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PEACE ACTION RAISES SPIRITED ALTERCATION IN COUNCIL MEETING

Called one of the hottest battles to be waged in a Hillel Council meeting, the question of Hillel's participation in the Peace Action Committee was settled by Joseph Krinsky, president of the Council, after much heated argument pro and con had ended in a tie vote. The result of the "bloodless" affair resolved into the following: Hillel Foundation shall send two representatives to the Peace Action Committee as observers rather than official participants, pending action of the Interfaith Council, whose action in their next meeting may send Hillel into the Committee as an active member along with the other thirteen religious groups it represents.

The proponents of the measure to have Hillel participate actively in the Committee claimed that it was the duty of the Foundation to support any worthwhile organization in its endeavors for peace. Much controversy arose over the issue, however, as it was claimed that the Peace Action Committee had the reputation of being dominated by the more-or-less "radical" elements, which would, should the Foundation align itself actively with the Committee, reflect on the Jewish Student Body, which is represented by Hillel. The majority sentiment in the Council was that Hillel should definitely show its approval of action for peace, but that active participation in the Peace Action Committee was not the proper method of so doing.

Hillel Forum Presents Dr. Throckmorton

Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 8 p. m., the Hillel Open Forum will present as its guest speaker Dr. Dillon W. Throckmorton of San Francisco. Dr. Throckmorton was a member of the Sherwood Eddy group of professional men who made a study tour of Central and Eastern Europe meeting the leaders and enjoying extraordinary advantages in the study of the problems that beset the European peoples. "See Russia with a Movie Camera" is the subject of the educational lecture Dr. Throckmorton will present. He will also give his personal impressions of Jewish life in Germany and Austria.

Hillel-U. C. L. A. Stage First Debate

An experiment that proved a success, the Hillel - U. C. L. A. joint debate and symposium, which was held in the Oakland Jewish Center, October 14 and 15, attracted crowds of over 100 persons.

The affirmative of the debate, "Resolved: That The World Jewish Congress is Harmful to the Cause of the Jewish People", was upheld by Frances Brunstein and Averill Paserio of U. C. L. A. They based their arguments on three points: (1) That the method of election of delegates to the Congress was undemocratic, (2) that holding a Congress at the present time would only lend color to the statement being spread by enemies of the Jews that they have an international organization which is seeking control of the world, and (3) that the first World Congress was not a success and showed the weaknesses of the Jews to their enemies.

The negative was upheld by Mel Reder and Reynold Cohn of Hillel who showed the great unifying example a World Jewish Congress would set to the Jewish people, giving them a feeling of Jewish alliance throughout the world. They argued that although the first congress was not a success, it was bound to grow and become stronger.

Leonard Meltzer, assistant district-
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Thursday evening Nov. 26th, at 6 p. m., the California Alliance of Jewish Women will be hostesses at the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner given to the men and women of the Campus registered from beyond the Bay District. This dinner is given annually to the men and women unable to spend Thanksgiving Day with the home folks. Invitations will shortly be in the mail. The deadline for reservations has been set at 6 o'clock, Monday, Nov. 21st. Mrs. Nathan Miller is acting as chairman of the California Alliance of Jewish Women's Thanksgiving Committee.

VICTORY DANCE CLOSES HILLEL'S SUCCESSFUL LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN

The Eighth Annual Hillel Loan Fund Drive was termed a successful one since it not only reached, but surpassed the original goal of \$325 to the extent of \$355, and at the time of publication all receipts had not been turned in.

In celebration of the achievement and passing of the goal, a victory dance was held Saturday, October 31, at the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority House, with approximately seventy-five workers of the Drive in attendance. A Halloween motif lent a festive atmosphere to the occasion, which was planned by a special committee consisting of Dorothy Miller, Goldie Grabstein, Carlyn Krupp, Simeon Levinson, Theresa Goldner and Herb Spiro.

Mark Silverstone, campaign manager of the Drive, issued the following statement as the Drive was successfully concluded: "I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who cooperated in making this Drive such a success. Without question, the reason for the splendid achievement of the goal lies primarily with the honest efforts of each individual worker and the quick response of the student body to these efforts. This year's campaign was marked by two unusual characteristics. Firstly, we reached our goal within the campaign time limit and then even went ahead to exceed our goal; and secondly, the campaign was not dragged out over a long period of time and was completed in an efficient, quiet manner, as planned."

