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EVENTS IN PALESTINE

Palestine is again experiencing one of those recurrent spells of terrorism that have cropped up intermittently for the past two years. The signal for the outbursts of terrorism was the assassination of the British Commissioner Andrews by a band of Arab terrorists as this high British official was emerging from a church service in Nazareth.

In this instance Britain acted with speed and decision. It directed its efforts to the higher ups. Leading Arabs, members of the Supreme Moslem Council and the Arab High Commission, were arrested and deported to the island of Cyprus. The Arab Mayor of Jerusalem was deposed and added to the deportees.

Grand Mufti Escapes

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Ameen El Hussein, the stormy petrel of the Palestine situation only escaped arrest and deportation by his quick retirement to the Moslem sanctuary, the Mosque of Omar. Subsequently in disguise he escaped to Syria where he is strongly suspected of conspiring with Mussolini to create further trouble. Large sums of money are known to have come into the Mufti's hands from a foreign government. Italian officers in disguise have been arrested in Palestine. Sporadic rioting, ambushes and murders have broken out in various parts of the country, and only the sternest measures by the mandatory power will be able to restore order.

Felix Warburg Passes On

The passing of Felix Warburg, Jewish banker and philanthropist, brings to an end a career notable in activity and service. Assured by virtue of his economic position, a place of leadership, he took his leadership seriously and was in the forefront of humanitarian and Jewish causes.

Felix Warburg was not a Zionist in the sense that he wanted Palestine exclusively for the Jews. He was early interested in it, however, and came to know it better as a result of his participation in the relief work after the World War. In 1929, he joined in founding, and was chairman of the Jewish Agency, established under the Mandate of the League to cooperate with Great Britain in the development of Palestine.

Felix Warburg's name was associated with the Hebrew University, the Palestine Potash Company, all the companies affiliated with the Palestine Economic Corporation, to which he gave organizational and financial assistance. Leaders of Zionism throughout the United States and the world have joined in extolling his career and in sincere regret at his passing.

"Ashkenazi Brothers" Subject of Speech

Professor Alex Kaun, of the University of California Slavic Department, gave the second of his series of lectures on the general theme of Jewish personalities of world importance at 8 p. m., at Hillel, Wednesday, November 3.

"The Ashkenazi Brothers", I. J. Singer's widely read book, which has produced such severe criticism that its sale has been banned in Polish territories, was the topic of Professor Kaun's talk. In his previous lecture, Kaun discussed the fascinating study of Polish history from the 17th to the 20th centuries as found in Sholom Asch's book, "The Three Cities."

Continuing the schedule of educational Wednesday night talks concerning outstanding Jewish personalities, Professor George Adams, dean of the University Philosophy Department, will speak November 10, on "Henri Bergson, Father of Creative Evolution." Tuesday, November 16, Hillel will present Professor Karl Landauer of the Economics Department, who will continue the series with a lecture on "Karl Marx, the Father of Socialism."

"I feel that this is the most striking educational program that we have been able to give during the year," stated Dr. Merritt. "We are most fortunate in obtaining these prominent men for our lecture series."

Vocational Guidance Found In Library

One of the problems that has become acute revolves round the unpreparedness of a great number of students who graduate without any definite idea of a specific field in which to find a foothold. The whole country has become vocational guidance conscious. Jewish communities are spending time, effort and money in the study of this serious problem.

The Berkeley Foundation has taken cognizance of this problem by setting aside a special shelf in the Hillel Library devoted to vocational guidance literature. These are the latest books on the subject. They offer guidance for men and women. They cover both the theoretical and practical aspects of job-getting and job-holding.

The shelf at present offers the following books: Business Opportunities for Women — Oglesby; Jobs for Girls — Cades; Guidance for College Women — Blake; Manners in Business — MacGibbon; I Find My Vocation — Kitson; How to Choose and Get a Better Job — Kilduff; Men Wanted — Maule; You and Your Work — Cohen and Flinn; Careers After Forty — Pitkin; How to Win Friends and Influence People — Carnegie; The Psychology of Vocational Adjustment — Kitson; Principles and Problems of Vocational Guidance — Allen; Principles and Practice of Vocational Guidance — Cohen.

