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HILLEL PLEDGES \$1000 TO FUND CAMPAIGN

Cast Selected for "Petticoat Fever"; April 16

The date for the performance of the Hillel Players in "Petticoat Fever," a non-tropical farce, perhaps better known as a cold comedy, has been set for Tuesday evening, April 16. The play, under the very able direction of dramatic coach Louis Gonick, will be enacted at the exceptionally fine theatre of the City Club Hotel in Oakland. Tickets will be sold for 35 cents at Cal students and 50 cents for general admission.

The curtain rises on this "laff-a-minute" comedy at 8:15 sharp.

Hillel Thespians portraying the four main leads in this three-act, light, sophisticated comedy will be: Leon Kirschner as Dascom; Lillian Kaufman as Ethel; Raymond Smulyan in the part of Sir James Fenton; and Thelma Genser enacting the role of the persistent siren, Clara.

"Petticoat Fever," which was a successful movie several years ago with Robert Montgomery and Myrna Loy, has its plot centered about Dascom, a young wireless operator in icy Labrador who hasn't seen a girl in two years. When Sir James Fenton and his fiancée, Ethel, have to make a forced airplane landing and become stranded at Dascom's wireless station, Dascom very naturally and very immediately proceeds to fall in love with Ethel.

Further complications set in when Clara, the girl who jilted Dascom two years before, arrives on the scene, intent on making up with Dascom and this time really marrying him. From then on the plot concerns itself with what happens to these four people. The ultimate result is an exchange of partners, or rather, fiancées, leaving Clara, who will take anything walking around in trousers, only partially dissatisfied.

Tickets for the play will go on sale next week.

Felix Bronner Wins Oratorical Contest

At the session of the San Francisco Lodge No. 21, held Monday evening, March 11, Felix Bronner, from Vienna, a Sophomore student in the Department of Agriculture and a Varsity debater, won the California oratorical contest.

Felix Bronner has been in the United States only two years and a half. His oration dealing with the problem of immigrants was voted the best of the field of contestants by a committee of judges composed of Edgar C. Levey, Nat Schumlowitz and Professor Arnold Perstein.

Bronner will go to Chicago to represent the California Foundation in the national Hillel oratorical contest to be held in Covenant Hall, Sunday, April 7.

The event is expected to outstrip all previous contests, because in addition to the 12 Foundations which have competed in the past, many of the 18 Hillel extension units will enter contestants.

The subject of all orations must be of general Jewish interest. The national winner will receive a beautiful trophy.



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PURIM SEMI-FORMAL HAS THREE THEMES

Hillel will boast of another first when it presents its initial semi-formal Purim Dance which will be held at the foundation on Saturday, March 30.

The many-themed dance will be carried out in an atmosphere of spring, with blossoms gracing the walls.

Membership card-holders will be admitted duty-free, but non-card holders will have to part with forty cents.

An orchestra has not been selected as yet, at this writing, but the Social Committee promises to have an orchestra with a "name" and a first-class downbeat.

Crowning event of the evening will be the naming of "Miss Unknown" (see Editorial Page). She will be crowned with a can of beer.

Florence Malik, chairman of the Social Committee, states that much planning and effort have been put into the preparation of the dance, and that it is sure to draw a large crowd. She says that not only do the girls get a break at this dance, but also the fellows.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. "Music soothes the savage breast," says Florence, but there's nothing like food to keep the men in form for dancing."

DRIVE WILL RUN APRIL 4 TO 16

Cliff Barbanell Takes Post as General Chairman

One thousand dollars is the goal established for this year's Welfare Fund drive on the campus, which will be launched April 4, and be conducted through April 16. Meetings, advertising, and various other activities raising morale and money will be held during the interim. The campaign will culminate with the presentation of the play "Petticoat Fever" in the Little Theatre of the Berkeley Women's City Club the evening of Tuesday, April 16.

