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LANDAUER COMPARES COLLEGE SYSTEMS USED IN AMERICA, GERMANY

By Thelma Kahn

"Examinations? No, we never have examinations in lecture courses in the College of Commerce at the University of Berlin!" So spoke Dr. Carl Landauer, visiting Professor in economics at the University of California, who left Germany last fall. In his quaint, newly learned English, heavily laden with German "v's" where "w's" should be, Dr. Landauer was comparing the two Universities — California and Berlin.

"We have seminar classes," he explained, "which lower division students may take. In these seminars we have frequent examinations. But, mainly, a student must take a test at the end of his four years of work."

When asked if this difference in systems made German students more serious minded than American students, Dr. Landauer replied, "No, I have not found it so. I do say that when I came here I was slightly prejudiced in that respect, but I have found students here just like those in Europe. The same amount of seriousness of purpose is evidenced at both institutions."

Dr. Landauer was warming to his
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Radin Lectures to Continue

Continuing his series of lectures on "Contemporary Jewish History", Prof. Paul Radin will present his next weekly talk before the Foundation on March 8.

Professor Radin has, in his first lectures, attempted to blast the common belief that there is a specific Jewish physical type. The various political views, the diverse standards of the Jews all prove it impossible to draw a distinct line between the characteristics of Jews and non-Jews. Professor Radin will continue his discussion concerning the achievements of the Jews of Germany, Russia, Rumania, France and America.

Lord Marley Condemns Hitler; World Boycott Seen as Solution

Hillel to Hold Purim Celebration March 6

Adding to the festivities of the Purim holidays Hillel Foundation will entertain at a dance from 4 to 6 Tuesday afternoon, March 6. The decoration and spirit of the affair will be carried out in the Purim theme, according to Eleanor Hamlin, chairman of the social committee. The group in charge of the dance has arranged for Selwyn McDaniel's three-piece orchestra to play. One of the features of the afternoon will include prizes to be awarded to the best dancers. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the dance.

Forums to Present Lectures on Europe

Continuing the newly-initiated programs of the past two months, the Hillel Forum has arranged for several authorities to present their views on international topics before the Foundation during March.

Dr. Vera Sadikoff Goldman, recently returned from an extended stay in Russia, will speak on "Soviet Russia Today" at the First Forum of the month, at 8 p. m., Wednesday, March 7. She will interpret Soviet Russia in terms of the strength and virtue of the government as well as the weakness and faults.

The following week Rabbi David Cohen of the Perry Street Synagogue of Oakland will address the Forum on "The Value of Tradition." He is a graduate of Columbia University and Schechter Seminary in New York.

"France and European Problems" will be discussed by Prof. Benjamin Akzin of the International Law department, University of Paris, on the evening of March 21. Professor Akzin is doing research work on the University campus.

United Action Against New German State Needed To Insure Peace

By Shirley Blum

"Fascism is not merely a German problem, but has extended throughout the whole world!"

These words were calmly but authentically pronounced by Lord Dudley Marley on February 14 at the International House. Firmly stressing the necessity of united action on the part of all factions concerned, the vice-speaker of the British House of Lords spoke in behalf of the international committee to aid victims of German fascism.

"Even the so-called brown shirts found in the United States," according to Marley, "are a result of Hitler's plan to place Germany and himself in a place of dominance and power."

Marley was especially vehement against fascism because of the cruelty involved. His descriptions of horror and incredible terrorism gave shocking support to his attitude.

Because of German economic conditions the Jews have suffered more than any other group. It was the economic status of the Jews, Marley feels, which

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Alliance Plans Seder Dinner

The California Alliance of Jewish Women will again sponsor the annual Seder dinner. This affair will be held at the Foundation on Sunday evening, April 1. Reservations can be made with Dr. Merritt.

Continuing its benevolent work among the Jewish students on the Campus, the Alliance announced that the wardrobe has been greatly added to and is now available to those in need of wearing apparel. The wardrobe is located at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Kay, 2301 Rose Terrace, Berkeley.

The Month in Brief

Thursday, March 1 — Class in Contemporary Jewish History, 8 p. m.
Dr. Paul Radin.

Friday, March 2 — Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

Monday, March 5 — Student Council Meeting, 4:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 6 — Open House — Purim Dance with Orchestra, 4 to 6 p. m.

Wednesday, March 7 — Hillel Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Dr. Vera Sadikoff Goldman.
Theme: "Soviet Russia Today."

Thursday, March 8 — Class in Contemporary Jewish History, 8 p. m.
Dr. Paul Radin.

Friday, March 9 — Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

Sunday, March 11 — Sunday Evening Social, 8:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 13 — Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.

Wednesday, March 14 — Menorah Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Rabbi David Cohen.
Theme: "The Value of Tradition."

Thursday, March 15 — Class in Contemporary Jewish History, 8 p. m.
Dr. Paul Radin.

Friday, March 16 — Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

Monday, March 19 — Student Council Meeting, 4:30 p. m.

Tuesday, March 20 — Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.

Wednesday, March 21 — Hillel Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker: Prof. Benjamin Akzin of the University of Paris.
Theme: "France and European Problems."