LOST COLLAR BUTTON AND TEMPERAMENTAL ARTISTS IN PLAYS

Through the courtesy of the Episcopal Church of Berkeley, the auditorium of their Episcopal Parish House at 2314 Bancroft Way will be put at the disposal of the Hillel Foundation for the presentation of their two one-act plays by the Hillel Players. This auditorium is equipped with a fine stage, and seats comfortably some two hundred people. The Young People's Societies of the Episcopal Church have been invited to be our guests for these presentations.

The scene of the first play is in a guest room of the bride's (Joy Rosenberg) home in the country. The bridegroom (Irwin Simon), is trying to get dressed for the fatal moment, and is unable to find that elusive but vital collar button. A sad case of lost temper on the part of both bride and bridegroom results in a split-up just as the wedding march is about to begin. The best man, Irving Sherman, does his bit to help confuse the situation, as do Ed Epstein as the groom-man, and Sam Friedman as the groom's father. Eve Roth, as the bridegroom's tearful mother, is not only acting in, but also directing this hilarious comedy.

The second play to be given is "No, Not the Russians", by Osmond Molarisky. Miss Jones, a school teacher, played by Martha Rubin, is an average, well-balanced member of her profession until she comes across a family of temperamental artists. Queenie Feldman and Sid Simon are the artists (?) parents of poetess (?) Cecil Steinberg, singer (?) Ralph Schwartz, and painter (?) Monroe Hirsch. Beneath the devastating good humor of the story, may be found a biting satire on the Sunday supplement of a certain great chain of newspapers. It is a study of mob psychology at its height.

The plays will be presented Sunday evening, November 14, at 8:30, at the Episcopal Parish House, 2314 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Phi Beta Kappa Winners

As usual, we have our quota of Phi Beta Kappa winners. In the recently published list of those elected to this oldest and most honored scholarship society in the United States, we find the names of Don Goldeen, Herbert Spiro, Bernice Turner, and Jane Scheyer. We congratulate them.

Seminar in Human Relations Success

Held under the joint auspices of the Interfaith Committee of the University of California and the East Bay Religious Fellowship, the Seminar in Human Relations, proved be an interesting and stimulating meeting. The National Good-will Team, composed of Rev. Ashby Jones of Atlanta, Rev. Everett Clinchy of New York, and Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore, with the local addition of Father Joseph Mulhern, was the main drawing card; the Round Tables were also very well attended, and interesting discussions were heard.

The first Round Table was devoted to the theme, "Fair Play in Race Relations", and the problem of injustice in race relations was presented by representatives of the non-Caucasian groups.

Story of Orientals Told

Geo. Johnson, Negro instructor in law, at Boalt Hall; Miss Okeda, a Japanese student at California; Shin Quan, a Chinese student; and Poseda Pomaha, a Filipino, followed each other to the platform. The story of the orientals was characterized by a striking similarity. They came in successive waves to America, first welcomed to these shores because of labor shortage and initial willingness of Orientals to work for low subsistence wages. As soon as these successive waves of orientals began to accommodate themselves to higher living standards, to demand decent wages, to compete with native farmers as cultivators of the soil, and finally, to branch out as tradesmen in competition with the small merchants, the inevitable economic factor came into play; prejudices were studiously cultivated, hostilities were fanned, orientals were pictured as undesirable, and today these prejudices have crystallized into discrimination in housing, service in boarding houses and restaurants, treatment on the sports fields, and most difficult of all, restrictions in securing decent homes in good residential neighborhoods.

Second Round Table

The second Round Table held the following day, found a fine representation of students assembled to join in the discussion of "Fair Play in Religion." Discrimination against Catholic and Jewish students by the Protestant fraternities and sororities, and the position of non-Protestants in publications and other University activities were dealt with. The wider field of discrimination in employment was vigorously discussed.

