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FIFTY PEOPLE ATTEND FIRST DRIVE MEETING

Never before in Hillel's history has the Chairman of the Loan Fund Drive had the privilege of opening a first meeting with fifty enthusiastic committeemen. But such was the rare experience of David Bers, manager of this year's drive, as he outlined the plans for this semester's activities to his subordinates and cohorts.

"If results are to be judged by the turnout today, I have no doubt that we will go way over the expected goal and far in excess of last year's quota," he said.

The Loan Fund Drive, it will be remembered, is not only for students, but supported by them as well. It asks those who are able to create a fund for those who in moments of dire need must have ready cash to meet an immediate emergency.

"Go to the students," said David Bers in a later statement, "and tell them what the money is for and how they, at some future date, may find it an extremely helpful source of aid. After all, it's the easiest place in the world to get money. All you have to do is sign your name and the Rabbi hands over the dough. Of course, you do mention the fact that you intend paying him back, some day. But, after all, it's the immediate that concerns a person who needs money, let the future worry about itself."

In none too official manner, Mr. Bers went on to point out the reason why such funds are indispensable in light of the economic difficulties that face the working student. He indicated the nature and causes of economic depression and how the functions of an organization like Hillel does attempt to ameliorate the student's plight and, consequently, should receive the unanimous support of those more securely situated.

We have no doubt that David Bers' analysis will act as an added incentive to not only the collectors of money but those who will give.

Plans are already being laid for a Victory Banquet, to be held October 27th. A drive begun with such admirable enthusiasm and confidence cannot fail!

Help the Loan Fund Drive.

FIRE PREVENTION

October 3rd - October 9th is National Fire Prevention Week. We can make a constructive contribution at Hillel by exercising scrupulous care not to put burning cigarette butts in waste baskets or on window sills.

You may be broke some day

LOAN FUND DRIVE STARTS WITH A BANG CHAIRMAN APPOINTS HIS ASSISTANTS

"Omnia Bay Area divisa in partes tres"; (Pardon, Mr. Caesar, but you're supposed to be dead!) San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley. The inhabitants of San Francisco live like cave dwellers, in holes on hillsides. Two sturdy specimens, therefore, have been selected by the Loan Fund manager to investigate this rare species and examine them for any money they may have on their person. They are Jack Goldman and Pauline Korss. Their committee will be hard put to catching students on the fly, as it were, between the commuting points of Berkeley and San Francisco.

Working class Oakland will have proletarian Joseph S. Krinsky and his alluring Sylvia Jacoby to contend with if they expect to hold on to their hard earned wages. Alameda County Krinsky says he has some bright ideas about how to collect money and reach the most people.

Academic Berkeley, however, has the set-up. Flanked on both sides by Anita Wendel and Theresa Goldner, Irwin Loeffler has the responsibility of about 400 students as well. And what with a committee that is the cream of Hillel's maidenhood and manhood (misspent or no), the temptation to abscond with the pile of money the Berkeley group will undoubtedly collect will probably be very strong. But to ease Loeffler's conscientious shoulders, the following groups will be cared for by special committees.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE:

Gerhart Friedlander
Bobbie Frankenberg
Henry Berggrum

WHITEHALL:

Rochelle Cohen
Blanche Goldstein

MARTHA WASHINGTON:

Rita Bernstein
Marjorie Mayer

STRATFORD:

Berna Levy
Dorothy Kaplan

BARRINGTON HALL:

James Lanigan
Sam Osofsky

BOWLES HALL:

Irving Reichert, Jr.

LAW SCHOOL:

1st year — Averill Pasarow
2nd year — Thelma Samuely
3rd year — Perry Bertram

PHI BETA DELTA:

Joel Meyer

ZETA BETA TAU:

Don Goldeen

PHI SIGMA SIGMA:

Nadine Glickfeld

KAPPA NU:

Russel Jaloff

ALPHA EPSILON PHI:

Phyllis Lesser

OPTOMETRY:

Al Katz.

Over all will preside the big three: David Bers, General Manager; Isabell Goldeen, Chairman of the Women's Division; and Martin Rothenberg, Chairman of the Men's Division.

