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THREE RELIGIOUS GROUPS JOIN IN HOLIDAY RITES

Hillel President in Charge of Student Committee on Arrangements

On Wednesday afternoon, November 26, at 4 o'clock, in Wheeler Hall, three religious groups represented on the campus of the University of California will join for the second successive year in a united service of thanksgiving.

Last year the directing heads of the Newman House, representing the Catholic students, the Hillel Foundation, representing the Jewish students, and the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., representing the Protestant students, evolved the plan to celebrate the traditional day set aside by presidential proclamation and national custom, by joining in worship for the first time in the history of the University.

Administration Gives Approval

The University administration gave its hearty approval, and a program was arranged that was free from any sectarian note. The speakers, representing the groups participating, were invited to interpret the thanksgiving message.

Although the service was held at an hour when students bound for the home Thanksgiving observance might naturally have been expected to be hurrying from the campus, an unusually large body of men and women assembled to join in one of the most beautiful and inspiring services ever held on the University campus.

Students Handle Arrangements

The success of that first service encouraged its sponsors to approach the A.S.U.C. with the suggestion that the student body itself become the foster parent of this new adventure designed to bring these great religious groups together on a common platform. The A.S.U.C. adopted the suggestion.

Sanford Levy, president of Hillel, has the distinction of heading the A.S.U.C. committee that is arranging the union Thanksgiving service for 1930. Hillel Foundation from the outset ardently supported this fine innovation. Hillel Foundation believes that only good can come from such communion. We ask our Jewish student group to express its approval this year by attending the union service in a body.

Alliance Plans Holiday Dinner

In accordance with their traditional custom, the California Alliance of Jewish Women is preparing to entertain that portion of the Jewish student body of the University of California that remains on the campus over Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, at a dinner which will be given at 6:30 o'clock in the Assembly Hall of the Hillel Foundation.

Notices have been sent out asking for reservations for this annual dinner.

Robert Sibley

who will speak Wednesday night before Open Forum group on what he, as an engineer, observed in Russia.



Robert Sibley, executive secretary of the Alumni Association of the University of California, will be the speaker on the Open Forum of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Wednesday evening, November 12. Sibley will take as his theme "Soviet Russia Through the Eyes of an Engineer." He enjoyed the distinction of being commissioned to carry to the great world convention of power representatives, held last July, the report of the United States power group.

At the conclusion of that great convention Sibley secured entry into Soviet Russia for the special purpose of making a personal examination of the plans that had been organized by the engineers of the Soviet government in their ambitious effort to mechanize and industrialize the vast realm of Russia. These engineers also sought to consummate the so-called Gosplan, the five year plan by which the Soviet authorities hope to revolutionize life throughout the vast stretch of Russia.

Sibley was not particularly interested in the sociological or the religious aspects of modern Russia, but he was vitally interested in the character and promise of the machinery and the plants to which practically all of the Russian budget is being devoted.

He has brought back a remarkable message as to what is going on in a mechanistic and industrial way in Russia, and has some vital things to say about this particular and important phase of the great Russian experiment.

Student Orators Take to Pulpit

Continuing the work begun last year, the social welfare committee of the Hillel Foundation is sponsoring a series of lectures at the Hebrew Center of Berkeley. The first speaker was Harold Loffler, who presented as his theme, "Hitler and Hitlerism," on Friday, November 7. Charles Shane, Justin Scharff, Joseph Karesh, Jack Silver, and Gorman Silen are student speakers scheduled for future appearances.

CASTS SELECTED FOR TWO PLAYS

Final announcement of the casting for the evening of one-act plays to be presented by the dramatics group is made by Bessie Miller and Sanford Goldner, directors.

The two plays to be produced are "The Wonder Hat," by Ben Hecht, and Samuel Grossman's "The Two Goyim." The definite date of the performances, which will probably take place in the early part of December, will be announced in the next issue of the Hillel Call.

Five characters appear in "The Wonder Hat." They are to be portrayed by Clara Steinsapir, Irma Laventhal, Percy Soloty, Nathan Mitzman, and Manuel Cherin. The play is a harlequin fantasy and will be produced in costume.

