Welcome Action

It is gratifying to see the Student Welfare board voted that a central clearing house be created for scheduling campus events.

This newspaper has been campaigning for some time for the creation of such a clearing house. Too often in the past, as has been outlined on these pages from time to time, six or seven major programs, meetings, and entertainments were scheduled on the same night.

As a result, students desirous of attending several of the scheduled events were unable to do so. Now, if all organizations are forced to clear through the dean of men's office before scheduling programs and meetings, the danger of numerous conflicts can bé avoided.

We recommend to the administrative officials now considering the resolution that they approve and act on them as soon as possible. No question exists as to the need for a central clearing house. It is very necessary and will answer one of the campus' most crying needs.

Smoking Problem

Another of the resolutions passed by the Welfare board Thursday will not prove as welcome and as readily acceptable to all concerned as the one creating the central clearing agency.

The recommendation that smoking be forbidden in classrooms and assemblies will meet with much opposition from the student body. The question of depriving them of what has become an accepted privilege cannot be taken lightly.

There is no doubt but what smoking must be prohibited in assemblies and shows such as those appearing constantly in Memorial hall. · We have long contended that smoking should be prohibited in Memorial hall, and such action was taken recently-eliminating the stuffy, smoky atmosphere and the haze that obstructs clear vision.

Although the same principle can be carried over into the classrooms-particularly during this quarter when most windows must be kept shut and the rooms are overly-stuffy-and we are in favor of a "no smoking" rule, we realize that the students have a strong argument and right to feel they should be allowed to smoke. Not only some of the students, but also some of the instructors, must be included in such a category.

In a recent poll taken by the DTH, we found 100 per cent opposition to any prohibition of smoking in classrooms. All of the students asked were emphatic in stating their beliefs that they should be allowed to smoke.

Several suggested that the smoking rule should be left in the hands of the individual professors. None seemed to think smoking distracted enough from classroom proceedings to bother anyone, and they all were in accord that cans or some receptacles should be provided for ash trays.

Our principle objections to smoking in the classroom is that as matters now stand, the classrooms become littered with butts and ashes, presenting a very distasteful appearance when one enters the room.

In some buildings on the campus, a definite fire hazard exists. In these buildings smoking should be prohibited, regardless of arguments pro and con.

Some students dislike having to inhale and look through smoke hour after hour. Admittedly, these are usually nonsmokers—in the minority on this campus. If we are to go by majority rule, apparently they will have to grin and bear it.

Thus the problem can be debated by both sides. We are opposed to smoking in classrooms. But the strongest argument in its favor is that the overwhelming majority of students is in favor of smoking. Their feelings and opinions should be considered before any quick action is taken.

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"Hop in, kid. I'll take ya any place ya wanna go."

World Affairs

France Today Represents Miniature Politicial World

By Manny Margolis

France today is a political world in miniature. It is a veritable microcosm of our present-day tug-o'-peace. The struggle for supremacy within France between the M.R.P. and the Communists-which has recently catapulted the Socialists into power-is directly parallel to, and an outgrowth of, the political struggle between Great Britain and the Soviet Union on the European continent. Outside of France, imperialist colonialism is breathing its last gasps in French Indochina.

Is France making the same mistakes all over again? Is the new French Republic trodding the same catastrophic path as its predecessor? At first glance, it would seem to be. A quick look at recent developments in the Palais Bourbon and the Palais Elysee reveals the following:

(1) The unity born in resistance to Fascism has been replaced by political discord.

(2) The statesmen of the Third Republic-Leon Blum, Edouard Herriot, Champetier de Rives, Vincent Auriol, Paul Ramadier-have not been replaced by youthful and vigorous statesmen from the Resistance Move-

(3) The defeat of the First French Constitution last June, which called for sweeping political, social, and economic reforms, was a victory for the

(4) A weak party (Socialist) has been able to capitalize on the present stalemated, balance-of-power situation, plus its abundance of "statesmen," and has gained temporary control of the government.

George Slocombe, in a discussion of terms of habitual American thinking. recent political developments in France in last Wednesday's N. Y. Herald Tribune, concludes:

would seem to indicate that the trend | benefits. is neither that simple nor headed in that direction. The Tribune's colum- "Bien a Gauche!"

Elections in France over the past two years have marked more than merely a trend. They have marked the beginning of a new era for the French people. France is enjoying the fruits of the war against Fascism, which it helped and is helping to fight. This is a different France. This is a France which has become completely engulfed by a revolutionary and socialistic tide!

Here are the symptoms:

(1) Eighty percent (approx.) of the 20 million voters cast their votes for only three parties, rather than the traditional dozen.

(2) Socialist and Communist Parties alone have secured and maintained more than half of the total number of delegates to the National As-

(3) A new party has emerged out of the so-called right-the Popular Republican Movement - which is markedly LEFT OF CENTER, in

These are the great historical changes which defeat, occupation, collaboration, and resistance have achieto differ from the Third, the more ved. In blazing contrast to their chato differe from the Third, the more otic prewar politics, Frenchmen are and more inevitably it will resemble demanding and will achieve greater opportunity for the many and a fair-But fortunately, closer scrutiny er share of their nation's economic

France's byword is, apparently,

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True Status

Dear Bill:

Re Jud Emberg's "Strictly Detrimental" of January 25, I would like to point out, without much comment, that his remarks concerning Mr. Lear's role on the Publications Board might be subject to misinterpretation.

