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GET BEHIND LOAN FUND DRIVE TO START OCT. 8th

PERSONNEL OF DRIVE FOR STUDENT FUND NAMED BY COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Student Loan Fund Drive includes some of the most active students both at Hillel Foundation and on the University campus. The manager, Mark Silverstone, is a member of Senate Debating Society and active at International House as well as at Hillel where he is chair of the Introductions Committee. Herb Spiro, chairman of the Men's Division, is also distinguished by being a member of Senate and is chairman of the Hillel Friday Evening Discussion Group. Simeon Levison, member of Kappa Nu and Hillel Student representative to the University Peace Conference, will act as subchairman of this division.

The head of the Women's Division, Theresa Goldner, is vice-president of Hillel and is a member of Philorthian Debating Society. She will be assisted by Goldie Grabstein and Dorothy Miller; the former, an A. E. Phi and a member of Hillel's Introduction Committee, and the latter a member of Phi Sigma Sigma and also active on the Introductions Committee.

Other students serving on the Personnel Committee of the Drive are: International House Committee:

Women's Division: Carolyn Krupp, May Kleiner.

Men's Division: Max Kahn.

Law School Committee:

1st Year: Thelma Samuely.

2nd Year: Perry Bertram.

3rd Year: Ben Wolf

Whitehall Committee: Adele Stimel, Anna Bellman, Naomi Kantor.

Palestine Labor Committee: Simon Bornstein, Alkanan Bulkind.

Alpha Epsilon Phi Committee: Goldie Grabstein; subchairwoman: Joy Monsky.

Kappa Nu Committee: Simeon Levison; sub-chairman: Phil Fleisig.

Phi Beta Delta Committee: Martin Rothenberg; sub-chairmen: Eddie Meltzer, Mark Diamond.

Phi Sigma Sigma Committee: Dorothy Miller; sub-chairwoman: Thelma Kahn.

Sigma Delta Committee: Rosalind Nuss; sub-chairwoman: Rose Mitchell.

Zeta Beta Tau Committee: Bert Givens; sub-chairman: Art Brown.

San Francisco Committee: Herb Spiro; sub-chairmen: Annette Wendel,

KICK-OFF DINNER TO START CAMPAIGN

Thursday evening, Oct. 8th, at 6 p. m., the members of the Hillel Student Council and the chairmen and sub-chairmen of the Eighth Annual Loan Fund Drive will assemble at Hillel House for the annual student council dinner and the launching of the campaign to add to the capital of the Hillel Student Loan Fund. The goal has been set at \$325.

As in the years past, the heads of all the committees engaged in the task of organizing the drive will attend the dinner to hear the "rally" talks and to receive the final instructions. The guest of honor and the main speaker of the evening will be Mr. Jefferson Peyser, member of the California Assembly and president of Grand Lodge District No. 4 of the B'nai B'rith. Mr. Peyser is one of the recognized leaders in the California Assembly and a coming man in the political field. As president of District Grand Lodge No. 4 of the B'nai B'rith, he is one of the leaders in the Jewish life of the West. He is also one of California's most accomplished speakers. Meyer Kahn, '37, will act as toastmaster for the evening. The Hillel Staff, the officers and the campaign manager will be heard from.

Dean Deutsch Lauds Loan Campaign

The usefulness of loan funds on the campus of the University cannot be overemphasized. Students find themselves in desperate straits, where a loan of a few dollars will solve their problems. I suppose that the time will come when we have more money in loan funds than we need but that time is still far in the distance.

I am glad to express my hearty approval of the Hillel Student Loan Fund, which in the last seven years has assisted students through loans totaling more than \$7,000. The Jewish students at the University should take pride in contributing to a fund which will help their less fortunate companions — and may even prove to be the means someday of helping themselves.

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch.

"WE'RE IN THE DRIVE--- THREE-TWENTY-FIVE" SLOGAN OF 8th CAMPAIGN

General Chairman of the Eighth Annual Hillel Student Loan Fund Drive. Mark Silverstone, in expressing the general enthusiasm necessary for the Drive, issued the following "pep talk": "Let's all get behind the Student Loan Fund Drive! There must be no shirkers in this worthy cause! Here is a real chance for students to help students. In contributing to the cause, you are making affirmative answers possible to students asking for aid."

