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DR. DEUTSCH PRAISES RELIGIOUS TOLERATION

(A new departure in the policy of the Hillel Call is to run a feature column of interviews with the most prominent Jewish members of the California faculty. It is the hope of the editors that you will enjoy hearing from these men.)

First, in this series of interviews is, of course, with Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice-president and provost of the University.)

It was with no little trepidation that I, in the capacity of reporter for the Call, approached the outer office of the President of the University, and asked for an audience with Dr. Deutsch. After a brief wait, I was taken into the inner sanctum of the vice-president of one of the greatest universities in the country.

Settling back in his chair, a quiet smile on his face, Dr. Deutsch gave his conception of Hillel's place on the Campus. "It fills a very real need," he said, "in acting as a center of Jewish activity at California. And the importance of such a center is dependent upon the number of Jewish students attending an institution. At U. C. L. A. there is one building that acts as a center for all creeds, and some Universities have no such organization at all."

From the consideration of Jewish attendance at the University arose the question of race prejudice, evidently a topic in which Dr. Deutsch is deeply concerned. "I think," he replied seriously, "you will find less prejudice at this University, than at any other institution in the country. The faculty," he continued, "are particularly free from narrow and stupid racial prejudices. The mere fact that one is a Jew in no way impairs his chances for advancement here," the vice-president declared. And with no little pride and pleasure he went on to add, "The number of Jewish students who become commencement speakers, and attain Phi Beta Kappa honors at this University, winning both purely on merit, is a very considerable one. There is no question about the intellectual power of the great majority of Jewish students. Their place

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Reception Renews Social Activities

Social interests have been revived at the Foundation and all signs prophesy an active semester. At the Reception, the Tuesday Social and the Sunday Dance many new members were seen as well as those members of last semester presenting to the House larger groups than at former occasions.

Thursday evening, January 18th, marked the occasion of Hillel Foundation's traditional semi-annual Reception for returned students. As has become customary during the past few years, the Y. W. C. A. was the scene of this year's reception, acknowledged by all of the huge crowd which attended as the most successful which Hillel has held.

The Social Committee, headed by Eleanor Hamlin, and aided by the Hillel Student Council, functioned very efficiently, extending official welcome to all who came, introducing newcomers and making them feel at home.

The first of the weekly Tuesday afternoon socials to be given this year was held on January 23rd. As usual, refreshments were served to the large number of students who were present.

The Chairman of the House Committee wishes to call attention to the fact that admission to these socials, held every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p. m., at the Hillel House, is free to all Jewish students on the campus.

On Sunday, January 28th, Hillel held Open House in the form of a radio dance in honor of a group of Stanford students. These students are planning to start a Hillel Foundation at Stanford, and we are desirous of according them every encouragement and assistance.

A friend of Hillel has very graciously offered the Berkeley Foundation the sum of 25 dollars as a prize for the student adjudged the most useful and serviceable in the activities of the Organization this year. The winner of the Hillel Foundation Service prize will also have the honor of having his name inscribed on the Honor Plaque.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WINS CAMPUS POST

Appointed to the position of varsity debating coach of the University, Sanford Goldner, '29, assumed his new duties this semester.

Goldner has been prominent in Berkeley Hillel Foundation activities since 1928 when he served as second president of the organization. Following his graduation he joined the staff of the foundation. In 1930 he was advanced to the position of assistant director of student activities.

For the past five years Goldner has coached the freshman debating team of the University. He will continue to coach this group.

Graduating in philosophy, Sanford was affiliated with Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic society. During his undergraduate years Goldner was prominent in debating circles as manager of the Varsity debating team. He was also commencement speaker.

Several major changes are being planned, according to Goldner, for the varsity debating team for the coming year. One change concerns tryouts, another concerns an increase in activity on the part of the varsity debater. Rather than individual speeches, candidates for the debating team will prepare full debates.

Sanford Goldner replaced Gerald E. Marsh, the former debating coach.

Moss to Lead Dramatics

Hillel Foundation is planning a series of one-act plays to be given throughout the semester during the Sunday Evening Socials. The first will be presented early in March.

Continuing the fine work of the last chairman, Gertrude Chemnick, who, due to illness, will be unable to continue, Irving Moss is taking over the chairmanship. He will be assisted by Thelma Samuely and Nathan Gilbert. Members of the committee are: Lois Greene, Marc Goodson, Sybil Goldstein, Jeannette Lubliner, Bernard Ootkin, Lilly Robinson, Rueben Sabsay, and Bessie Yedlin.

Tryouts for the first play will be announced shortly. Those interested in acting or production should watch the Bulletin Board or the Daily Cal.