"The Two Goyim" is a humorous take-off on the middle-class New York Jew and his troubles when he tries to disguise the fact that he is a Jew in order to attain social position.

Jayne Hoffman will play the part of Mrs. Nadelberg, and the rest of the cast is as follows: Mr. Nadelberg, Meyer Rothman; Ida, Annette Cohen; Jennie, Eleanor Hamlen; Mr. Brahinsky, Charles Shane; and Mr. Burton, Leonid Klatchkin.

First rehearsals for the plays began last Tuesday. Bessie Miller is directing "The Wonder Hat," and Sanford Goldner is directing "The Two Goyim."

Britain Hit for Palestine Stand

The change of the Labor government policy regarding the famous Balfour declaration was discussed by Rabbi M. J. Merritt in his theme "The New Policy in Palestine," at the Friday evening religious services on October 31.

Rabbi Merritt declared that the new policy for Palestine announced by the Labor government of Great Britain, has aroused the whole Jewish world to protest. It is based on the report of Sir John Simpson, who was sent to Palestine in May, 1930, to investigate conditions and draw up a memorandum to establish harmony in Palestine.

On the basis of this report, the Labor government has made three pronouncements: to close the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration; from now on to prohibit private land sales, all such transactions in the future to be under government control; and to convoke a Palestinian legislative assembly that shall be predominantly Arab.

"This is plainly a repudiation of the famous Balfour declaration," he said. "It was a barefaced violation of the understanding repeatedly given the Jewish people by Great Britain to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish home in Palestine. It is the cynical breaking of a great nation's pledged word."

"However, the politicians of the Labor government have forgotten the influence of the Jews throughout the world; the Jewish people's inexorable will, the strength and force a scattered people can bring to bear to defend a cause so dearly held; and that there is such a thing as public opinion in the world. Public opinion, manifesting itself in the press of the world, is already expressing its indignation against the breaking of Britain's promise." Rabbi Merritt concluded by saying that the Jewish people do not intend to abandon their cause.

DEBATING SQUAD NEWEST ACTIVITY FOR FOUNDATION

Sanford Goldner, University Freshman Coach, in Charge of Team

An event long awaited is about to take place. The great interest shown by Hillel enthusiasts in questions of a public character is shortly to find expression in the form of a debating group. A team of six people is to be chosen, and candidacy is open to all Jewish students, both men and women.

The tryouts will take place at 7:30 P.M. on the evening of Thursday, November 20, at the Hillel House. Candidates may speak for five minutes on either side of the question, "Resolved: That the attitude of the British government towards Palestine is justified."

A group of competent judges is being selected, and it is expected that the speeches will show a high degree of information and understanding. Participants are invited to use the Hillel library, which contains the Jewish Daily Bulletin, The New Palestine, as well as numerous texts on the general subject.

The team will be coached by Sanford Goldner, who has been serving for the past few years as coach of the University of California freshman team.

Rabbi Merritt to Give Campus Talk

When Rabbi Merritt undertook to act as critic of the Centuriata-Philorhian debate in Wheeler Hall on the very live subject "Resolved: That the Arabs are justified in resenting the establishment of a Zionist state in Palestine," he almost stopped the show.

The Hillel director said that Palestine had been promised to so many people it was no wonder it was known as the "promised land." He also said that the Arabs who refused to quit lands legitimately sold to Jewish settlers were unquestionably squatters. Arab students in the audience undertook to argue the question in the open forum which followed, and only the intervention of the janitor prevented an all-night session.

Rabbi Merritt and his growing campus reputation as a speaker threaten to again disrupt the show Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock when he will speak in the women's clubrooms of Stephens Union on the subject "A Jewish Interpretation of Jesus." This talk is under auspices of the Campus Hearthside Forum on Religion, actively sponsored by a joint Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. student committee.

