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DR. MERRITT COMMENTS ON B'NAI B'RITH WORK

The last two years have been anxious years for American Jewry. The tidal wave of Antisemitism flooding from Europe has reached our own shores. Nazi agents working in key centers of the country have fostered a score of reactionary organizations whose purpose has been to infect American life with the virulent poison of racial and religious hate. Speakers defending the Nazi persecution of the Jews were brought before service clubs and women's organizations throughout the land. German exchange professors made it their business to rationalize Nazi brutality. American professors returning from Naziland were made the sympathetic interpreters of Nazi policies. By every channel of publicity the noxious propaganda was spread across the land.

No organization has performed so notable a service in these trying years, as a defender of the Jewish cause and American ideals as the B'nai B'rith. Through its highly efficient and splendidly organized Anti-Defamation League, it has met the assault at every point, and if Nazism in America today is in retreat it is due largely to this league. Through speakers Bureaus it has followed up and refuted Nazi falsehoods. Through literature widely disseminated it has made for a true understanding of the Nazi policies. It has exposed Nazi agents and their mercenary American supporters. And the information it has collected has through the medium of the press, turned public opinion against Nazism and all its works. American Jewry owes a debt of gratitude to the efficiency and vigilance of the B'nai B'rith.

Hillel Chorus Active

The well balanced set of voices which was the original aim of Sylvain Bernstein '35, chorus director, has been achieved, and includes English, psych, nursing, medicine, econ, engineering, architecture, language, education, and music majors — all amateur voices, as attested by the wincing of passers-by on Thursdays between 3:15 and 4:30. Work is progressing and a program is outlined for early in December.

Hillel Social News

Hillel social activities are proving to be more and more successful with a greatly increased turnout of students. Non-org day, October 9, was especially attractive, having sports as a theme, along with novelty entertainment and refreshments. The Halloween theme motivated the social for Tuesday, October 30 under the auspices of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.



DR. WALTER JOHN SHERMAN
Union Forum Speaker

Hillel Players Try Out New Policy

"A distinctive feature inaugurated by the Hillel Players is its system of rotating talent," said Louis Gonick, director of dramatics, following the policy set down at the first meeting of the semester.

Thus, it will be that in the four plays which will be presented Sunday evening, November 18, and Wednesday, November 21 the audience will see entirely different actors.

The cast of "Gullible Wives" will include Helen Stern and Isabel Goldeen, with Nathan Gilbert as assistant director. "A Perfect Crime" will have Helen Cohn, Thelma Kahn, Harold Silberstein, and Yale Rosenfeld acting and Alice Rothenberg directing. "The Dying Wife" will be presented with Thelma Samuely and Irving Moss and Betty Chernick as assistant director. An original play by Alfred Lewis entitled "For Art's Sake" will be put on by Sylvia Eisenberg, Freda Cohn, and Harold Swerdloff, with Sam Schatz acting as assistant director.

Plans are being formulated for making the Players a traveling company. A tentative date of November 25 has been set for them to produce the plays for the Jewish community of Petaluma.

Hillel Girl Wins Contest

Ann Gladstein, ex '37, is the recent winner of the Talent Quest, conducted by the Chronicle and other groups. Miss Gladstein is a pianist who has often delighted local audiences with the excellence of her technique and the soul of her artistry. As a result of the contest, she will leave for Radio City where she will take part in a National Audition.

WORLD CANNOT ESCAPE IMMINENCE OF FASCISM

European Complications Disturb Dr. Sherman on Recent European Visit

With Socialism and Communism being shouted loudly today the Reverend Doctor W. J. Sherman of the First Methodist Church of Oakland, presents the possibility of the general acceptance of Fascism in the world. While being interviewed for the "Call", Dr. Sherman gave his opinion of conditions military in Europe as he saw them during his Sherwood-Eddy tour recently.

Of Germany, he said: "One is impressed with the complete and unconditional subservience of the German people. They adore their leader and resent foreign antagonism. The German people are being fed on a diet of hate. The country is arming as fast as it is able, and the youth is one hundred per cent behind the military preparations."

