are also being conducted by members of the medical school staff in the interest of the defense program.

Financial aid for University of Michigan medical, dental and public health students who are accelerating their study programs by one-third to meet the greatly increased wartime demand for per-

sonnel in the health sciences will be provided by a \$30,000 grant to the university from the W. K. Kellogg foundation, announced by President Alexander G. Ruthven.

A 40-acre deposit of bentonite—a clay used extensively in refining of petroleum and for rotary drilling muds—has been located in Jasper county and has been mapped by the University of Texas bureau of economic geology with aid of WPA field crews. Dr. E. H. Sellards, bureau director, has announced.

The deposit is approximately 20 feet thick, and is "very conveniently located for shipment to market," Dr. Sellards said.

In addition to use by the petroleum industry, bentonitic clays are also used in manufacture of soaps, insecticides, cosmetics, polishes, adhesives, ceramic glazes, and absorbents, and road, roofing and floor materials.

Her name won't be found on the title page, but slight, gray-haired Mrs. David F. Swenson of Minneapolis is chiefly responsible for publication of the two latest translations of works of the great Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard.

The translations, "Something About Kierkegaard" and "Thoughts on Crucial Situations in Human Life," came off the presses of Augsburg Publishing House recently.

They were begun in rough form by David F. Swenson, late professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota.

When death cut short her husband's work in February, 1940, Mrs. Swenson decided to complete the translations, notwithstanding she knew nothing about the Danish language.

Mrs. Swenson pitched in and learned the language of the Danes, and, as she learned, began translating Kierkegaard's works, until finally she felt she was sufficiently accomplished to complete the task which her husband had set out to do.

Professor Swenson "discovered" Kierkegaard quite by accident while browsing through a campus bookshop years ago, then devoted his life to studying and translating the great Dane's writings, becoming the greatest American authority on the nineteenth century philosopher.

NEEDED  
Slide Rules,  
Drawing Instruments  
LOUPOT'S

JUST  
GOOD  
FOOD

At  
COLLEGE COURTS  
COFFEE SHOP  
East Gate

### WHAT'S SHOWING

AT GUION HALL  
Saturday—"Kathleen" with Shirley Temple, Herbert Marshall and Laraine Day.

AT THE CAMPUS  
Saturday—"Gentleman After Dark" with Brian Donlevy and Miriam Hopkins. Favorite Blond," Bob Hope and Madeline Carroll.

## COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

The big attraction on the campus next Saturday will be the first summer CORPS DANCE, featuring Don Hackney's new Aggieband Orchestra. Uniform will be No. 2. Write that girl back home now and invite her up for the week-end.

Tonight the Aggieband Orchestra will give the corps a preview of its music at KADET KAPERS in the Assembly Hall. In addition to the group of talented musicians who play with the orchestra, their own vocalist, Miss Norma Jean Jahn, will also appear on the program. Dick Jenkins promises the usual fun and entertainment for all who attend the program.

Remember that Kadet Kapers starts at seven and ends by eight, giving you plenty of time to see a movie, attend a dance, or what have you?, after the program is over.

Midnight preview tonight at the Campus is a Bob Hope-Madeline Carroll comedy by the name of "MY FAVORITE BLOND." Others in the cast are Gale Sondergaard, Victor Varconi and George Zucco. Madeline, as a beautiful British agent with the task of delivering some secret plans in California, picks up Bob to help her elude the counter-espionage agents attempting to get the plans. Bob is a mediocre vaudeville actor with a roller-skating penguin that is about to land him in Hollywood. Its a merry chase across the country. Hope, ignorant of the beautiful blond's mission, unwittingly carries the plans through the most dangerous spots. Miss Carroll, under the pretense of making love to him, pins the much-wanted documents under his lapel and when the danger is passed, she immediately recovers the parcel and gives Bob the cold shoulder. This alternate love-making and coolness on the part of the unknown blond serve to baffle the gullible Hope.

Percy the Penguin deserves credit as one of the most important characters in "My Favorite Blond." Although not listed in the cast of characters, Bing Crosby also appears in a very brief scene of the picture.