Give a quarter; loan a dollar.

Thespians Rehearsing Two One-Act Plays

With plans to present a group of one-act plays in the early part of November, the Hillel Drama group is now rehearsing under the direction of Eve Roth and Louis Gonick.

One of the plays, "A Wedding", a light comedy by John Kirkpatrick, involves a humorous situation in which the loss of a collar button almost causes a rift between the prospective bride and groom. The cast of characters will include Joy Rosenberg, Irwin Simon, Irving Sherman, Theresa Goldner, Queenie Feldman, Gert Friedlaender, and Sam Friedman.

"No, not the Russians", will also be enacted. This play, a satire on a well-known newspaper chain's Sunday supplement, will undoubtedly receive an enthusiastic welcome. Among the cast in this play will be Martha Rubin, Queenie Feldman, Cecile Steinberg, Monroe Hirsh, and Ralph Schwartz.

No sum is too little.

Dean Deutsch Lauds Loan Campaign

Dear Rabbi Merritt:

I have long been aware of the fine service performed by the Hillel Student Loan and I heartily commend the aid, and assistance it has brought to so many hard pressed students in the fruitful ten years it has functioned on the campus. Your record is one of which you have reason to be proud. It is my earnest hope that the goal set for this year's drive will be reached and passed.

Very sincerely yours,
MONROE E. DEUTSCH.

"JOHNNY JOHNSON"

By RAY KOVITZ

"Johnny Johnson" is the story of a common man fighting against a world gone mad. The satirical play, by Paul Green, was given two enthusiastic performances before a responsive audience on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3, in Wheeler Auditorium.

Everything in the play is typical of war time. The village in which Johnny lives is typical of a thousand villages throughout the United States. When news of the war comes, the town suddenly switches its enthusiasm from Peace to War.

Johnny himself is typical of millions of young men who went off to fight in a War they knew nothing about. Johnny rebels against the War, but finally succumbs to war-time hokum.

Throughout the play, Johnny is the common man, pleading for the end of slaughter. It is paradoxical that Johnny is pronounced insane by those very people who perpetrate this "whole crazy business."

In the last act, Johnny is placed in an insane asylum, while the world goes gaily along in its ignorance. In the very last scene of the play, Johnny presents a pathetic figure still carrying his bitterness against the War deep in his soul.

The play is funny. The audience howled. They thought they were laughing at Johnny Johnson, the naive soldier. In reality, they were laughing at themselves. Johnny was only reacting to the madness that surrounded him. His simple understanding of the topsy-turvy jumble made the contrast between himself and the others very humorous. If only the oldsters in the audience could have seen themselves laughing at themselves. They did the same thing in 1917 that the villagers, the squad, and the generals, did in the play. In 1917 those actions were grim and fevered. Today they are hilarious.

Wheeler Auditorium has its limitations. There are no wings, no curtains, no footlights, no drop lights. In fact, it is hardly a stage. But under the direction of Edwin Duerr, the Little Theatre of the University performed a miracle. The music, the impressionistic settings, and the superb acting all blended together to make a grand theatre evening of fun, pathos, and satire. Loud bursts of applause after each scene testified as to the effectiveness of the production.

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These Sunday Evening Socials, which are being held at the organized houses, are a means of aiding organized and non-organized students in becoming acquainted. The informal air which pervaded the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority and Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity Socials which have already been held, instilled the gathering with a gay and festive spirit. Sunday evening socials scheduled for the future are:

October 24 —

Kappa Nu, 2412 Piedmont Ave.

November 7 —

Phi Beta Delta, 2250 Piedmont Ave.

November 14 —

Alpha Epsilon Phi, 2721 Channing way.

Tuesday afternoon socials and open house gatherings which are to be specially sponsored by the organized houses for October are:

October 12 — Zeta Beta Tau.

October 19 — Phi Sigma Sigma

November 2 — Kappa Nu

November 9 — Phi Beta Delta

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DR. LIPSETT TO ADDRESS THE FIRESIDE GROUP

A new series of programs is being inaugurated by the Hillel fireside. The discussion will concern changes in professions which are being wrought by social reform.