Directing the drive as general chairman will be Cliff Barbanell, President of the Kappa Nu fraternity. Drive managers under his coordination are: Enid Goldstein, Harvey Masonek, Manny Reznik, Ralph Kramer, Anne Roitenstein. Also serving as managers will be Florence Malik, Ralph Eliaser, Zeev Halperin, Ted Kalman, Sophie Ann Kaplan, and Milton Rubin.

Managing posts were assigned according the districts in which the managers live, etc. Thus, each Jewish fraternity and sorority will be solicited by a member of the house. Oakland, San Francisco and Albany donations will be handled in the same manner. Berkeley collections will be handled by streets.

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COST LUNCHES ARE NOW FEATURE AT NOON-HOUR

William Epstein announces that cost lunches are being served daily during noon-time at Hillel Foundation. A complete lunch, including sandwiches, coffee and cake may be purchased for as little as 12 cents. The policy of serving coffee and cake free to those who bring their lunches will be continued as in the past.

Epstein states that more than 50 students take advantage of this feature daily. Participants are planning to organize discussion groups at the lunches.

CONFESSIONS OF A BOOKWORM

"FACTORIES IN THE FIELD" — By CAREY WILLIAMS

We have upon our New Book shelf a book by Carey Williams, entitled "Factories in the Field," which tells us essentially what the book is about. In this book McWilliams relates to us the evaluation of California's society during the period of its tremendous growth in wealth by the work of man's hands. The material presented in the book has been derived from his research among books, records, and personal contacts which have been available to him.

He deals with the owners and the workers of the land in California, the basic constituents of the Californian society. We are shown in this account of the history of the land in California, the grasping hands of selfish individuals accumulating millions of acres of fertile land. At first the Spanish had vast estates which they exploited in the production of meat shipped to the mother country. Then came the Americans who, by hook or crook, through outright brutality, illegal legality, bribery, and any other way, accumulated vast areas of land.

We are then taken through the constantly changing stream of exploited laborers of the exploited

and show their dissatisfaction with a below-living wage, anti-Chinese riots were instigated and new sources of labor were tapped. Thus we go through the Japanese, Filipino, Mexican, and at present the large part of agricultural labor is poor native American.

McWilliams leaves us with the conclusion that our California landowners are going to have to change their attitude and tactics towards the laborers working for them. McWilliams places this account before our eyes in simple, understandable words and in a very interesting manner.

Wm. Epstein

HILLEL EXTENDS SERVICE TO STUDENTS

With the establishment of 18 extension units in addition to the 12 regular Foundations, the B'nai B'rith Hillel movement is now serving some 15,000 Jewish students throughout the country, according to the report of Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Director.

Through the various Hillel Foundations, 57 refugee students have been brought to America to continue their studies. But most important of all, of course, is the Jewish cultural program pursued at each Foundation; it includes religious services, Jewish courses, discussion groups, debates, oratorical contests, drama, and a stimulation of interest in good books. At the Illinois, Alabama, Missouri, and Iowa units, university credit is granted for Hillel courses.

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TALKS ON SERVICE; THREE AUTHORITIES

Continuing the series of lectures on Jewish Social Service, Louis Blumenthal, Director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Centre, dealt with service performed by Jewish Community Centres. "The origin of the Jewish Centre," he said, "was in the Young Men's Hebrew Association. It was a spontaneous expression on the part of Jewish youth for fellowship." Jewish centres have had an extraordinary expansion. Their membership in 1922 was 100,000. Today it is more than 400,000. A physical plant that was worth five million in 1922 is today worth forty million. The program has kept pace with the numerical and physical growth. Stressing positive Jewish values, emphasizing group work philosophy and practice and developing education in democracy the Jewish Centre is an invaluable factor in Jewish life today.