House Committee Plan Mystery Night

As to just what it is or what is going to happen we can't say. But rumor has it that the House Committee under the direction of Rosalind Nuss and Sandy Klein is planning the greatest event ever for the Sunday night social of November 29th.

Mystery, comedy, entertainment — we guess but we can't say for sure. The committee asks you to remember and reserve that night and come early for a record crowd is expected for this event which will surpass the Sunday night affairs of all previous committees in the past and set a record for future socials to aim at. You are promised an evening that will stand out and be remembered for a long time.

Due to the facilities the night is reserved entirely for students and only for those students who are prompt. There will be no reservations and registration cards must be presented for admission. (We wonder whose orchestra . . . wata mystery.)

The Month in Brief

- Nov. 1, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday evening social.
- Nov. 2, Monday, 4:30 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.
- Nov. 3, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House, sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma.
- Nov. 4, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Education Program.
Third lecture of Prof. Carl Landauer. General theme — "Economic Influences on Jewish History".
Special theme — "The Post War Development" with special reference to the present Jewish position in the world.
- Nov. 6, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Group. Evening of Music.
- Nov. 8, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Palestine Labor Group.
- Nov. 10, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Nov. 10, Tuesday evening, 8 p. m. — Hillel Open Forum.
Speaker — Dr. Dillon W. Throckmorton.
Theme — "Seeing Russia by Movie Camera."
- Nov. 13, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Group.
Speaker — Dr. Paul Radin.
Theme — "Are the Jews a Race?"
- Nov. 15, Sunday, 8:30 p. m., 20th Century Club House, 2716 Derby St. Hillel Players will present two one-act plays directed by Louis Gonick. The plays will be followed by a dance, with an orchestra.
- Nov. 16, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.
- Nov. 17, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Nov. 22, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Palestine Labor League.
- Nov. 24, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Nov. 26, Thursday, 6 p. m. — Thanksgiving Dinner at Hillel House.
- Nov. 27, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Group. Evening of Music.
- Nov. 29, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday evening social.

Hillel - U. C. L. A. Debate

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attorney of Alameda County, presided at the debate.

"What Lies Ahead of the Jewish Student After College" was the subject of discussion for the symposium.

Isabel Goldeen of Hillel in discussing Jewish leadership showed how weak it has been in the past, but asserted that the appearance of Hillel Foundations and Jewish groups like that at U. C. L. A. promise to remedy the situation.

Jack Spitzzen of U. C. L. A. emphasized the great narrowing of opportunities in the general field of employment, which is complicated for the Jewish youth by anti-Jewish prejudice.

Ed Meltzer of Hillel explained that the two professions that formerly attracted Jewish students, namely, law and medicine, are no longer sought after by them. He pointed out the opportunities for government work.

The last speaker, Walter Cohn of U. C. L. A. asserted that it is imperative that Jewish students discover sufficient value in Jewish life to steel him in resistance to prejudices that confront him today.

Because of the interest shown in the debate and symposium, a return match at Los Angeles is being planned.

Skating Party To Be Held

Plans for a Hillel skating party to be held at Rollerland, 55th and Telegraph, Oakland, Tuesday, Nov. 3, are being formulated by the social committee.

Skating will be from 8 to 12 p. m. If enough students sign up to go, the skating rink will be cleared for Hillel members at 10 o'clock, and may even last to 1 a. m.

The admission will be 50 cents a couple, and 25 cents a single person.

"Hot dogs, coco-cola, etc., may be bought at the rink," says Philip Fleisig, chairman.

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Hillel Thespians In One-Act Plays

With many of Hillel's most capable Thespians included in the cast, the two plays, "The Dollar" and "The Pot Boiler" will be presented at the Twentieth Century Club at 2716 Derby Street, Berkeley, on Sunday, November 15th. The plays will be followed by a social which will be held in a ballroom at the Club. Puss Donahoo and his Hotel Oakland orchestra will furnish the music.