The topic for October 8th, will be "Socialized Medicine." "Socialized Medicine has been in the forefront in the past five years, and it is again in the limelight through the contemplated medical program of the Federal government," says Dr. Philip J. Lipsett, who is to present the subject. Dr. Lipsett is a member of the Teaching Staff of the University of California Medical School. He was formerly of Columbia University staff.

On October 22nd, the second of the series will be presented by Bertram Edises, who is referee of the National Labor Relations Board. His subject will be "The Wagner Act and Labor Law."

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COUNCIL NOTES

By ISABEL GOLDEEN

Starting its meetings promptly at 4:15, the Hillel Council lost no time in beginning its semester's activities on August 23, starring Reynold Cohn in the title role.

The Council has approved steps to broaden Hillel activities this year. The educational program has been full and vital, including lectures and discussions enlightening the perplexities of the Palestinian, Spanish, and Oriental problems. Hoping to increase student participation, the Council accepted the president's suggestion at the first meeting on August 23, to send letters to new students, greeting them and offering them a program of activities which has attracted wide interest and cooperation. In accord with this expansion, the library announced by letter to all houses, an increase in the volumes at the disposal of students. In addition, the library now subscribes to the NEW YORK TIMES, NATION, and NEW REPUBLIC.

The Council has been interested in the problem of vocational guidance, currently in the spotlight, and welcomed the step made by Irwin Loeffler on September 13, as a start in instituting an active program along those lines. Loeffler's suggestion to organize and establish an active Bureau of Occupations at Hillel to deal with the employment problems of Jewish students, was so moved and passed. Although he is not a member of the Council, his suggestion was so pertinent as to merit his appointment as chairman of an organizing committee to carry out the motion. Irwin Simon will serve as sub-chairman on the committee.

At the September 13 meeting, David Bers made a motion to the effect that in the future all dance orchestras hired by Hillel, be union bands. The lack of delay with which the motion was accepted as Hillel policy seems to indicate either possible awakening of a social consciousness or, perhaps better yet, excellent organization, regimentation, and strategy on the part of the promoter!

Reporting, September 27, on the first meeting of the Interfaith Council, Wesley Meyer announced plans for a forum in which student religious groups will cooperate. The forum will be in conjunction with a University meeting on October 20, which will feature a priest, a minister, and a rabbi as guest speakers.

The Council is currently occupied with making a success of the Loan Fund Drive, under its chairman, Dave Bers, and sub-chairmen, Martin Rothenberg and Isabel Goldeen. The October 4th joint meeting of the Council with chairmen and committee heads initiated the drive.

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The Month in Brief

Oct. 8, Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Fireside discussion.

Speaker — Dr. Philip Lipsett, B. S.; M. D.; F. A. C. S.

Theme — "Socialized Medicine and the Future of Medicine as a Career."

Oct. 10, Sunday, 9 to 12 p. m.—Sunday Evening Social. The House Committee announces a "Hillel Night Club."

Oct. 12, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House sponsored by Zeta Beta Tau.

Oct. 13, Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Educational Program.

Lecturer — Prof. Alexander Kaun.

Theme — I. J. Singer and "The Ashkenazi Brothers."

Oct. 15, Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Evening of Music.

Oct. 18, Monday, 4:30 p. m.—Student Council Meeting.

Oct. 19, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma.

Oct. 20, Wednesday, 11 a. m.—Interfaith Mass Meeting in University Gymnasium, presenting the National Goodwill Team — Rev. Wesley Jones, Atlanta; Rabbi Morris Lazaron, Baltimore, and Father Joseph Mulkern, Oakland.

Oct. 20, Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Educational Program.

Speaker — Rabbi Morris Lazaron.

Theme — "The Obligation of Jewish Youth."

Oct. 22, 8:30 p. m.—Fireside Discussion.

Speaker — Bertram Edises, legal representative of N. L. R. B.

Theme — "The Wagner Act and Labor Law."

Oct. 24, Sunday, 9 to 12 p. m.—Sunday evening social at Kappa Nu Chapter House, 2412 Piedmont.

Oct. 26, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.

Oct. 27, Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.—Student Loan Fund Victory Dinner.