In Austria he could see no glimmer of hope. "The nation," the reverend said, "is split up and warring within itself. Party war is rife, and my suggestion is to watch the Fascist Party."

"Russia holds a unique position. It is even more completely regimented than Germany. People must not even think, if they do not think as the government. There is extreme militarism in the economic sense. Russian youth is ready to fight and die for the new Russian principles."

In all these nations pacifism, or any form of anti-militarism is unknown. The government dictates to the people and the people obey.

"France, is watching England. Poland's part with Germany has antagonized her, with its blow to her political fitness. And in France again watch the Fascist Party." Militarism is, of course, characteristic of France, with her open borders.

"Outward calm characterizes England." There, presumably, all is quiet. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Loan Fund Drive

Off to an auspicious start with the Council dinner, the Hillel Loan Fund Drive is well on its way toward success — \$350.

At the Council dinner, Rabbi Cohn of Oakland's Temple Beth Abraham was the guest and principle speaker. Other speakers were, Rabbi Merritt, Sanford Goldner, Auren Kahn, Ann Tilin, Irving Moss, and Julian Davis.

The drive shows every hope of reaching its goal of \$350. Donations according to tabulations made last Friday, are well over the Hundred Dollar mark.

What's What

The organized houses have been indulging in the usual flurry of mid-semester activities.

Monday, October 12, the Alpha Epsilon Phi house entertained at a pledge party. Founders Day was celebrated by the house Monday, October 24, with dinner for approximately fifty people. The banquet was followed by two readings delivered by Loraine Alexander and Karlyn Krupit and a dance by Louise Kaufman.

Monday, October 29, the Phi Sigma Sigma upper classmen were entertained by the A. E. Phi's while the A. E. Phi lower classmen dined at the Phi Sig house celebrating an exchange dinner. An Open House is to be held at the A. E. Phi House previous to the Big Game.

Open House will also be held at the Phi Sig House the day of the Big Game, with a buffet luncheon preceding. Sunday, October 21, climaxed a week-end of entertaining Southern Phi Sig's with a formal presentation of pledges and Open House. Thursday, November 1, the annual Phi Sigma Sigma Charity Bridge and Fashion Show will be held at the St. Francis Hotel. Saturday, October 27 the pledges entertained the members at tea also at the St. Francis.

Another house that spent the week-end of the U. C. L. A. game in entertaining Southern members was the Zeta Beta Tau House. Open House was held and the visitors were entertained at luncheon, dinner and a dance. November 2, the Z. B. T.'s. are holding an informal dance at the Mark Hopkins hotel.

October 25, the Phi Beta Delta Mother's Club held a meeting, luncheon and bridge at the house. Several Phi B. Ds. are working hard on the California Basketball teams, Art Nightingale and Ray Schoen playing with the Varsity, Bob Goldman and Bob Hatfield working with the Frosh, while Harold Strom plays with the No. 30's.

The Kappa Nu's will entertain at a Smoker, November 2. The night previous to the Big Game a dance is to be held at the Chapter House with music

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Hillel Debaters Will Talk to B'nai B'rith

The first appearance of the Hillel debaters will be at the San Francisco Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, Monday, Nov. 12th. The original plan was to present a debate on a controversial question, but it has subsequently been decided to present a cross-section of Hillel activities. This depends from a tradition of four years in which Hillel students presented lively debates for the lodge members.

The following people will speak. Thelma Kahn '37, will present the activities of the foundation and its relation to the organized fraternities and sororities. Hilda Kessler '36, will speak on the student and Jewish values. Nathan Gilbert '37, will present the theme "Hillel and the Foreign Student." Hyman Hymson '30, former student now lecturing in San Francisco, will present "Hillel and the Graduate." Short talks will also be given by Rabbi Merritt and Sanford Goldner.

The San Francisco Lodge, under the leadership of Sol Silverman, has shown an intense interest in the work of the foundation. A special Hillel committee has been organized and is headed by Mr. Michael Gordon.

The Hillel party will be entertained at dinner before the meeting.