Samuel Holcenberg, field secretary of the Western Division of Jewish Welfare Funds, followed with a description of the superb service performed by the Joint Distribution Committee overseas and the part played by the United Palestine Appeal in the reconstruction work in Palestine. And the National Refugee Service, asserted Holcenberg, has skillfully integrated thousands of uprooted men and women in our western economy without creating a disturbance.

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SANFORD GOLDNER SPEAKS ON BOOKS

All of the volumes review in the last three book reviews by Sanford Goldner have dealt with the interrelation of the fields of learning. Robert Lynd in his "Knowledge for What," indicates the sterility of contemporary scholarship which neglects the social context and which treats the fields in isolation. John Dewey, in his "Freedom and Culture," does the same thing, noting particularly the inadequacy of views which emphasize economics to the exclusion of psychology, or vice-versa. Odum and Moore, in their volume, "American Regionalism," indicate the manner in which the subject matter of America's diverse regional groups is enriched by a consideration of psychology, economics, anthropology, literature—e.i., by a general interrelation of the fields.

These volumes have all been reviewed with regard to their implications for the discussion of political affairs.

Dr. Rudolph Coffee, President of the Jewish Committee of Personal Service, carrying the series forward, outlined the unique service of the organization that concerns itself with the restoration of the maladjusted to social usefulness. The plight of the released prisoner facing a society that is unwilling to trust him, is one that taxes all the resources of this unique committee.

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By FRANCENE HERSH

My assignment came to my desk at the last minute. "Write a column on news at other Hillels," it tersely read. Now, I am well aware that we are living in an age of wonders. However, even my little two-seater can't dash around the country in fifty-nine minutes flat.

Thus it is that I was bound by necessity to take down from the attic my round myriad-colored crystal ball.

After reciting the magic words, a hazy jumble of syllables appeared which evolved themselves into the following news items:

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At Michigan University, the Hannah G. Solomon Scholarship Fund, which is maintained by the National Council of Jewish Juniors, is warding annual tuition scholarships for graduate work in social service to all senior men and women.

Awards are given to the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago; School of Social Work; Tulane University; and the new school for Social Research in New York City.

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At Cornell University, the Tau Delta Phi were hosts to all Hillelites, presenting as their guest of honor, Rabbi Frederick Doppelt, who addressed the gathering on "Jewish Mysticism."

Rabbi Doppelt is especially interested in Chassidism, the outstanding mystical movement in Jewish History, which stressed optimism and religious ecstasy in face of the persecution Jews suffered in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. In many Jewish circles efforts have been made to revive the Chassidic spirit in an attempt to help face the situation in the world today.

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In his rapid survey of the Jewish past, Rabbi Merritt has been dealing with great personalities who left their mark on the thought and life of succeeding ages. The life, times and service of Philo, the great Egyptian Jewish philosopher of the first century, was an interesting theme and the brave effort of the father of the "Logos" to harmonize Greek philosophy and the Jewish faith was set forth.

"Was the warm favor that Mohammed showed the Jews of Arabia and his advances to them at the outset of his career a lost opportunity for the Jews to share with Mohammed's followers the control of the ancient world?" asked Rabbi Merritt. Failing to win the Jews to his cause, warm favor gave way to a fierce hostility and a policy of extermination. And in his lecture on "The Jew as a Torchbearer," Rabbi Merritt set forth the unique service of the medieval Jew as a carrier of the rich knowledge and learning of the Arabic East to the crude illiterate and ignorant West.

In addition to dancing, there were refreshments and a balloting for a Hillel Carnival queen.

The proceeds from the Carnival are to go towards the Hillel Refugee Fund.

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Members of the University of Illinois were singularly honored by the appearance of Eva Lipps, author of "Savage Symphony."

Appearing at a recent forum, Mrs. Lips gave a vivid summary of contemporary European affairs in-

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Hillel Calendar



March 15 — Friday, 8:30 P.M. — Fireside Discussion. Speaker: Prof. Alexander Kaun, Slavic Dept of U. of C. Theme: "The Jew in Contemporary Russia."