Those playing in "The Pot Boiler" are Simeon Levinson, Alex Kline, Joe Ellenbogen, Eva Roth, Phyllis Weinberg, George Golinkin, and Eleanor Bickoff. "The Dollar" has an equally capable cast including Elmer Goodson, Joe Ellenbogen, Queenie Feldman, Sylvia Danzig, Adele Stimmel, and Bob Goldstein.

Again, the date is November 15th and the place is the Twentieth Century Club, 2716 Derby Street.

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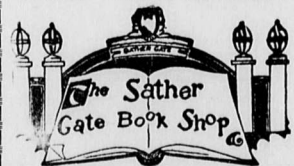
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And So What?

The matrimonial contest resumes with the Sigma Deltas taking the lead at this issue. Congratulations to Sheila Frankel, who went tripping to Reno to the altar with an off-campus victim.

I wonder if Bertille Morris' hasty departure down south has anything to do with the Phi Sig's position in this marriage business — a little enlightenment, please, Phi Sigs, will pacify us (we hope).

Wanted: Struggling engineer from North side in need of transportation to and from Milpitas every day. Kiddie Kars not acceptable, thanks! Skates have been chucked out, too.

Love and kisses,
C. S.

For sale: A 1924 Star in excellent condition except one headlight missing, no tail-light, no hood and very little motor. Runs beautifully with a little help — ask the MANnie who pushes one.

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Irv, the insurance salesman.

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A "Star of David" to the "redoubtable David Bers who rushes in where angels fear to tread" quote Rabbi Merritt. Oh, you certainly turned out to be a heavenly thing, Dave, which Bers out the saying, "If the shoe fits . . ."

Hillel's oratorical meet with Congress Debating Society was most enlightening — only we aren't sure what one speaker meant when he said, "all night bull sessions have two main subjects for discussion — the second is religion" — what is the first?

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Professor Carl Landauer's Series Begins

Prof. Carl Landauer's first lecture of the series, "The Influence of Economics on Jewish History", dealt with the place of the Jew in the capitalistic order. As a preliminary, Prof. Landauer described the breakdown of the feudal order. In the feudal period the primary function of the Jew was to act as a money lender. Then came the struggle between the powerful feudal lords and the kings for the prize of power.

In this struggle money and taxes played an important part. The feudal ages had little use for currency as a medium of exchange. The feudal lords gave their subjects and serfs protection and they gave the lords military service and labor. Money was not needed. The kings revived the importance of money. Jews knew the technique of money, a technique long lost but never forgotten by the Jews who retained it as part of their heritage from ancient days. Again, the kings needed a royal mercenary army to subdue the powerful lords. For that they had to levy taxes. To raise taxes they had to give independent traders and merchants extensive privileges, privileges enjoyed up to this time only by the guilds. The Jews took advantage of the needs of the kings. They joined the class of the free merchants. The guilds deprived of their monopoly gradually disintegrated while the power of the merchants grew. Thus Jews flowered forth as retail merchants. And with the increase in European wealth and property, law and medicine became attractive fields drawing increasing numbers of Jews.

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To the B'nai B'rith for our house, salaries and current expenses.

To the Women's Auxiliary, B'nai B'rith, District No. 4, for our library and funds.

To the California Alliance of Jewish Women for our Reception Dance, Succoth Festival, Thanksgiving and Seder dinners, and our luncheon expenses.

To the Community Chest for current funds.

To the League of the Friends of Hillel for donations.

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A Bouquet

"I can truthfully say that I did not hear one unfavorable comment about any of the arrangements which you took care of during our entire stay. The housing of our contestants; the conduct of the contests; the reception on Friday evening and all the many other things were equally pleasant. Looking back on the events, I am still convinced that we have begun something that can, in the future, become one of our most important activities.

EDWARD MOSK,
Pres. U. C. L. A. Council.

Books! More Books!

If the comments of visiting students to the Hillel library can be considered a competent standard of judgment, we, at Hillel, possess the most adequate Jewish library in the State of California.

Starting from scratch eight years ago, the Foundation, through the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary of the B'nai Brith District No. 4, has built up the library to the envied position as "the finest and most complete and inclusive collection of Jewish works by Jewish authors."

Today we have over 1100 volumes dealing with all phases of Jewish endeavor. All new works are immediately purchased and placed on the shelves for student use. The library is truly a fine source of information and is maintained for the benefit of all Jewish students.