Thursday, March 22 — Class in Contemporary Jewish History, 8 p. m.
Dr. Paul Radin.

Friday, March 23 — Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

Sunday, March 25 — Sunday Evening Social, 8:30 p. m.
Hillel Players present one-act play, "Phipps."

Tuesday, March 27 — Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.

Sunday, April 1 — Annual Seder Supper — 6:30 p. m.

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Call Interviews Landauer

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subject. His ready, friendly smile played over his expressive face and one could almost feel the love he had for his University in Germany.

A little wistful note crept into his voice as he told of the hikes through the Alps that were so popular with German students. "It is difficult for me to understand," he said, "why you Californians do not like winter sports. Your Sierras are much nearer to California students than the Alps are to the students in Germany, yet large groups of German college men go to the mountains every vacation time. Football is not very popular in Germany. Running and jumping — the old Greek sports — hold the center of the stage."

"In the field of activities," Dr. Landauer continued, "there is no place for a student publication such as your 'Daily Californian'. There, student publications are of no significance."

"But," he continued, "there is very little difference so far as the students themselves are concerned, between those in California and those in Germany. Youth is the same the world over. And I am very grateful to the students here for the kind way they have received me."

The Class in Beginning Hebrew under Miss Zipporah Lullev is meeting Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8:15 p. m. If there are others interested in this class, they are urged to join at once before the class becomes too far advanced.

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Louis Gonick Named New Dramatic Coach

The Hillel dramatic group has finally been rewarded for its fine work of the past two semesters. Louis Gonick has been chosen from a group of prominent professional directors to carry on the work left by Irving Sussman.

Mr. Gonick is no stranger to the University and to Hillel. It was only two or three years ago that he was taking an active interest in dramatics on the campus. From the University he assumed the directorship of the Little Theatre at the Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. in San Francisco.

Last year, Mr. Gonick resigned his position to go to Russia to learn the technique offered at the new Moscow Theatre.

The following books have been added to the Hillel library, which is at the disposal of all students.

Jacob Wasserman, My Life as German and Jew; Irving Fineman, Hear, Ye Sons; Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Germany Puts the Clock Back; The Zohar, Vol. 4; Hitler, My Battle; Stefan Zweig, Marie Antoinette; Andre Maurois.

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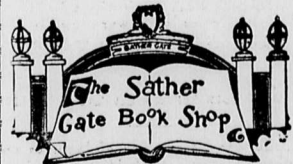
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Dramatics Group Will Offer 'Phipps' Mar. 25

The Hillel dramatics committee presented its first offering of the semester during the social held Sunday evening, February 25. An original play, "Hillel Service," written by Victor Kosman and Reuben Sabsay was presented. Irving Moss directed the production.

The play was cast as follows: Ethel, Lois Green; Mrs. Hearken, Beatrice Raskin; Harry, Irving Moss; Dr. Max Bearit, Harold Silberstein; Hampered, Isidore Brosin; Student, Nathan Gilbert; Mr. Hearken, Sidney Zucker; and Habsay, Reuben Sabsay.

A second play "Phipps", under the direction of Betty Chemnick, will be presented on Sunday evening, March 25. Tryouts for the play, "The Edge of the Law", will be announced shortly in the Daily Californian.

Hitler's Tactics Criticized

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was at the root of Hitler's anti-semitism.

"Because the Jews were economically in a better position, more of them were able to flee from Germany," said Marley. "However, anyone opposing the Nazi regime is punished, and many sufferers still remain within German borders, unable to get out. It is, therefore, the mission of the committee which I represent to do whatever possible to raise funds to relieve them."

Marley is not on a mission of propaganda; but because he considers the revival of German nationalism a formidable menace to world peace he believes preparedness is essential — especially against the German fascists.

United condemnation of Hitler's fascism is highly important in Lord Marley's estimation. World opposition, he is convinced, will considerably weaken fascism. The boycott, if technically planned and executed, is the most effective weapon. Demonstrations to local consuls and the German ambassador were also emphatically recommended.

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What's What

Zeta Beta Tau is planning to hold a formal dance on April 7th. Billy Keene's orchestra will furnish the music. *

Kappa Nu had its semi-annual pledge dance on Saturday, February 17, at the chapter house. *

The Phi Beta Delta Fraternity entertained its new pledges on Friday, February 9, at a dance at the Chapter House. Recently the Fraternity's Mother's Club had a tea at the house. *

Plans for the Phi Sigma Sigma House formal, to be held early in March, are under way. The sorority entertained recently at a formal tea at the chapter house. *

Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority is planning several dinners for prominent members of the Bay Region Rabbinate. *

Esther Friedman, '35, has recently announced her engagement to Harold Miller. *

Reuben Sabsay, the co-author with Vic Kosman of the play, "Hillel Service", is the brother of a famous author. *

Misses Edna and Mildred Cader entertained sixteen friends at a bridge-luncheon at the Mark Hopkins Hotel February 17. Mrs. David Cader (Reeva Zelinsky) was the guest of honor.

