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Now Or Never For The League

Two very significant statements appeared in the Associated Press dispatches of Saturday. Dr. W. W. Yen, chief Chinese representative in the League of Nations, filed a formal request with the League Council asking that the Assembly of the League be convoked and the Chinese charges of Japanese aggression be laid before it. According to the Associated Press, the "Council of the League of Nations sidestepped the issue until next week" by refusing to summon the Assembly at once for fear of offending Japan. Another dispatch from Tokyo, speaking of China's formal request to the League, said, "It was intimated from good authority that the (Japanese) government has ceased to take much interest or attach much importance to what the League may do about the Sino-Japanese question."

These two statements show clearly the attitude towards the League resulting from its weak and timid policy in the Far East. The League as Wilson planned it was to be a strong international force that could prevent war. It was to end the anarchy of international relations by providing a sort of federal government for the world. It has fallen far short of that goal, however, and has become little more than an international debating society. True, the League has rendered valuable service in such matters as regulating the opium trade and in settling disputes among smaller nations. Now for the first time, however, it is called upon to intervene in a quarrel between two great nations. The present Sino-Japanese struggle is the first real test of the League. If it handles this situation capably and firmly, the way may be paved for the formation of a real and useful international government which can end war permanently. If it proves itself impotent in this crisis, the last vestiges of respect for the League will be lost.

So far the League's policy in

the Far East has been pitifully inadequate. It has remonstrated gently with Japan when it should be firmly commanding. It has refused even to consider the use of any pressure to force Japan to cease her invasion. The League has no international police force at its disposal, as France has recommended; but it does have one powerful weapon in the form of the economic boycott which can be used against any nation waging aggressive warfare. There is as clear a case against Japan today as the League will ever have against any nation.

It may possible be that Japan has had some just cause of complaint in Chinese actions in Manchuria, but she has refused absolutely to submit any of her alleged grievances to arbitration or even to negotiate with China directly unless China accedes to many of her demands before the negotiations begin. Against the protests of all the nations of the world, and in direct violation of her pledged word not to use force as an instrument of international policy and to protect the political independence and territorial integrity of China, Japan has sent invading armies into Manchuria nad Shanghai. And her actions have been accompanied by an insolent refusal even to consider the demands of China, neutral nations, and the League that she modify her actions.

If the League of Nations is to permit this action on the part of Japan, never again can it command respect from the nations of the world. Any other nation which wishes to wrest territory from a weaker neighbor will not hesitate to do so. If the League fails in this crisis, it might as well disband. If, on the other hand, it chooses to declare an effective economic boycott against Japan, it can force that nation to withdraw her armies from China and will become a powerful force making for world peace. The crisis is squarely before the officials of the League of Nations. It is now or never for the League. —D.M.L.

Necessary For A College Education

The students on this campus who failed to hear the lectures on sex problems given during the past week by Professor Groves denied themselves of an excellent opportunity to obtain expert information and advice on one of the most vital of the many problems that face the young person as he approaches maturity. A majority of young people, of both sexes, reach manhood or womanhood with little real understanding of the great importance of wholesome sex adjustment and its influence upon one's happiness in mature married life. It is a problem that faces every one of us, and yet we accept it gropingly, either frightened at its falsely labeled mystery or actually ignorant of how to face it frankly. In his lectures Professor Groves handled the problem of sex frankly and simply. He gave an enlightening discussion of personal sex questions that harass the normal adolescent, and of the heterosexual problems that must be dealt with by maturing men and women and that play so vital a part in determining the success of married life.

We commend those who were responsible for arranging this series of lectures for recognizing the pertinence of instructing college men and women in a subject that has too long been avoided by undergraduate curricula in American colleges. Already this University offers a course in family sociology—fortunately under the direction of Professor Groves—but it is entirely optional to a majority of students and is subject to certain restrictions. It is hoped that

the University will not be long in recognizing the need that every student has for such information and advice as this course offers. Such a course should be placed among the prerequisites to graduation from the University. It should be available to every student who enters the University, and should be as important a part of his education as history or the languages.

The belief is too often accepted that we seek a college education for the sole purpose of training ourselves in order to eke out a living from the convergence of economic forces. That is admittedly one of the purposes of college training, but there is yet another purpose which is, in a sense, of even greater importance. Beyond seeking a means of living one should seek a proper and wholesome manner of living. It is the duty of the University to help the student in every way possible to achieve wholesome happiness, and it is the duty of the student to adjust himself in such a manner as to receive from life all that it offers. No such adjustment can be effected without intelligent guidance. The graduate who has failed to make such an adjustment is not yet "educated," in spite of any number of degrees that he may have credited to his name.

Little need be said concerning the obvious lack of an intelligent understanding of sex problems on the part of American youth. Its dire results are apparent from the number of social crimes and divorces that disclose themselves every day. But does the guilt not revert to our educational system in that we allow our youth to grope unguided in seeking social adjustment? That we should allow those who are to be the future bulwark of society to receive the most sacred and vital information from the gutter and from the lips of the vile and ignorant is indeed appalling.

It is through the American college that we can hope first to apply intelligently the work that is being done by such able leaders in the field of family sociology as our own Professor Groves.—W.E.U.