Hillel Foundation Represented At Chest Exhibit

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16th and 17th, the Berkeley Community Chest will stage an exhibit of the service of its many agencies in the Men's Gym. The purpose of that exhibit is to visualize for the public the splendid work that throughout the year goes quietly forward, salvaging, strengthening, restoring, and rebuilding human material. The character building organizations of the Campus are participating in this exhibit.

Hillel has taken a booth. Photographic displays of its various activities will show what goes on within its walls. Talented members of Hillel will appear on the programme of entertainment. Hillel men and women will be on hand to explain the function and scope of our programme. On these two days Hillel will make its bow to the larger public.

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Intra-Mural Ping-Pong League to be Started

With the conclusion of the current Hillel ping-pong tournament, which has been conducted during the past several weeks, an intra-mural league is being organized by Erwin Loeffler, tournament manager. Present plans include Newman Club, Masonic Club, Wesley Foundation, the Y. M. C. A., and Hillel as members of the league.

A tentative team, consisting of Abe Pinsky, Pete Meyers, Al Miller, Erwin Loeffler, and Paul Traum, has been selected to represent Hillel. These men may be challenged for their positions by being given due notification. In the meanwhile, Abe Pinsky is the Hillel champion, as he defeated Pete Meyers in the finals by straight-set scores of 7-5, 6-0.

Basketball

Basketball enthusiasts are urged to sign up on the Hillel bulletin-board for a chance to make the intra-mural hoop team, which will represent Hillel during the remainder of the semester. Practice has already started, and is being held regularly at the Men's Gymnasium. Actual play will start within a week, and games will be played against various off-campus organizations.

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The Month in Brief

- Nov. 1st, 8:30 p. m.—Dr. Paul Radin.
Special theme — "The Modern Political Enunciation of the Ideal"—Karl Marx.
- Nov. 2nd, 8:30 p. m.—Friday Evening Fireside Discussion Group.
"A Defense of Social Democracy"—Prof. Karl Landauer.
- Nov. 4th, 8:30 p. m.—Sunday Evening Social. "Radio Nite." The Seven Plenipotentiaries.
- Entertainment—Radio artists, stage stars, novel refreshments.
- Music by Howard Juffre's Six California Bears.
- Nov. 6th, 4 to 6 p. m.—Tuesday Open House.
- Nov. 8th, 8:30 p. m.—Dr. Paul Radin.
Special Theme—"The Democratization of the Unconscious"—Sigmund Freud.
- Nov. 9th, 8:30 p. m.—Fireside Discussion Group.
- Nov. 12th, 4:15 p. m.—Student Council Meeting.
- Nov. 13th, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Nov. 13th, 8 p. m.—Dr. Walter John Sherman. Union Forum speaker. International House.
- Theme—"Marching Youth".
- Nov. 15th, 8:30 p. m.—Dr. Paul Radin.
Special Theme—"The Jews and the New Revolt of the Masses."
- Nov. 16th, 8:30 p. m.—Fireside Discussion Group.
- Nov. 18th, 8:30 p. m.—The Hillel Players will present 3 one-act plays and a sketch.
- Titles—"Gullible Wives", "For Art's Sake", "The Perfect Crime" and "The Dying Wife."
- Nov. 20th, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Nov. 21st, 8:30 p. m.—Hillel Players will repeat 3 one-act plays and sketch.
- Nov. 26th, 4:15 p. m.—Student Council Meeting.
- Nov. 27th, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Nov. 29th, 6:15 p. m.—Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Dec. 2nd, 8:30 p. m.—Chanukah Celebration.

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Fireside Discussion Program Announced

On Friday, Nov. 2, Dr. Paul Radin will review Strachey's book, "The Coming Struggle for Power."

On November 9, Professor Carl Landauer of the University Faculty will discuss the same book from the Social Democrat's viewpoint.

Rabbi Merrit addressed the first meeting of the Fireside Discussion Group, speaking on "Why College?"

Dr. Joseph Gaer, manager of the San Francisco Forum, was the guest speaker at the second meeting of the Discussion Group. He reviewed Thomas Mann's latest novel "Joseph and His Brothers." Mann's mysticism and his attempt to escape from present day problems by writing about Biblical characters, were emphasized.

Discussions begin at 8:30 p. m., every Friday.

