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## ANTI-SEMITISM IN ROUMANIA

Some people are still in doubt as to whether or not anti-semitism and Fascism are closely associated species of human disaster. To confirm their interrelation Santa Claus has been good this New Year; he gave birth to the newly-born pro-fascist regime in Rumania. Among the first signs of the coming to power of the so-called "pro-fascist" Premier Octavian Goga was the suspension of Jewish newspapers and depriving of all the Jews who were naturalized after 1920 of their nationality.

### Fascism On Way

Although Rumania is not an established fascist state as yet, fascism is on its way there, and bears all the seeds of anti-semitism, anti-minorities, anti-humanity. As actual measures have been taken against the Jews, Rumania's foreign minister declared that "the internal policy of the government has nothing to do with its outside policy", and that "Rumania will continue its alliances with France." Meanwhile Jews are removed from jobs; King Carol is threatened to death because of his friendship with Magda Lupescu, the "Jewish Witch". Not only Jews, but also other national minorities, such as the Hungarians, have been persecuted. Curiously enough, no mention has ever been made of the German minority. Premier Goga is a good friend and student of his great German brother, and the minister of the interior, M. Calicescu, is establishing a ministry of propaganda with the task of "nationalizing the press on German lines." (We know well how much information we may get from the press. . . )

### Return To Dark Ages

Roumania, a country where monarchism permits the air to be free of charge, and whose people enjoy the fact of being "Not Fascist", is about to die. When fascists gain all the power they aim to, we may turn our calendar some 500 years back only to teach the medieval people a bit of "how Dark Ages should look like." To the Rumanian layman, it is war, "after-war effects" — hunger and horror all the way; to the Jews — in addition — everything that comes under "bad" in a Hitler revised dictionary.

As anti-semitism in Rumania marches on, as it continues in Poland, Austria, Hungary, and becomes more of a "for breakfast, lunch and dinner" in Germany, we of the democratic countries stand by and watch the developments.

Anti-semitism can not be fought against for its own sake in fascistically governed countries. It can only be done away with through the eradication of its more fundamental antecedent:

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## Stop! Look! Listen!

Success at last! It's been talked about, planned about, dreamed about, and now it's finally coming true. The Hillel Call will be a semi-monthly. And not in the distant future either, but as Maurice Chevalier would say, "R-right now."

The next Call will be out two weeks from today. Temporarily, at least, we will revert back to the four page paper, but the Call will be able to give you more news, newer news, and more vital news.

## Dr. Sachar Addresses The Hillel Council

Spending the largest part of the afternoon discussing the relation of Hillel to socio-economic problems, the Council was addressed by Dr. Abraham Sachar, National Executive of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, on Sunday January 16th, at the home of Rabbi Merritt.

Dr. Sachar is a former professor of history at the University of Illinois. He is author of the widely-read "History of the Jews."

The director emphasized the necessity for student management of Hillel Foundation activity. He then answered all questions from the floor which were pertinent to the Foundation here at this University.

Since the question of participation in other than strictly Jewish activity has been debated by the Council for a long time, it took the leading part in the following discussion. Dr. Sachar said, "We are interested in socio-economic problems, but we are not organized to deal with those problems. Hillel has no right to speak as a body except on questions which would be important to the whole Jewish student body. When Jewish interests are at stake, it is the duty of the Foundation to act then."

Many on the Council challenged this idea that Hillel should not participate in other than strictly Jewish activity. As stated by Martin Rothenberg, vice-president of the Council, "The Jewish problem is related so strongly to the socio-economic problems that they cannot stay out of Hillel."

Dr. Sachar explained, however, that there is no national policy. "The problem is left to the discretion of each Foundation."

## RABBI WEINSTEIN LEADS EDUCATIONAL VENTURE IN SERIES OF LECTURES

Two ventures in Jewish education are to be initiated by Hillel in the month of February. The first is to be given by Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, who will deal with "Contemporary Jewish Life in Europe." The three lectures will take place on successive Tuesdays, the first one beginning on Feb. 1. Rabbi Weinstein returned this summer from visits to Poland, Russia, Austria, Roumania, France, and England, and his talks will be illustrated by the results of his study.

