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## As the World Turns

"Count" V. K. Sugareff

Counting the unhatched chickens Many representatives of the United Nations have widely discussed their post war territorial aspirations and thus have provided the Axis powers with potential propaganda material against themselves. On the sixth of last November informed the world that Russia had no other territorial aims but to drive the Germans from Soviet Russia. Encouraged by Russia's recent successes against Hitler, the Russian Press, which usually expresses official opinions, claimed the three Baltic states—Latvia, Esopotania, Lithuania, and Rumanian Bessarabia. Some of the Allies seem likely disposed toward this suggestion. Some three weeks ago a high Soviet official demanded an outlet for Russia on the Adriatic Sea—a demand which would at once provoke much speculation. Can Russia secure an outlet on the Adriatic Sea without encroaching upon the sovereign rights of several small states in southeastern Europe? Should the big powers be inclined to favor Russia, these states would strongly oppose such an encroachment. Russia could be given unconditional transit rights through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. Turkey would hardly consent to such an agreement. Yet, an agreement under international guarantees of some sort is liable to cause least amount of friction, especially since Russia and Turkey have been on friendly terms during the past twenty-five years.

Poland, Russia and Czechoslovakia at odds. Last week, the Soviet official news agency, Tass, accused Poland of imperialistic aspirations, and made suggestion that Polish White Russia and Ukrainian territory, as of 1939, should be annexed to Russia after this war. In view of Russia's sacrifices and successes in this war so far, the world would sympathize with the Russian demands. Both of these territories were given to Poland after the last war. The Polish government-in-exile, discouraged by Russia's demands, has turned to Dr. Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, and suggested that Poland and Czechoslovakia conclude a confederation. Dr. Benes has planned a trip to Moscow and Washington and indications are that he will not commit himself to any definite future cooperation with Poland without exploiting the sentiments of Stalin and Roosevelt. Meanwhile, Poland's position is further complicated by an official Russian recognition of Czechoslovakia's pre-Munich boundaries. Time only could reveal the solution of the Russo-Polish dispute.

A new type of American Internationalism. The need for fighting a global war has brought home to the American people the lesson that after this war we cannot afford to reduce our army and navy to pre-war proportions. Despite the efforts of a strong and influential group of isolationists in the United States, the leaders of our armed forces are pressing for an eleven million man armed force—not only to shorten the war but also to insure the peace that is to follow it. Some people have already suggested that we develop an air supremacy after the war. Others have proposed that we acquire air and naval bases in the Pacific, Atlantic, and wherever American troops are now located. Such aspirations on our part are bound to arouse a strong antagonism among our allies, particularly England, Russia, China, Latin America, Canada and others. Should we try to acquire such bases by force, it would lead to a powerful coalition against us. President Roosevelt's proposed conference of the United Nations to study and seek solutions on post war problems is the best guarantee for the future peace. We can acquire the necessary air and naval bases by conferences and mutual agreements. If we have united against the present aggressors, our experience should teach us to unite in keeping the peace.

"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."—Emerson

## Are YOU Advertising?

According to the magazine advertisements, the best company in the country are busying themselves these days not only with the war effort, but also with the planning of post-war business and how their particular company can cash in on it.

Aggies don't need to put advertisements in magazines, but they should change their point of view from that of thinking only of fighting and winning this war, to that of winning this war and having a means of making a living after the war is won.

When this old world of ours again simmers down and is peaceful, EX-army officers are going to be a dime a dozen. What will you do?

Right now you have the best opportunity in the world to really learn something. You have the school; you have the time; and you certainly have a good enough excuse.

Take an inventory of yourself. Frankly just what have you learned since you've been in college, and how much are you going to know when you get out. Remember, it will be awfully hard to come back after fighting a war and buckle down to boots again. Moral: You'd better get it now while the getting is good!

## Collegiate World

The 601 church-going students of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., represent 22 sects and denominations.

A new method of rebuilding faces with celluloid, under living skin, has been developed at Tulane University school of medicine.

More than \$20,000,000 has been willed Northwestern University by the late Walter Patton Murphy of Chicago, railroad equipment inventor and manufacturer.

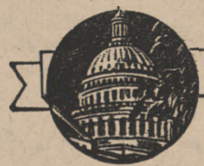
Villanova College traces its lineage directly to the colonial foundation of old St. Augustine's church in Philadelphia.

Pre-flight training has been added to the course of study at Western Maryland College.

