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Annual B'nai B'rith Night to Feature Plays

Two Dramas Will Be Presented Before Members

Collegiate members of the Hillel Foundation will act as hosts to San Francisco's B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 21 Committee of Fifty, 8 p. m., Wednesday, October 19. The second annual B'nai B'rith night will be held at the Hillel House, 2620 Bancroft avenue.

In tribute to the generosity of the Bay City Lodge in contributing furnishings to the new House, the Hillel Players will present two one-act plays, Martin Rothenberg, President of the Student Council, will deliver a speech of welcome to the guests.

Due to the increased interest in the new Hillel House a large representation of B'nai B'rith members is expected here, according to Mr. Michael Gordon, local member of the committee.

Under the direction of Mrs. Sanford Goldner, Hillel's drama director, the actors will present Archibald MacLiesh's "The Fall of the City" and Thornton Wilder's one-act comedy, "Happy Journey."

MacLiesh's play depicts the rise to power of a dictator. "Happy Journey" uses no stage setting and depends a great deal on pantomime for its effects.

Refreshments will be served following the plays.

The cast of the two one-act plays, announced by Mrs. Goldner, are as follows:

"THE FALL OF THE CITY"

By Archibald MacLiesh

Studio Director.....Louis E. Michels
Announcer.....Hy Zipkin
Dead Woman.....Rhoda Berman
1st Messenger.....Louis E. Michels
Orator.....Seymour Levy
2nd Messenger.....Irving Weissman
Priest.....Sanford Harris
General.....Ralph Schwartz
1st Priestess.....Betty Loeffler
2nd Priestess.....Jeanette Freidberg

(Large crowd of citizens)

"HAPPY JOURNEY"

By Thornton Wilder

Ma Kirby.....Ida Adler
Pa Kirby.....Harold Stow
Caroline.....Shirley Rodecker
Arthur.....Leslie Fishman
Stage Manager.....Milton Sarvas
Beulah.....Norma Addlestone

Crowd Attends Succoth Service; Succah Built

Succoth, with its gala celebration of the gathering of the harvest, was observed by Jewish students at Hillel Sunday, October 9. The traditional Succah, decorated with boughs, branches, and harvest fruits, was erected on the spacious veranda of Hillel House.

After the Hillel chorus made its first appearance of the semester with the singing of several Jewish selections, Rabbi Max J. Merritt delivered a sermon on "Who Is Responsible?" An informal dance was the concluding event on the program.

In his sermon Dr. Merritt pointed out the necessity for Jews to maintain the strictest discipline and demonstrate the highest type of social responsibility. "Certain types of Jews are not a credit to us—ignorant Jews, escapist Jews, ill-mannered Jews, and Jews who indulge in practices of exploitation," he said.

Decorations for the Succah were directed by Mrs. Michael Gordon, chairman of the committee representing the B'nai B'rith Women's Grand Lodge.

Rabbi Speaks on Palestine Crisis

Civil War in Palestine and The International Scene was the subject upon which Rabbi Jacob Weinstein of the San Francisco School of Jewish Studies, spoke at the third Hillel Open Forum on October 12.

Rabbi Weinstein showed how indispensable for the British Empire the position of Palestine is today. He also pointed out the interest that Mussolini has in the creation of disorder in Palestine and in the laming of British authority. Weinstein emphasized the fact that Palestine is one of the trouble spots in the international scene.

Jews in U. S. To Be Discussed

First of a series of lectures on "The Jew in the United States" will be given by Dr. Paul Radin at 8 p. m., Tuesday, October 18. His subject for that evening will be "The Jew and the Discovery of America." The second of the series, to be given on Tuesday, October 25, will be "Waves of Jewish Immigration."

Refugee Students to Be Aided in Campus Drive; Dance Planned

Halloween Informal Will Raise Funds For Campaign

To aid the drive for funds in the student refugee campaign, the Hillel Foundation will hold a Halloween dance 9 p. m., Saturday, October 29, at the Hillel House. Tickets for the informal affair are now on sale in the Director's office and by members of the Student Council.