The lecture, on February 1, will deal with the "Jews in Poland", on February 8, Rabbi Weinstein will deal with "The Jews in Russia", and on February 15, he will deal with the "Jews in Democratic Countries." In this last lecture, Rabbi Weinstein will discuss the Popular Front in France, the cooperative movement in the Scandinavian countries, and the British situation.

The second educational venture will be a course of lectures to be given on Thursday evenings by Shlomo Bergman, entitled "Crisis in Jewish History." In these eight lectures, Bergman will deal with the highlights of the Jewish past, beginning with the origins of Israel as a nomadic tribe and carrying that story down across the ages to the period of emancipation when Jewry was admitted to a participation in world affairs.

## Hillel Debaters Will Speak in South

One return trip to Los Angeles and San Diego. This mid-semester motor cavalcade is offered to Hillel Debaters according to Sanford Goldner, debating chairman.

Those making the trip will be chosen by Goldner, who wishes all persons interested in debating to see him as soon as possible. Many lodges of the B'nai B'rith will be visited when the debaters present their views on various phases of Hillel activity, as well as debating on the "Partition of Palestine" and the "Discrimination in Jewish Employment."

"I would like to again ask all who are interested in debate to please see me so that we may have an interesting group this year," said Goldner.

## JOTS AND DASHES

By B. J. H.

### Things Seen and Heard:

A sternfaced cop smilingly shaking his head as he gives a fatherly sort of a lecture to a pretty, young violator of the law — The relieved smile as the sweet young thing sees that she isn't going to be made to pay and pay and PAY.

### New Frat?

A rumor is being circulated in and around Hillel that a new fraternity is being formed by a group of far-sighted individuals — a fraternity to end all fraternities. Tentatively, the name chosen to be flaunted on a banner, is Kappa Tappa Thi — but the fellows, all being open-minded on the question, are willing to consider other suggestions.

Naturally, all good fraternities must have their counterpart in a sister sorority — so plans are afoot to form a chapter here on the campus. Tentatively, (again) the initials chosen are T. T. (Tornit Tappen) — but so far, the organizers are having trouble enrolling pledges. (I wonder why?)

Business meetings are held for no good purpose — mainly on a "when and if" basis — When there is a poker quorum (5) and IF they have any money.

I'm reading "Big Money" by John Dos Passos — and it seems to me that people will never learn. Assumed, that in 1917, we didn't have such things as senate investigations, and other methods of showing the people who profits by war. Assumed, that in 1917 a book like "Big Money" would have been considered ultra-radical; whereas, today, it is accepted as telling in no uncertain terms what many of us have slowly come to realize — mainly, the utter futility crystalized by headlines in today's newspapers . . . "U. S. to Build Bigger Navy" . . . "U. S. Prepares."

Today, with the apparent awakening consciousness throughout the nation for peace, Roosevelt is going to build a bigger navy — Why? Please — not behind the smoke screen thrown up by the word — DEFENSE — or to help industry. What would the effect be to the economic life of the country if that money were spent in other ways less warlike, such as slum clearance — education — or even relief? (What is the difference — relief to industry or relief to the individual out of work?) Who can compare the lasting and constructive benefits of money spent on such a program to money spent on such inherently senseless creations as battleships, which will have to be scrapped in a few years so that more money can be appropriated to build more battleships? (Reducing it to the final absurdity.)

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## Jewish Fraternity Men Are Good Scholars

Kappa Nu, Jewish College fraternity, leads in all college Greek letter societies in America with a scholarship average for each man in the fraternity 17.6 per cent better than the all-men average of the country.