Phonograph records are being used by the University of Texas speech department to help foreign students build up vocabularies of English words and idioms.

Iowa Wesleyan College is inaugurating an extensive course in air transportation to prepare its students for positions in the coming flying age.

New York City College's institute of film techniques is offering a new course in audience reaction.



## CAPITAL to CAMPUS

A. C. P.'s Correspondent Reports from Washington

Educators are studying a plan for giving academic credit to soldiers, WAACs, marines, sailors, et al for education acquired in service. The plan was developed by the American Council on Education in cooperation with the Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation.

With the same goal in view, Army Air Forces recently wrote college and university presidents asking commitments to give credit for the proposed basic Air Force training program. But work in this program is part of the over-all record and measurement program developed by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, formerly the Army Institute. Since the Institute is part of the Council's plan, the Air Forces agreed to withdraw their request until the broader plan could be acted upon.

The Marines Have a Word  
Probably no news story in the history of the war has been refuted more times than the yarn about how union seamen refused to unload a ship at Guadalcanal because it was Sunday.

Soon after the report was published, it was denied by Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, who pointed out none of his union's agreements prohibit Sunday work. Other denials came from Lt. Col. Lewis B. Puller, Marine veteran of Guadalcanal; Maj. Gen. Alexander Vandergriff, commander at Guadalcanal, and Admiral William F. Halsey. Finally a House naval subcommittee probed the charge and found

it false.

So far the refutations have had much less effect than the original baseless story. Many still think union seamen refused to unload a vessel at Guadalcanal because it was Sunday.

The Marines themselves have an undignified word for such rumors. It's "scuttlebutt."

Ballyhoo for Bonds  
With selective service draining men from the nation's campuses, the Treasury is turning its big bond selling guns on the coeds and the women's colleges.

A survey of 300 schools netted a huge collection of bright ideas for boosting bond sales. There are such appeals for saving as "Cut on Cokes" and "Get along without that cashmere cardigan." At Vassar, the girls called off their class rings and a prom in favor of war savings. At Goucher College in Baltimore, they're giving mock driver's licenses to every student purchasing an interest in the jeep the school is buying with bonds. Sophomores at Mundelein College in Chicago invested proceeds from a cotillion in bonds. Exchange booths for accessories—a cast-off lapel pin for a war savings stamp—are favorite devices elsewhere. At Hood College, Maryland, a rolling booth prowls the campus, preceded by buglers and a chorus.

All of which may remind you to put some of that loose change into war savings stamps today.

## Campus Camera

### SCHOOL BACKGROUND OF DRAFTEES

11% ARE COLLEGE TRAINED  
58% HAVE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONS  
31% GRADE SCHOOL OR LESS.

CONTRAST THIS WITH  
WORLD WAR I WHEN  
COLLEGES PRODUCED 5%,  
HIGH SCHOOLS 16%, AND  
79% OF THE SOLDIERS HAD  
GRADE SCHOOL OR NO FORMAL  
EDUCATION AT ALL!



IT'S NO  
MILITARY SECRET  
FOUR BROTHERS FROM WITTENBERG COLLEGE  
WOUND UP WITH THE SAME  
ARMY ADDRESS: THEY ARE  
MARION, BENEDICT, LAWRENCE  
AND NICHOLAS PALMER-BALL  
OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

\$15,000  
WILL BUY ONE  
PONTOON  
BRIDGE!  
HELP THESE SOLDIERS BUY BONDS

## BACKWASH

"CANDY" MAGRANE

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

### Sweepings . . .

Staff Sgt. S. E. Whitman of Fort Devens composed this little ditty on government issue soap:

O. G. I. soap, of thee I sing,  
You're chemically an awesome thing

Concerning you my thoughts are rife,  
You dominate my G. I. life.

You take the grime from barracks floors,  
You shrink my long gray woolen drawers,

You peel the grease from pots and pans,  
And chew the skin right off my hands.

You eat holes in my cotton jeans,  
You sanitize by G. I. latrines,  
You're in my hair, my clothes, and now—

I even taste you in my chow.  
Your powers of destruction seem  
The answer to a chemist's dream.  
You look as though you're meant to be

Just soap. Inside you're TNT.  
The War Department isn't wise  
To waste time on inventive guys.  
All G. I. soldiers have the dope:  
OUR secret weapon is G. I. soap!

