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INTER-FAITH COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE HOUSING ON BERKELEY CAMPUS

To investigate campus race relations and to work with campus housing groups, a committee is being set up by the Inter-Faith Council. The possibility of exchange programs between the groups is being discussed with the heads of the fourteen religious organizations which comprise the Council. Plans have been made to publish a newspaper with rotating editorship. The Catholic and Jewish group will probably unite for the first issue.

The East Bay Religious Fellowship has donated an award of approximately twenty dollars, to be awarded annually to the student most active in sponsoring good relations between the religious groups on the campus. The prize will probably be given in the form of a set of books.

To demonstrate the necessity for fair play in industrial relations, an industrial conference will be held during the Spring semester. This conference will be sponsored by the Inter-Faith Council and the East Bay Religious Fellowship. The plans, to date, include speakers from the C. I. O., the A. F. of L., and a representative of the Employer's group.

Pauline Kael of Hillel has been appointed chairman of the committee for arranging the conference.

Rabbi Weinstein Ends Series of Talks

"In some countries — there is a middle way for the Jews between the ghetto and complete assimilation. Jewish problems can be worked out in England, France and the Scandinavian countries." Thus Rabbi Weinstein gave the concluding lecture in his series on Tuesday evening, February 15. Many of his remarks were interesting reflections on the mode of life that the Jews lead in Foreign countries.

"In England, the Jews are in castes. The second and third generation Jews tolerate their East European brethren, who have settled in the Whitechapel district, with measured suzerainty. They tried 'shah shah' methods on these poorer Jews when they were wont to cry out against Fascism and Nazism in Hyde Park. But Mosely and his Fascists forced their hand — and today there is a United Front." Adding his personal view on the subject — Rabbi Weinstein said that the weight of Jewish influence should be cast to the left with labor.

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Collective Security vs. Isolation Debated

"Collective Security is the only way to attain Peace."

"Isolation is the only way to keep out of War."

These two conflicting opinions will be debated by Professor Ernest F. Penrose and Professor A. P. Lerner at Hillel on Friday, February 25th, at eighty-thirty p. m.

Both speakers are members of the Economics department at the University. Professor Penrose will uphold Collective Security and Professor Lerner will present the Isolationists' stand.

"Since the American Student Union, which is the organ of the progressive students on the campus, recently adopted a program of collective security, there has been much interest aroused in this question. Professor Penrose is well qualified to explain this position, and Professor Lerner, who recently spoke at a Student Union luncheon on Isolation, is undoubtedly just as well qualified to uphold the isolation stand-point. This promises to be one of the biggest Fireside evenings of the semester," said Ruth Weinberg, chairman of the Firesides.

Sanford Goldner, debate coach of the University, will act as chairman. Discussion from the floor will follow the debate.

Socials To Be Novel Claim Chairmen

Shoe-leather of ardent terpsichorians will be worn out if they follow the Hillel Social Calendar.

"Ah, Spring" is the theme of the Tuesday Afternoon Social on March 1, sponsored by Hillel. According to Maxine Jacobsen, Social Chairman, the rest of the Tuesday Afternoon affairs that are sponsored by Hillel will be of varied theme. March 8, the Kappa Nu fraternity will sponsor the Tuesday social; March 15, the Hillel Social Committee will again present one of their original socials; Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will sponsor the social on March 22; and the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity will have charge of the April 5 Tuesday Afternoon affair. On April 15, a newly organized Jewish fraternity under the direction of Irv. Silverman will sponsor the social.

New and varied ideas are being instigated by the Hillel House Committee in the hope of arousing more interest in the Sunday Evening Socials. On March 6, the committee will try to put their plans to use when they sponsor the

MOONSTRUCK FAMILY TO BE DEPICTED BY HILLEL PLAYERS THIS SEASON

"A chatty study of a slightly cockeyed household, which ends in a veritable roar of laughter"; "It is a harum-scarum lark danced on the surface of a down-at-the-heels fable"; "Something to cheer about in the theatre world" — these are some of the comments that have been made by the New York critics about the "Three-Cornered Moon," the play to be put on by the Hillel Players this semester.

Moonstruck Family

"The Three-Cornered Moon" is a comedy in three acts, by Gertrude Tonkonogy. From almost any point of view, the Rimplegars are moonstruck. Even if you study them you will never hear two words from them that make sense. In the first act, they are considerably well off in the world; and being spared the necessity of working, they take out their lunacy in inventing complicated methods of suicide or in impulsive journeys. But suddenly they find themselves penniless. Mrs. Rimplegar, having sold out the family fortune to a margin broker, does up her hair in a Turkish towel and meanders dizzily around the house. That is why the Rimplegar children all go to work at starvation wages, and become a clan with a cause. But idle or industrious, a Rimplegar is always the same. From one day to another he never tampers with logic.