Oct. 29, Friday — Evening of Jewish Music.

The Hillel Chorus will sing the Choral Service.

Rabbi Merritt will speak on "Jewish Music."

Nov. 2, Tuesday, 8:30 p. m.—Educational Program.

Lecturer — Prof. Carl Landauer, Economics Dept.

Theme — Karl Marx.

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Goodwill Team Soon To Visit Berkeley Campus

The Interfaith Council of the University of California in cooperation with the East Bay Religious Fellowship, will institute a Seminar on the campus on Wednesday, October 20, and Thursday, October 21. For these two days, the National Goodwill Team will be in Berkeley, and will take a leading part in the Seminar. This National Goodwill Team is composed of Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore, Rev. Ashby Jones of Atlanta, Georgia, and Father Joseph Mulkern. On Wednesday morning, October 20th, at 11 a. m., the team will address a mass meeting at the University Gymnasium, under the auspices of the University.

The Round Tables of the Seminar will be held at the International House, Wednesday afternoon, October 20th, and Thursday afternoon, October 21st. The general theme will be "Fair Play." On Wednesday, afternoon, at 2:30 p. m., the first Round Table will deal with "Fair Play in Religion." The three distinguished visitors will lead this round table. At 4 p. m., Wednesday afternoon, a second Round Table will deal with "Fair Play in Race Relations." At this time, representatives of the Chinese, Japanese, Philippino, and Negro groups will be heard.

Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m., the final Round Table will deal with "Fair Play in Industrial Relations." At this meeting it is planned to bring together representatives of the A. F. L. and C. I. O., and the Employers group.

Hillel is participating with thirteen other religious groups in the organization of this unique and vital Seminar. Sanford Goldner, Pauline Kael, and Wes Meyer are Hillel's representatives serving on the several committees.

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Over there in the corner are the Los Angeles hoppers having a strenuous good time. One-two-three-hop. One-two-three- . . . Oh, what the heck! Herb Eiman and Rose Davidson are enjoying themselves, anyhow.

Offering a sharp contrast is Mr. J. S. Krinsky, who seemingly takes it easy. He stands in one place, while his partner twists and turns.

Oh, there's Mutt and Jeff — Ruth Weinberg and Irwin Simon to you. She has an easy time of it. Even if she does step on his toe, he wouldn't know the difference. First he swings her on his left hip, then on his right. Something new in dancing!

And of course, there's Chuck Stone with his inimitable style of dancing. Short quick steps and little dips. Combination of Los Angeles and Berkeley. There's only one criticism, Chuck —

Irv Silverman's method of dancing consists of dashing in the room, his arms loaded down with books, and yelling, "Hey, Chuck, come on." He then dashes out again. No comment.

There goes Dorothy (Charlotte Greenwood) Caplan on the floor again. How do you do it, Dot? I've practiced the splits for years, and I still haven't got it. But you're the tops. Zev Halperin is learning fast too.

Have you seen the latest development—the twirl?

Marvin Goodson still manages to take up plenty of room. I bet he could cross the room in one leap.

Speaking of room, reminds me of Eddie Epstein. If you ain't seen his truck, you ain't seen nothin' yet. Swing it, kid!

They tell me Sid Simon can truck too, but so far he hasn't honored us with a demonstration. It seems the poor boy is modest.

Anita Wendell, introductions chairman, seems to limit her introductions to Mark Silverstone, when he's around.

And there's Dave Bers, mixing politics with dancing. Do you compromise on the dance floor, Dave?

Loading the dash for the refreshments is Kappa Nu's own Lenny Gross. What's the matter, don't they feed you at home, Lenny?

There in the corner is Manny Jaffe propositioning Theresa Goldner again. — for a dance, you dope.

Unique, to say the least, is the dancing of Dave Davis. He propels through the air with the greatest of ease.

Goodwin Key remains bashful in spite of his summer at sea. He advances to ask a certain girl to dance, then changes his mind and turns back. This happens five or six times — then he goes up and joins the rest of his gang in the ping-pong room.

