

# 'Heat's On' in Dormitory 14; Crowd Cheers as Chair Burns

By MARAK

Do you find that the radiators in your dorm room are not giving out enough heat these chilly days? It would seem that this was the case in Dorm 14 last night. Two students are probably now saying, "Fireman, fireman, save my chair!"

A group of passers-by began to collect in front of Dorm 14—eyes and fingers pointed to a room on the fourth floor. Flames were maliciously licking at the window . . . the room became clouded with smoke. A member of the crowd laughingly exclaimed, "What a wonderful way to float out ones roommate!"

But the flames continued to reach higher and it was apparent that the occupants of the room were not present. However, as the blaze began to develop into a pre-Thanking-you-burn, the crowd was still content to stand around with folly and jest pouring from their lips.

Somewhere along the line, a bright soul decided that the Fire Department should know about the happenings in Dorm 14, and he sauntered off to notify the department. Now, the fire became visible about 6:25 p. m.—the fire alarm sounded 20 minutes later!

Six and one-half minutes after the sounding of the alarm, in the distance the siren of the truck could be heard approaching. As the truck careened around the corner, amid screeching of brakes

and cheers from the fire weary onlookers, the fire belched its last spark and died.

Many running feet could be heard as the fire-fighters fought their way up to the fourth floor, carrying their equipment at port arms. The door to the room was flung open and the entrapped smoke forced itself out of the semi-opened window. A fire extinguisher was trained on the long dead ashes of a partially burned chair and blanket and a completely demolished wastepaper basket and its contents. Another fireman rushed to the window to explain the glad tidings to the ground crew, "Hold off with the water; the fire is out!"

As the fire extinguished was once again brought back to port arms, other members of the squad busied themselves cleaning up the debris. Water soaked ashes were scooped up in a news paper (Not a Battalion) and carried reverently to an ash can in the hall, by-passing the throng that had collected there to breath in the aroma created by the burning wool blanket.

Soon the fire-fighters began to descend the stairs and encircle the truck. After roll call to determine any casualties, the victors mounted the truck. As it sped away into the night, the watching, cheering crowd began to disperse toward the theaters in search of more entertainment—but they were still asking, "What started the fire?"

# Older Japanese Were Pro-Allied Kiester Says in Informal Speech

"The older people of Japan were definite Allied sympathizers during the last war, and at times were direct supporters of the Allied cause."

R. S. Kiester, former member of the Joint Army-Navy Intelligence Corps and now professor of geography, made this and several other commonly unaccepted statements before a small audience in the YMCA cabinet room last night.

Speaking before a group made up of the YMCA cabinet and some ten or twelve other students, Kiester told of his experiences inside the Japanese home islands of Kyushu and Honshu during and after the war.

He supported his contention of pro-Allied feeling among the older Japanese by citing the example of a family's rebuke of their son, a captain in the Japanese Army. During his stay on Kyushu, Kiester used the farmhouse home of the old Japanese couple as headquarters. When their son returned for a furlough the couple not only

concealed Kiester but were so hostile toward their son that he returned to his base after four hours of this frigid reception.

Clarifying the position of the JANIS, Kiester said they were frequently confused with the Office of Strategic Services which gained fame in sabotage under the initial name of OSS and popular title "Clink and Dagger Corps." He emphasized that the JANIS was predominately military whereas the OSS was civilian in make up and that the OSS worked disguised as Japanese or Germans, in enemy of areas, while his unit worked without disguises and in agreecy mostly at night.

After delivering an easy, conversational-type lecture for an hour, Kiester threw himself open to questions and the small audience quizzed him for another half hour. Stating that McArthur was do-

ing a good job of governing the Japanese, Kiester said they were by no means hopeless as a nation. Their industries are for the most part still intact, he said, since, when it became apparent that we were going to win the war, we bypassed some of the less important military installations with an eye to the industrial future.

Kiester concluded that the Japanese in their twenties are too full of militaristic ideals to change, but that the older people are completely in favor of peace and with proper training of the children, Japan can regain her place in the world as a peaceful nation.

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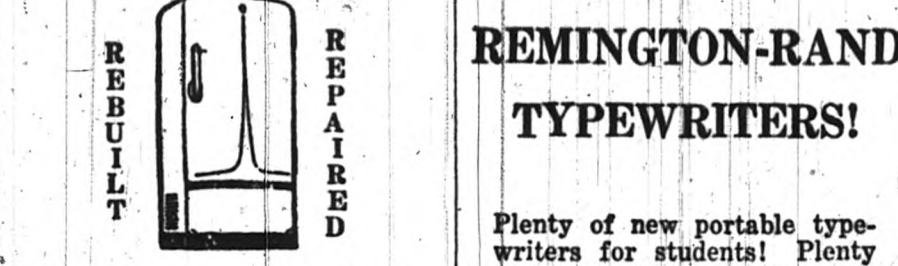
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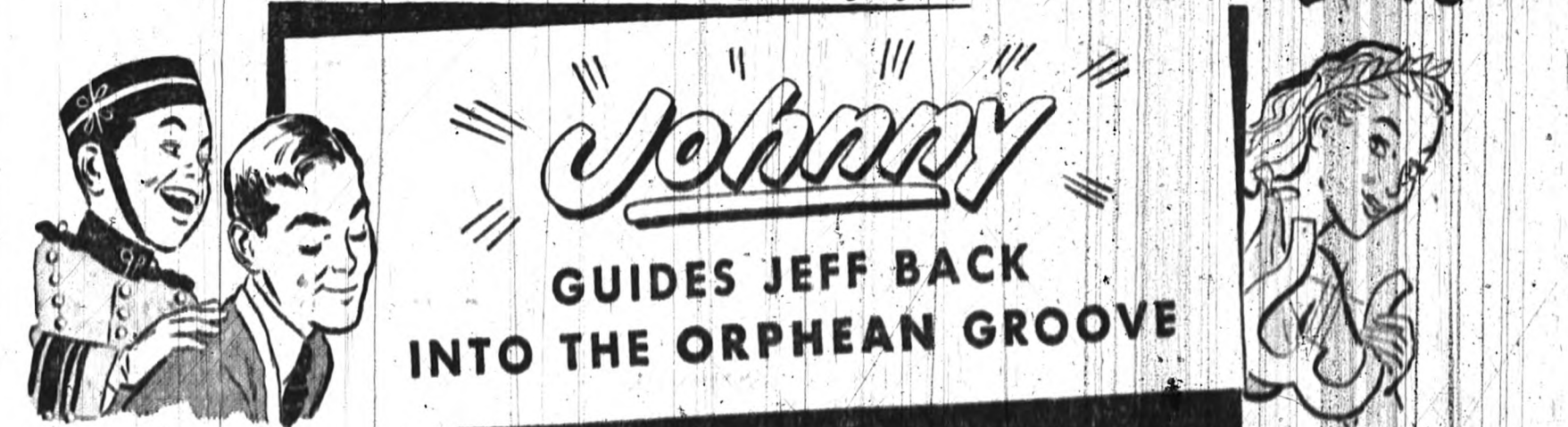
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