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To the Fore For the Forum

The Open Forum Discussion series, a group of lectures and discussions sponsored by five University student groups, launches a drive this week to raise sufficient funds to alleviate a large deficit accumulated during the past year. The inability of many students to meet subscriptions, frequent advertising, and incidental operating expenses have placed the cost of the series at a much higher figure than previously anticipated.

The Di Senate and the Phi Assembly have both contributed financial support to the program while the "Y" Senior Cabinet, Epsilon Phi Delta, and several other campus organizations have lent moral assistance. Numerous professors and independent students have contributed small sums to the fund, which though considerably imposing, is still far short of the necessary fund.

Balanced by opposition speakers in order to represent both sides of the questions introduced, eight lectures on Agriculture, Labor, Power, Social Relief, International Affairs and two general topics were brought to the campus and given a thorough airing. This was in accordance with the University's policy of welcoming discussions on both sides of every controversial question. If the Forum is able to solve its financial difficulties of the present year, efforts will be made to obtain a similar program for 1934. This will doubtless be forthcoming if the student body evidences the same enthusiasm of the past season in supporting this worthy endeavor.—D.C.S.

Shake Off The Leeches

Depressions are caused by forces which for the most part are beyond the control of man under our present system. The business cycle revolves and will continue to do so bringing good times and bad. The capitalistic system may well be the best, it is certainly the most palatable to human nature which is difficult to mold particularly when money and property are concerned. There are, however, certain phases of our present condition which permit of remedy and under the duration of which capitalism does not have a fair chance to operate.

There has always been in America a tendency to follow the almighty dollar in hot pursuit though honesty, business ethics, and fair play be trampled in the chase. After the Civil War corruption got off to a fine start under the Grant administration. The building up of the Fisk, Gould, Stanford, and other fortunes followed lines which are an eternal blot upon our national history. The methods of the Rockefellers and the Mellons in the monopolizing of the oil and aluminum markets are nothing of which to boast and there are numerous other examples like them.

Under Harding the American people were shown what a handy tool their government might be in the hands of the corrupt interests, but the reaction was mild. Now the "dear people" are suffering at the hands of the present generation of big time crooks. Many of these swindlers are going to prison but that offers small consolation to men robbed of their life savings, to aged and to widows suddenly deprived of the support provided for them, to folks without homes or food, and to the kin of suicides.

Marcus and Singer, heads of the great Bank of the United States, are serving time for their acts in that capacity. Charles Mitchell resigned

from the presidency of the National City bank under peculiar circumstances. Joseph Harriman is under indictment for misuse of funds and the chief of the great Insull interests is a fugitive from justice. Stunz of the Washington Park Savings Bank shot himself with his bank a million and a half short. And North Carolina offers to swell the list of worthies our own Colonel Luke Lea.

There have always been men to whom honor is an empty word—a joke. There have always been men ready and eager to sacrifice every vestige of human decency for accumulation of wealth. But when such as these are allowed to control the nation's destiny then the millions of Americans who fought and died for freedom died in vain. When men of this calibre can use our organs of government for their own ends, plunge us into war, and make and break whom they choose, then something is rotten in our system.

It is not capitalism that is at fault. It is the bovine attitude of the American people and the disintegration of the moral fibre that claimed this nation from a wilderness. Fraud on this large scale is found in Sweden, in France, in England, but there it is so rare that the world is amazed when it occurs. In this country business honesty has become a curiosity; the only sin is getting found out.

When we can produce honest bankers and business men, when we can evolve a code of square dealing, there will be hope. When the American ceases to grovel at the feet of wealth no matter how gained and when militant public pressure and clean uncorruptible government combine to exterminate the human leeches feeding on the blood of the poor and helpless then our system can be given a fair chance and perhaps be evaluated in its true light.—J.F.A.

Tears, Cheers, Beer and Pretzels

At last. A panacea for the nation's ills has been found. Beer. Beer. Beer. We want beer. We want beer. More claims have been made for the healing and curing power of beer than ever made for Peruna or Indian Snake Oil. It will lift the national debt, not to mention the debts of the several states. It will ease the idle hours of the laboring man. It will revive lethargic trade. It will keep us cool in summer and warm in winter. It will put honest men to work and ruin the bootlegger's business. There is nothing that it will not do, except remove corns, bunions, and warts.