Bulletin Board Posted By Library Committee

Have you noticed the clippings from the New York Times, which have been posted on the bulletin board lately? That is one part of the services rendered by the Hillel Library Committee. Hereafter, all important articles of Jewish interest that appear in the Times, will be posted for all to read and enjoy. The Times, both the daily and weekly, have been added to the subscription list, and anyone interested may read them during regular library hours.

Another service offered by the Committee is the sending of lists of books to the various houses. The first list which has already been given out notes the titles and authors of all fiction books in the library. The second list, now being compiled, will enumerate the books on vocational guidance, thus publicizing the new vocational guidance shelf, which has recently been added. Anyone not belonging to a house and wishing to secure a copy of one of the lists, should see Alice Belkin, librarian.

The Nation, New Republic, and Jewish Frontier Magazine have been added to the regular subscriptions, which are part of the Hillel Library, and, like the Times, may be read during the regular library hours, which are from 2 to 5 p. m., Monday, through Friday. Anyone enrolled on campus may take out as many books as desired for a period of two weeks.

Debaters Plan To Visit Los Angeles

In order to acquaint B'nai B'rith groups with the function of Hillel on the campus, four members of the Hillel Debating team will go to Los Angeles during Thanksgiving week, according to David Bers, debate chairman.

"The Partition of Palestine" or "The Place of Hillel on the Campus" will be our two debate topics, said Bers. It will depend upon the wishes of the individual order as to which topic is chosen." Among the various lodges to be visited are Stockton, Modesto, Fresno, and Los Angeles.

Bers also announced Sanford Goldner's new class in the art of organizing and presenting material for debate. This class will open to a restricted number of students who are vitally interested. Those who wish to enroll, see Bers, Goldner, or Rabbi Merritt. The hours will be from 4 to 6 p. m., on Tuesday afternoon.

Debating meanwhile, will be localized on campus. All groups who wish to have speakers or debates with Hillel, are welcome to enter the discussions and debates, according to Bers.

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Hillel Represented On Peace Committee

"We have something on campus which is detrimental to peace—ROTC—and we, as a committee, should take action against it. The more ROTC men are taught of the efficacy of guns, the more they see of the possibility of war, yet they still take a passive attitude. As a part of the ASUC, they must listen to us," said Bernard Shapiro, '38, who is chairman of the peace committee. Shapiro is also chairman of Hillel's forum.

He has set up a committee of four to investigate the sentiment of both students and professors on the question of compulsory ROTC. However, the committee promises to go further, and really act on this age-old question.

Hillel is represented by Martin Psaty, who is working on a committee to furnish material which will form a basis for discussions.

Prof. Kaun Slated For Educational Program

For the month of October, the Educational Committee of Hillel presents a program of extraordinary quality. Prof. Alexander Kaun, of the Slavic Department, has accepted Hillel's invitation to initiate the educational program with two lectures. Prof. Kaun combines an original mind with creative insight and charm of presentation.

Prof. Kaun's first lecture to be given Wednesday evening, October 6th, at 8 p. m., will be on the theme: Sholom Asch and "Three Cities." His second lecture, on Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 8 p. m., will be: L. J. Singer and "The Ashkenazi Brothers."

Sholom Asch and J. S. Singer are the outstanding interpreters of East European Jewish Life. These books, "Three Cities" and "The Ashkenazi Brothers," have been translated into all modern languages, and are pointed to as brilliant examples of post-war literature.

On Wednesday evening, October 20th, at 8 p. m., the Educational Committee will present Rabbi Morris Lazaron, of Baltimore, Md., who is coming to Berkeley as a member of the National Goodwill team. Repeatedly touring the country as a member of Goodwill teams, Rabbi Lazaron has impressed himself on thousands as a thinker and speaker.

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The Dissenter

In light of two very interesting contributions, I have chosen to substitute them for the usual columns that startle this page. As an expression of student opinion, I feel obligated to reprint them, although the staff, as well as Hillel itself, is in no way responsible for the ideas they express. — D. B.

To the Dissenters:

For one issue, I ask that you leave the problems of that sanctuary, Hillel by name, to discuss what is in my opinion, a far more vital and important question, i. e., the economic conditions of the student.