Cast Includes

The cast will include Rhoda Berman, Selma Fox, Ralph Schwartz, Jerry Frisch, Joyce Smith, Russ Jaloff, Queenie Feldman and Bill Grossman. Irwin Loeffler is general manager.

The proceeds from the play will go to the United Jewish Welfare Fund. The exact date and place of the performance are undecided as yet. As soon as they are arranged, it will be announced in the Call.

dance to be held at the clubrooms. March 20 will find the Phi Beta Delta boys assuming the roles of hosts when they hold their Chapter House open to all socialites. Hillel will again sponsor the dance at the Foundation House on April 3, and again on April 17. Kappa Nu fraternity will sponsor the last social of the semester on April 24, at their house.

According to Russ Jaloff, Chairman of the House Committee, no definite plans have been made for the coming socials that are sponsored by Hillel, but he will do his best, and he will assure everyone of a good time.



I became a pacifist at an unusually tender age. It was all the fault of my history teacher. She demanded that we commit to memory a column of names and dates of battles and treaties as long as the page of a telephone directory. Naturally, I rebelled. Moreover, I had a vivid imagination as a child and war pictures turned my stomach inside out. I observed that apparently they did the same to everyone else. Ergo: War was stupid, cruel, and wicked. We should all sit around a big table and talk like ladies and gentlemen. Then I happened to read a few books. Up 'til then, it hadn't occurred to me that any sane person could doubt the desirability of peace, but here was Teddy Roosevelt's tract: "Fear God and Take Your Own Part", in which I saw myself pictured as a lily-livered pacifist who preferred peace to "honor." Shame on me! And then there was the matter of the American Revolution. Would I have refused to support the Father of my Country? I read more books and gradually a light began to glimmer through the fog.

Peace is no absolute idea — or ideal — but has always been related to the whole politico-economic structure of a society. In prehistoric times (and among certain primitive peoples today) fighting was as natural as eating and breathing. In the childhood of the race men were like children easily aroused to quarrel, and as the world's population increased, the quarrels were usually of economic origin. The question was: Which of us shall fish in these waters, and which shall plow this land? There is not room for both. In the centuries to follow, rival feudal kings matched crowns, using their unwilling

subjects as pawns. The peasants were taught not to mind too much. Life was ordained to be a vale of tears, and if you were looking for peace, you either meditated all your days in a cloister or waited until the Lord fetched you.

When, at last, the feudal kings were shoved off-stage to make room for the industrial barons, the wars of conquest went on at such a rapid pace in so many quarters of the globe at one time, that geographers had their hands full keeping the maps up-to-date. But as indicated by the many colonial wars of independence, something colossal was happening — very gradually, to be sure. The pawns — the marching millions — were beginning to object to being used as such. Somehow or other, the meek got it into their heads that it was about time they started inheriting the earth. The war-makers had more and more to resort to idealistic catch-words to cloak their actions. Finally sensing the new temper of the people, they decided on a stroke of supreme irony — the "war to end war", the "war to save the world for democracy."

Today my stomach is more sensitive than ever. I cannot look coolly on the photographs of corpses strewn about the streets of Shanghai, Madrid, and Barcelona. Not because I am lily-livered. Because I know that the war-makers of the world have become desperate now, and in order to keep their grip upon a peace-loving people, have already in at least three major powers destroyed every vestige of democracy. And so, today, I represent a new order of pacifists — we who will not take it lying down, and in fact, have no intention of turning either cheek.

Hillel Chorus Plan Concert Series

The Hillel Chorus will make several public appearances before Bay district audiences in March and April. On Monday, March 7th, the Hillel Chorus will give a program of Hebrew, Yiddish, and College songs at Emanuel in San Francisco. The program is under the auspices of the California Alliance of Jewish Women. On Tuesday, March 15th, the Hillel Chorus will appear before the Oakland Auxiliary of the B'nai B'rith Women's Grand Lodge at Temple Sinai, in Oakland. On Friday, March 18th, at the Purim service and celebration to be held at Hillel, the Hillel Chorus will render the new Purim choral service. On this evening, Mr. J. J. Lieberman, Grand President of the B'nai B'rith District No. 4, will address the student group. On Friday, April 1st, the Hillel Chorus will render the choral service at the annual Hillel Nite at Temple Sinai, Oakland, when Hillel students will occupy the pulpit and address the congregation. Early in April the Chorus will also appear before the San Francisco Auxiliary of the Women's grand lodge.