This conclusion is based on the scholarship charts prepared by the Conference for the academic year 1936-37, showing seven of the first ten fraternities are Jewish and that of the seven fraternities with ten or more chapters rated who led in scholarship, six are Jewish. Among fraternities with 30 or more chapters, three of the first four in scholarship are Jews.

World News Service.

## Deutsch To Speak To Wednesday Forum

"The Present Status of the Jew" will be the subject of the first forum lecture to be given by Dr. Monroe Deutsch, vice-president and provost of the University of California on Wednesday evening, February 9.

The forum program will then continue with a lecture by Mrs. Irma Lindheim, sometime early in February. Mrs. Lindheim is now on a speaking tour of the United States, informing the Jews of America of the conditions in Palestine since the Arab outbreaks.

Also, toward the end of the month, I. D. Raffin, a San Francisco Zionist, who has recently returned from Palestine, will speak on a similar theme. He will illustrate his lecture with his own set of moving pictures.

### TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE

The California Alliance of Jewish Women has resumed its admirable service of serving tea and coffee gratis to students who bring their lunches to Hillel at the noon hour.

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## NEW BULLETIN BOARD TO GIVE JEWISH NEWS

Of vital importance to Jews are the events occurring on the European scene today. It is with such rapidity that bombshells are being thrust at minority groups all over the world, that it takes more than a moment to sit back and contemplate what is happening in the world, as a whole, and to those majorities and minorities, within the effervescent set-up. Headlines tell us of troubles arising in Germany, Poland, Roumania, and our alleged "Homeland", Palestine.

All too soon we expect the Jews in Japan, Spain and other countries of turmoil, not to exclude our own water-bounded land, to become the center of note and interest, as a shift of interest from the economic difficulties that lie at the basis of our problems. It becomes an urgent need of all Jewish youth to become acquainted, in as great a way as possible, with events and problems facing them.

Hillel, as the center of Jewish interest and thought on the campus, provides a great mass of literature, in the form of news publications and books. Along with other things, Hillel has initiated a bulletin board on which may be found day to day, cut-outs of news items on current Jewish topics. It is up to those vitally interested to make use of this bulletin board, which is at the disposal of those unable to find Jewish news in a concentrated form.

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Hillel Foundation at the University of Wisconsin led over 20 student organizations in a protest meeting against the Polish "ghetto bench" Jan. 11. The Hillel Review states "World public opinion has severely attacked the practices of the Polish government and university authorities for the segregation of Jewish students into what have become known as 'ghetto benches'. Not only has Poland been guilty of separating university and public school Jewish men and women, but now Germany and Rumania have in their attempt to build up nationalism also taken steps to divide classes into Jew and Gentile, or Aryan and non-Aryan, as they choose to call it.

At the entrance to the Warsaw university, all students' cards were examined and stamped "left side" or "right side". Two Jewish girls, who refused to be seated on the left, were beaten. Rather than become subjects to this gross intolerance, some students have left the country, while others have dropped out of school entirely. Many of the Jews are forced to remain standing during lectures so the Gentiles may have seats."

Entertainment galore was recently had at the Hillel Foundation of the University of Michigan, when the Hillel Carnival was held. Some of the concessions were slightly different. As the Hillel News advertises it, "If you want to throw pennie in floating cups, if you want to eat ice cream and pickles (editor's note — ugh!), if you want to try out the William Tell in you, if you want to play golf, if you want to take home a screaming caricature of yourself, if you want to throw darts like a Zulu, and if you want to (last, but not least), twist and twirl to the captivating refrains of Larry Morse and his dance barons, then you want to come to Lane Hall on Saturday night."

Incidentally, it might interest you to know that the Hillel Scroll of Pennsylvania State College states that "the column entitled 'Contributions', is an outstanding feature of the Hillel Call from the University of California."

## Vocational Guidance Initiated at Fireside

"We expect to combine vocational guidance and discussions on social and political problems for our Fireside Discussions this semester," said Ruth Weinberg, chairman of the Fireside Group. "Many of the people who are graduating each year have no conception of the possible fields open to them, or of the relation of those fields to the economic problems of the day. Thus the Fireside Discussions will deal with these two subjects to furnish guidance for those students."