"BIG GAME" SPURS HOUSES TO ACTION

Alpha Epsilon Phi to Give Formal Friday Night at Yacht Club

Kappa Nu is planning an informal dance which will be held on Friday evening, November 21. Henry Greenhood and Hal Cohen are in charge of the arrangements. Decorations will all serve to bring out the football idea.

Phi Beta Delta is also going to celebrate the night before the Big Game. The fraternity is planning a smoker which will be held that evening at the chapter house.

Fathers Are Entertained

Last month, Phi Beta Delta had a "Fathers Night," and interesting entertainment was furnished.

The fraternity is having its Far-Western Conclave very shortly in Los Angeles, and the Berkeley chapter is sending three official delegates: Sanford "Bumps" Levy, Lee Krieger, and Al Alter.

Zeta Beta Tau is also celebrating on November 21, the eve of the Big Game. They are having an informal dance at the chapter house.

The fraternity recently elected a delegate to the national convention in the person of the chapter president, Norman Scheinman.

A. E. Phi Plan Formal

Alpha Epsilon Phi is planning a formal dance with Barbara Kaiser in charge of the arrangements.

The affair is to be on November 14, and will be held at the St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco.

Phi Sigma Sigma held an informal dance on Friday evening, October 31. The place was beautifully decorated with black cats, large and small, and yellow pumpkins, all of which served to appropriately carry out the Halloween motif. Irma Laventhal designed and executed most of the decorations.

Sammies Plan for Convention

Preparations already are under way at the Sigma Alpha Mu house for the annual regional conference of S. A. M. chapters here next August. A committee headed by Harold Ellis and including Kenneth Zwerin, Edward Wachter, Leon Key, Ben Neiden, and Norman Schwarz, is hard at work with early plans.

Pacific Coast representatives to the national convention in New York December 28 to January 1, inclusive, will further discuss plans for the regional meet in Berkeley. Other Sigma Alpha Mu chapters in the Pacific Coast region are located at the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, the University of Utah, and the University of California at Los Angeles. The conference meet was awarded to Berkeley at the last regional convention in Seattle. Harold Ellis was the local delegate.

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ST. PAUL RABBI TALKS ON RUSSIA

On Friday, October 24, Rabbi I. Rypins, formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, gave the evening address to the Jewish student body at the regular weekly religious service and presented as his theme, "Religion in Russia."

Rabbi Rypins gave a summary of what he had seen and heard in the course of an interesting stay in Soviet Russia in the summer of 1929. He told his audience that religion in its dogmatic and theological forms, whether Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Moslem, or Buddhist, has been abolished by the Soviet government.

"Religion as the Russian people had experienced it," he said, "had kept the people in ignorance, indoctrinated them with superstition, supported the tyrannical and despotic powers, and had been a blight upon Russian life. It explains the present destructive reaction against the church and all the things for which it stands."

"The most fatal blow the Soviet has struck the church," he said, "has been the separation of state from church. The church formerly received its financial support from the state and now that the people must tax themselves to support their congregations, the people refuse to be so burdened and the churches are dying for lack of support."

"Although the church as organized formerly is going out of existence, all the ethical virtues for which it stood, honor, rectitude, chastity, integrity, generosity, and consideration, are taught to the rising generation in the secular schools."

The speaker concluded by stating that he did not know what the future would bring forth as a substitute for the discarded religious systems. He intimated that as it is the natural tendency to crystallize ideas into orthodoxies, the religion of Communism may be so crystallized in the course of time.

More Books for Hillel Library

Attention of Hillel readers is called especially to the recent excellent additions to the library. These include:

"Rembrandt von Rijn," by Wilhelm Hendrik van Loon.

"Conquest of Happiness," Bertrand Russell.

"Civilization and Its Discontents," Sigmund Freud.

"Haym Solomon and the Revolution," Charles Edward Russell.

"The Mother," Sholom Ash.

"Adventure of Science," Benjamin Ginzburg.

"Voltaire," 2 vols., George Brandes.

"San Michele," Axel Munthe.

"Voices of October," "Art and Literature in Soviet Russia,"

"Three Titans," Emil Ludwig.