One would reasonably think that as general economic welfare improved so, concurrently, would the circumstances of the working student. But such, evidently, is not the case. Rents (particularly in proportion to housing conditions) have gone up to exorbitant heights. Food prices (for those cooking) have been subject to consistent increase. "Eating out" is nigh near impossible, as well as repulsive to healthy students, and boarding houses are likewise difficult to keep up with. No objection, however, would be raised to this state of affairs if the other side of the ledger kept a decent pace.

Examine the nature of a working student's income. The only thing he's good for are odd jobs, week days or Saturday. Except for the Saturday job, the others often enough break up the day and make studying quite a secondary matter. Then again he may work for meals at one of the "houses". From quite recent reports, the Houses have, in general, treated their help miserably. They have been forced to work overtime without extra pay. Under constant supervision for possible "food stealing" they have been subjected to unfair, suspicious scrutiny. The girls that work for room and board are, as a rule, at the beck and call of their employer, and the monthly compensation is a mere pittance. Some of last semester reports on labor conditions are mute evidence of the severe exploitation that students must suffer to earn a living. In all the non-union restaurants the student waiters and waitresses "sling hash" through all hours of the night, ruining their health, their studies, and getting very little in return. Which isn't, you'll admit, the most pleasant way of spending a college career. But to top it off, we have the NYA. Organized for the purpose of aiding needy students, the NYA was to be used in the first place as a threat to the employer that if he didn't pay decent wages, the Government would, and, in the second place, if and when no jobs were available, or little income derived from them, the NYA would supplement the student's earnings. The Bureau of Occupations has failed both ways. By withholding a part of the subvention the student has been forced to accept odd jobs at most any wage in order to subsist. Acting negatively, Miss Christie has succeeded in forcing a cheap labor supply on the local market, which to date, acts as the "scabbing" agent against the drive for unionization, particularly, among the restaurants. Thus the students come in conflict with organized labor instead of supporting it, and the Bureau of Occupations assists the employers in keeping wages low. On the other hand, Miss Christie's niggardliness has had a more vicious and long enduring effect, the actual curtailment of funds. It will be remembered that last semester

a good deal of money was returned to the Government with the inevitable result that less was appropriated for this semester. Now Miss Christie pleads with the needy students that she is unable to give above a certain reduced average. And in light of the Government's policy of utilizing the prevailing illusion of increased prosperity to cut deeper into relief funds, it is unlikely that she will be kindly disposed toward an increased appropriation.

Until the unions organize and improve the wages of the students, and the students organize to bring pressure on the Bureau of Occupations to force employers to give better conditions and wages, and the Bureau itself ceases to be so damn parsimonious and thinks of the students themselves once in a while, until then the conditions of the students will become progressively worse and increasingly demoralizing.

Thanking you for the freedom of the press,
Sincerely, K. M.

STOOGES

Stereotyped faces all sitting around wearing blank looks — not from sheer boredom — because it takes brains to be bored. Whose mere presence is a safeguard against an intelligent approach to a controversial action — "Yes" people — appointed to their positions on the Council for their expected behaviour to "stay in line." The upper strata of an over stratified world. Who will bring no disgrace to Hillel or their "Houses" — by letting themselves go and thinking for themselves — heaven forbid! Unconscious pawns, moved by the "master mind," who compensates them with the dubious honor of sponsoring an Open House on a Tuesday afternoon, and a Sunday night.

If they could only stand away from themselves, and view themselves in a critical light. Not "critical" as to their already accepted standards of dress, hair styles and such miscellaneous items — No — critical from the standpoint of sitting in a Council meeting. There is not one constructive "peep" for or against — again heaven forbid — the discussion. A sense of well being which must prevail over one — when he or she belongs to the right cliché — the majority cliché (picked by the "master-mind") — the moral cliché again picked by the "master-mind". This is a heritage probably carried over from a school system which instills the child with a desire to "do what the teacher wants him to do."

But worst of all — that is where their interest in Hillel ends — in a stultifying Council meeting. It is too much beneath their dignity to come over to Hillel to play a game of ping-pong — to visit the library — or just to visit with the "unwashed." B. H.