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Job Hunters Given Aid By Guidance Bureau

The Jewish Vocational Guidance Bureau, which has been recently established by the Jewish Communities of Oakland and San Francisco, is of particular importance to the Jewish student body of the University of California.

The lamentable lack of a vocational guidance program on this campus makes it imperative that the students have some other source to turn to for help in their most important problem. Dr. Abram Sachar, national Hillel director, has termed the average Jewish student's career plans as "a blind date with destiny." The Jewish Vocational Guidance Bureau will endeavor to bring together the two parties of this date, the student and his career plans. Research into the specifically Jewish aspects of vocational trends will bring to light vocational opportunities for the Jewish student which were never before considered.

The Bureau will have offices in San Francisco at 693 Sutter Street, but definite office hours will be held at the Hillel Foundation later in the semester.

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Labor Palestine Group Prepares Program

With Palestine as a focal point, the League for Labor Palestine has launched into an interesting series of discussion meetings.

On Sunday, February 13th, Dr. A. P. Lerner and Raymond Rocca, student in history, led a discussion on "Politics in the Mediterranean." Dr. Lerner gave a general interpretation of Britain's foreign policy, showing that Britain was divided within itself insofar as class lines cut across nationalistic ones, and that it is impossible to speak of Britain as a predictable unit. Mr. Rocca interpreted the Partition Plan as a move for Britain to secure to itself all the strategic spots in the near east. He analyzed the Royal Commission report, showing that the areas reserved to Britain are all of military importance. The large audience engaged in a lively discussion following the two speakers.

On Sunday, February 27th, Dr. J. L. Schapiro, director of the School for Jewish Studies at the Jewish Center, San Francisco, will give the first of two lectures on "Behind the Current Scene in Palestine." The second lecture will come a month later, on March 27th. On March 7th, the League will devote itself exclusively to a social evening, with Palestinian songs and dances. In April, the Palestinians will prepare their own Seder, where the Hagaddah will be read and sung by the Palestinians in conjunction with the American members of the League for Labor Palestine.

Bergman Lectures On Jewish History

A very interesting series of lectures on Jewish history is being delivered by Mr. Shlomo Bergman. He has attempted to explain the factors behind Jewish history in terms of the most significant events.

Mr. Bergman believes that Jewish history was molded by the continuous clash of forces within the nation, and including the external factors that so greatly contributed and affected our history; thus in his lectures, he stressed the effect of the desert on the Jewish religion resulting in a monotheistic religion. Also the conflict between national and international concept of God which resulted in the compromise of the "Chosen People" was well illustrated.

In his coming lectures, Mr. Bergman will explain the rise of Christianity out of the complex Jewish society and the relation between Judaism and Islam.

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Sweetness (Tweet — Tweetness)

Another thing which has come to my attention — at least I have just become aware of it — and that is the work of the California Alliance of Jewish Women. Through their various committees they have done much to make the stay of the Jewish student here on the University of California campus a pleasant one. Semi-annually, they provide a Thanksgiving dinner and a Passover Seder for out of town students — tea and coffee service every noon — a wardrobe where any needy student can help himself — and a scholarship and loan fund. In a way, they don't care for publicity of their work — but I am sure that there are many individuals here at Hillel who have received the benefit of some of these thoughtful acts, and who would like an opportunity to personally express themselves and say "Thank you."

Thoughts at a Study Table —

All of the incongruities of life are represented here . . . an R. O. T. C. officer reading the Soviet Constitution . . . another one studying "Military Tactics and Strategy" . . . a girl reading a book on nursing . . . a friend of hers poring over a history of Europe. . . a bespectacled thin-looking boy puzzling over some physics. The incongruity is the boys in uniform. What good will their education be if they are soon to be shot down?

In a few minutes these boys will put aside their books . . . (and brains) and go down to the field and drill. They will execute maneuvers and orders with the precision of automatons . . . and like so many automatons, will die for their country when the time comes. A few of them may survive . . . but only to fill up soldier's hospitals and mental asylums . . . where they will have no need for their training in chemistry and physics.

Then, why all this waste of time and money in running a university with its expensive equipment and upkeep? Learned men wasting their time lecturing to a bunch of unformed students — who — although they memorize their Econ books, don't really understand the economic causes of war and fail to see how compulsory R. O. T. C. is preparing them for cannon fodder.