"Claudia," Arnold Zweig.

NOVEMBER IN BRIEF

- 12—Wednesday—Open forum at 8 P.M. Speaker, Ribert Sibley. "Russia Through the Engineer's Eyes."
- 13—Thursday—Men's smoker, 8 P.M.
- 14—Friday—Religious service 8 P.M.
- 18—Tuesday—Open house, 4 to 6 P.M.
- 19—Wednesday—Menorah, 8 P.M. Fourth of series of Jewish cultural evenings. Speaker, Paul Bissinger. Theme: "Jewish Drama and Dramatists."
- 23—Sunday—Social evening, 8:30 P.M. Bridge instruction.
- 25—Tuesday—Open house, 4 to 6 P.M.
- 27—Thursday—Thanksgiving dinner of the California Alliance of Jewish Women, at 6:30 P.M.

Society

After the stress of a sermon on the Palestine problem Friday evening, October 31, Rabbi Merritt was host at a Halloween party. His guests were the Misses Gertrude Jonah, Blanche Fulop, and Gertrude Kling, and the Messrs. Sanford Goldner and Jack Silver.

The program included an automobile excursion to Cragmont Park to breathe the appetizing night air for the special repast which followed at the "Barbecue X," caterers to Halloweeners. Rabbi Merritt climaxed the evening with a drive around Lake Merritt while Sanford delivered an extemporaneous speech on "the artist in a materially-minded world."

Though many of our regular Sunday night "social" crowd attended the football game down in Los Angeles, last night's social was a success. Everyone danced, besides enjoying the most delicious refreshments. Be sure to remember that the next Sunday evening social will take place on November 23, the evening after the Big Game.

A. Z. A. SESSION THURSDAY

The A. Z. A.'s will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 9 o'clock at Hillel House. All past or present members of the order are cordially invited to attend.

Bissinger Talks Play Seminar

The first meeting of the Play-Technique Seminar was held last Tuesday evening. This is a class in the study of every aspect of the theater.

Paul Bissinger, dramatics director, is conducting the seminars which are to be held every other Tuesday night. Each night he will speak on a different field of the stage, and open discussion follows his talk.

The next meeting will be held November 18. The seminars are open to any person interested in the work, as well as the dramatic group.

DR. DEUTSCH HITS CAMPUS PROBLEMS

Vice-President of University Seeks to Simplify Vast Educational Plan

"Gods and Machines" was the theme of an address given by Professor Monroe E. Deutsch, vice-president of the University of California, at the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Open Forum. The lecture dealt with some of the problems of modern education and possible cures.

The University, according to Dr. Deutsch, is growing too large and is hindered in its educational program by machinery which is necessary to carry on the work of the institution. The plan Deutsch proposes would maintain the advantages of a large university and couple to that the advantages of the smaller college.

Break Up Into Small Groups

The plan that was proposed is as follows: All entering students should be divided into groups of about 200 according to their interests. There would be a group for social sciences, organic sciences, classics, and others. Each group would have its own dormitory where the men and women could live and where they could discuss their interests over the dinner table.

At the head of each group would be professors who would live in the same houses and who would be able to meet the students personally and intimately. They too would enter into the discussions. Each small college would have its own course of studies. If a student wished to study some course not given in his own college, permission would be given to take it elsewhere.

New Students Helped by Plan

All these small colleges would be on the same campus. After completing the first two years of school the system would be much the same as now.

According to Dr. Deutsch, much machinery would be done away with and the University would really be furthering the educational process rather than hindering it.

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SPORTS



FRAT ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN MINOR SPORTS

Signups and the official beginning of minor sports on the campus have unearthed a healthy crop of Jewish athletes who bid fair to become stars in their various fields. Almost every variety of athletic competition finds one of the boys up near the top, both veterans and less experienced players.