Summary by Rabbi

Rabbi Morris Lazaron, called upon to summarize the sentiments of the Round Table, declared, "No person should be discriminated against in University extra-curricular activities because of race or creed." He said further, "In the world today, there are those who find themselves under social physi-

FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

Dance, dance, dance! That seems to be the keynote of the November social calendars of the Houses. Six dances are scheduled for the month, starting with the barn dance being given by the Phi B D's pledges on Friday the 5th. This rural affair is in the hands of New Yawker Bill Grossman — hm — it will be nice to see what N. Y. farm life is like . . . From straw hats to top hats will be the contrast when Saturday nite we find the A E Phi's and guests at their formal supper-dance at Oak Knoll Country Club. Orchids to Merydith Spiro and Ethylyn Kulakofsky for their noble work in planning the affair . . . Sir Francis Drake Hotel, November 12, Phi Sig's honor their pledges — Ruth Schwartz, Thelma Genser, and Fay Sourasky — for this delightful evening, members will thank chair-woman Eleanor Riga . . . K N's will start the Big Game festivities with a pre-big game dance at their Piedmont Avenue House on November 19 — Lloyd Werthumer will handle all data

for this dance, which will be followed on the 20th by . . . Big Game Nite with both the Zebes and Phi B D's acting as hosts at their respective houses. Formality (?) will reign at the Phi B D's according to chairman Marvyn Wasserman.

November 7 is a busy date for houses, with Phi B D's initiation in the afternoon. Congrats and stuff to Al Aronson, Howard Bloom, Gene Cowan, Wilbur Fountain, Welford Garfinkle, Gerald Goldberg, Julius Greenberg, Hilbert Grossman, William Grossman, Mortimer Lipsett, Joel Luhn, Joel Meyer, Bertram Portugeis, Daniel Seedman, Jack Strasburg, Sheldon Warshauer, and Bernard Wolf.

Cupid played his role well this month, and has hit the Phi Sig's with well-aimed arrows. Victims are Mariam Haim, '36, Clara Steinapir, and Katherine Landesbaum, '34. Phi Sig's joined with the Phi B D's in wishing happiness to Thelma Kahn, '36, and Morton Gaba, '34, on their marriage, October 9 . . . Cupid received a rather cold shoulder at the other houses — to quote the Zebe vice-president, "We all single" — well — one never knows, does one?

Boys will be boys and stuff — K N's and Phi B D's are planning smokers for the month of November. The latter have chosen the 10th for their masculine meet, while the former haven't set the date for theirs yet . . . However, the K N's have decided to celebrate on the 12th, with a Grad Beer Bust — Save us a pretzel, fellers.

Thanksgiving Supper

Elaborate preparations are being made by the California Alliance of Jewish Women for the annual supper that it is traditional for the Alliance to give at Hillel for the students who come from a distance, and who will not have the opportunity to join their own families for the Thanksgiving reunion. The Thanksgiving supper will be given at Hillel, Thursday, November 25th, at 6:15 p. m. Invitations, very shortly, will be mailed to these out-of-town students.

cal, political, and economic handicaps. When we add to these the crushing nationalism which takes the child from his home, and instills in him communistic or fascistic thinking — then we are violating the fundamental law which says that the human being is supreme. It is up to the religions to unite in reaching out to realize the American ideal of equality."

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At Other Hillels

Hillel receives publications from the various other Hillel Foundations throughout the United States, and here submits to you some of the interesting things they have been doing.

Hillelites of the University of Wisconsin has speakers of all types, dealing with all kinds of subjects. Recently, Reverend George Collins spoke to them of his experiences in Nazi Germany. He related the incident when he and some friends out-argued an enthusiastic young Ph. D.'s faith in the New Germany philosophy. When she was finally cornered, she could only repeat, "You must believe! You must believe!"

Professor Selig Perlman, a professor of economics at the University also addressed them recently on the subject of the A. F. L. vs. the C. I. O. He claimed, "I can prophesy one thing, that whatever the outcome, the A. F. of L., because it stands for a particular type of unionism that best fits our system, will not curl up and die. We are still in the initial stages of a bloody civil war. The roots of the present trouble lie in the fact that the opportunity to make the most of a period of good weather for labor was not utilized to its greatest possibility by the A. F. of L. This led to a strong attitude of severe criticism among the subordinate officers and a considerable group of union leaders toward its policies."

Other speakers considered modern substitutes for Judaism, Britain's foreign policy, Hellenism in Jewish thought, and pessimism and optimism in contemporary poetry.