The People

Amidst all of the frenzy and turmoil of the world today the voice of "the people" remains inarticulate save for futile little whisperings. In Geneva, Tokyo, Shanghai, and New York one is impressed by the fact that it is the small, self-centered minority that is guiding the destinies of the world.

In Tokyo and in other Japanese centers this week there have been risings led by students demanding that the "imperialistic aggression in China be stopped." These pleas were silenced by servants of the military, the police, and other weak-minded citizens of Nippon who have fallen prey to the jingoistic clamour of the war department for patriotism. War in China is not being waged by the Japanese nation; rather, it is being carried on by a small, somewhat short-sighted, but very shrewd minority of sword waving militarists. The Japanese wage a war in defense of war, it seems, not only on Chinese soil, but in Japan. Inouye, a leader of peace sentiment in Japan and a likely candidate for the premiership, was murdered at the instigation, no doubt, of the military factions. Baron Shidehars, of the great peace triumverate of the Hamaguchi cabinet, is the only remaining prominent leader of peace.

In Japan "the people" are voicing their disapproval of war. Even in China there is a strong sentiment for a peaceful settlement of the crisis. Both nations should be and are strongly partisan, are sensitive,

are proud; and yet they want peace to stand before everything.

Warfare in the Orient at this particular time presents a challenge to the world that has been ignored. If the world and the United States lets "the Orientals fight it out" it admits the futility of mechanisms of peace. However, if through economic boycott, through refusing to sell armaments (a step that Congress refused to take), and through vigorous and sincere statements of disapproval the world can cripple the war elements in Japan and China, the solution of this crisis will be a great victory for peace and the conclusions arrived at in Geneva will be more than mere verbiage. —R.W.B.

Brief Facts

Signing of the agreement for the construction of the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River marked the letting of the largest contract ever made by the federal government, \$48,890,999.

The navy deep-sea diving record of 336 feet was established in 1931 by the United States submarine *Nautilus*.

About two-thirds of the rubber plantation lands of the world are a part of the British Empire and British citizens own considerably more than half of the plantations.

Dr. Leo Friedman of the University of Oregon has recently developed a method of measurement so fine that he is able to detect and measure the holes in gelatin which range from 1-800,000,000ths to 1-4,800,000,000ths of an inch in diameter.

THOSE NEW BOOKS

By J. L. Schon
 Alfred Williams & Co.

To those who are intent on collecting a library in these rather difficult times, the Blue Ribbon books of Grosset and Dunlap come as a life saver. These volumes are reprints of worth-while material, attractively bound and just as attractively priced. Several new additions to the already well-filled stacks of Alfred Williams & company's stacks were made last week. Foremost among these is Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, which certainly needs no introduction.

Those who enjoy Lowell Thomas on the radio will find his two famous books even more entertaining. Both *Beyond Khyber Pass* and *With Lawrence in Arabia* can be procured in the Blue Ribbon edition.

A new release in this same edition is Christopher Morley's delightful *Parnassus on Wheels*. The story of the Bard of Redfield, a farmer who finds himself famous overnight by the popular reception of his literary attempt, is a thorough good thing to pick up and sweep out of one's mind the thoughts of the coming comprehensives.

Another outstanding book of the day to be found in this Blue Ribbon collection is the late Lytton Strachey's *Queen Victoria*. One of the best of the modern biographers, Strachey does not "create" interesting incidents to weave around his characters, but sticks close to the facts, so close in fact that the history department accepts his books for parallel reading. (Freshmen best heed, especially if they find it hard to stay awake over the usual kind of reference reading that they take from the stacks.)

The Book Market
 Of especial interest to the admirers of John Galsworthy is

the recent release by Charles Scribner's Sons of his latest play, *The Roof*. Turning from his usual themes of social or political problems, Mr. Galsworthy has woven his drama around several different types of people that happen to be lodging in the same pension in Paris. In a series of seven scenes he has shown a definite insight into the lives of his

various creations. The play opens in the small dining room of the hotel, just before midnight, with three of the guests in rather inebriated condition. In order to "get back" on the waiter, who has sighted him, one of the soused gentlemen sets in fire to a bottle of paraffin below the rickety wooden staircases he has shown a definite case. Following scenes except

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 Charlotte Greenwood
 —also—
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in
"Murders in the Rue Morgue"
 with BELA LUGOSI (DRACULA HIMSELF)
 TUESDAY

She found the meaning of love in sacrifice... Men sought her... But she sought her man—Though mountains and oceans separated them...

ANN HARDING
 in
"Prestige"
 with ADOLPHE MENJOU MELVIN DOUGLAS
 WEDNESDAY

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"MICHAEL AND MARY"

(Their Secret)
 Life had cheated her out of love... The LAW had denied her the right to happiness... How? Why? See this amazingly dramatic picture.

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Herbert Marshall
 Edna Best
 THURSDAY



"Our First-Born!"

"We love her so much, David! But even she, little darling, cannot hold us together while your mother, your whole family, hate my very soul!"
 See this drama—

"Wayward"
 with NANCY CARROLL RICHARD ARLEN
 FRIDAY

His own son—yellow!

A famous athletic coach discovers that the only quitter on his team is—his son! He loses a championship, but he makes a MAN!

JACK HOLT
 in
"Maker of Men"
 with JOAN MARSH
 SATURDAY

A Publix Kinsey Theatre

 Coming GEORGE ARLISS in "Man Who Played God"