California Alliance Will Celebrate Thanksgiving

In accordance with a long established custom the California Alliance of Jewish Women will again be host to the Jewish student body at Hillel House on Thursday, Nov. 29th, at 6:15 p. m. This annual Thanksgiving dinner has come to be a tradition, and feasting and merrymaking reach the semester's climax at this party. As in the past, a dance will follow the dinner.

The reservation lists are now open. Reservations may be made at the Hillel office. Reservations will be open till five days before the dinner.

Imminence of Fascism

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But at a series of lectures held for the travelers, all the speakers emphatically stressed the impossibility of Fascism. "The thought that struck me," Sherman said, "was 'methinks they do protest too much'; Ramsey McDonald and the Labor Party are definitely dead. And, from speaking to English people of the lower class, I should say, here again, watch the Fascist."

"Switzerland," Sherman sighed relieved, "is God's country. There is absolute peace within and without. Only," he added, "the wealth from the big war has tended to spoil her. It is the only country that one may say is actively pacific, if such a thing is possible."

"Even America," he said, "should be watched for Fascism. Roosevelt is a long way from our original form of democracy."

Dr. Sherman has a very comprehensive and revealing outlook with regard to the European situation. He will speak on November 13 at the first meeting of the newly reorganized Union Forum. The evening should prove an interesting one.

U-Z Wanderings

Well, girls and boys, we're off on the old chase. . . . We see that Hal Glassburg, '34, Phi B. D. and Edith Porte, '35, Phi Sig, decided to do it the hard way. . . . They've been married secretly for three months.

Speaking of romance, which one should never do. . . when Ann Tilin announced at Council Banquet that the library was a regular matrimonial bureau, was she hinting?

We love to take pokes at pseudo-big shots. . . but we know you boys can take it, so here goes. . . did Charlie (Scooter) Harband pass out at the Engineers' Ball or was he merely bored with it all. . . 'n' you told us you never drank. Tsk, tsk? Chollie. . . When Joe Kane waved to Sylvia Vinikow the other day was he surprised when a paper bag of aqua pura lit on his head. . . . nope she didn't throw it.

Why has Stan (pride of Phi B. D.) Berland been so silent lately? Do you know you can tell time by an A. E. Phi's walk. . . . yep, but its ten past ten mostly, though.

And was she perplexed. . . . we mean Marge Nagin, blonde Phi Sig pledge, when her split skirt split much farther than the designer even in her most daring moments had intended.

Harold Silberstein, alias, Lionel Barrymore, walked out on Gonig because (as he told us confidently. . . and are we a rat to tell) the part wasn't worthy of his talents. . . which brings us to the end of another super Winchellette.

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Cerchez la Femme

Where peace, happiness, and contentment exist, where harmony and benevolence combine with interest and efficiency, there you will find the female influence.

To the members of the California Alliance of Jewish Women, and to the members of the B'nai B'rith Auxiliary who have made such a dream a reality, we pay humble and deserved tribute.

Throughout the rigours of the winter previous to the last one, the California Alliance of Jewish Women remained a port and an anchor to storm-swept students.

To Mrs. George Martin, caretaker of Hillel House, who so graciously contributed her kitchen and her culinary art, as well as to those women who contributed their time as well as their money again we extend our thanks.

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The Hillel Library, its origin and maintenance, are attributable to the B'nai B'rith Auxiliary. This organization has built up for us a fine collection of books on, or pertinent to Jewish life; in the main, by Jewish authors.

This semester that library is the scene of activity never before achieved in the history of our Hillel Foundation. The Jewish student body at large seems to have become aware of the invaluable contents both for research and fiction of our library.

To the ones who made this activity possible may we say that you, too, have done your work well.

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To the Ladies:

The leaders of both your organizations who have come into contact with the Jewish student body have no doubt been the recipients of many expressions of gratitude and appreciation for their work. So it is to you who comprise the general membership — you who have so generously conceded, charitably donated, and selflessly given without the compensating feature of any personal acknowledgment — that we, speaking for all who have gone before, for all who are yet to come, and for all who are here and feel as we do, dedicate this public tribute and again express our most sincere thanks.