NOTES ON ZIONISM

It must be a matter of astonishment to those not immediately concerned that the faith of Zionists has been so strong during the recent crisis. The repeated riots and the final coup-d'etat in the form of Partition seem to undermine the original high hopes. The key to the present steadfastness is the keen realism of Zionists throughout these years. No one was more cognizant of the handicaps and limitations than these men themselves.

Except for the early days when Zionism was a religious ideal, there has been nothing starchy-eyed about the Zionist ideology. It was definitely geared to Weltpolitik. It spent years in the diplomatic chambers of the world, seeking a hearing. It is not perturbed by those who say that Zionism is a pawn in British politics, that the Arabs are ferocious and irreconcilable, that Palestine is not economically self-sufficient. Zionists have long ago schooled themselves to be content with less than Utopia. They were well ready to absorb the recent set of reversals.

There have been all sorts of reasons why Jews have been Zionists. Suffering, coupled with historic traditions and memories, has sparked the modern movement into life. Those who stood aloof found themselves taking new stock after the Hitler accession. The palpable need of a haven of refuge accomplished more than 50 years of oral and literary persuasion.

There have, of course, been modifications in policy within the Zionist ranks. There used to be much talk about the "Bankruptcy of assimilation." Jews could not possibly live anywhere else but in Palestine. Half of the exhortation to Zionism was a derogation of conditions outside of Zion. American Jews were told that America was falling down about their heads. Today Zionists recognize that Palestine cannot and should not absorb all the Jews in the world; and that the plight or endurance of Jews in non-Jewish lands is to be a more or less permanent fact. They have been less insistent on the note of doom, and more ready to talk about an American-Jewish program for the orienting of Jews to American life.

Zionism, of course, opens the major issue of our times, the survival possibilities of the capitalist system. The attack on Zionism comes not only from the assimilationist Jews, but from the Socialists and Communists. They feel that there is no solution of the Jewish problem short of international socialism. And in particular, they feel that Palestine is a pawn in the game of British politics. Countless Jews within the Zionist ranks are ready to acknowledge the orientation of this position. They differ, however, on tactical grounds. They prefer a Palestine ready-at-hand to an indefinite wait for the world revolution.

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SUPPORT THE DRIVE!

The 1937 Student Loan Fund Campaign will be launched Monday evening, October 11th, and will be brought officially to a close Thursday, October 21st. In those ten days it is hoped to raise the Loan Fund's present capital of \$2,650 to the round figure of \$3,000. \$350 is our 1937 goal.

Slowly and laboriously we have built up our loan reserves across the years. A decade ago, the first campaign was launched on this campus, when the Jewish student body totaled less than half the number now registered at California. That first drive laid the foundation of the Student Loan Fund with the insignificant sum of \$150. Small as that sum was, it was immediately put at the disposal of eager and necessitous borrowers.

From that first appeal that netted \$150, it is a far cry to this tenth year that finds the loan fund capital at \$2,650, and pointing to a \$3,000 total. Nor should it be forgotten that in that decade that capital has performed a loan service of \$12,500.

But it would be a mistake to emphasize mere figures. In these years the most dramatic incidents in the life of the Foundation have been associated with the functioning of the Loan Fund. A long procession of men and women have made their way to it. They have enjoyed its benefits and acknowledged their obligation to it. Men and women who turned to it when every other resource was exhausted, have won their way to recognition in their chosen fields, and have put the memory of those days of need behind them. The Hillel Student Loan Fund looks back across these ten years of quiet and effective service with justifiable satisfaction. Help us to widen the field of our service!

TENNIS STARS WANTED

(A letter from the Sports Chairman)
All persons who have any tennis ability and who wish to represent Hillel in the intramural tennis tournament, please get in touch with me by leaving a note on the bulletin board at Hillel, arranging for an appointment. We play once a week, and if we win, all members of the team will receive an award.

NATE FRANKEL,
Sports Chairman.

THE HILLEL POLICY

What should be the stand of Hillel on problems and policies which are external to the foundation itself? We find in the constitution reference to such a question telling us that the foundation shall not take part in any questions of political nature or concern itself with action in controversial questions; Hillel shall have as its purpose development in educational and cultural ways and aiding the students in their social activities. What this seems to mean is that Hillel is to isolate itself within the confines of its aged walls and that its activities shall be limited to discussion and dancing. As blunt as this may seem, it agrees somewhat with the impression that we get from the B'nai Brith's policy.