Franklin D. Roosevelt promised the new deal but beer is now being credited with delivering the goods. The press, the platform, and even the movies have eulogized, idolized, and idealized suds and pretzels. The daily papers bring us stories of the numbers of men, the tons of hops and the numbers of barrels that are being employed in making beer. Milwaukee put on a gala celebration in honor of the return of King Beer. An expert in brewing announced that of all possible beers 3.2 per cent beer was the best. He painted a sunshiny picture of the proper surroundings for beer-drinking. Two recent comedies at the Carolina theatre were "What, No Beer!" and "The Fatal Glass of Beer."

Then, yesterday, the beer question was debated in the North Carolina Judiciary Committee No. 1. "Steins of foaming beer were pictures as cups of destruction and as draughts of joy that swell the streams of state revenue," the Raleigh News and Observer reports. Opposed by the W. C. T. U., the State Grange, the Baptists, and the United Dry Forces, Senators Francis and Clement, with the moral support of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, are trying to get beer for North Carolina, claiming that it will bring the state \$1,500,000 in revenue and make life more bearable in many other respects.

More than a million people in North Carolina would have to drink a glass of beer a day to furnish the revenue which the would-be beer-legalizers claim, says the News and Observer, sniffingly. And no doubt, there will be a lot of tear shedding in Raleigh before the argument is ended. If North Carolina does get beer, it will probably be well diluted with salty water. Why can't we Tar Heels join in with the rest of the nation and take our beer straight, with the proper joy, hilarity, hoopla, and ballyhoo? Whether or not the beer itself will do us any good, the psychological effect of doing something rash at a time like this will help a lot.—E.C.D.

Safe for Democracy?

Little more than a decade ago, an urgent call went out to the American people to "Make the world safe for Democracy." Well meaning sages proclaimed to our youth that the time had come, once for all, when the down trodden of the world were to be delivered from the cruel hands of the haughty oppressor. The response to these calls every one knows. Thousands of our fittest youths fought and bled and died in the name of humanity and freedom, little realizing how cheaply their lives were sold.

The war was not ended before the victorious allies, forgetting, or disregarding, the cause for which they had, allegedly, been fighting, turned on their unhappy victims with terms more op-

probrious than had been the rule of the most tyrannical of autocrats, and the game of oppression has gone on until it has become unbearable to the countries most vitally concerned.

The German people have decided not to lie under the yoke any longer, and peace loving and intelligent people though they be, have turned again to absolutism in government which was probably never rivaled by the Kaiser himself. The outside world looks on the spectacle and shudders as Hitler and his Nazi's assume control of affairs. It trembles more violently as Austria and Germany become one nation. The oppression of the Jews is certainly a near-sighted policy and one which will likely rebound to the hurt of the administration, but this only marks the beginning of an aggressive, new born nation, seeking to reestablish itself in the family of nations, and is not apt to be the last, nor most odious of its strokes at what it believes to be its enemies.

Europe is again seething with unrest and war clouds hang low and heavy over the distraught continent. Alliances and ententes are forming and many competent judges predict that this generation will again see the world steeped in war.

The League of Nations, a noble, but feeble barrier to future wars, is gradually crumbling and becoming ineffectual, and already, one great initial member has withdrawn—Japan.

Instead of making the world safe for Democracy, there have grown up a long series of dictatorships, as a result of the late war. Italy, which enjoyed a comparatively Democratic government before 1914, now has a most absolute and tyrannical dictator. Russia is no more free from autocratic rule now than when the Tsar presided in Petrograd. Germany and Austria bid fair to show the world a new trick in the way of absolutism, all of which shows how futile is any war in the name of humanity or democracy unless the conquering nations are willing to lead the way in equity and fair play in international affairs.—W.A.S.

OUTSTANDING RADIO BROADCASTS

- Wednesday, March 29
 8:00 George Olsen, orch.; Fanny Brice, comedienne, WEA-FNB (660 Kc).
 9:00 Bing Crosby, songs, WABC—CBS (860 Kc).
 9:15 "Romantic Bachelor," WABC.
 9:30 Morton Downey and Donald Novis—tenors, WJZ—NBC (760 Kc).
 9:30 Lombardo, Burns, and Allen, WABC.
 10:00 Fred Waring, orch., George Givot, comedian, WABC.
 10:30 News, Edwin C. Hill, WABC.
 11:00 Lopez orch., WEA-F.
 11:30 Denny orch., WEA-F.
 12:00 Lown orch., WJZ.
 12:30 Mark Fisher orch., WEA-F.