Such subjects as "The Wagner Act and Labor Law", and "Social Work with relation to Economic Problems" will be discussed by prominent speakers.

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

To our many and varied collection of books, Hillel adds a new list of books of a social, political and economic nature, along with fiction and autobiography. A shelf has been set aside on which all new books will appear, among which are:

Woolcott's: First and Second Reader.  
Solomon Goldman: The Golden Chain.  
Sholom Asch: The Mother.  
Richard Aldington (Trans.): The Decameron.  
Stephen Zweig: The Buried Candelabrum.  
Aldous Huxley: Ends and Means.  
Beatrice Bisno: Tomorrow's Bread.  
Lin Yutang: My Country and My People.  
Lion Feuchtwanger: Moscow, 1937.  
Wm. Henry Chamberlain: Japan over Asia.  
L. S. Greenberg: Nationalism in a Changing World.  
G. S. Graedhus: The Renaissance of Democracy.  
Alphunns Dopsch: The Economic and Social Foundations of European Civilization.  
Walter Lippmann: The Good Society.  
Lin Yutang: The Importance of Living.

## Employment Bureau To Function Again

The Hillel Employment Bureau, after its successful start last semester, will be managed and directed by a complete student personnel. The "back to the student" movement is in keeping with Rabbi Merritt's plan of encouraging student control whenever it is feasible. The major portion of organization and contact work successfully inaugurated last semester by Rabbi Merritt will, in so far as possible, be continued by students.

The Hillel Employment Bureau, providing jobs for needy Jewish students, was, in its first semester, highly successful in placing students in both part-time and vacation positions. Over 35 students directly benefited by this service. The parent order of B'nai B'rith and the merchants of Oakland and Berkeley deserve thanks for their splendid support of this movement.

Erwin Loeffler, organizer of the Student Employment Bureau, will continue as chairman of the committee. Any student desiring part-time employment may obtain an application and an interview Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Hillel office.

Eugene Lyons: Assignment in Utopia.  
Herbert Samuel: Belief and Action  
Irwin Edman: Four Ways of Philosophy.

Kurt Ludecke: I Knew Hitler.  
Soncino Translation: Rabbi Dr. Epstein.

Sir Ronald Storrs: Memoirs of Sir Ronald Storrs.

Madeline Miller: Footprints in Palestine.

Dr. Joe Beck, editor: Medical Leaves.

Dr. H. W. Long: Sane Sex Life.

Louis Untermeyer: Heinrich Heine: Paradox and Poet — The Life, The Poems.

John Erskine: The Brief Hour of Francois Villon.

Kaufman: I'd Rather Be Right.

Lewis Browne: O Say Can You See.

## Goldner Returns From Trip To The East

Home from a trip which he evasively styles one of "business and pleasure", Sanford Goldner, assistant director of Hillel, has much to say of New York, Washington and points en route.

New York he found "brilliant and exciting, but in its way as provincial as any small burgh in America." Much that goes by the name of political and social thinking in New York is limited by local experience, a tremendous experience to be sure, but inapplicable to the American scene by large.

Sanford spoke with Jewish leaders, including Rabbi Newman, formerly of Temple Emanuel, San Francisco, and Rabbi Wendell Phillips, first student president of the Berkeley Hillel, now assistant to Rabbi Newman. He also visited the New York Universities and spoke with Rabbi Hoffman, director of Jewish activities at Columbia University. He was present also at the National Association of Teachers of Speech in New York, December 29-31.

The dramatic season deserves more praise and publicity that it has thus far received, is Sanford's opinion. "Julius Caesar", "The Cradle Will Rock", and "Of Mice and Men" were particularly thrilling. The social theatre has come into its own and is receiving the support of the average Broadway theatre-goer. "The Brothers Ashkenazi" in Yiddish, has moved onto Broadway, and is enjoying a successful run.