If you like to see beautiful girls sing and dance (and who doesn't?) plus the chance to show your lung power on a few songs, drop around to Kadet Kapers tonight. . . Time: 7 o'clock. Place: Assembly Hall.

PFC doesn't really mean private first class. It means "pray for corporal."

When Hitler finally goes down for the count, it will occasion more hand-clapping over here than anything since "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

From one of MacArthur's boys comes the story of the mother kangaroo who, after scratching her tummy vigorously for several minutes suddenly picked up her youngster and spanked him soundly for eating crackers in bed.

Trapped . . .  
Last Thursday morning the occupants of dormitory 14 pulled their "weak and weary bodies" from bed to make the morning roll-call only to find that all doors were locked except one. How this may have occurred is irrelevant, but the consequences which could have resulted are indeed serious. Such locked doors are a direct violation of the state fire laws, and show either a distorted sense of humor or severe neglect on someone's part. We should hate to think that the expression, "Sing-Sing on the Brazos" is more than just a figure of speech.

Rumor Clinic . . .  
No. 64,793: According to our usually reliable sources (?) Adolf Hitler had every bit of furniture with red on it removed from his various palaces. Nobody wearing the color red is permitted in his private office. He is that mad at the Soviet Union.

Bureaucracy . . .  
For a colicky cow in Ithaca, N. Y., a veterinarian prescribed stiff doses of kerosene. A farmer tried to buy four quarts, ran into rationing trouble, and finally talked a dealer into letting him supply the coupons later. He sent a letter

to the Office of Price Administration in Syracuse. No answer. Off went another letter. This time back came an OPA questionnaire to be filled out.

The farmer sat down to give a fair question a fair answer:  
Make? "Jersey."  
Body Type? "Two horns, tall, four feet, an udder and four teats."  
Year? "1940."  
Rating or seating capacity? "I have never ridden her, but I imagine she would seat two."  
Mileage? "The vet gave her one quart of kerosene and she ran four miles, so I judge she would have gone 16 miles on the four quarts. I can't tell you her speed, as the vet hasn't caught up with her."

FBI Says Registered Men Should Carry Cards at All Times

All men who are liable for training and service under the provisions of the Selective Service Act are required to carry their classification as well as registration cards.

FBI has primary jurisdiction in investigating suspected violations of the draft laws. This responsibility was placed upon the FBI by Presidential request and at the direction of the Attorney General.

Figures show that there is about one delinquent for each 1,000 registrants, or about one for each 3,000 of the entire population.

It is the duty of every registrant to keep in touch with his local draft board in order that he may comply fully with all provisions of the Selective Service Act.

The following requirements and precautions should be observed. Carry registration and classification cards at all times.

Answer and return questionnaire promptly.

When ordered to do so, report for examination and induction.

Advise local board any change in address.

Do not aid or attempt to persuade anyone to avoid the draft law.—Bryan News.

Those Torpedoes Cost \$12,000 Each

Carried by airplane, surface vessels and submarines, the deadly cigar-shaped torpedoes strike at the most vulnerable part of a vessel—several feet below the water line. Up to 600 pounds of TNT carried in the torpedo nose forces many tons of water against the hull when the torpedo explodes on hitting its target. The effect is far greater than if the explosion took place above the water line because water, unlike air, may be considered incompressible. These tons of water literally crush the hull and the ship may be lifted several feet. Called "tin fish" by the Navy men, because of their resemblance to the finny tribe while under water, torpedoes are generally between eighteen and twenty-four feet long. The larger sizes cost up to \$12,000 and weigh as much as three tons. They contain more than 1,300 precision parts and can be set to follow any course—even zigzag. Steam and products of combustion drive turbines which propel the torpedo. Horizontal and vertical fins at the rear keep the torpedo on course and at proper depth—usually about fifteen feet. A torpedo has a speed as high as fifty miles per hour and a range of about eight miles.—Whiteright Sun.

Metal License Plates Cut Down To Small Strips

Car owners who expect to get a brand new license plate of standard size will be disappointed this year. The war, which calls for all the metal possible, has made it necessary to reduce the plate to a small strip of metal to be placed on the old plate. The present number of the plate will be retained. The small plate will bear the letters AV3 and a number, also "Tex as 43." The price will be the same as last year. No change has been made in the date of expiration—April 1. Car owners are urged by the tax collector to bring their title certificate when they apply for the new license plate.