Proceeds from the dance will be contributed as Hillel's share to the campus-wide campaign to bring student refugees here. Admission price has been set as one dollar per couple.

A Halloween motif will be featured at the dance, according to General Chairman Joel Meyer. A popular campus orchestra will furnish the music. The name of the orchestra will be announced shortly by the dance committee.

Joel Meyer stated that a ticket to the dance would not only mean a good time, but would bring fellow-Jewish students, now being persecuted in European countries, to this campus.

Other members of the dance committee are Richard Mayers, publicity; Frances Friedman, decorations, and Harold Silberstein, tickets.

Fireside Group To Hear Scientist

Two outstanding speakers will be heard by the Fireside Discussion group at their next two meetings this month. Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer of the department of physics, and a distinguished scientist, will speak on "Science Under Fascism," at the meeting of October 14.

The following alternate Friday, October 28, the Group will have as its speaker Professor Robert A. Brady, of the economics department, who will speak on "The World Threat of Anti-Semitism." Dr. Brady is the author of "The Spirit and Structure of German Fascism."

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. The floor will be thrown open for questions and discussion following the lectures.

Committee Will Bring Students To California

Refugee students from Europe will be brought to the University of California campus soon, according to plans now being formulated by a joint committee of University faculty members and the heads of extracurricular activities.

The campaign, to be known as "The Cooperative Campus Campaign for Refugee Students," will bring to Berkeley Jewish, Catholic and Protestant students who are being denied the opportunities of a higher education in their homelands because of religious persecution.

The campaign, under the chairmanship of Professor Charles Gulick of the economics department, will get under way late this month or early in November.

The Interfaith Council of the University, the logical group to initiate such a campaign, discussed ways and means of organizing an active program at their September meeting.

Selection of the foreign students will be made on the basis of outstanding ability and qualification for upper division standing.

The general consensus of opinion expressed a feeling that if the University of California began such a worthwhile project other universities would fall in line. In that way an appreciable number of students would be secured from the fires of persecution.

The Hillel Foundation has already begun its drive to raise funds for the campaign by planning a Refugee Campaign dance to be held on October 29. (See column to the left.)

Lost and Found Department Opens

"I lost it, I lost it, I lost my yellow basket—" So the words of the popular song go, but if you lost anything at Hillel don't despair, try the Hillel Lost and Found.

The lost and found department will be conducted between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, according to Sid Neumann, chairman of the House committee.

The Dissenter

A friend recently told me an interesting story. It was an eyewitness account of certain events in San Francisco which occurred a week ago Sunday.

It seems that some San Franciscans did not take kindly to the idea of having a Nazi celebration in their city, and a few hundred of them decided to do something about it. Still more, they resented having their city official speak on the same platform with Von Killinger, German consul, under the Nazi flag, and what further stirred their resentment was the fact that this gathering was to be turned into a celebration of the recent Nazi victory in Czechoslovakia.

According to my friend, this group of people wished to walk peacefully up and down before California Hall, carrying signs to indicate their displeasure.

Then, in his own words: "Mounted policemen, swinging clubs, cleared the way for the Nazi procession. By blocking the progress of the pickets and raining blows indiscriminately on their heads and shoulders, they forced the group to retreat. I saw women kicked and manhandled, men so badly clubbed that they required treatment at the emergency hospital. A negro youth retreating with the others was hauled out of line and arrested for 'disturbing the peace.' When the group began to sing 'America' and again attempted to march past the hall, the mounted police charged

into the group, beating and arresting eleven men and women."

This happened not in Berlin, but San Francisco—October 2, 1938, A.D. The story invited a contrast between little Czechoslovakia trying to resist Nazism in Europe, and a small group of two hundred protesting against Nazism in San Francisco.

Hitler has chosen to persecute a minority group. First choice for the arrest was a negro. Hitler has no respect for free speech and other civil liberties, and these policemen had no qualms about bullying a group of people in a city where picketing is legal, and civil liberties are supposedly guaranteed to its citizens.

