

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 be 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 non-smokers—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.



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

World Affairs

France Today Represents Miniature Political 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.

Is France making the same mistakes all over again? Is the new French Republic treading 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 Movement.
(3) The defeat of the First French Constitution last June, which called for sweeping political, social, and economic reforms, was a victory for the right.
(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 recent political developments in France in last Wednesday's N. Y. Herald Tribune, concludes: to differ from the Third, the more and more inevitably it will resemble it."

But fortunately, closer scrutiny would seem to indicate that the trend is neither that simple nor headed in that direction. The Tribune's columnist offers a fairly attractive editorial salad, but it lacks any real French dressing.

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 per cent (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 Assembly.
(3) A new party has emerged out of the so-called right—the Popular Republican Movement—which is markedly LEFT OF CENTER, in terms of habitual American thinking.

These are the great historical changes which defeat, occupation, collaboration, and resistance have achieved. In blazing contrast to their chaotic prewar politics, Frenchmen are demanding and will achieve greater opportunity for the many and a fairer share of their nation's economic benefits.

France's byword is, apparently, "Bien a Gauche!"

THE CPU ROUNDTABLE

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 whether or not we should retain subject to United Nation's inspection, those islands in the Pacific that are deemed necessary for our defense. The war proved that we needed those islands, and that they are of extreme importance, not only to us, but also to every other nation in the Western Hemisphere. Those of us who condemn this plan should recall the dark days of the winter and spring of 1942. Guam and Wake had fallen to the enemy because they had not been provided with an adequate military defense. Many people unjustly blamed the military when they should have blamed 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.

Letters To The Editor

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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 beginning to obstruct the group, and so we have the problem of a stag line stretching in a straight line almost in the center jump circle.

I am probably not the one to say anything about this because I have participated in the movement more than one time. All I ask is that let's cooperate (even if many don't like the word since we presume ourselves to be individuals) and give the very few lucky dancers a chance to show us how the art should appear in civilized society.

These dances are very crowded with men out numbering coeds about 7 to 1, so please let us not force the fellows 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 basement
7:00 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
8:00 Laboratory theatre open reading, 111 Murphy hall

TOMORROW

- 4:00 Tryouts for experimental productions, Playmaker theater
7:30 All YWCA committees meet in designated places
7:30 Monogram club movies, for all members, Clubhouse

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True Status

Dear Bill:

Re Jud Irmberg'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.

As a former member of the Board, Mr. Kinberg is aware of the facts to be presented, but I offer the following for publication because Mr. Lear's true status as a board member would not seem generally known.

Mr. Lear is financial adviser to the Publications Board. While, correctly, an influence, he is, however, the only 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 reason.

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 have been appropriated.

Personally, in my own business relationship with him, I have always found him extremely cooperative, very receptive to new ideas, and always ready to aid in any constructive movement which will improve the physical and/or internal caliber of the publications.

BILL SELIG

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Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1-Law code covering crimes
6-Town in Belgium
9-Kind of stone
12-Unaccompanied
13-Variety
14-Sooner than
15-A fabric
16-Beg
18-Whisper
20-Poker bet
21-Flow out
23-Western State (abbr.)
24-Niggardly person
25-Flavor
27-Ethiopian title
29-Doctors
31-Goodbys
32-Grassy
37-Tile
38-Crinkly fabric
41-Long fish
43-Mineral spring
44-Cat
45-Word of honor
47-Supporter
49-Divane
52-Knowledge
53-Everything
54-Barden
55-Observe
56-Algerian title
57-Sublease

Grid for crossword puzzle with letters filled in: SAE SNEER PEP, ODE HORSE ARE, SESSION JAPAN, TAPS SERE, PERI ELECTRIC, ERODE OATS NO, NAY MOUSE CAN, AS FOPS DRONE, LEGATEES IRES, RUIN ANON, PIANO OVATION, ROD NUDER SPA, ONE SPARE HAG

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

DOWN

- 1-Dance step
2-High note
3-Outstanding
4-Blackbirds
5-Bialin's teacher
6-Arm cover
7-Searcher for gold
8-Part of play
9-High school days
10-Mate speech
11-Discoeurge
12-Dried grape
13-Stupid
21-Superlativ ending
23-The is a profession
24-Muck
25-Game fish
26-Indian coin
28-Make up set
29-Defeated one
30-Man from Poland
31-Solitary
32-Deceased
33-Part of "to be"
34-De drive, of all