Fencing, heretofore comparatively ignored by Jewish athletes in Berkeley, numbers in its varsity Bernard Diamond, Phi Beta Delta. In that other method of self defense taught at the University, boxing, Nathan Kessler of the same house is quite proficient, and is now under the personal supervision of Coach Stanley Jones himself. The Phi Beta Deltas are represented in basketball by Milton Stansky, on the freshman squad, and Stan Levin, running guard on the 130-pound team. Harold Glassberg is the handball player of the house, while Hymie Hymson '30 coaches freshman tennis.

Bebes Hot for Golf

Zeta Beta Tau continues to lead in golf, with Lindner, Honig, and Israel, all experienced players, out for the team. Lindner is captain. The Zebies also have a man on the 130-pound basketball team, Sam Tannenbaum. Dick Gilman is reported to be an aspirant for the swimming team, and has a good chance to win a berth on the depleted team.

Another weight basketball player is Carl Goldstein, Kappa Nu, whose chances to earn a place on the 145-pound team appear bright. Marcel "Bugs" Baer, numeral man from last year's freshman water polo team, is a candidate for the varsity. Mel Nymman, from the same house, who earned his numerals in tumbling, swimming, and track as a freshman, is now concentrating on the latter activity. He reached 6 feet 2 inches in high school, and was approaching that mark this year when stopped by a foot injury.

THE HORIZON

Jewish football coaches are becoming more and more numerous, as the stars of college days go out to take care of teams who need new systems and younger men. On the coast Harry Edelson, who played his football at U.S.C., is getting his start with the Jefferson High School, Los Angeles.

Eddie Keinholtz, head coach at Occidental, is turning out one of the best teams in the history of Tiger football. In a night game with the University of Mexico, Oxy team won a one-sided 31-6 victory.

Brick Coaches Reserves

Here in Berkeley Brick Marcus, who climaxed his career in the Penn game of 1928, is coach of the California Reserves.

Jewish football players, too, occupy their portion of the limelight. Goldman at right end and Hootstein at right half, are our representatives at Boston University.

Bruins Sent Against U.S.C.

Maury Goodstein and Aubrey Grossman, on the U.C.L.A. varsity, had their first chance against the U.S.C. team, and although the game was terribly lop-sided, the boys proved their mettle.

Sammies Entered in Varsity Tennis, Track Competition

The chief claim to athletic fame by Sigma Alpha Mu this school year will be the work of Ben Neiden, curly-haired flash of the tennis courts. This claim may quite easily resolve itself into a national bid. Last season Ben was number two man on the freshman team. He played on the first doubles squad.

This year Ben has been sensational in tournament play. In the Berkeley city championships he defeated many prominent and more experienced players. In the University championships he passed up varsity men until he found himself in a final round match with Captain Allan Blade. The California captain won the title, but only after a nerve-straining battle. Neiden and Blade as a prospective national intercollegiate doubles championship team to follow in the footsteps of Dolf Meuhleisen and Bob Muench, may be more than an idle dream.

Another S. A. M., Jack Silver, may be seen most any day chasing the varsity trackmen around the oval. Silver is a swimming and water polo letterman but has temporarily renounced the aqua in favor of the cinders. Julius Zelman, star half-miler, thinks the red one should develop into a runner by the time of the 1932 Olympiad.

Hillel Has Page In Senior Annual

Hillel Foundation will again have a page in the Blue and Gold following the precedent set in past years. The page has already been reserved by Dr. Merritt. It will feature a picture of the new student council which is to be reorganized the first part of the coming semester.

Berlin: General Von Ludendorf is seeking a divorce from his wife on the grounds that she infused him with her radical ideas of anti-semitism which have served to make him politically isolated and ignored. It takes a woman to make a fool of a man!

Baltimore: Paul C. Wolman, Baltimore Jewish attorney, was recently elected national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Rabbi Emanuel J. Jack of Yonkers was unanimously elected national chaplain at the same time.

Berlin: Eduard Meyer, noted educator and historian and former dean of the University of Berlin, died here recently. In 1909 he was an exchange professor at Harvard, where he received an honorary degree which, with one from Oxford, he returned at the conclusion of the World War.