Episcopal Bishop To be Here March 24

The Right Reverend Sinton Quinn, Episcopal Bishop of Texas, will be at St. Thomas Chapel, on Wednesday evening, March 24, according to the Reverend J. H. R. Farrell, priest-in-charge.

iBishop Quinn will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at that time.

## The Lowdown on . . .

### Campus Distractions

By Tom Journey

Here's another of funnyman Red Skelton's pictures, WHISTLING IN DIXIE, in which he delivers more of his funny antics to the entire delight of most representative audiences. Skelton appears again as a radio crime expert with Ann Rutherford and George Bancroft supporting, in the film showing at Guion hall.

The story has to do with Skelton being confronted with a real crime, having to do with the attempt of two crooked officials to seize a gold treasure hidden in an old building. The radio sleuth tries to solve the mystery, only getting himself mixed up with the villains in one complication after another. A good portion of the film is devoted to the efforts of Skelton and

his friends to get out of a cellar full of water slowly rising.

The Lowdown—Exercise your funnybone.

Out toward the North Gate, the Campus has billed an oldie—but still one of the best pictures of the past two or three years—since the war started. It's A YANK IN THE RAF, starring Tyrone Power, Betty Grable and John Sutton, the Englishman. Anything I could tell you about this play would be merely repetition to what's been said many times before. The entire cast puts in stellar performance and the directing is superb. In a nutshell, it's about a dashing young American, Power, who joins the Royal Air Force and the events that happen to him and his loved one, Grable. John Sutton turns in an excellent performance as Tyrone's English rival. Betty looks ravishing as usual. It's on at the midnight show tonight.

The Lowdown—A real good war picture.

Let's not forget the corps dance tonight, either. Get that prof's daughter or the local Bryanite and truck on down to Jack Magregor's newly revitalized Aggeland Ork. You've got time to take in a show and the dance if you like, or spend the entire evening dancing. By the way, as has been the custom, since the coming of the new new order, the dance will break up in time for you to get that date in and still make CQ, if you can travel as fast as Superman. We hear it'll break up about 11:30, anyway.

## Efforts Made To Correct Local Meat Situation

The local meat situation caused some rapid-fire action this week. The first guns were sounded at the meeting of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday morning, at which time criticism of locally-butchered meats by army officials caused the appointment of a committee to work on a possible solution of the problem.

Lt. Col. G. P. Disoway and other officers from Bryan Field met with the committee at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The commanding officer of Bryan Field informed the committee that an ordinance calling for sanitary slaughtering and handling of meats must be passed within three days or places selling such products would be declared out of bounds for men stationed at the local air field.

Another meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at 2 p. m., attended by Lt. Hans Grell of Bryan Field, officials of Bryan and the Chamber of Commerce, and about 50 dealers and cafe owners who sell meats.

A resolution was adopted urging the city of Bryan to pass an ordinance calling for approved and sanitary methods of slaughtering and handling meats.

The city commission met in special session at 4 p. m., Wednesday and approved the preparation of such an ordinance. It will call for sanitary methods in all phases of local meat handling and for inspection by a veterinarian to be employed by the city.

Final reading of the new ordinance will occur at the regular meeting of the city commission Friday.—Bryan News.

WHAT'S SHOWING  
At the Campus  
Midnight show tonight and Sunday and Monday "A Yank in the RAF" with Tyrone Power Betty Grable and John Sutton.  
At Guion Hall  
Today and Monday, "Whistling in Dixie," with Red Skelton and Ann Rutherford.

Guion Hall  
Phone 4-1168  
TODAY - MONDAY  
RED SKELTON  
is WHISTLING IN DIXIE  
with ANN RUTHERFORD - GEORGE BANCROFT  
CUT KIBBE - DIANA LEWIS - PETER WITHEW  
Directed by S. Sylvan Simon - Produced by  
George Haight - An M-G-M Picture  
Also  
CARTOON and MUSICAL

Campus  
4-1181  
Box Office Opens 1 P. M.  
LAST DAY  
John Clements  
Jane Baxter  
in  
"SHIPS WITH WINGS"  
Also  
COMEDY - SHORT NEWS  
SATURDAY PREVUE  
SUNDAY - MONDAY  
TYRONE POWER  
A YANK IN THE R.A.F.  
BETTY GRABLE  
Also  
CARTOON - SHORT LATEST NEWS  
SATURDAY PREVUE  
STARTS 10 P.M.—  
OVER 11:50.