Dean of Undergraduates Thomas Putnam, in a letter to Dr. Merritt, expressed "the hope that the drive would again be thoroughly successful" and that the Foundation would "thus be able to continue doing the fine work in this as in other respects." In endorsing the Drive, Dean Putnam stated further, "Borrowing from the University loan funds, is of necessity, a rather formal procedure. In your intimate group you not only know the problems of the students more accurately but are able to assist them at times which would not be feasible under University regulations."

The Drive is to be launched Thursday, October 8, and is to continue until October 18. Confident that "good times" are definitely with us, the goal has been set at \$325. In the seven years passed, more than \$7000 has been loaned from the fund, the only beneficiaries being the needy Jewish students who have come to turn to it in increasing numbers.

This Hillel Student Loan Fund is in a class by itself. It plays no favorites. It is open to native born and foreign born. Freshmen and seniors have an equal claim upon it. It cuts "red tape" and acts without delay. Many loans have been made to forestall an eviction, to satisfy a board bill, to purchase desperately needed books or to meet a doctor's ultimatum. For these and countless other reasons, Chairman Silverstone and his personnel committee urge the support of the Drive.

If present plans are followed through, an innovation in the form of a Victory Dance will officially end the Hillel Student Loan Fund Drive. Plans for this dance are under the supervision of Goldie Grabstein and Dorothy Miller who have indicated that such an affair will be held at one of the Jewish Sorority Houses on or about October 24. Those who have proved worthy workers in the Drive will be invited to the Dance.

The Month in Brief

- Oct. 5, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council and Campaign Personnel Meeting.
- Oct. 6, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Oct. 7, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Hillel Open Forum.
Speaker — Prof. Alex Kaun, Slavic department.
Theme — "Personal Reminiscences of Maxim Gorki."
- Oct. 8, Thursday, 6 p. m. — Student Council Banquet and Loan Fund "Kickoff" Dinner.
Guest of honor and main speaker — Mr. Jefferson Peyser.
- Oct. 9, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion.
Speaker — Mr. Julius Nathan.
Theme — "The Salinas Clash."
- Oct. 11, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — The Palestine Labor League Meeting.
- Oct. 13, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Oct. 14, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Oakland Jewish Centre. First debate between a Hillel team and a team representing the Jewish student body of U. C. L. A.
Theme — "Resolved that the World Jewish Congress is detrimental to the cause of the Jewish people."
- Oct. 15, Thursday, 8 p. m. — Hillel House. Symposium by Hillel and U. C. L. A. Jewish students.
Theme — "What Lies Ahead of the Jewish Student after College?"
- Oct. 16, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Group.
Speaker — Dr. Paul Radin.
Theme — "Are the Jews a Race?"
- Oct. 18, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday Evening Social.
- Oct. 19 — Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.
- Oct. 20, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Oct. 21, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Education Program.
First Lecture by Prof. Carl Landauer in a new series on "Economic Influences on Jewish History From the Industrial Revolution to the Postwar Period."
- Oct. 23, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Group. An evening of Music.
- Oct. 25, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — The Palestine Labor League Meeting.

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What's What

Well, here we are again, ready for another looksee at the social calendar.

The A. E. Phi's are planning a gala radio dance Oct. 16 in honor of their members who are coming from the south for the game.

Sigma Delt's will have a formal Oct. 10 at Bal Tabarin.

Those Phi Sig's are at it again! Friday, Oct. 2, they had a formal dinner dance for fifty at their chapter house. On the 17th they'll dance to Griff Williams' music at the Mark in S. F. in honor of their pledges and the Phi Sig's from Zeta at U. C. L. A.

Not to be outdone by the sorors the frats are going to town, too. All of them have full datebooks.