The First Lady of the Land spoke recently to the Hillel members of the University of Illinois, on the subject of "Youth in a World of Turmoil." Other speakers considered the Sino-Japanese conflict, Fascism in the United States, and the Spanish conflict.

Three Hillel courses, given at the Foundation chapel, receive full credit at the University of Illinois. They are classes in Jewish history, Religion and the Social Life, and Outlines of Religion.

Drama seems to be the main Hillel activity at Ohio State University. This year the players are presenting Maxwell Anderson's "Winterset". In the past, they have produced "Lilium", "Ah, Wilderness", "Paths of Glory", and "Awake and Sing".

Socials Sponsored By The Houses

The social last Sunday was sponsored by the Phi Beta Delta fraternity, at their chapter house on Piedmont. These bi-weekly Sunday socials, designed to bring together the organized and non-organized groups on the campus, have proved to be a successful method in breaking down barriers on the campus, and bringing closer relations between the groups.

The Tuesday afternoon open house on November 9, was specially sponsored by the Phi B. D.'s.

Due to the fact that the only evening available for the Hillel players to present the plays which have been in rehearsal for several weeks, is Sunday, November 14, the Sunday evening social planned at the A. E. Phi house has been postponed to a later date.

On November 16 and 23, the afternoon socials will be under the sponsorship of the Hillel social committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS

It was with a burning flush of guilt that I read these penetrating words of Editor Rothenberg. It cut me to the quick to realize that the head of Hillel's publication should overlook so rudimentary a rule of English grammar; God and the world knows that if Editor Rothenberg chose to be clever, he could have had the common decency to say, "Everything is running smoothly, too smoothly."

In other words, a double apology is here intended: First, an apology to our gentle readers for our editor's unsportsmanlike grammar; second, a plea for forgiveness directed to this eminent journalist. I deeply regret that Hillel's activities this semester have had a good measure of success. It is with deep chagrin that I realize that our socials and lectures have had record attendances. I am truly sorry that our Loan Fund Drive was marked with cooperation and success. Your accusation that the Student Council is this year an efficient group is unfortunately also true.

Yes, Mr. Rothenberg, everything is running smooth, too smooth, ain't it? — REYNOLD H. COHN.

P. S. — All good liberals advocate (and work for) freedom of speech.

From One Stooge To Another!

To "B. H." —

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to compliment you on your well-written article entitled "Stooges", which appeared in the last issue of the Hillel Call — logical in construction, but illogical in content. There are a few points in your epistle, however, which even well-chosen words cannot smooth over. It is these points to which I would like to call your attention — That is, if you will pardon the assumption that a member of such a worthless organization as a "House" has the ability to impart any wisdom to one of your calibre!

Is it "brainy" to sit in a Student Council meeting with the main idea of opposing every issue which is brought up for discussion? Does not the fact that there are only a few "illustrious dissenters" in every group, (including the Council) illustrate in some mild form that to be able to say "no" forcibly and thoughtlessly, is not really a sign of "intelligence"? I am not advocating any mob instinct — I am merely asking you to consider that perhaps those who sit quietly and do more constructive (if I am not being overegotistical) thinking than audible dissenting are really showing more intelligence than those who indulge in ineffective persiflage!

If the organized houses and their Council members, controlled (?) by the "master mind," (definitely a left-handed compliment on your part!) are so brainless and ineffectual, does not your condemnation of them in the above-mentioned article suggest that you and a few others of your group are too easily aroused by unimportant things? Hence, those who do not get upset by some of the things to which a few react so strenuously in Council meetings, may be waiting until some really im-

portant advice is needed before pouring forth their opinions!

Has it ever occurred to you that the organized houses fulfill the same need in our lives that Hillel does in the lives of its loyal supporters? We must support our houses, their social affairs, and their committees with as much diligence and enthusiasm as you do Hillel's. Whereas you drop into Hillel during the day to meet your friends and to relax with a game of Ping-Pong, or a few moments of reading in the Library, we go to our respective houses. Whenever possible, we try to spend time at Hillel to enjoy its advantages; however, there are only twenty-four hours in each day (even in the days of the "upper strata") and we must also spend part of that time exercising our brains by doing the work prescribed by the University assignments. (Ego, again!)