Benny Lom, sparkplug of last year's California varsity, and leading man on the teams of the two preceding years, is now playing football as an avocation at night, after he finishes work over in San Francisco. His team has played many of the semi-pro squads around the bay, and has a fairly respectable record.

RABBI, STUDENT TELL B'NAI B'RITH OF HILLEL HOUSE

Hillel night at San Francisco Lodge No. 21 was observed last Monday evening when Rabbi Max J. Merritt and Kenneth C. Zwerin addressed a group of more than 200 members of the lodge. Rabbi Merritt spoke at length on the three-fold function of Hillel. He spent considerable time developing the theme of Hillel as a social, cultural, and religious center on the campus. Kenneth C. Zwerin, speaking on the theme of a student's reactions to Hillel, said in part:

"Before the coming of Hillel to Berkeley, Jewish consciousness was at a low ebb. With the exception of a weak Menorah Society, there was nothing to serve as an appeal to the Jewish student body.

"In the three years that Hillel has been with us, it has grown from strength to strength. No longer is there an excuse for a laissez-faire attitude toward Judaism and Jewish problems, for through the cultural and forum meetings, Jewish questions are presented and analyzed and Jewish interest developed.

Activity at All Hours

"Under the leadership of Rabbi Merritt, a man who combines scholarship and eloquence, the foundation has made rapid strides. Its doors never seem to close and at all times there is a host of students using the foundation for a hundred and one different purposes. Dramatics, educational groups in the library, religious services, social hours, conferences with the director, make Hillel a real center worthy of the man whose name it bears.

"The Midrash tells of a story of a group of people gazing at a ship that is returning from a voyage. There is much rejoicing for in the cargo of that ship there are things for which the people have waited a long time. The rabbi, however, calls to the people to rejoice not for the ship that is returning, for its work is finished. 'Rejoice rather,' he exclaims, 'for that ship which goes forth upon its maiden voyage, for with it should be your hopes.'

Foundation a New Enterprise

"This is the message we bring to you, men of B'nai B'rith. Rejoice ye not for the other organizations you have supported in the past, the women's auxiliaries and the young people's lodges, the hospitals at Denver and Hot Springs, the anti-defamation league or the immigration work, for they are like the returning ship. These programs are in a fair way to be accomplished.

"Rather, look ye to that ship which goes forth upon her maiden voyage, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Even as all ships sail across storm-tossed seas, so does the foundation have its problems. But even as the storm stops, and the ship continues on the venturesome voyage, so will the Hillel Foundation go through present stress to the port of success. It will come home with achievements.

Book Reviews

The Jew: His Contribution to Modern Civilization. Vol. I. By Arthur J. Kirschstein. (The Jewish Advocate, \$1.50.)

Volume one tells of the Jewish contribution to civilization in the fields of medicine, philosophy, literature, and religion. Volume two, which will be published in the near future, will deal with contributions in other fields of endeavor.

Kirschstein believes that by learning what Jews have done in the face of great odds, Jews will find reason for pride in their heritage and non-Jews will have a better understanding and appreciation of the Jew. Each then can have more friendship for the other, prejudices will disappear and each group will be inspired to greater accomplishments in the future.

This book is a concise account of the leading part Jews have played in the making of civilization.

Seed of Abraham. By Morris S. Lazaron. (The Century Co., \$2.50.)

In a simple and naive way, Rabbi Lazaron has re-told the story of ten Jews of the ages. The Old Testament is represented by Moses, David, and Jeremiah. The New Testament period has not only Jesus, but Mary, his mother, as well. The next group consists of four non-Jewish Jews; Baruch Spinoza, Heinrich Heine, Karl Marx and Benjamin Disraeli. The story of Theodore Herzl completes the list.

The charm of this book lies not in its scholarship, but rather in the simplicity of its style. The author did not intend to write an academic treatise on the lives of these people, but rather a popular account for the layman. In this regard, Rabbi Lazaron has made a definite contribution toward contemporary Jewish literature.

The World in 2030. By The Earl of Birkenhead. (Brewer and Warren, \$3.00.)