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EXCHANGES

The Hillel Foundation at Wisconsin U. requires the payment of dues by members. On this campus, every Jewish student is automatically a member of Hillel. *

Miss Claire Rosen, '21, today enjoys the distinction of being the youngest woman ever admitted to the Illinois bar. *

In a debate held at the Ohio State Foundation, the affirmative side successfully upheld the question, "Resolved: That the tendencies of American Jewish Youth are Favorable to the Future of Jewish Life in America."

Landauer Addresses Forum

Wednesday evening, February 7, Prof. Carl Landauer addressed the largest audience ever assembled for a Forum at the Hillel Foundation. Don Breyer, chairman of the Open Forum committee, presided.

Prof. Carl Landauer addressed the large look for German Jewry." During the course of the Lecture it was brought out that the best way of combating the present situation in Germany was thru the strengthening of democracy.

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ATTEND!

Attendance at Hillel functions has greatly decreased this semester!

Coming upon word from the recorder's office of the University that the total enrollment of the school has dropped, the Foundation expected a slight decrease in the student attendance at the Hillel affairs. However the resulting depletion of the ranks has been much greater than the report of the recorder's office warrants.

There is no other place on the campus that affords the students the opportunities that can be secured at the House. There is no other Foundation in the city of Berkeley that presents to the students the intellectuals, the recreations, the amusements, and the socials that this organization makes possible. With all these advantages we find that with the exception of the socials — which have been very poorly attended though their merit has greatly increased — the attendance at the other functions is made up almost entirely of the adult membership of the Berkeley and Oakland Jewry. Though this is in itself a very complimentary expression of approval of the quality of Hillel affairs, it is at the same time leading to the destruction of the fundamental ideals of the Foundation.

The Hillel Foundation was organized to further the interests of the Jewish "students" and to stimulate an added zest to their religious education through the presentation of leading educators, Jewish and Gentile, with the ideal of decreasing race prejudice and intolerance. A further ideal was to give the Jewish students a place to meet informally in a social group and strengthen the bonds that exist between most coreligionists.

THE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

HOSPITALITY

In 1492 when the Spanish sovereigns had put their seal on the edict that sent the rank and file of their Jewish subjects into exile, hope came from the East and the Sultan of Turkey, the great Beyazid, threw wide the doors of his empire to receive these exiles, with the famous comment, "You call Ferdinand of Spain a wise king — he makes his land poor and ours rich!" In that stream of exiles were some of Spain's most brilliant sons, minds that had helped to build Spain's power and talent that had helped to extend its influence in many lands. The empire of Beyazid profited richly by the generous hospitality of its enlightened sovereign and that period marked the golden age of Turkish power.

Today history is repeating itself. We are witnessing a twentieth century parallel to that act of folly on the part of medieval Spain. In Germany the outstanding men of learning and scholarship who have contributed so much to their country's advancement and prestige, have fallen on evil days. The flower of Germany's men of thought, science and research have been driven to seek shelter in other and kinder lands.

With characteristic hospitality this country has extended a cordial welcome to many of these hard pressed intellectuals. We are happy that the University of California has been in the vanguard of the institutions of learning that have held out the hand of welcome. We believe that we shall reap profit from that gracious act. Already our guest, Prof. Carl Landauer, has won a following here. Faculty and student body have warmed to him. They recognize in him a ripe mind and a gracious personality. We voice the hope that he may be happy in our midst.

Book Reviews

Three Cities: by Sholom Asch.

By this time Mr. Asch has been sufficiently acclaimed in the leading critical journals, and there is not much left but to play some of the overtones. The things that strike one "a priori" are that he has come out of a minor and obscure niche with a novel of great bulk, and that the bulk has not frightened anyone nor elicited a single adverse comment. The breadth of the canvas and the intent of the author are to me rather obvious, although the work has been criticised for a lack of balance due to an alleged indecision as to whether he was writing a biographical or sociological novel. Unquestionably, it appears to me, the latter was his motive. The complicated and sometimes unconvincing

Zachary Mirkin gave a certain element of continuity to the story, and provided the author with one mouthpiece wherewith he could express himself objectively. At worst, I do not consider Mirkin an improbable character, although in the Russian fashion, he stabbed himself with philosophies and soliloquies, and was unduly tragic over the articulation of his dilemmas.

His characters are mainly Jewish, though it seems clear that he was not interested in a racial theme, but realistically chose these people because he knew most about them, and, since economic lines cut racial ones, they would serve as well as any for his main theme. Incidentally, the range of possible Jewish reactions to social change is rather exhaustively portrayed, and we have Hurvitz, the good but vague man; his friend, Solomon, the Zionist; the Chassidim who escape into mysticism, and finally the young revolutionaries.

In the past two years, though the principles of this organization have been advanced to a greater degree than ever before, there has been a continued decrease in attendance at the functions.

The B'nai Brith Lodge is sponsoring these Foundations at the various large Universities in the country. Since

they are a very expensive item to maintain, the retention of the Foundation rests solely upon the student interest. Therefore it behooves us to inform the student body that the Foundation is facing a very crucial period during which it needs the support of the entire Jewish student body.