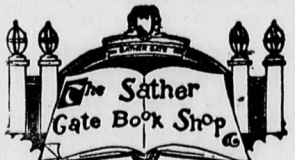
You sound a trifle narrow-minded and biased (and I know you would hate to be classified in those categories!) in your remarks about the members of the organized houses and their representatives in Council, who never appear at Hillel. As an answer to that, I would like to ask you to try to estimate just how large the percentage is of the (approximately) 885 Jewish students on the University of California campus, who have never been in Hillel, and who do not even take a passing interest in Hillel, or any of its opportunities and activities. It is flattering, of course, and it does appeal to that already obvious ego of mine, but I must admit to you (confidentially, of course!) that you do overestimate our importance in intimating that the five organized groups are the only ones which are conspicuous by their absence!

I repeat — your article was well-written! I envy you your journalistic prowess. It is too bad you waste your talents on such valueless writing. To use a sentence which is undoubtedly familiar to you — "If you could only stand away from yourself, and view yourself in a critical light" — then perhaps you will realize that the "majority cliché," "the moral cliché", and, to sum it up, all clichés but your very own, are not entirely wrong!

If I thought it would make any difference, I would gladly sign my name to this — at least to let you know just who the Council member is who has "condescended" to even correspond with the "unwashed", and thus join the revered group of those who are able to criticize. However, I do not know you, so I see no reason for taking this opportunity to officially introduce myself!

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Where have you been keeping yourself lately? Don't tell me midterms are interfering with your love life? Tsk! Tsk! How you're degenerating! You haven't been at Hillel at all lately, and I bet you haven't even seen the new radio. It's one of those radio-victrola combination affairs. All it needs is an automatic man to jump out and dance with you. Oh, well, you can't expect everything. And besides, why wish for another robot? There are enough at Hillel now.

You really ought to come around on Tuesday afternoons. We have regular dances now and, of course, all the regulars are there, but there are a few additions. Sid Simon and his new gal friend, you know, Cecil Steinberg, have the swellest style of dancing. At least that's what they call it. And, of course, Joe Krinsky is still around. How that little man can cancel! But it looks like Irwin Simon is kind of cutting in on Joe's territory. Of course, personally, I cast my vote for Eddie Epstein and Herb Kalman. They make the cutest couple! What's Herbie got that I ain't?

Say, if you wanted to hear something good, you should have heard the battle of wits between Dave ("I run Hillel!") Bers and Rennie ("I'm president, but no one knows it") Cohn at the Council banquet! The dinner was swell, by the way. Mrs. Martin can sure cook! — Witness Sylvia Danzig and Rose Davidson, as well as Mrs. Merritt, "nashing" in the kitchen. Nate Frankel, Joel Meyers, Joe Krinsky, Gert Friedlander, and Mel Jacob can testify for the lemon pies. They ate enough — I bet they used bromo-seltzer that night.

Remember Lucille Sklar, the girl from South Dakota? Well, they tell me she's back, and in circulation again. I can just see Cupid stretching his bow. Bea Prushan is back, too, for graduate work.

Cupid never seems to rest at Hillel — maybe that's why you're staying away. Don't be afraid; there still are a few "unattached" left. But Harold Bergman seems to have become attached by Dot Kaplan. Adolph Koven doesn't come around Hillel anymore — they

tell me it's because a certain brunette keeps him busy. Three girls from Washington keep the rest of the boys pretty busy — you know them, don't you? — Joy Rosenberg, Ro Rubenstein, and Jo Neuman.

I don't know whether or not you know Ernie Schwartz. He's a pre-med and is president of the Psychology Club on Campus. Anyway, I told him I was going to write to you about this big bad man who spends his spare time drawing pictures on girl's books. He warned me not to, but you know how I take warnings. He's a blonde—that's why we call him Blackie.

Oh, yes, everyone is still around. Alice Belkin can always be found in the library. And Walter Leff and Art Sarna in the ping-pong room. Bennie Rothblatt by the radio, if there is an opera on, and Dick Zelerbower around the girls. Yep, it's still the same old place, all right.