The Month in Brief

- Feb. 2 — Friday Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple. Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Feb. 6 — Tuesday, Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Feb. 7 — Wednesday, Hillel Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Prof. Carl Landauer.
Theme: "German Jewish Outlook for the Future."
- Feb. 9 — Friday Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple. Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Feb. 11 — Sunday evening social, 8:30 p. m.
- Feb. 12 — Student Council Meeting, 4:30 p. m.
- Feb. 13 — Tuesday Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Feb. 14 — Wednesday Menorah Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Dr. Paul Radin.
Theme: "The Jewish Tradition of Democracy."
- Feb. 16 — Friday Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple. Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Feb. 20 — Tuesday Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Feb. 21 — Wednesday Hillel Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Motion Picture: "Round the World".
Speaker: Theodore Rothman.
- Feb. 23 — Friday Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple. Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Feb. 25 — Sunday evening social, 8:30 p. m.
- Feb. 26 — Monday Student Council Meeting, 4:30 p. m.
- Feb. 27 — Tuesday Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Feb. 28 — Wednesday Menorah Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Mr. Hymen Hymson.
Theme: "Economic Condition of Jews in the Middle Ages."

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Forums Will Present Jewish Intellectuals

The Hillel Foundation, because of added interest in Jewish problems, reorganized the Open Forum Committee. The resulting change was the establishment of a Menorah Forum and an Open Forum. These groups will meet on alternate Wednesday evenings at which times prominent men have been secured.

The first Menorah Forum was presided over by Rabbi W. Stern of South Bend, Indiana. Rabbi Stern is the guest of Temple Sinai in Oakland. He chose as his subject, "Is Judaism Valid?" At the conclusion of his talk a lively discussion was conducted.

The Menorah Forum will present Dr. Paul Radin for its first guest speaker for the month of February. Dr. Radin will speak on "The Jewish Tradition of Democracy." This meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, February 14, at 8:00 p. m.

A fortnight later, February 28, Mr. Hymen Hymson will give a talk on "Economic Condition of the Jew in the Middle Ages."

Professor Carl Landauer, exiled professor of the College of Commerce of the University, now residing on the Berkeley Campus will address the open forum on Wednesday evening, February 7, at 8:00 p. m. The subject of the lecture is "The German Jewish Outlook for the Future."

The second open forum, February 21, will have for its guest speaker Theodore Rothman who will present an illustrated talk on the highlights of conditions in European countries.

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Book Reviews

Wasserman: My Life As A German And A Jew.

This reprint of an earlier work, coincident with a life just ended, makes possible the final stocktaking which only the demise of a man permits. Mystery of a heavy sort has been woven in and through all of Wasserman's works, and his self-revelations explain its origin and excuse. His early life was miserable, unutterably miserable, and in part contributed to the inner life of dreams and mists which he sought as compensation.

I once thought that mystery was a mere literary device with Wasserman. His autobiography reveals that it was more than that, that it was a metaphysic, a philosophy. There is a line in Dr. Kherkoven which epitomizes this. "But this had nothing to do with definite knowledge wrung from reality; it was a very dark, almost mystic feeling, against which a mysterious something within him was in rebellion." Wasserman takes us to the very edge of discovery and then cries, "Halt! Reason has no way here." His great (Continued on page 3, col. 2)

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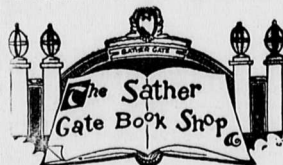
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular classes for instruction in Beginning Hebrew and in Contemporary Jewish History are being planned for the Hillel Foundation this semester. Students interested in these studies are urged to send in their names to the Foundation office at once.

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Hillel, from time to time, is able to secure part-time employment. All students who are interested are urged to leave their names with the secretary.

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on this Campus is a very real one, not only scholastically, but in activities. On the Daily Californian staff, important posts are frequently held by Jews; and in debating the ability of the Jewish speaker is very apparent. One could almost sense the pleasure he felt at these capabilities and accomplishments of the Jewish youth at the University.

It was with no little hesitation that the reporter then broached the subject of the Hitler policy with regard to limiting the number of Jews in the professions. Dr. Deutsch evidently felt strongly on the Hitler question. It was the only thing that slightly roused him from his kindly and patient response to reportorial questions. Very vehemently he declared, "I feel that each individual should be allowed absolutely free choice in the selection of what he wishes to do, and his ability should be the determining factor. Then too, Jewish students are, by temperament and talent, far more apt to become doctors or lawyers, than farmers or carpenters and the like."

Then Dr. Deutsch suggested that we invite Professor Landauer, visiting at the University now, to speak for this column. After assuring him that we hoped to hear from Dr. Landauer in the future through the medium of these pages, the Call reporter left, and kept with her for a long time afterward the friendly reception of one of the "higher ups" who was "real".

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The Sports Horizon

From Zeta Beta Tau comes word that Hal Brown has been placed high up on the Varsity Tennis ladder. Dave Tietlebaum received his numerals for frosh football last semester.

Phi Beta Delta has the makings of a "wonder" team to place in interfraternity basketball competition. Milt Stansky plays first string guard on the varsity. Ray Shoen and Hal Strom play on the weight teams.

Kappa Nu once again has a varsity letterman on the baseball team. Al Klein, two year veteran, returns to his favorite position at the keystone sack, second base.

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psychoanalytic powers lead to all but the master-key; it seems mere posturing to abandon a task almost done.