Z. B. T. had a formal initiation Oct. 5. Congrats to Bert Givens, Richard Lachman, Mervyn Jacobs, Richard Goldsmith and Earl Brodie. The alum's were there, too. Oct. 10 is set aside for their pledge dance to be held at the house and Oct. 17 there is another in honor of their UClaans.

Phi B. D. had a radio dance on Oct. 3, very nice indeed. They're going to do it again for their southern members. Big plans are being made for their Big Game dance. They're keeping them secret though.

My, but Oct. 2 was a popular date! The Kappa Nu's had a radio dance. Oct. 9 is an exchange dinner with the A. E. Phi's. Sept. 30 they had a faculty dinner for Professor Loewenberg. Apple polishers. The grad club keeping up with the actives had a dinner at the Plaza at which they showed pictures.

(Note: We are still hoping an invitation will come thru with the news some time. In fact, if two invites come thru we would gladly bring a friend.)

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Dramatics Committee Announces Plays

As promised, the Hillel Dramatics group has begun prompt action this year and has already made plans to present two one-act plays the latter part of October or the early portion of November. These will be given at the Twentieth Century Club in Berkeley with a social following.

Alice Gerstenberg's "The Potboilers", a satire on amateur actors and professional playwrights, and David Pinski's farce, "The Dollar" have been selected as the two plays to be presented. Although at this writing, the cast for the latter play has not been selected, Louis Gonick, director of dramatics at Hillel, released the following list of students chosen to appear in "The Potboilers": Eleanor Bickoff, Phyllis Weinberg, Eve Roth, Alex Klein, Simeon Levinson, George Golinkin, and Joe Ellenbogen.

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

Oct. 28, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Education Program.

Second Lecture by Prof. Carl Landauer on "Economic Influences on Jewish History."

Oct. 30, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside discussion. Symposium by representatives of four political parties.

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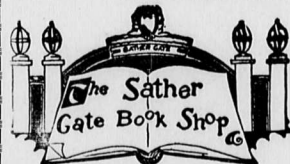
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U. C. L. A. Challenges

U. C. L. A. will send a group of four speakers to Berkeley, two to take part in the debate and two to participate in the symposium.

"Resolved: That the World Jewish Congress is Harmful to the Cause of the Jewish People" will be the subject of the debate, which will be held Wednesday evening, October 14. Melvin Reder, '39, and Reynold Cohn, have been chosen to represent Hillel.

The subject of the Symposium, which will probably take place on Thursday evening, October 15, will be "What Lies Ahead of a Jewish Youth After College?" The discussions will be chosen from the following subjects: "The Graduate Jewish Student and a Jewish Leadership"; "The Graduate Jewish Citizen and the General Field of Employment"; "The Graduate Jewish Student and the Professions"; "The Graduate Jewish Student and His Social Relationships." Isabel Goldeen, '38, and Ed Melcer, '39, have been chosen to represent Hillel in this symposium.

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Mervyn Braunstein, Maurice Abend, Barbara Rose, J. M. Roitenstein.

Oakland Committee: Margie Riskin; sub-chairmen: Lowell Adison, Phyllis Epstein.

Berkeley Committee: Theresa Goldner; sub-chairwomen: Adele Schwartz, Queenie Feldman.

Martha Washington Committee: Gladys Cohen; subchairwoman: Helen Lesser.

Stratford Committee: Phyllis Kohn, Miriam Jeball.

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Forum Announces Interesting Program

Starting the season with two stimulating speakers, Irving Stone, author of the best seller, "Lust for Life", and Professor H. H. Fisher of Stanford who spoke on "An Analysis of the New Russian Constitution", the Hillel Open Forum is looking forward to a most successful season. On Wednesday, October 7, the guest speaker will be Professor Alexander Kaun, head of the Slavic Language department at the University of California, who will deliver an address on "Personal Reminiscences of Maxim Gorki." Professor Kaun was a literary representative of Maxim Gorki in the United States, and is also the author of the outstanding biography of Gorki which he prepared while living with him in Sorrento, Italy. Gorki's recent death will make this personal account particularly interesting.