Remember Lenny Gross, the K. N. who you thought was so cute? I'll give you a hint. The way to get a date with him is as follows:

1. Bet him; (about anything, it doesn't matter, as long as you're sure you'll lose). The conditions of the bet are that if you lose, you have to take him to a show.

2. Lose the bet and offer to take him to a show.

3. Lenny, being a gentleman, will refuse to let you pay, but will take you anyway.

It works. I know a girl who did it, although her reasons were different than yours will be. You might try this kind of a bet on the ping-pong fans too, or if you're in a necking mood — that's been tried, too.

Well, I guess I'll have to close now. You really ought to come around Hillel soon, at least to say goodbye to Dave Bers. He's leaving, you know, much to his regret (?) (1) That'll leave the field clear for Emil Barish and the other YCL'ers as well as Dave's much-ated liberals.

Hoping to see you soon, I remain your friend,

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Fourteen volumes of Yiddish Stories and Essays. These volumes have been added to the Hillel Library by the Women's Grand Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, District No. 4, the sponsors of the Hillel Foundation Library.

BASKETBALL STARS WANTED!

The Hillel sports committee is extending its field this semester more than it ever has in the past. In addition to partaking in the usual intramural ping-pong games, it is this term taking part in intramural tennis and basketball as well. The tennis team is composed of Nate Frankel, Eddie Epstein, Ben Rothblatt, and Sid Simon. Any boys interested in representing Hillel on the basketball team should see Nate Frankel, chairman of the sports committee.

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To Those Who May Come After:

You, whose ideas are rooted in the archives of history, whose minds have lost the plasticity of vigorous youth, whose manner has become smug and complacent, whose lives will rotate around petty discords and overworn refrains, to you, I leave Hillel. I leave you its comfortable surroundings, its conveniences, and its seductive atmosphere. You whose conservatism runs deep roots into the present economic system and all of its sociological and psychological ramifications will find no fault with this bourgeois institution. It will support your morale while the Jew suffers the slander spewed out by reaction. It will temporize any of your monetary worries that the repercussions of a collapsing financial structure may cause you. It will permit you to discuss the "various aspects" of our social problems by the warmth of a blazing hearth while outside the tempest of upheavals and social cataclysms wrack the body-politic. To you I leave the artificial tepidity of Hillel, pitying the fact that you have never learned to breathe the freshness of the outer, the real (however violent) world.

And to you, oh daring of mind but weak in heart, do I also bid adieu. You whose compromising nature leaves you no peace as the conflicting social forces toss you about with impunity. With too much mind in the future and fears for the past you pass your life vacillating with unprincipled uneasiness between the shifting strength of two sides. Yes, Hillel is a place for you: to glorify your mind, inflate your self-esteem by displaying your slap-stick witticisms, and leave your footprints on the has-been steps of a mock council. For you, I have nothing but contempt, and I pity the institutions that must suffer your presence. Essentially oppor-

tunistic you will exploit whoever proffers a kind hand. While an idea is popular and all have accepted its essence you are its greatest champion, but should the winds of opposition blow violently, you immediately forsake your posts and flit to some other host. Hillel needs your liberal thought and will, consequently, pay your parasitic souls quite well. But we know what blackness lies at the bottom of your hearts when your smirking hypocrisy reveals the insincerity with which you offer your services. How many times have I heard your grumblings and mutterings that complain of the duty that must be performed if the pretence is to be preserved! You are impotent when it comes to raising Hillel to your ideas, because you, yourselves, lack the courage of your convictions. And so, the illusions you spread make you great . . . if only by comparison . . .

But you who have already accepted the concept of social revolution, Hillel is certainly no place for you. Put into a petty office your vitality and initiative will soon find its highest expression in moving chairs from one room into another. Reduced thus to the position of a functionary, your idealism and your character will soon be submerged by a maze of trivialities. All will, at first, look up to your ability and aggressiveness and admire your sincerity. But flattery and luxury are subtle prostitutes. You will soon lose your aspirations for your former goals and begin catering to the backwardness about you. Gone will be a principle struggle when all that faces you will be a host of petty objections which it is useless to struggle against for they arise not from reason, but from conditioning. And soon the prettiness and sensual comfort of this smug bourgeois haven will drag you into a restful fatalism, a "what's the use, it doesn't make much difference" attitude. Bereft of militancy, the radical degenerates into a liberal, a dilettante, an egotistical intellectual who becomes just another who will sell his soul . . .