Being a Jew, this contrast was the more unnerving. To have Nazi activity flourishing in San Francisco is frightening enough. To have our city officials favor and encourage such activity to the point where not even a protest sentiment is permitted seems to constitute a grave threat to our democracy—and if we are Jews or other minorities, to our very existence.

Ping-Pong Matches Get Under Way

Largest ping-pong tournament in the history of Hillel began October 4 with 32 hopeful ping-pong champs vying for the winner's silver cup. Nate Frankel, the defending champ, out to repeat again this year, faces some classy new competition.

The top three ranking men after the tournament will represent Hillel in the Intramural Competition. The rankings at present are: 1, N. Frankel; 2, D. Rosen; 3, B. Rotblatt. All first round matches must be played by October 18.

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Browne Urges

Jews 'Back Progressives'

"The Jew," said Lewis Browne, "has gained in privilege and liberty from every revolution. The French Revolution gave him equality. The revolutions that accompanied Napoleon's march across Europe broke down the walls of the Ghetto. The Revolution of 1848 enhanced his liberty. The Russian revolution of 1917 swept away all his disabilities in Russia."

Dr. Browne dealt with the subject, "What Can Jews Do About It?" He answered: "The Jew should fight with all his energy and resources every reactionary movement. He should aid the forces that are arrayed against the abuse of every mistreated group—negroes, Mexicans, Chinese. The Jew should back every new deal and fight in the ranks of the progressives. He must support the cause of Labor."

Browne pointed out that wherever labor is enslaved there the Jew suffers. And wherever labor is strong and free, the position of the Jew is not under attack, he said.

Dr. Browne pointed out that the expansion of commodities and the enlargement of employment were factors that reduced friction and unrest in every country, and that any plan that promised increase of commodities and the enlargement of employment was a plan that ought to have the hearty endorsement of Jews. He pointed out on the other hand, that wherever there was a decrease in commodities and a restriction of employment, reactionary forces were successful in persuading peoples to squeeze out the minorities. They were the first victims of an economy of scarcity.

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October Calendar

- 14—Friday, 8:30 p. m., Fireside Discussion. Speaker, Professor J. Robert Oppenheimer. Theme, "Science Under Fascism."
- 16—Sunday, 8:30 p. m., Meeting of Palestine Labor League.
- 17—Monday, 4:15 p. m., Student Council Meeting.
- 18—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m., Open House.
- 18—Tuesday, 8 p. m., Education Program. First of a series of four lectures on "The Jew and the Making of America," by Dr. Paul Radin. First lecture, "The Jew and the Discovery of America."
- 19—Wednesday, 8:30 p. m., B'nai B'rith Nite. Annual visit of San Francisco Lodge No. 21 to Hillel. Hillel Players will present two one-act plays. Social evening to meet our guests.
- 21—Friday, 8:30 p. m., Evening of Music.
- 23—Sunday, 8:30 p. m., Sunday Evening Social.
- 25—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m., Open House.
- 25—Tuesday, 8 p. m., Education Program. Second of lecture series by Dr. Paul Radin. Lecture, "The Jews and the American Revolution."
- 28—Friday, 8:30 p. m., Fireside Discussion. Speaker, Professor Robert A. Brady. Theme, "Fascism as a World Threat."
- 29—Saturday, 9 to 12 p. m., *Haloween Dance—Student Refugee Benefit, tickets One Dollar per couple.*

Christmas Jobs Offered Students

Students desirous of Christmas vacation employment are invited to apply at the Hillel Foundation's Student Employment Bureau. Applications are being received for Christmas work.

Positions are open for employment during the Christmas holidays, according to Harold Silberstein, chairman of the Employment Bureau. Last Christmas 14 people were placed, and it is expected that record will be topped this year.

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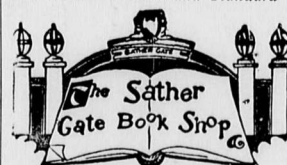
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A Timely Book Reviewed in Story

What Are We To Do? by John Strachey. Published by Random House Company.

John Strachey's *What Are We To Do* brings almost to date the history, struggles, and failures of American and British labor. The material for the unwritten chapter lies in Czechoslovakia; there the supine and ineffectual policy of British labor has reaped its latest result.