NEW VOLUME ADDED TO SERIES BEGUN IN 1926

A new book, *Industry and Society*, by A. J. Todd of Northwestern University, has just been published by Henry Holt & Co. in the American Social Science Series, of which Dr. Howard W. Odum, Kenan professor of sociology and director of the Institute for Research in Social Science in the University of North Carolina, is general editor.

Industry and Society is the twenty-first volume of the series of publications that began in 1926. *Marriage*, by Dr. E. R. Groves recently published belongs to this series.

With Contemporaries

Co-operative Buying

Greek organizations at various universities are making use of co-operative buying plans in an effort to reduce expenditures to conform with drastically reduced budgets. The fraternities form groups, thus pooling buying power, and by making use of collective bargaining are able to take advantage of wholesale prices on house supplies. Organizations are furnished wholesale price lists from which they make their purchases. Merchants usually evince willingness to co-operate and express their satisfaction with a buying plan by which they can make bids for business of sufficient quantity to warrant wholesale prices.

Fraternities and sororities at the University might make use of this plan. It should be a means of lowering the operating expenditures of the houses, and that is of paramount consideration right now. Lawrence merchants should not be opposed to the plan, since they must realize that Greek organizations on the Hill are hard pressed financially, and must economize at every corner. Failure to cut a bit here, reduce an expense there, and slice a dollar or so from that cost, can easily result in closing down of some houses. Already several of them have been unable to make ends meet, and have had to discontinue operation. This hurts local merchants. Meeting the emergency calls for co-operation from all concerned.—*University Daily Kansan*.

"RAIN" IS PICTURE AT LOCAL THEATRE TODAY

The picture showing at the Carolina theatre today is "Rain," the second filmization that has been made of the sensational story by W. Somerset Maugham. This version of the picture stars Joan Crawford with a supporting cast of Walter Huston, William Gargan, and Guy Kibbee. The first adaptation of the story, made several years ago, starred Gloria Swanson.

In this version, Miss Crawford plays the part of the lady of light, if any morals, while Huston plays the part of the preacher with intentions of reforming the derelict. Gargan has the role of the rough-and-ready sailor, or sweetheart of Miss Crawford.

DRAMATIC GROUP FESTIVAL BEGINS HERE TOMORROW

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 ville is competing in three categories, Mars Hill in two, Charlotte in two, Seaboard in two, Lenoir Rhyne in two, and Durham organizations in three.

St. Augustine College of Raleigh for Negroes is offering guest performance.

Preliminary competition here, prior to and during the program of the Festival proper, of several groups will add more glamour to the week-end event. Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, Wilson, Raleigh, and Southern Pines high schools will contend for the eastern championship. Friday morning Kings Mountain, Murphy, R. J. Reynolds high of Winston-Salem, and Lenoir will contend for the western championship. The two winners will compete in the Festival Friday night.

Wednesday evening Duke University, the Woman's College of the University, and Elon College are to compete in a preliminary here. The winner will meet in the Festival the opposing winner from the Lenoir Rhyne-Catawba College preliminary at Salisbury.

KOCH ANNOUNCES SPRING PROGRAM OF PLAYMAKERS

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 season-ticket series is to be given May 11-13, and will include studio productions of new plays from the playwriting classes together with one-act plays by professionals.

To Stage German Play
 The first forthcoming presentation, offered in conjunction with the German department, is a German play of the World War, *Der Flieger*, to be presented April 7 and 8. The play, directed by Dr. Meno Spann, will be partly in German, partly in English. Experimental productions of ten new plays from Professor Koch's playwriting classes will follow on April 12.

The next monthly Playmaker reading will be Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, presented by Dr. Urban Holmes on Sunday evening, April 30. Mrs. Holmes will take the part of Roxane.

Other events on the program for the quarter will be the Playmakers Annual Caper, May 27, and the commencement performance on June 3. Try-outs for the Forest theatre presentation will be conducted Monday, April 24.

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