The poor, abused victims of this column have finally succeeded in getting rid of their old persecutor. Realizing that I'm slipping my neck into the noose, here goes anyway — Apparently the Phi B. D.'s have found a new rendezvous. In case you're interested, it's the "home cooking" dining room of the Frances Friedman home — Emmy Lou Lachman has invented a new parlor game, "wrestling" she calls it! Do you specialize in arm locks, Emmy? — Francine Hersh, one of our new freshmen, is working fast; she already entered a left-handed ping-pong game with our "ex-bashful sailor boy" Goodwin Key. Too bad you lost Francine, I would have liked to have gone out with him too — What we want to know A. S. and P. C., is what Milt "Horse" Pollack has that other boys haven't? — Sid Goldhor, "The Brooklyn Cowboy", doesn't like California because you can get posttrami sandwiches in N. Y. for 10 cents . . . hot; and in California it costs 15 cents . . . cold! — Here's a hint for you Joe Krinsky. Don't brag about your Rogues Gallery so much if you want to add to your collection — We wonder what Jewish parties have that others haven't, because Anthony J. Scalova has changed his name to Joseph Rosenberg . . . Landsmen Anthony? — In the last What's Cookin' Column, there was a certain male mentioned in connection with Cecile Steinberg. No, Jack Strasberg, it wasn't you! — Why is it that no hair grows on one side of Isadore Finkelstein's face? Oh, do you know Marie too? — Why was Shirley Deichmann walking around with a stiff neck last week? You should find someone your own size Shirley — Is it true that Isabel Goldeen is really a heartbreaker? Sy warned you! — Dorothy (Charlotte Greenwood) Caplan, in an attempt to chase one fellow, fell right into the lap of another. Is your face red Ernie

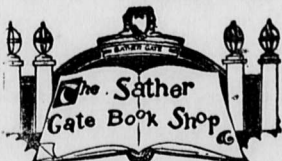
Schwartz? — That Keith Avenue Rendezvous proved fatal in more ways than one. For further details ask Hal Senter, Seymour Levy and Dan Seedman — Rhoda Berman, an A. E. Phi transfer from UCLA, is becoming rapidly well known. But, listen boys, why not investigate as to who the gentleman is lying up from L. A. to see her? — Phi Sig's own Ruth Schwartz seems to be the all-fraternity girl. Are you giving them all a chance Ruth? — Gene Kompaniez has been keeping company with a certain little brunette "shiksa" from Berkeley High. What's the matter Gene? Cheating on your girl friend? — Ted Zeid is very disappointed in the Berkeley girls, but he still has faith in us girls — What's this we hear about Bunny Aarons getting a little Scotch "Lassie" from Tech High? — Nat Frankel and Henry Samuely make a good bridge pair, but hot-dogs are something new in bridge prizes, aren't they Nate? — It seems as though Naomi Welfield has finally come out of her shell. Congratulations to you Sheldon; we didn't think you had it in you! — The A. E. Phi's still remain a closed corporation as far as the Georgia Crackers are concerned. Do you really study on Sunday afternoons, girls? — The girls in Whitehall shared a five-pound box of chocolates after Wes Meyers and Eleanor Bickoff returned from Vallejo. They announced their engagement — The big topic among the girls nowadays is the beard of Dave Davis. Whenever he shaves, they hold a major celebration — As a warning word, girls, beware of Optometry Students who are taking anatomy.

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WE DO NOT

In this issue of the Hillel Call, we find a contribution which purports to speak for the nine hundred and fifty Jewish students on this campus, an article stating that they do not favor unionism.

We should hate to question the right of any individual to speak for the whole, but would merely like to point out that here is one man, a fraternity member, representing no more than one hundred students, who has attempted to set himself up as the prophet of student Judaism.

Does this person have any more right to say that WE (the Jewish students) DO NOT favor unionism, than the Hillel Council has to decide whether or not it wants union orchestras at its affairs?

The Council has never taken the definite attitude that it represents the entire Jewish Student Body, but certainly as a select and varied group, it represents Jewish opinion more fairly than any one individual and his alleged followers. Even without a guiding vote by the Council he has the intellectual impudence to make such a statement.

We do not wish to labor the point, but, when in the same article we find reference to helping the Jews in anti-Semitic Europe, without mention of helping the Jews in America, or without mention of the union movement in relation to anti-Semitism, we feel that he knows not for what he is saving money; and that once more we must bring this question up for discussion in light of these new unjustified and contradictory arguments.

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"There are less yiddish signs in Petticoat Lane than in eastside New York — but the English Jew lives a more orthodox life . . . and they don't apologize for their Jewishness. England's interest in Palestine has made the Englishman more tolerant toward the Jew . . . and it is not uncommon to hear the Jewish problem discussed in Parliament."