Strachey outlines the emergence of Trade-Unionism within the capitalist system, showing how labor groups are the corollaries of large-scale mass-production industry. He indicates the uphill fight against capitalist lawyers and capitalist force before labor secured its minimum right, the right to organize. The motive of political action, of labor organizations to promote legislation in its own behalf, was only a secondary and fitful one. Goaded into political action in sheer self-defense, labor went to the polls to erase the legal disabilities placed on it by capital, but there was no sustained political drive, and no clear program, even in the brief spell after 1925 when labor had political control of England.

Strachey's challenges to labor are clear, forceful, and ones which labor must meet. If labor in England and America is to avert the fate of Austrian and German labor, and the plight of the Spanish Republic, it must redefine its status in the present economic system, it must advance to a positive program of political reconstruction, it must mend the rift in its own ranks, and rally with all its friends and sympathizers against Fascism and towards a more equitable economic order.

Members Added to House Committee

An acute problem of house supervision which has arisen since the opening of the new Hillel House, is being met by the House Committee through the addition of more members. The personnel has been increased to facilitate arrangement of bi-weekly social affairs and maintenance of the house, according to Joy Rosenberg and Sid Neumann, co-chairmen of the committee.

The House Committee aided with the decoration of the Succah on Sunday, October 9. They will continue to arrange for the Sunday night socials.

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What's Cookin'

It's raining cats and dogs outside and here I am in a nice, cozy room typing away at this column trying to make your and my friends feel as comfortable as I do, I hope.

It seems as though Progressive dinners are the rule of the day. Trying their hand at it Saturday night were Frances Friedman, Harriet Schwartz, Joel Meyer, Jerry Moss and Barney Wolf. Sounds like Phi B. D. night. Another Saturday night we bumped into a bunch of freelancers. Skipping their way from one house to another were Natalie Kay, Ida Jacobsen, Leo Bower, Joe Rosenberg, Chuck Stone, Morrie (guess who?) and others.

The other night we went slumming and at Jack London's Place we bumped into Joey Friedberg, Ruth Shultz and friends discussing politics over a bottle of beer. My, such seriousness, girls!—Poor Steve Blumenerantz doesn't know whether to trust his boy friends, anyway, when he isn't taking Sylvia out some of his boy friends are sure to. Is it just that paternal instinct that inspires you, boys—I've been very puzzled, Cy Levy? When you were taking the Friedberg girl out did you know which one you were escorting? If you did you're a better man than I am—Jerry Gross has a good technique, fellows. He borrows his girl friend's car in order to take other girls out. How do you do it, Jerry?—When Stan Braff has a girl the rest of the boys had better keep their distance. His nickname is "Hands-off Braff."—Girls, did you know that Norman Lowenstein is the strong, silent type? All we know is that he won't talk.—Milton Most won't stand a disparaging word about a certain young lady named Schlomo Frakin.—Berny Siner finds his food and sleep more important than a long-needed job. If you don't watch out, Berny, you'll get fat and then you won't have any salesman appeal!—One of the dreamy-eyed fellows that Pauline Stein goes out with wants to change their platonic friendship!—George Hel-

linger has been seen buying a lot of jewelry lately. Anyway, he makes a good front of it. You can see him most any time at a certain jewelry store along Telegraph avenue. Is it the rings or the proprietor's daughter that catches your eye, George?—Refugees are coming to America, but I'm one person who is leaving America after this is out.

Work of Cardozo Analysed in Speech

In the series of lectures the Education Committee has arranged on "Great Jewish Personalities," Dr. Myer Cohen of the San Francisco School of Social Studies, dealt with the great Jewish jurist. The lecture was given Tuesday, September 20, at Hillel.

Dr. Cohen briefly sketched the life of Cardozo, who was a lineal descendant of one of the first Jewish families to settle in the United States. That same family furnished patriots of outstanding character to the Revolution.

Cardozo, said the lecturer, was a philosopher of the law, profoundly interested in the nature of the judicial process. In him there was nothing of the pragmatic in his arrival at decisions. Cardozo was a firm believer in a government of laws and not a government of men.