In between times, Sanford visited the historic sites of New York and Washington, read the New York Times religiously, and felt the pulse of the public in the Southern Pacific pullman cars.

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## Dances Will Be Given On Sunday Nites

International House, a slip of paper, a name, and a pin to keep the tag on when the music started at 9, until it ceased at midnight. This was the formula followed at the Hillel Foundation Social, Thursday, January 20.

Due to the success of this dance, the Hillel House Committee, headed by Russ Jaloff, have planned to hold a dance every Sunday night of the semester. These dances will be given at the various fraternal organizations, and at Hillel Foundation.

"In order to make these socials more interesting, we have formulated plans by which a different theme will be carried out each Sunday evening," said Jaloff.

Members of the committee other than the chairman are Joy Violette Rosenberg, sub-chairman; Joyce Smith, and Charles ("Bud") Atlas. The first dance of the semester was held last Sunday night at Hillel, and the A. E. Phi house will act as hostesses on Feb. 6.

### THE HILLEL WARDROBE

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

### JOTS AND DASHES

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Apropos to the beginning of the new semester and watching all the work begin to pile up, I ran across this little poem by Anne Mary Lawler which I think is particularly appropriate:

#### COMPLAINT AGAINST TIME

The hours are far too few, too few,  
For all these things that I must do —  
How swiftly slips the eager day  
When one must work and love and play;  
Inadequate our timing scheme  
When one must eat and sleep and dream;

I never have the time to plan  
Myself a tranquil, ordered span.

I think that Death will likely come  
And bite upon his bony thumb,  
Pondering rather wistfully  
On how to break the news to me.  
I hope he patiently will wait,  
Hat in hand, beside my gate,  
Until the hour is come when I  
At last shall find the time to die.



Gee, it feels good to be back at Hillel again, to see the old faces, play all the old records, and hear all the new gossip. And it seems as if things HAVE been happening. Wait till I tell you —

The big event of the vacation was Frieda Rosenfeld's marriage to Eddie Mogerman, which took place in Los Angeles. Margie Nagin and Art Sarna were also married, as was Ann Paula.

All Hillel was down in Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl game. Besides the many who really live there, many localers gave the city a break. Among them were Emmy Lou Lachman, Joe Homowitz, Dick Lachman, Theresa Goldner, Alice Belkin, Sheva Shansky, Manny Jaffe, Sam Friedman, Ed Epstein (not the redhead), Joe Singer, Herb Hierdon, Goodwin Keye, Irwin Simon, Selma Fox and her husband, Arnold Green, Merton Crasnow, Dick Zelerchower, and many others.

Speaking of the Rose Bowl, reminds me that Marvin Goodson and Macy Spellman hitch-hiked down, carrying a big sign, reading "Rose Bowl", and a thumb pointing southward. They made it in twelve hours. A little additional paint, they hoped, would get them home. And evidently it did, for I recognized Marvin's unmistakable haircut on campus the other day.

The rumor reached us that last semester's big romance, namely, the Simon-Steinberg affair had hit a snag and that a certain bashful boy with dimples was to be Cecil's next victim. But that's all over now, for from the way Cecil and Sid have been acting, the snag was mended before a run started.

After Cecil's party, held during the vacation, a crowd visited the Lido in San Francisco. Frances Friedman ordered water (but no straw), but from what I am told Thelma Schwartz and Jerry Sonnenschein were not so reticent.

Did we say that Goodwin Keye was

bashful? Pardon us! But anyway, he doesn't know how to handle girls, for the one he tried to ship off to Marysville is still on his neck.

Rose Davidson has a new ring on her finger, if you've noticed — a boy's with the initials M. B. . . . but she isn't going steady.

All the youngsters are growing up. Even Mel Lipsett went out on a blind date not long ago . . . "good-bye - - e" . . . Or is it just that you've been able to keep your love life a secret better than most people, Mel?