For the past few years, students, when having to prepare a debate, lecture, or symposium on Jewish problems have come to Hillel and have found all necessary material. Not only have the students been using the library, but public lecturers have often frequented Hillel in search of knowledge.

Among the books on our shelves are ones like: "I Write As I Please"; "It Can't Happen Here"; "The Olive Field"; and "The Jews of Germany".

The library is open every day from 2 until 6 p. m., and is supervised by a competent librarian. Hillel library is your library — make use of it.

WHERE SHALL HILLEL STAND?

The Hillel Student Council has found itself sharply divided on the question of membership in the Peace Action Committee. At the last session of the Council by a narrow margin the Student Council voted against membership in the Peace Action Committee and strictly bound the observers sent to the Peace Action meetings not to involve the Hillel Foundation in any resolution adopted by that Committee.

Not only does that action reflect sound common sense, but we are certain that it reflects the sentiment of the rank and file of the Jewish student body. No one can doubt our ardent advocacy of peace. But we are not so certain that we wish to align ourselves with the forces that now control the Peace Action Committee. That these forces are frankly radical is generally understood. And because that is a generally accepted fact, many bodies on the Campus, strong in numbers and liberal in spirit, hesitate to ally themselves with the Peace Action Committee. These Campus bodies represent majority groups. Their very numbers make them immune to attack. They can afford to smile at the rage of reactionaries. And yet even they feel that they must protect themselves by refusing to follow a radical lead. Can we afford then, at a time of danger and disturbance for minority groups, when sinister forces are only too eager to pin vicious labels on our people — can we afford to be less wise than these majority groups?

Hillel is a constituent member of the Interfaith Council representing fourteen religious groups on the Campus. The Interfaith Council has before it an invitation to make common cause with the Peace Action Committee. If the Interfaith Council votes in the affirmative Hillel will take its place in that united religious front. If the Interfaith Council votes in the negative, Hillel will not expose itself to censure and attack by taking independent action.

By and large the Jewish students on this Campus are overwhelmingly liberal. We have our fraction of rabid radicals. They are always out in front. They are always leading the procession. They are given to making a great deal of noise.... Their voices are strident. From the noise they make they give the impression that the rank and file of the Jewish student body are radical. They take the spotlight away from the overwhelming majority of Jewish liberals who believe in orderly change and are willing to join enthusiastically in any movement calculated to speed the dawn of a better, happier and more equitable order.

HILLEL SHOULD LEAD BUT—

The Council has been called Coward, slacker, and reactionary. Advice has been flowing freely as water; especially by members with the gift of gab or with a position of prestige or seniority.

Advice is cheap and abuse is marvellous tactic. We have been confronted with two things; a principle or cause and an organization forwarding that cause. Certainly we are all for the cause — Peace — but can we work to the best interests of that cause in co-operation with the organization of feared us?

If a group is in disrepute, whether for good or bad reason, we should certainly be defeating our own purpose in joining them. There are some of us just Bourgeois enough not to welcome everyone as comrade, just sensible enough to be discriminating in the company we keep. We have been unjustly called coward and reactionary because some of us refuse to work with the Peace Action Group for fear of ruining our precious reputation and in this fear we are losing our honor and reputation. If we think thrift is a cause worth fostering are we going to join hands with Mr. Al Capone because he too is for thrift, and are we to start a bank together in the Cause?

We are cowards of the worst sort when we are afraid of being called cowards, when we resign our right to think and reason and allow ourselves to be bullied into a line of action by anyone. It is certainly glorious to fight for a cause, to even lay our necks on the chopping block providing it is truly a worthy, a great, a desirable cause. But it is an unpardonable sin to work for such a cause in such manner that we ourselves defeat it.

Is there any reason why we can't capitalize on our unblemished prestige and further this cause thereby with other such groups — is it wrong to keep it unblemished or to refrain from taking the slightest action that may even remotely blemish it? As college students we have the reputation of being able to think — for Heaven's sake live up to that reputation. Don't agree with this article but be sensible enough not to disagree just for cussedness or argument's sake. Carry this line of reasoning to its ultimate conclusion first and then carry the argument of the other side in the same manner and whatever is your final decision at least you've been sincere to yourself and your fellow students.