When the late Earl of Birkenhead published these essays, J. B. S. Haldane recognized many passages as his own. The Earl did not deny the charges, and so we have "a brain-child of truly distinguished parentage."

The Earl visions a race of scientifically-minded humans working one day in four and eating synthetic foodstuffs. Children are laboratory-made; war will persist in a more humane form (is that possible?) governments will be run by men and women alike. Of Israel, not a word, but fox-hunting and horse racing will continue . . . and so weiter.

It will help to mold the characters of the students, making them better Jews and more loyal American citizens in the days which are to come."

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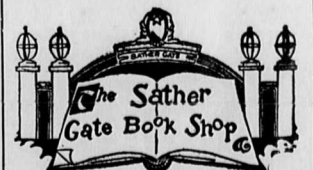
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New Projects Feature Busy Berkeley Program

As Sanford Goldner, the versatile assistant director, remarks, "She is now a humming institution." The reference is to Berkeley's Hillel House, and the editorial writer can scarce prevent the utterance of a hearty affirmative.

As if it were not enough to pack the House with ping-pongers, literary habitués, radio fans, cultural evening guests, social event patrons, Berkeley Hillel has gone into the field with student speakers for neighboring Jewish centers interested in religious subjects, and, newest of all, his projected a Hillel debating varsity.

The editorial notion is that the Hillel Foundations, as a national project, can offer no better public manifestation of their influence upon students than by sponsoring inter-foundation debates, word contests with regional groups, or lingual performances before B'nai B'rith assemblages. As for the Berkeley House, opportunity is knocking. Sanford, formerly a star varsity debater and coach of the University of California freshman team for several years, has a splendid group of established student orators from whom to draw for representative material.

Fine Spirit of Religious Fraternity Growing Here

The union Thanksgiving service to be held on the campus this month is only another evidence that the spirit of religious fraternity that has been one of the worst sufferers from post-war reaction is recovering from the forces that have so grievously affected it.

Such a service has a two-fold purpose. First, to bring about closer relations between the followers of the three great religious groups and, secondly, to extend the sentiment of mutual respect, consideration, and co-operation that grow naturally out of such thanksgiving fellowship.

There is no denying that suspicion and mistrust have played a great part in keeping the followers of the three great faiths aloof from each other. These influences are not easy to overcome. But contacts and free fellowship are the solvents that will make an end of them.

When men and women come to realize that the things they hold in common are of more value than the things that divide them, a door is opened in what seemed to be a blank and forbidding wall. The union Thanksgiving service is such an open door. Hillel is glad to enter it to repeat with men and women of other faiths the old prophetic word, "Have we not all One Father, has not One God created us all?"

Berkeley Foundation Proud Of Ever-Growing Library

Hillel Foundations all over the country are expanding their libraries. Articles appear in the Hillel Post of Champaign, Illinois, and in The Scribe of Austin, Texas, and in several other foundation papers announcing additions of new

Anti-Semitism Arouses Editorialist to Words

Civilization has been likened to an artist who, with magic talents and soulful colors, paints for humanity a marvelous picture of its present day existence. With gay colors and rosy hues the advantages and creations of today are attired in their most optimistic vestments.

But civilization is not a creative artist except in a superficial sense. Materialistically we have a new vista, but beneath the thin veneer of gaudy pigment there still exist those frailties of human thought, the narrowness and bigotry, the deeper and essentially human traits of jealousy, envy, and ambition.

Adolph Hitler has put his foot through the crust. In a particularly delicate spot where civilization's brush had but touched up the surface and left but a shallow film to camouflage the volcanic pockets of hatred and inhumanity, where the film itself has been worn away by the injustice and harshness to which the German people have been subjected. And whom are we to blame for the premature explosion of anti-semitism that has resulted?

Will we blame the German people who have harbored the acid of anti-semitism until it is literally eating away all fiber of humanitarianism in their makeup; the rest of the civilized world, whose general economic depression is felt most particularly in Germany, (for which the Jew is blamed); or Adolph Hitler, the cheap mob-politician who like a modern little Jack Horner put his heavy heel in the pie and pulled out a plum?