UNION FORUM REFORMS

A man may stumble over a mole-hill and yet not see a mountain.

While the private citizen, especially now, in California, concerns himself almost exclusively with consideration of the relative merits and platforms of the gubernatorial candidates, while he occupies his mind with thoughts socialistic or antisocialistic, and his speech with pretty culled phrases of party propaganda, the world moves steadily on, bringing with it events of vastly significant interest, certainly of much more universal import. Granting for the moment the greater interest to the average Californian of the race for the governorship, events of national and international interest should not, nevertheless, be ignored.

One of the most important of these events is contained in a recent series of exposés of armaments and arms manufacturers. The United States Senate appointed a special committee for the investigation of the arms situation. This committee has now adjourned, without divulging its findings. And the reason for its adjournment can obviously be traced to the pressure brought to bear on it by the arms and related interests.

As the situation now stands, the only possibility of its ever re-forming, of its ever having a chance to continue its investigations and to publicize its discoveries, is through the will and concerted effort of the people.

As for the people, this democracy of ours would become more farcical than ever, if they once more refuse to take the challenge thrust at them, if they again sit passively by refusing to see, to comprehend, and to act when insidious but none the less obvious corruption threatens our present and future peace. By "telegram, letter,

and resolution" the citizens of this democracy of ours are urged to request the continuance of the Senate arms investigating committee. In effect, they are urged to rouse from their age old apathy, to checkmate the powers who regard them merely as pawns.

Here at the University of California, the torch thrown to us is taken up by eager hands. We have found our own answer to this great problem; the answer being—The Union Forum.

The Union Forum is an organization made up of the religious groups connected with the Campus. Recognized for its great merit by the A. S. U. C., it was taken over by that august body, continued for a year, and then dropped. Now, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., representing the Protestants, Newman Hall representing the Catholics, and the Hillel Foundation representing the Jews, announce to a large and pleased public the re-instatement of the Union Forum, as formerly, under their own auspices.

The Union Forum announces as one of its aims the endeavor to obtain the true facts of the arms situation, presenting these facts to the public by means of such speakers as the Reverend Doctor Sherman. The summation of this series of speeches will be the sending of a resolution to Washington asking that the Senate arms investigating committee be continued and that it be permitted to carry on its splendid work unmolested.

We commend and congratulate these four organizations who, in the face of a mutually threatening pestilence, so generously subdue their individual minor differences and unite in a concerted effort to stamp out that pestilence.

PAST MASTERS

A REVIEW—By Sanford Goldner

Those who find Thomas Mann's fiction occult or laborious may be relieved to read his "Past Masters". Here he has stated with preciseness and clarity those world-views which are woven into his bulkier works. His prose reaches here its purest heights; it is prose shot through with rich magic, with power of transcendence, of bursting into the infinite.

The essays on Wagner, Nietzsche, Spengler interpret one phase of the German spirit, that Romantic, auto-intoxicated phase in which vault upon vault were built in the metaphysical empyrean. Giants strode the earth then, and if they lived in a world of self-deception they attained meanwhile a great stature. The work of these giants allows Mann to say "The Germans are by nature metaphysical." Sober-minded people may doubt whether this metaphysicizing was any more than delusion on a grand scale, whether the Germans erected myths,

as Dr. Radin suggests, in compensation for their retarded national development. Undoubtedly, however, this majestic dream-weaving was part of the national complex; it was the philosophy of Self, of Inwardness, of Ego grown into chauvinism, and as such it explains the susceptibility of the masses to the utter irrationality of the Nazi gospel.

Mann is very aware, however, of those aspects of German life wherein the people were realists, wherein they were more motivated by the dialectical materialism than by the dialectical idealism. Here the clear-eyed vision of the social leaders from the middle nineteenth century down to the republic is acknowledged. Mann flouts Spengler for his "snobbery" and declares that learning is not the exclusive boon of the elite. The proletariat are the new heirs of culture, and the high things of the race are available to them.

Mann ends the mystic. Somewhere between Moscow and Greece lies the path to salvation. Too great faith in men's own power is self-hypnosis.