Mr. Kinberg is aware of the facts to be presented, but I offer the fol- lationship with him, I have always lowing for publication because Mr. found him extremely cooperative, Lear's true status as a board member very receptive to new ideas, and alwould not seem generally known.

Mr. Lear is financial adviser to the Publications Board. While, correctly, physical and/or internal caliber of the an influence, he is, however, the only publications. member of the Board who has no vote; so that actually he cannot directly cause "the junking of important advance because it might draw upon

current finances," or for any other

As financial adviser, he offers his opinion and makes recommendations concerning financial policy of the publications, and the Board acts upon this advice and that which is contributed by the other members. He also ably supervises the correct expenditure of Board funds after they As a former member of the Board, have been appropriated.

Personally, in my own business reways ready to aid in any constructive movement which will improve the

BILL SELIG

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By Charles Berman

During the past six-months, and especially since the precedent-breaking appointment of General George C. Marshall as Secretary of State, many people have asked the question, "How much influence does the military have on our foreign policy; and if there is influence, should we be alarmed?"

There is no sense in denying it, our foreign policy is being influenced by the military. Such men as Admiral Kirk, Generals Smith, Clay, MacArthur, Hines, Clark, Holcomb, and now Marshall are in the "higher ups" of our State Department and foreign policy. These men in my opinion are doing

a good job; but as Hanson W. Baldwin points out, this trend toward the military is poor for our overall foreign policy. I agree with Mr. Baldwin, but I do not agree with those alarmists that say we must back-track and remove the military completely from our foreign policy.

Since General Marshall became Chief of Staff on September 1, 1939, the day Germany attacked Poland, military aid to our South and Central American neighbors has been constantly increased. This aid was necessary before and during the war; but now that fighting has ceased, many people believe that this aid should be drastically curtailed or even completely stopped.

The people who voice these opinions do not fully realize that by building up the potential military strength of our neighbors and standardizing the military techniques, we are in turn increasing the defensive capabilities of this hemisphere from foreign attack. Until the United Nations is firmly entrenched, I am inclined to feel that this positively is necessary.

Along with this plan for hemispheric defense, we should also consider beginning to obstruct the group, and whether or not we should retain sub- so we have the problem of a stag ject to United Nation's inspection, line stretching in a straight line althose islands in the Pacific that are most in the center jump circle. deemed necessary for our defense. The the enemy because they had not been | ized society. provided with an adequate military defense. Many people unjustly blamed men out numbering coeds about 7 to the military when they should have 1, so please let us not force the felblamed themselves, and remembered never to let it happen again.

It is expected that the military will continue to dominate the affairs of our defeated enemies. Our foreign commitments require that an army of occupation be retained in Germany. As long as this army remains, it is only logical to conclude that military government should also remain. If the control were shifted to the State Department, this would establish dual administrative government. This type of government rarely functions effectively-we must consider this before we make any hasty decisions.

So you see, because of national defense and foreign commitments, we must retain the military influence in our foreign policy. As it stands this policy is not alarming; should the military grow stronger, there would be considerable alarm. Remember though, that Congress retains the authority to investigate the Executive department of the government; as long as it does, the danger that the military will dominate our foreign policy seems nil.

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Strange Phenomena

Dear Sir:

Recently I have noted very strange phenomena at some of our campus dances, especially those held in the woman's gym. The stag line seems to possess some unknown commander who lines them up, gives out an "eye right" to check and then proceeds to have this group advance en masse from one side of the gym to the other. Of course when the center point of the advance is reached dancers are

I am probably not the one to say war proved that we needed those is- anything about this because I have nist offers a fairly attractive editor- lands, and that they are of extreme participated in the movement more ial salad, but it lacks any real French importance, not only to us, but also than one time. All I ask is that let's to every other nation in the Western cooperate (even if many don't like Hemisphere. Those of us who con- the word since we presume ourselves demn this plan should recall the dark to be individuals) and give the very days of the winter and spring of few lucky dancers a chance to show 1942. Guam and Wake had fallen to us how the art should appear in civil-

These dances are very crowded with lows with dates to leave and raise the odds.

· LARRY BERRY

It Happens Here...

TODAY

11:00 Sherwood Eddy Talks, Methodist church

4:00 Student party meets; Graham Memorial Candlelight room

7:00 Sherwood Eddy Talks at Canterbury club, Wesley foundation, Methodist church base-

Open house to all students, Alpha D. Pi Rosemary

8:00 CPU Roundtable discussion, Grail room, Graham Memorial 8:00 American Friends relief films, 103 Bingham

Laboratory theatre open reading, 111 Murphey hall TOMORROW

4:00 Tryouts for experimental productions, Playmaker theater 7:30 All YWCA committees meet

in designated places Monogram club movies, for all

members, Clubhouse

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

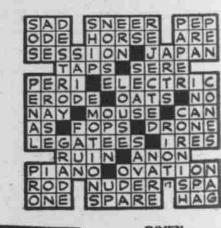
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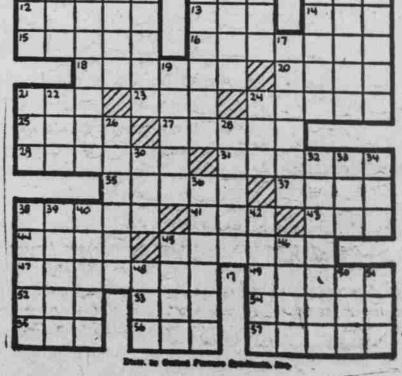
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