Alice Belkin and Theresa Goldner almost caught cold the other day. Reason — they were standing next to the "icebox". No pun intended — it's a person.

Ritta Lerner actually managed to elicit a smile from C. W. Brown of the psychology department, when he found her sitting on the very comfortable lap of George Fagin.

The houses were well-represented at the Friday night Amateur Show at the Athens Club. Russell Jaloff (K. N.) and campus representative, Phyllis Abrams, Lenny Gross (K. N.), Irv Sherman, Fay Sikorsky (who sang a selection from Rosalie for the show), Al Tieburg (Phi B. D. prexy) the man with the high forehead, Florence Block (A. E. Phi), and Lucy Mae Randle (A. E. Phi) were among those present.

### ANTI-SEMITISM IN ROUMANIA

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becomes the field of battle against racial hatred. It seems that fascism never fails to choose the Jews as their raw material for building up a life that is to give death to every human effort in bettering their lives. Our forefathers who were forced by the Romans to leave their country must have had an excellent foresight not to choose Japan as a goal for settlement.

Fascism wherever it exists is a menace not only to the Jews, but to humanity as well. To fight it is our cause. . . .

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## The Month in Brief

Feb. 1, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.

Feb. 1., Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Education Program — First of a series of 3 lectures on "Contemporary Jewish Life in Europe."

Special theme — "The Jews of Poland." Rabbi Jacob Weinstein.

Feb., Thursday, 7:30 p. m. — History Class — "Crisis in Jewish History."

Special theme — "The Role of the Prophets and the Effect of the Babylonian Exile." Shlomo Bergmann.

Feb. 4, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Evening of Music.

Feb. 6, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Social evening at Alpha Epsilon Phi Chapter House, 2721 Channing Way.

Feb. 8, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.

Feb. 8, Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Educational Program. Second of series of 3 lectures on "Contemporary Jewish Life in Europe."

Special theme — "The Jews of Russia." Rabbi Jacob Weinstein.

Feb. 9, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Open Forum. Guest Speaker, Dr. Monroe Deutsch, Vice-President and Provost of the U. of C.

Theme — "The Present Status of the Jew."

Feb. 10, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. — History Class — "Crisis in Jewish History."

Special theme — "Struggles within Judaism. — Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes."

Feb. 11, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Fireside Discussion.

Feb. 13, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Palestine Labor League.

Feb. 14, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.

Feb. 15, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.

Feb. 15, Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Educational Program. Third in a series of lectures on "Contemporary Jewish Life in Europe."

Special theme — "The Jews in the European Democracies." Rabbi Jacob Weinstein.

## Three-Act Play Planned By Dramatic Group

Hillel dramatics is, as yet, in an uncertain state. It is the plan of those in charge of our dramatic presentations that Hillel stage a three-act play this semester. The play has not yet been chosen, but will be in the near future. Our hopes run high as to the large turnout of thespians that is expected to take part in this semester's dramatizations.

Halo's "Symphony Espagnol" will be one of the numbers played at the Musicale on Friday, February 4th, at 8:30 p. m. Bach's "Sixth Brandenburg Concerto" and Block's "Concerto Grosso" will also be included on the program.



We are told by those of our race, who, by virtue of their positions, National Hillel Directors et al, that the relation of Hillel Foundation to society's problems should be one of high-minded recognition. It follows that it is not for us as student Jews to accept the challenge that has been flung down to us by the forces in society, that have brought about such gigantic problems as "educated unemployment", learned and scientific wars, and brutal racial persecution.

The question of the Jew in connection with the Gentile world is, indeed, according to such an outlook, one through which "sides" cannot be taken. Hillel may only discuss such problems as now confront us. We may only arrange Jewish cultural activity, until the time when those forces with which we are to have nothing to do, take that very cultural activity from us.