The Month in Brief

- Nov. 2, Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House, sponsored by Kappa Nu.
- Nov. 3, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Educational Program.
Lecturer — Prof. Alexander Kaun.
Theme — "The Brothers Ashkenazi."
- Nov. 5, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion.
Speaker — Dr. Hugo Sommerfeld.
- Nov. 6, Saturday, 9 to 11 p. m. — Victory Dance for the workers in the Loan Fund Drive.
- Nov. 7, 9 to 12 — Sunday Evening Social. Sponsored by the Phi Beta Delta Fraternity at their Chapter House, 2250 Piedmont.
- Nov. 9, Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House, sponsored by Phi Beta Delta.
- Nov. 10, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Educational Program.
Lecturer — Prof. Geo. Adams of the Philosophy Dept.
Theme — "Henri Bergson, Father of Creative Evolution."
- Nov. 12, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Evening of Music.
- Nov. 14, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — The Hillel Players will present two one-act plays: "Wedding" and "No, Not the Russians," at the Episcopal Church Parish House, 2314 Bancroft Way.
- Nov. 15, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.
- Nov. 16, Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Nov. 19, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion.
- Nov. 23, Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.
- Nov. 25, Thursday, 6:15 p. m. — Thanksgiving Dinner at Hillel, under the auspices of the California Alliance of Jewish Women.

Music Committee Plans Program for November 12

One of the most effective committees in Hillel is the music committee, headed by Alice Belkin and Valerie Kestenbaum. For Friday evening, November 12th, the following program is to be presented: Tchaikowsky — Overture from Romeo and Juliet; Richard Strauss — Till Eulenspiegels Lustige Strache; Beethoven — Kreutzer Sonata. The new victrola, with its beautiful tone, has added immeasurably to the pleasure of these recitals.

Under the direction of Alice Belkin, the Hillel Chorus is working hard to perfect itself on the new choral service which the director hopes to have ready for a Chanukah service and celebration. There is every possibility that the Hillel Chorus will soon take to the road to fill engagements with communities in northern California.

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HILLEL AND THE HOUSES

What has happened between the Houses and Hillel? The present semester has seen less cooperation and spirit amongst the two since this writer has been in school. It is not merely that there has been poor attendance by house members at the Hillel functions, but that the very feeling that once existed has subsided. We remember when there was real support by the houses and their members in anything that Hillel undertook, and there was real spirit in their support of former Loan Fund Campaigns, how they went out and worked and not merely turned in house donations. But this seems to be a thing of the past. Now we hardly even see them at the socials, and then they only come so as not to offend the other houses. To find one of them at a forum or fireside discussion would be a real treat, and it would be nice to always see their representatives at the Council meetings.

No matter what some may say, the houses are of benefit, if not for the value of social intercourse, then for Hillel's selfish ends — the good they can do us by support and prestige. It is always the houses that are phoned and asked to support the lectures and forums and to come to the affairs. It is the houses that are approached when need arises, and they are expected to give liberally. But what has Hillel to offer them. You point to all the activities that are carried on in the house, and we point to all the activities that are carried out on campus with its better surroundings. It comes back to the basic idea that the houses have their own interests and their own buildings to carry them out in. What they have to come to Hillel for is very small, if measurable at all. And to have to come to it in such surroundings is perhaps expecting too much.

It was the houses who showed the greatest amount of spirit when the idea of a new building was suggested, and they wondered what happened to the idea when no more was heard of it. Perhaps it is this fact that is widening the breach between the houses and Hillel; perhaps it is this that hinders the re-unity that might aid Hillel so much.

A DEAD ISSUE?

A University Meet was held. The speakers were three members of a Religious Goodwill Team now jaunting about the country in the interest of promoting fair play and understanding among religious sects. These members are a rabbi, a Catholic priest and a Baptist minister. Fair play, religious toleration, and understanding are vital issues to the student, and yet the gymnasium was poorly attended on Wednesday.