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books. They may be good but they certainly have nothing on our Hillel library. It's a swell place in which to relax and drown your sorrows in a good book after studying for those midterms.

THE LETTER BOX

At the Hillel Foundation on the Berkeley campus the student body has shown an appreciation for the cultural activities sponsored for students. This response on the part of students has been more than gratifying and yet when one notes their comparative disregard and lack of interest toward the religious functions of Hillel, we judge that all that is necessary to be a Jew is to be interested in Jewish culture and that the Jewish religion is an antiquated and obnoxious mass of ceremonies that are meaningless, useless, and worthless in the present day scientifically organized colleges and universities.

To these dear students and others do I address myself. May I present an analogy which seems to fit our present situation and which these dear scientists, pseudo-scientists, culturalists can comprehend. We have before us a beautiful automobile. The chassis and body are the finest that the mind of man can devise. It contains the finest expression of the skill in man. It exemplifies the latest development of which man is capable.

Yet this beautiful, marvelous, sense-appealing, graceful body is worthless, useless, and would not have been existent if it did not have a motor. The force which propels it is the essential factor. Where could this chassis take you if it did not have this motor? What good would this chassis do you if you did not have the motive force to make it go from place to place?

So with culture, that beautiful, marvelous, sense-appealing expression of man, where did it come from? How did it come to be what it is today? Those scientists, those philosophers, those iconoclasts, those who sneer and scoff, those whose fingers have dipped into edges of knowledge and regard themselves as the final authorities on religion and its

benefits, of these I ask where did all this fine culture come, if not from religion?

Religion, which opened the heart and mind to the expression of the finest in man; religion, from which our ideals of life and living are derived; religion alone was the motive force which made possible that beautiful culture.

For over 5000 years we have striven, struggled, fought, and suffered to maintain our Judaism and in that time our contribution to the world has been a culture that ranks amongst the foremost in the world. About our Judaism has grown this culture and now the sophomoric intellectuals of the campus tell us we need no religion to express our Jewishness.

What we need at Hillel is more religion. More Judaism and less pseudo-intellectualism that looks down on religious services. More active and aggressive religious worship. More pride in our faith and in our heritage.

The Hillel Foundation was established for the purpose of developing a greater spirituality among the future leaders of Israel in this country, of filling each and every student with religious belief and to actively combat this wave of assimilation and atheism that is settling down upon the Jews of America.

The Wider Scope fund which supports this Foundation and many others throughout the country is contributed to by Jews who are interested primarily in perpetuating the Jewish religion and secondarily in culture. Let those of Hillel Foundation not forget this and let them more actively get after the laggards on this campus and sow the seeds of religion in their sophomoric brains.

I make no apologies for any statements I have made and if the majority of students feel that this letter is mis-stating the purposes of Hillel Foundation and feel that Hillel is only to be the place to dance Tuesday afternoons and Sunday evenings, to play wolf with food on men's smokers nights, to have a public forum twice a month, then I say the B'nai B'rith is wasting money.

—CHARLES SHANE.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir—
Your society editor amuses me; he—no it couldn't be he—she is a funny creature; truly she abounds with humor. The only comment is: Why not give her a column like the

Periscope to handle? Why list her jests and gibes under an innocent name like the Society Column?

She is ambitious and ever-watchful; nothing. In fact, in the last issue of she learns everything; she misses the Call she informed us that some popular maiden celebrated her birthday. Josephine B; Sarah X; Rosie C; Violet I; and a host of other co-eds were fortunate enough to be invited to the celebration. Did they play cards? What kind of refreshment was passed around? Did the boys all have tuxedos?

Also, somebody has decided to go back to San Jose and will not enter college this semester. My! My! What would we do without our society editor?

You know, I have a friend at Cal, and his aunt has varicose veins . . . so I submit for your society editor to work on: Mrs. L. A. R. of Piedmont, whose nephew, Sam, goes to Cal, spent a quiet week-end with her varicose veins. Tea was served at four.

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