However, we, as Jewish students, must not allow ourselves to stagnate in our own isolation while such vital problems confront us from all angles. We must not do as the Council did last Spring, and by our very inactivity and non-participation in "movements" for peace and democracy, aid Fascism and war to grow upon us until we ourselves no longer can grow. For in war, our very growth stops with our death, and in Fascism, our intellectual growth as Jews and individuals is stunted, even tortured and imprisoned.

Is it too much for us to grasp that basic truth "that the problems of society today hit us in a two-fold man-

ner?" On the one hand the Fascists use to their fullest the "divide and rule" principle, and select the Jew as one of the first to be persecuted and attacked. On the other hand, we, as citizens, are stripped of those democratic rights and claims to freedom and liberty that we can express in some measure today.

It is not too much to understand, is it? Then does it logically follow that because our race is in this unique position, we can best cope with the task of attempting to guide our fate by merely remaining in an isolated shell?

Our seclusion will not alter the aims of reaction to rule. This we need to acknowledge both in the abstract and in our activity in the Foundation. The Council last Spring which decided on the policy of isolation on the peace question, did so because they were not fully cognizant of these facts.

However, it would not be accurate to state that the majority of the members of Hillel do not recognize the problems of Jewish youth and of all youth in our country today. And it should be the Council which speaks for these people.

Perhaps if the Council were elected by the membership, and thus truly representative of it, it would undoubtedly have the power to deal with these problems. Perhaps this is what is needed on our campus, so that the Jewish students need no longer remain dormant while Fascism and war boldly march up to take the place of peace and democracy.

## Changes Are Made In Personnel of Council

There have been a few slight changes on the Council this semester. The Council as it now stands, consists of:

### FORUM —

Theresa Goldner  
(Unfilled)

### EDUCATION —

Norman Lowenstein  
Sheva Shansky

### MUSIC —

Alice Belkin  
Zeev Halperin

### FIRESIDE —

Ruth Weinberg  
Herbert Kalman

### HOUSE —

Dorothy Miller  
Russ Jaloff

### INTRODUCTIONS

Anita Wendel  
Ruth Schwartz

### SPORTS —

Nate Frankel  
Mel Jacobs

### PUBLICITY —

Ethel Finkelstein  
Rose Mitchell

### DRAMATICS —

Irving Sherman  
Queenie Feldman

### LIBRARY —

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## Come Into Our Parlor

Here's another welcome for you, freshman. We know that's all you've been getting this last week, but this one is more personal, addressed to fewer of you, and is sincere.

We hope that you won't delay in visiting Hillel and partaking of its activities. After all, that is the express purpose for which Hillel was founded—so that Jewish students could have a place to go to, where they could enjoy cultural and social advantages with those of their own kind. It doesn't require any red tape to come to Hillel, or to join any of the activities. There is no fee to pay, as there is at other organizations. And, if you are interested in joining an activity, all you have to do is see Dr. Merritt or one of the activity chairmen.

Hillel offers you variety in its activities. We have sports, music, discussion groups, dramatics, social activities, and just about anything else you're interested in. If you're a ping-pong fan, it won't take you long to get acquainted, for the ping-pong room is crowded all day. Incidentally, Hillel holds the ping-pong championship.

If you are interested more in the cultural activities, you may join the fire-side discussion group. In the past, Hillel has had many fine speakers and will have many more. They will be announced in the Hillel Call, the Daily Californian, and on the bulletin board at Hillel. And don't be afraid to visit our library — we have many fine books there.

If you bring your lunch, you may have free tea or coffee at Hillel every noon. And let me give you a hint — that is the best time to get acquainted. Food seems to put everyone in a mellow and friendly mood, don'tcha' know.

There are dances at Hillel every Tuesday afternoon, from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m., as well as Sunday evenings.

And even when there is nothing special doing, you can always come over and play the swell new radio and talk to somebody. (There's always somebody around).

Last semester, an employment bureau was started for Jewish students. So if you need a job, again, visit Hillel and see Dr. Merritt or Irwin Loeffler, and they will see what they can do for you. We also have a loan fund.