Racial discrimination is at issue today on our campus. Is religious discrimination a dead issue or merely one of indifference to the general student body? It is not an issue which epitomizes the ideals of mankind. To those of us who did not attend any of the seminars held in connection with the visit of this Goodwill Team, the answer to religious toleration and co-operation can be summarized by the short speeches of the visiting ministers in answer to typical religious and racial questions.

JEWISH PROBLEM: The questions propounded to Rabbi Morris Lazaron were exemplifications of the categorical judgment of the Jew as a group by the flagrant characteristics of the few. Do all Jews have bad manners? Are all Jews communists? What of the Jew and the American-way? Rabbi Lazaron added no one new view in his answers: the old plea for toleration and understanding of the Jew as a man and not as a religious entity.

CATHOLIC PROBLEM: Father Mulken was also faced with answering questions defending Catholicism. Why do Catholics maintain their own colleges? What is the position of the Catholic church on the labor problem, C. I. O. vs A. F. L.? and is the Catholic Church fascistic? His answers were direct and if in some instances, vacillating, did not avoid the issues. A Catholic college is maintained to equalize secular and religious education. Catholics are both A. F. L. and C. I. O., as well as members of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and, therefore, the policy of the church does not favor any one group, but is primarily concerned with general better conditions for the masses. In regard to the third question, Father Mulken's flat no, avoided the political significance of the position of the church in various countries. It is to be regretted that the religious center of so vast a number of coalesced people should be in a fascistic country.

PROTESTANT PROBLEM: Let us now turn to some of the questions asked Rt. Rev. Ashby Jones, the representative of the Protestant sect. "Has the Protestant group the blue-print of the great society? What can the Protestant majority do to make for fair play and better understanding on the campus? What has it to say to the exclusion of both Catholics and Jews from fraternal groups?" So far as this writer is concerned, I do not consider that Dr. Jones even attempted to answer these questions. He spoke of the willingness of the Protestant groups to co-operate, insofar as possible, in discussing the problem. He idealized the benefit which could accrue from a better religious understanding and exchange of cultural attainments. He spoke from the solid background of the majority, which perhaps gives us a true estimation of the problem if we are seeking for an answer to the evasiveness of his reply — an answer given us by the sparse attendance of the student body.

Religious fair play cannot stop at toleration. Tolerance is passiveness. Understanding and co-operation are the order of the day if we are to accomplish any advancement of man through the idealism of religion. Fair play, with or without religious connotation, is a vital issue worthy of active endeavor. — C. H.

Loan Fund Finale

Hillel scores another victory! The Loan Fund goes over the top! In no other venture does Hillel exhibit better team work and more effective cooperation than in this annual appeal to add to the capital of our Loan Fund. Organized and non-organized students feel toward this fund a sense of obligation that engages their hearty moral and material support.

Congratulations to the organizers, leaders, solicitors and givers who have helped us to chalk up another success!

Business Men Respond

The Hillel Foundation's Employment Bureau has received the wholehearted support of Jewish employers in the East bay area. The intensive campaign of providing needy Jewish students with part time employment has already resulted in the placing of a number of students.

Christmas holiday work will be available to a large group of students. All students interested are urged to make their application to the Hillel Employment office at the Hillel Foundation.

Back The Hillel Players

In spite of the handicaps that have had to be met by the dramatic group at Hillel, i. e., the competition of the Little Theatre for our experienced players and the difficulty of arranging rehearsals because of heavy schedules of studies, the Hillel Players have made steady headway under competent direction. The one-act plays produced have always been creditable and the three-act plays have rarely failed of artistic and box-office success.

New faces will be seen and new personalities will be given the opportunity to shine at the forth-coming presentation of one-act plays in the handsome auditorium of the Episcopal Church Parish House, 2314 Bancroft Way, on Sunday evening, Nov. 14, at 8:30 p. m. Through the courtesy of the Episcopal Church, the Hillel Players have been granted the use of this very adequate hall, and the young people's societies of the Church have been invited to join the Hillelites in the enjoyment of the evening.

We look for Hillelites to turn out in representative numbers to give the Hillel Players the encouragement they deserve, and also to take advantage of this opportunity to fraternize with the youth groups of the Church that is our host.