March 17 — Sunday, 6:15 P.M. — Cost Supper-Open Forum. Speaker Dr. Milton Chernin. Theme: "The Battle for Relief."

March 18 — Monday, 4:15 P.M. — Student Council Meeting.

March 19 — Tuesday 4 to 6 P.M. — Open House.

March 19 — Tuesday, 4 P.M. — Book Review and Discussion. — Sanford Goldner: "Regionalism," by Odum and Moore.

March 19 — Tuesday, 7:45 P.M. — Hebrew Class.

March 20 Wednesday, 3:15 P.M. — "Highlights of Jewish History," Rabbi Merritt. Special theme—"The Jew in the Medieval Community."

March 20 — Wednesday, 8 P.M. — "Jewish Social Institutions," Series." Speaker: Benjamin Bonaparte, Supt. Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum. Theme: "The Care of the Dependent Child."

March 26 — Tuesday, 4 to 6 P.M. — Open House.

4 P.M. — Book Review and Discussion. Sanford Goldner.
7:45 P.M. — Hebrew Class.

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March 27 — Wednesday, 3:15 P.M. — "Highlights of Jewish History." Special theme: "The Jew in Medieval England." Rabbi Merritt.
8 P.M. — "Jewish Social Institutions" series. Speaker: Mrs. Florence Switton, Supt. Hebrew Home for the Aged. Theme: "The Care of the Aged."

March 29 — Friday, 8:30 P.M. — Evening of Music.

March 30 — Saturday, 9 to 12 P.M. — PURIM LEAP YEAR INFORMATIONAL.

March 31 — Sunday, 6:15 P.M. — Cost Supper-Open Forum. Auspices of Palestine Labor League. Speaker: Prof. Eric Beecroft — Theme: Palestine and Britain's Near Eastern Policy."

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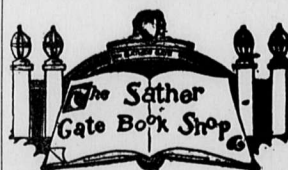
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WE CAN DO IT!

Year after year Jewish people are asked to contribute to Jewish Welfare Funds. These yearly contributions have come to be an integral part of the very existence of American Jewry especially.

Consequently, when special needs and new problems arise requiring more than usual funds and aid, it is difficult to elicit a response aside from ordinary contributions.

Last year proved the exception to this rule. More money was raised than ever before. This seemed to indicate a growing realization of the ever expanding needs of less fortunate people. Even Hillel Foundation raised a full \$500 on very short notice.

The year 1940 finds the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal confronted with new responsibilities of overwhelming scope and gravity. Chief of the problems that must be dealt with is the plight of millions of Jews in and of Poland. After suffering from the ravages of war, the Jews of Poland, always destitute, are now on the brink of starvation and death. In addition to this, there are new responsibilities in Palestine, as well as those related to refugees entering this country.

As a result of these greater necessities, the Jewish students of the University of California have decided to DOUBLE last year's contribution through the medium of Hillel Foundation. The raising of \$1000 by Jewish students in Berkeley is NOT an idle pipe dream. It can be done.

The organization of an efficient campaign staff and program is an indication of the undoubted attainment of the goal. However, the best organization is dependent upon the individual contribution of each student.

April 4 will mark the start of actual collection work by the many students who have volunteered their services and time. They will not expect anyone to contribute more than they can afford, but they do want a contribution from every one, no matter how small it may be.

The National Chairmen of the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL solemnly appeal to every Jew in the United States again to join with them this year in shouldering and meeting a responsibility that is the most sacred task that has confronted Jews during their entire history of freedom and opportunity in America.

1940 CAMPAIGN FUND

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Cliff assures us that the fund-raising campaign may easily go over the top if every Jewish student donates even a very small sum.