The Lowdown:—A killer-diller in every respect.

Shirley Temple returns to the (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

## Campus

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LAST DAY

"GENTLEMAN

AFTER DARK"

with

BRIAN DONLEVY

PRESTON FOSTER

MIRIAM HOPKINS

Also

Community Sing

Three Stooges -- News

PREVIEW TONIGHT

SUNDAY - MONDAY

BOB HOPE who calls

MADELINE CARROLL

"MY FAVORITE

BLONDE"

A Paramount Picture

Also

Picture People

Cartoon -- News

Have Your Eyes Examined  
Lenses Duplicated  
Dr. John S. Caldwell  
Bryan, Texas

8 Pairs of Senior Boots  
LOUPOT'S

ENJOY MEXICAN FOOD  
On Our Cool, Shady Terrace  
and Dance in the Out-of-Doors  
Franklin's  
1 Mile West On Airport Road

MOVIE  
Guion Hall  
SATURDAY  
1:00 — 7:00 and 8:30  
MEET THE NEW SHIRLEY  
Shirley Temple -- Herbert Marshall  
and Laraine Day  
in  
"KATHLEEN"  
ALSO  
March of Time "Far East Command"  
Late News  
Coming Mon. -- Tues. -- Wed.  
Bud Abbott and Lou Costello  
in  
"Rio Rita"

## Will This Tradition Go?

One of the outstanding traditions of Aggie-land is that of meeting and speaking to fellow Aggies and strangers on the campus. Every year at about this time because of the new freshman there has to be a reminder to them about this tradition which has been maintained in the past.

This tradition is in two parts. First, on the campus speak to all whom you pass, whether he is known personally or not. Aggies in former years have done this and its one of the main points of the democratic spirit which has made Aggie-land what it is. To maintain this tradition both freshmen and upper classmen must cooperate, and not leave it to just one of the classes. Freshmen should be learning and practicing this custom, but there should be no excuse on the part of upper classmen who neglect to speak to their fellow Aggies.

Second, freshman should meet all friends who are walking, visiting, or talking with members of their outfit. Unless a freshman knows the man who is with a member of his outfit he should introduce himself.

These simple rules of a good tradition are left to the student body for proper execution, and whether another of Aggie-land's traditions lives or dies rests in the hands of its students.

## Town Hall

Many students and faculty members as well fail to take advantage of one of the outstanding programs held here on the campus. For the past years Town Hall has strived to obtain topnotch performers in the entertainment world for the benefit of the college and local residents.

This summer Town Hall has continued to book entertainers who are outstanding in their fields. A varied program which should be of interest to everybody has been scheduled. There are performances scheduled which should be enjoyable to all.

Each cadet if possible should buy a Town Hall ticket and thus round out his educational program with activity outside of the classroom. From such programs one gains something which can not be obtained from long hours of study and recitation. Acquaintance with contemporary culture is a requirement of every well educated student today.

From the standpoint of the faculty member and the local resident Town Hall affords the opportunity for entertainment at a reasonable cost. In the large cities of the state the cost of one performance will equal the season reserved ticket for Town Hall's five performances.

Look over the list of performers and see if it won't be worth while to buy a ticket, not only from the educational point of view but also from the entertainment outlook.

## Quotable Quotes

"Democratic peoples must take the offensive all along the line. They must be sustained by conviction of the right, by confidence in their strength, and by hope of attainment. The advantage of the offensive has its moral as well as military application. Democracy is now forced to use measures which violate its conscience because it has launched no attacks of its own. It has lost the moral initiative and has allowed its foes to present it with the alternative of subjection or violence. Being in that situation, we must fight our way out as best we can.

"But if we are not to face that situation again, we must make our own situation. If we are not to be compelled again to obey a counsel of desperation, we must not only seize the military initiative now at the earliest possible moment, but hold that initiative and translate it in the hour of victory into an attack with political, economic, scientific, and moral weapons on the old unfinished work of civilization. If we do not relish the methods which any unscrupulous