"My Life As A German And A Jew" was first written some twelve years ago. Then, as now, there was the same uncompromising pursuit of truth. His central problem was the resolution of his Jewish-German dilemma. His delvings into his own past lead him to believe that he is both Jew and German in a sense which he cannot contradict; Germany has given him his landscape and his idiom, his Jewishness has given him his blood and the stored traditions of the race. Yet intellectually he is neither Jew nor German. His is not the "escape" attitude toward his Jewishness. It is that he disputed the identity of both Jew and German, and sought therefore to explain away discrimination. Toward Germany, too, he was critical, and despaired her heterogenous, incoherent life, devoid of significant direction or abiding traditions.

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German Officials Invite Jewish Musical Prodigy

Welcome to the Jewish reading public is the news that Yehudi Menuhin, Jewish genius of the violin, has refused to give a concert in Germany.

On receiving an appeal from Dr. Furtwangler, German government official, for Yehudi to appear in his country, Mr. Menuhin, who is his son's manager, replied: "We love Germany, and would have been happy to aid in this appeal, but we will not act until the German government removes the ban against composers like Mendelssohn who has been rejected because of his race. We feel that Yehudi, as an American Jewish boy, cannot receive such an appeal."

The young artist himself characterized the stand by saying, "We feel that the artists of the world should be together on this question until the attitude of Germany is dropped. The more we see of Europe the more we should be proud of the fact that in America we can speak freely."

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WELCOME!

Welcome! That is my message to you.

To those new students who are just entering the Halls of California I bid you welcome to Hillel Foundation. This Organization is one which asks nothing of its members yet places great opportunities before them. They are yours merely for the taking. In the pages of this paper, at greater length, the program of the Foundation may be learned. Here, at Hillel, your social pleasures may be indulged in on Tuesday afternoons and alternate Sunday evenings at the radio dances. Recreational activities, ping pong, chess, checkers, bridge, reading or music, may be enjoyed at all times as the House is open from early morning to late evening. Make your presence felt at the Foundation by participating, also, in its more intellectual aspects. Wednesday evening forums present the most capable Jewish men in the east bay. Dramatics soon will start and here is an opportunity for the Thespians to come to the fore. If the talent warrants, the Hillel Foundation will continue its policy of presenting a three act play later in the semester.

To those students already known at Hillel, we welcome your continued interests in the House. It is through your active interests in the programs the Foundation offers that the success of this organization can be judged. However, there are many of you who have shied away from the thought of active connection with Hillel. I would refer you to the interview given by Dr. Deutsch and ask you to forget self-consciousness.

THE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

APPRECIATION

In the years that Hillel has functioned on the campus, it has received from the California Alliance of Jewish Women only heartening encouragement, loyal and consistent support. The services of the Alliance to the Jewish student body have been manifold. At all times the women have shown themselves to be eager to do their utmost to add to the happiness of the student group and to minimize hardship and difficulty. The attractiveness of the Foundation, the creature comforts it affords, the equipment of its recreation rooms, we owe to the Alliance.

When the campus was wallowing in the slough of the depression and many students lacked even means of subsistence, the Organization was quick to meet the issue and their luncheon service not only ministered to the body but also created a centre of cheer that helped to maintain student morale. In these difficult years the Alliance Loan Fund has helped many a student to go forward to the coveted goal. Its Wardrobe service has enabled others to put needed funds to more urgent uses.

Students are often charged with taking things for granted. They are often charged with a lack of a sense of obligation. The California Alliance of Jewish Women may be assured that our appreciation is no less sincere and hearty if it is not vociferously and constantly expressed.

SERVICE

The winter of our discontent ends chronically, if not chronologically, with the mid-winter examinations. The spring semester invariably brings a new breath of life, cheer and color to the campus. We welcome it as the period of revival and refreshing. We sense a heightened pulse beat in the semester that points to the threshold of the high tide of the year.

This spring semester comes to us with a richer promise and a brighter outlook than for a long time past. There is every evidence that the crisis in campus economic conditions is past. The sternest hardships have been weathered. In all the circumstances that tend to make life on the campus more bearable, there has been a preceptible advance. Hope renews itself and energies that have been hibernating.

The Hillel Foundation offers its members an opportunity to capitalize the spirit. It urges the rank and file to enlist for service in its program of activities.

LIBRARY

The increasing use of the Hillel Foundation Library is a source of genuine gratification. Every passing year has recorded an increase in the circulation of the well-selected library that has been built up slowly and with discrimination. From the outset, the principle that has guided the development of the Hillel Library has been to assemble works calculated to throw light on Jewish problems and to open to the Jewish student body avenues that would introduce them to the contributions our people have made to the social, cultural, scientific and spiritual treasures of the world.

In this day of change and confusion and the renaissance of old prejudices, Jewish youth is looking out upon the future with doubt and misgiving. In the Hillel Library we have assembled the product of the best Jewish minds. Here is the fruit of painstaking Jewish research. Here are the results of delvings into the past, analysis of the present and predictions as to the Jewish future. Jewish students cannot afford to neglect this rich mine. Here is a key that may open the door out of doubt and perplexity.

To the Women's Lodge of the B'nai B'rith who have sponsored and equipped our Library and are continually adding new volumes to its shelves, we are indebted for the opportunity to acquaint ourselves with best in Jewish life the output.