Don't kid yourself that you haven't enough time. Just visit Hillel once — that's all we ask. After that, we're sure you'll find the time somewhere, somehow.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Starting out on a new semester, we should begin to think of means and plans for the improvement of Hillel in the future. There exist many places that changes could take place to increase the efficiency of Hillel and to make for better cooperation and coordination. The dead timber that exists should be cut off, and the policy of giving jobs to people because of personal likeliness, without preparatory training, should be eliminated.

The feeling has steadily grown that a great deal more might be accomplished if the council were diminished in size, and promotions in the future were limited strictly to a record basis. By cutting and paring certain committees and combining others, with a view toward their optimum workability, we believe a great deal could be done; perhaps the membership of the various organized houses on the council should also be reconsidered.

Regarding the organized houses — we have been very fortunate in the last year in having splendid people represent the houses on the council, but such has not always been the case. In the past the houses have felt obligated, after having been requested, to send delegates to the council, and what they have done is to foist certain members upon the council. We feel that in proportion to their numbers among the total Jewish enrollment, and in proportion to their work at Hillel, they should have no more than one representative on the council. But if there are willing workers among house members, they should be allowed to serve Hillel without regard to their sorority or fraternal affiliation. This is merely one suggestion for a possible change.

Dr. Sachar, on his visit, suggested that perhaps a Junior Council consisting of Sophomores, or even, per-

haps, the sub-chairmans of the committees could be organized, but we feel that such a method of cutting the council would be detrimental on the whole. But another method of making the council less unwieldy, on paper that is, for a great number of the members never show up at meetings, would be to cut these various chairmans and sub-chairmans who never do any work under any conditions, and just forget about them. We seem to run along smoothly enough without the services of a good number of council members, and there seems to be no reason why we should retain them merely to have their names read at the roll call. A good number of our committees are one-man committees, and need sub-chairman and committee members no more than Hillel needs a program. By elimination of some and consolidation of others, we could cut our body down to its exact working size, and reach a maximum of efficiency without the obstruction of people clustered in the wayside, who lend no weight by their mere presence.

Perhaps as has already been suggested, the council officers should hold office for only one semester; perhaps a definite stand should be taken to confine Hillel to religious, cultural and educational programs, not allying itself with any outside movement or program except those of the Inter-Faith Council. This is the stand taken by the National Director which was revealed at his meeting with the council.

All these suggestions and programs are things to be thought about, if not in their original form, then as the stimulus for new ideas. Hillel, in our opinion, needs a little shaking up, something to create some new interest, for the old seems to have died down to a great extent; some of these past suggestions, or even others may do the trick.

## Hillel's Educational Program

No command is more pertinent for Jews today than that embodied in the words of the Greek sage, "Know Thyself". Hillel, of course, is a social center. It serves a useful purpose in providing a locale where Jewish students may find a congenial place for association with their own kind and link up ties of friendship with those of their own faith.

But Hillel serves another purpose, too. Here the means are provided to make for more positive, more intelligent and more self-conscious Jews. Here through a library that specializes in Jewish books and an educational program that throws light on the varied facets of the Jewish life and the Jewish past, Jewish students may be given an insight into the forces that have made them, and the circumstances that are shaping the fortunes of our people in the critical and confusing period in which we live.

During this Spring Semester, Hillel is providing an extraordinary program. The kaleidoscopic picture of contemporary Jewish life in Europe will be brought to us by Jacob Weinstein who spent three months of intensive study during the summer in countries where the Jewish problem is a major problem. Mr. Shlomo Bergmann will present the highlights of the Jewish past in a suggestive series of Thursday evening talks on "Crisis in Jewish History," Prof. Robert Kerner will give a course on "The Chessboard of Central and Eastern Europe," showing how the moves of diplomats affect the lives and fortunes of millions of our people.

It will be a reproach to men and women whose very presence at this University is evidence of an eager interest in national and international events that are shaping history if they do not take full advantage of the opportunity that such a program affords them.