According to Harry Sapper, Executive Director of the Oakland Jewish Federation, and co-ordinator of the entire drive in the East Bay, this will be the greatest money-raising campaign in Jewish history. Forty-two million dollars

—that is the total of the combined minimum budgets of the three major Jewish relief agencies. It includes no provision at all for emergencies — although one has every reason to believe that there will be many of these within the next twelve-month. For the present a sum of \$23,000,000 is the immediate goal of the fund campaigners. It is the unconditional irreducible minimum, with all the literal implications of these words. It is the battle-fund against extermination for almost half the Jews of the world.

who is she?

The Californiac has his Maizie Swinnerty, and Princess Papooly is okay, too, but we've got a gal, also. We'll put her up against Maizie Swinnerty anytime (but not Tom Barbour). The Princess Papooly has plenty of Papaya, but our femme just has plenty, and we don't mean papaya.

Now, you take this Maizie Swinnerty, she's a Flat-foot Floozie, without even so much as a Floy Floy. Frinstance, take Maizies handle. Where did Barbour get Swinnerty from? It sounds suspiciously like swine to us. Now if you knew the India language like we do, you'd know that Maizie means CORNY. This guy Barbour is wan smart feller. He knows what to call his women.

But we got double-trouble with our women, too. We know that she's a brain, but by golly, when we asked her what herndma was, she said she forgot. Doesn't that beat all? Just like a woman.

It's plain ordinary Hell when a gal like our doesn't know her own name. Lookit, Maizie; she reserved a table for 25 at the Senior Informal. Could our female do that? Not on your life she couldn't, not without a name. Of course, she doesn't spread out as far as Maizie when she sits down, so she didn't need that many.

Well, here's the dope. We got to have a name for this bit of feminine pulchritude (?), so we're offering a prize for the best name submitted. The prize (we actually got a prize) will be a Free bid to the Purim Semi-Formal. Now anybody knows that's worth four bits in any man's money. This gal of ours, she's going to be christened at the dance, too, but not with champagne. Our woman gets nothing but beer (if we don't forget the can-opener).

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jecting her own charm and personality into what was hailed as the most interesting and enlightening for the forum series to date.

In an interview to the press, she advises Americans to confine their worrying to American problems and stay out of the European mess.

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Then, everything went hazy again, and despite numerous petitions of the magic words, I couldn't revive the crystal ball.

THE INSIDE STORY

When we compare the terms of the Russo-Finnish peace treaty with the original Russian demands, we won't find very essential differences. Russia, after having attained its main strategical objectives, namely the capture of the Mannerheim line, was willing to grant peace. The question, however, remains: "what will be the consequences of this treaty?"

With the start of the northern war, England and France were caught in a dilemma. The Scandinavian conflict was definitely to the advantage of the Allies, particularly insofar as it concentrated all Russian efforts on this one spot, and prevented any large scale economic assistance on the part of the Soviet to Germany. It was to the interest of the Allies also that the conflict should continue as long as possible in order to weaken Russian prestige and morale and to keep the Soviets busy as long as possible.

With the advance of the war, it became more and more obvious that the Finns wouldn't be able to hold out for very long without effective foreign military and conomic aid. England and France, however, were very reluctant to send any troops, despite the fact that their governments would have cherished the idea of attacking Russia.

The English and the French, however, didn't dare to risk a war against a full-fledged military and economic combination such as Russia and Germany. Thus, the Allies left Finland to its fate, rather than wage a war against the Soviets, at least for the time being.

It must be noted that Germany would have liked nothing better than an allied-Russia conflict, which would have forced the English and French to divert troops and materials from the Western Front to the North. The peace treaty, however, is not exactly to the disadvantage of Germany, either, since Germany may now expect a larger measure of Russian assistance and may be able to exert more successful pressure upon the small neutral states, particularly in the Balkans. These little states saw once more that the so-called protection of the Allied powers doesn't mean too much and isn't too effective. This realization definitely lowers the resistance powers of the small Balkan countries towards the German demands.

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