The subject, "Economic Influences on Jewish History", will begin the second course of lectures, and will be presented by Professor K. Landauer of the Economics department on Wednesday, October 21. The course will begin with the Industrial Revolution and carry the story of the profound influence of economic factors on Jewish life and destiny down to the post-war period.

If the attendance at the opening Forum lectures may serve as a criterion, these scheduled Forum sessions will elicit much attention.

Congress - Hillel To Hold Symposium

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at 8:30 p. m., Congress, Men's Debating Society, will hold a Symposium with Hillel, at Hillel. The speakers, in this unique discussion, will each defend a religious viewpoint which they will set forth. Catholicism, Judaism, Protestantism, and Atheism will be upheld and the discussion will afterwards be opened to the floor. Because of the topic the evening should prove a lively one.

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This is going to be one Post-Mortem that doesn't belong in an Obituary column. For the two Fridays "erev yuntov" Hillel's Fireside Discussion group quibbled and quoted, sizzled and cracked trying to tell the Spaniards how to run their Revolution and the French what to do with their government, if anything at all. And if you can picture 30 to 40 (actually, amigomio) elders and youngsters mostly hot under the collar, (well, hot anyway) you'll have quite a picture of what went on. On the one hand there was the Merritt-Goldner evolutionist group with the "nize baby, eat up all the zup" philosophy, ready for the bad, bad Fascists and Capitalists to swallow. On the other hand, just as persistent and possibly a bit more dogmatic, were the "romantic" Socialist revolutionists, uncompromising, unyielding, with heads bloody but unbowed.

So now we need a rest, and last Friday, October 2, we relaxed with Debussy and Beethoven at our first evening of Music. This much discussed innovation has taken form and application under the "symphonic" minds of Alice Belkin and Valerie Kestenbaum, with the kind permission of Herb Spiro (and a bit of persuasion on the part of the Doctor).

The following weeks have the tentative program as follows: the Salinas strike (boycott lettuce), "Is the Jew a Race" by Paul Radin, another evening of Music (gotta have a rest every once in a while) and we'll finish the month of October with a Symposium involving representatives from each Political Party. No fooling, we're going to have an honest-to-goodness Republican (picture it), a Democrat from the Young Democrats, a Communist (if we can get one to admit it), a red, red socialist, and — I hope, if I can possibly find one — a Lemkeite. But I make no promises. So watch the Bulletin Board at Hillel for what is doing every Friday night at 8.

Hillel Singers To Perform

The Hillel Singers will present their first program of the semester at the Succoth service at Hillel on October 10.

Later on in the term, the group will perform before several B'nai B'rith groups.

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The Good It Does Continues To Grow

For seven years the Hillel Student Loan Fund has continued to perform a needed service quietly, effectively, and with a minimum of publicity. As a result of our annual campaigns our capital fund now stands at \$2300. While this small revolving fund has been slowly growing across the years, more than \$7000 has been loaned from it. That constitutes a truly amazing record. And if committed to writing the human interest stories involved in that record would make fascinating reading.

In the first year of the present director's administration of the Loan Fund \$285 was loaned to beneficiaries. In the seventh and last year the loan total has risen to \$1845. These two contrasting figures epitomize the value of the Hillel Fund. With the passing of the years and the growing Jewish enrollment, the need has steadily increased. And with the passing years, too, Jewish students have come to turn to the Hillel Fund with an added assurance, confident that here, at least, technicalities will not be permitted to stand in the way of sympathetic consideration and a ready response to urgent needs.

To be sure our fund has always been so small that legitimate demands have often had to be drastically scaled down in order that the benefits might be spread over a larger field. Slowly with the years we are building up our fund so that loans to the hard-pressed may be made more generous. Your contributions will help the Hillel Student Loan Fund to widen and enlarge the scope of a service of which we may be justly proud.

THE HILLEL WARDROBE

The California Alliance of Jewish Women, which has sponsored the Wardrobe for a period of years, and has zealously collected serviceable apparel for men and women, invites Jewish students, both men and women, to avail themselves of this supply. The Wardrobe is now located at Hillel House. Students will be given access to the Wardrobe, by making application to the director.