From the standpoint of the administration, when we consider their ideas and motives and perhaps pocket books and reputations, this view seems justified. The activities of the past year with its political and social consequences came flying back to the ears of "papa", our parent, the B'nai Brith; the repercussions of what these young college students were doing was so great as to result in the club being held high over the head in one hand, and a new building in the other.

This narrowness of project, this limitation of field, was, perhaps, fine at one time, a time far distant; but circumstances have changed. The great question is why the policy hasn't changed with it. Between the B'nai Brith and certain individuals at Hillel, we are beginning to think that the Foundation is no longer taking cognizance of the vital problems that affect the Jews and minority groups, and are no longer aiding the objectives which they should have. The problems of society are problems for Hillel just as well as those here at the foundation, and anything we can do to aid in the solution of these is of far greater importance in the long run than any discussion as to whether we can get enough men to play intramural football.

The question of Union orchestras typifies the type of thing which should come up more often as to what Hillel can do to help in the greater problems. It would be going a great deal too far to say that we miss some of the discussions that took place in council meetings last semester, but nevertheless, the questions that did come up were pertinent and at least made the students think; whereas the complacency that has settled over Hillel has put it in a rut. Everything is running smooth, too smooth; everything is going along just as it has always gone on — socials, loan fund campaigns; people have become used to hearing about Hitler and Mussolini and anti-semitism, and all that goes with it. There is no longer that intense desire to do something about it that once existed. Hillel seems to have lost a great part of its objective, of its impetus. Something is lacking. If it is a lack of problems, we have plenty of those in our society, and even on our campus (look at the Freshman elections). If it is a lack of stimulation, we have those at Hillel who will always prod us on. What is lacking is yet to be seen.

Hillel has taken unto itself an isolationist position and along with that, we find a lethargic attitude about progress permeating the atmosphere. Perhaps, we can draw an inference from these two, and say there is a possibility of correlation between them. What can be done about this remains, to a great extent, up to individuals who might take it upon themselves to act, and this seems to remain as the one great possibility by which something might be accomplished.

"FAIR PLAY"

The key theme of the forthcoming Seminar in Human Relations is to be "Fair Play." When that subject was first suggested, one of the organizers of the Seminar objected that "Fair Play" was a hackneyed and threadbare theme. And the pat rejoinder was made that the theme might be hackneyed; it might be commonplace; but there are times when the commonplace values need to be iterated, reiterated, harped on, and hammered home.

We have fallen on days when fair play in local, national and international relations is, as an ideal, sore beset. New powers scout it. New theories ignore it. New forces trample it under foot.

Coincident with the visit of the National Goodwill Team, composed of a Rabbi, a Protestant clergyman, and a Catholic priest, a two-day Seminar held at the International House, will be devoted to discussions on "Fair Play in Religions", "Fair Play in Race Relations", and "Fair Play in Industrial Relations." These discussions will bring us face to face with most of the problems that concern us deeply. It is to be hoped that our Jewish students will in goodly numbers attend these sessions and participate wholeheartedly in this significant Seminar.

Employment Bureau

For the benefit of students in need of part-time employment, the Hillel Foundation has recreated an employment bureau. The need of employment by Jewish students is especially acute at this time. Stricter regulations of NYA as to age and citizenship has especially affected Jewish students.

Hillel has undertaken the task of aiding these students by conducting a city-wide canvass of all employers who could use part-time workers. A personnel bureau will take applications from worthy students, and place them in suitable jobs as soon as opportunities are available. Employment applications are available to all Jewish students at the Foundation.

Applications are taken and interviews granted every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6, at the Hillel office.

Erwin Loeffler is in charge of the Employment Bureau, and his assistants are Irwin Simon, Alice Belkin, Sanford Berger, and Dave Bers.

The editors of the Call have been approached with the suggestion of running a contributions column. Two letters were written, which in this issue, were published in the Dissenter's column. If, in the future, there is an answer to this request for contributions, such a column will be run regularly.