Continuing his account of the life of the Jew in Democratic countries — he next discussed the Jewish situation in France.

"Here you have to look for the Jews — they resemble Frenchmen so closely. They attend their synagogues in high hats — and consider their religion more aesthetically. Immigrants from other tyrannically-minded countries have established a problem for the old-settled Jews in France. But the Dreyfus Case has forestalled any possibility of anti-semitism — which the Frenchman considers worthy only of the ignorant."

FOR A CAUSE

Proceeds from the play, "The Three-Cornered Moon," to be given by the Hillel Players this semester will go to the United Jewish Welfare Fund, for the relief and reconstruction of Jews in Europe.

One cannot pick up any newspaper nowadays without reading of new evictions, new anti-semitic alliances, and new persecutions of the Jews. Austria now has a new Nazi cabinet. The position of the Jews in Europe grows constantly worse instead of better, making the burden of the Jews in the countries which are still democratic heavier and heavier.

Although we Jews in America are not entirely free of racial discrimination, we are lucky in still retaining our civil rights and liberties. But that does not mean that we should lock ourselves up in our ivory towers and forget our suffering brothers and sisters, or that we should just passively sympathize with them. It is our duty to do something.

In the past, young students have not considered this. Their attitude has been "let the old folks do the worrying." But why should this be so? After all, it is we who will live in the coming generation, and we who will fall or rise with the destiny of the Jewish race. We should not forget our philanthropic obligations.

Now here is our chance to cooperate with the United Jewish Welfare Fund, and have a good time at the same time. We can see an excellent play composed of a capable cast, and at the same time make a contribution to the fund worthy of the 950 Jewish students at the University of California.

Contributions

In the last issue of the "Call" was printed an editorial denouncing the use of good common sense in the hiring of orchestras for our semi-annual freshman reception, and for any other occasion upon which we may find it necessary to hire an orchestra.

Mr. Rothenberg's journalistic masterpiece would have you believe that I am opposed to unionism merely because it is that. I am not opposed to unionism generally, but in this particular instance I think our own good should come before any other consideration. In the first place, a union orchestra costs at least one and one-half times what a non-union orchestra costs. Manifestly it is stupid to pay seventy-five dollars for a union orchestra when we can hire a non-union one for fifty dollars. This fact becomes even more important when viewed in the light of the fact that Hillel is even now trying to raise money for relief of Jews in Anti-Semitic Europe.

In fairness to Dr. A. L. Sachar, a word of clarification seems to be in order. Speaking of the alignment of the Hillel Student Council with socio-economic movements on the campus, Dr. Sachar took the position that the Hillel Foundation was organized for the primary purpose of serving Jewish social, spiritual and cultural interests and that since there are other channels on the campus through which Jewish students in common with non-Jewish students may express themselves on socio-economic questions, they ought to avail themselves of those channels leaving Hillel, free to devote itself to its tasks.

Furthermore, Dr. Sachar questions the right of the hand-picked Council of some thirty men and women speaking for their nine hundred and fifty fellow-students on this campus. Considering the wide variety of opinion held by the almost 1,000 Jewish students, would not action by the Student Council in their name, be arrogating a right to which the Council is hardly entitled?

M. J. MERRITT.

Rules Enforced

The Library Committee announces that with this issue of the Call, regulations that have long been in abeyance, will now be impartially enforced. Neglect on the part of student book borrowers to return books after the two weeks' period, or even to make application for a fortnight's renewal, is seriously affecting the circulation of our books. Furthermore, new books added to our library are immediately seized and frequently kept out of circulation for more than a month.

The fundamental purpose of the Hillel Library is to serve the interests of the largest number. The new books, especially, dealing with the significant problems in this confused and rapidly changing world, and bringing information to bear on the political, social and economic questions that more and more are appealing to student interest, ought not to be preempted for long periods by the first comers.

The Library Committee has wisely decided to enforce the regulation that calls for a fine of two cents a day for older books kept beyond the permitted period of a fortnight, unless formally renewed. And the committee's ruling that new books be kept for only a fortnight without privilege of renewal will be widely approved.

It is impossible to get an audition with a union orchestra before hiring it, for the union rules forbid it. The recognized good union orchestras are usually booked pretty well in advance, so that it is difficult to get hold of one when it is needed.

I also wish to question the right of an avowedly liberal, if not actually radical group, such as is in power in the council to speak for nine hundred and fifty other Jewish students on this campus, and say we favor unionism. WE DO NOT!

If this be confusion, make the most of it.

RUSSELL L. JALOFF.