STUDENT WORLD PROBLEMS

On April 12, 1935, it was rotten tomatoes . . . on April 22, 1936, it was applause . . . that was thrown to men and women who had the courage of their convictions, the intestinal fortitude, in good every-day English, the "guts" to protest and demonstrate against War. But the beauty of it all was that they were not all radicals or affiliated with any revolutionary party. To what then may we attribute this sudden wave of enthusiasm that has gripped the liberal and thinking elements of our University? To which question we sagely reply, "Hist, the Depression . . . remember? . . ."

One of the most encouraging results of that great catastrophe was the growth of Youth consciousness concerning its economic and political world. There was a day when professors chided their students for an obvious lack of interest in World problems. Today, on the contrary, the student has become aware of his position and the part he must play in World problems.

About two years ago the NSL (National Student League) and the SLID (Student League for Industrial Democracy) united in one organization, the American Student Union. Its purpose is to thrash out that which we call Student Problems. The ASU does by no means present a solution for all the economic evils, much less an effective, permanent cure. It does, however, endeavor to fight for those measures before the legislative bodies, State and National, which will alleviate the burden we all carry today; the dread of lack of funds and possible unemployment, the dread of a seemingly imminent War, and the dread of Fascism. The ASU, consequently, presents the student with the American Youth Act (an act to raise the salaries and conditions of those young people both in and out of school who find the NYA incapable of handling their specific needs), the fight against compulsory ROTC, the right to organize, picket, pass out handbills, and a number of other Bills and ordinances that restrict and retard the growth of a World conscious youth.

The "Ivory tower" has in reality become a prison into which the jailers admit no (or little, shall I say?) outside influences. But "stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." It is up to the younger generation to take up the torch their elders will eventually drop, the torch of Economic emancipation that will alleviate the oppressive features of this present system and probably eradicate them forever. With the ASU a ready organization, it is for the student who is conscious of the set-up he must inevitably face, conscious of the implications of anti-picketing and handbill ordinances, criminal-syndicalist laws, and alien sedition bills, to take these things to heart, educate himself, ponder a solution, and . . . do something about it.

OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

When one realizes that there is a growing necessity for an amelioration of conditions due to natural growth, changing conditions, or otherwise, it is the duty of everyone involved, who is in a position to do so, to see that the changes are carried out. Mere notice of the necessity of change is not the essential consideration. It is necessary to do something about it.

In all various and sundry organizations and institutions, there is this need for revision and change every so often. No organization is strong enough to resist changes and must sooner or later give way to the new modes of living. But it takes a strong aggregation to evoke the changes. No one man, no matter how strong he is, is able to do it alone. It necessitates cooperation from all concerned. Subsequently, one man, granted a measure of common sense, is able to hinder attempts at betterment of conditions, and so keep matters at a stand still, provided he is allowed to continue to act in this manner. The one tactic that can be employed efficiently is destructive criticism — destructive criticism without an attempt to point out a new way. Criticism is the backbone of any organization provided it is constructive cri-

ticism. Criticism for criticism's sake is the quickest way to confusion.

Let those of us who feel the need for change lend a helping hand to those individuals who feel likewise and are attempting to improve conditions. Let us not stand at a distance and criticize. But rather let us cooperate to amend these faults. United an organization is powerful; all power emanates from the center, but divided it is lost. Yet, in the final analysis, no one part of a system is stronger than the whole. It is the disturbing factor that eventually falls. As it is with a chain, which is no stronger than its weakest link, so it is with a corporate body — it is no stronger than its weakest member.

If Hillel Foundation needs changes instituted, we, the students, are the ones in a position to effect them. Are we to say that this or that is wrong and not try to remedy the situation? No, we must all band together to defy the individual who persists in destructive criticism and to, in turn, offer constructive criticism. We are student governed and we can bring all important matters up in the Student Council meetings. We can make the objecting factions come before us and state their grievances and we will remedy the situation. We can find from where our weaknesses arise.

The executive committee is your voice; make use of it. For better student government — inform us as to your desires. Our hands are tied without your help — We are no stronger than you make us.