The direst threat to freedom and democracy, according to Cardozo, lay in men setting themselves up above the orderly process of law. Cardozo's brilliant style and literary grace made him the idol of the legal fraternity.

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Hillel Receives 'Jitterbug Records'

Records for jitterbugs and chairs for scholars have been added to the ever-increasing furnishings of Hillel House. A shipment of chairs arrived last week to be used in the club rooms on the second floor of the house.

Swing enthusiasts will find the music library replenished with many new records featuring the latest in jive. Among the added collection are "In My Reveries," "I've Got a Date With a Dream," "Sixty Seconds to the Minute" and "A Pocketful of Dreams."

Jewish students on the campus are invited to use the latest facilities of the Hillel House at any time. The house is open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. On Sundays the house opens at 1 p. m.

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year, Jews of the world!

Although this sentiment may be a little late, it carries so many good wishes and goes to so many people, that we are sure you will forgive its tardiness.

Happy New Year, to you Jewish students of the university who are able to feel the security and freedom of the campus. You can breathe the clean, fresh air and feel the warm sunlight without fear that you will be cast into a dark dungeon. You do not live in constant terror of persecution. And the best wishes for the New Year, Jews of Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia! You are now fleeing for your lives from the invasion of mad-dog Hitler and his Nazi bloodhounds. Thousands of you have left your homes and possessions in Sudetenland, crossing into the interior of Czechoslovakia. Even there you are not safe from the encroachments of Hitler. Your very lives are not worth a Czechoslovakian nickel.

In this New Year 5699, may we offer our heartiest solicitations, Jews of Italy. Last week Fascist Mussolini decreed that you may no longer marry Italians. You are also facing typical Fascist treatment in spite of the promises of Il Duce made you several years ago.

You will soon be sent to Ethiopia where the natives will fail to recognize that you, too, are victims of Fascism. A white man to them is a white man, something to be hated and killed.

Greetings for the New Year, Jews of Palestine! You are the victims of the barbaric, guerilla warfare of the Arabs. In the last two weeks six hundred people have been killed in the Holy Land. The British government has suggested to you by innuendo that you arm yourselves against the Arabs and fight back, so the British government may be relieved of her mandatory obligations to protect you.

Yes, Jews of the world, Happy New Year to you! Happy New Year to you all!

—R. K.

Chance to Learn

There are some types of ignorance that may be excused. Ignorance of what lies inevitably beyond one's mental range is excusable. But ignorance of the treasures our fathers accumulated, ignorance of the values they contributed to the world, ignorance of our culture and our unique and fascinating past is a reproach to college men and women.

There never was a time when it was so necessary for Jews to know with what weapons their forbears withstood mass assault and by what means they mastered the forces arrayed against them. At a time when so much is being circulated in derogation of the Jew and his service to society, a series of lectures like Hillel's course on "Great Jewish Personalities," providing knowledge of what great Jews have done not only to reflect credit on their people, but also to put the race in their debt, should serve to strengthen the Jewish pride and bolster Jewish morals. At a time when current events are writing a drab and dismal page in Jewish history, ignorance of the unique and wonderful and absorbing story that lies behind us adds a note of pathos to confusion. One of the most discouraging features in the complex of Hillel activities has been the resistance on the part of the majority of Jewish students to our efforts to interest them in Jewish cultural and historical values.

Dr. Radin's course on "The Jew and the Making of America," is designed to show how from the day the adventurous crew of the caravels sighted the New World, the destiny of the Jew has been bound up with this western continent. It will be inexcusable for Jewish students to ignore a series that so admirably links up the things that form part of our very life and background.

Refugees at U. C.

A noteworthy plan is the Co-operative Campus Campaign for Refugee Students. Not only is it outstanding because it is unique, but because it has such high ideals behind it.

Jewish, Catholic and Protestant students who are suffering persecution in Europe, this city, in fact, to this very campus, away from the darkness which now sweeps the nations on the other side of the Atlantic.

Here they will be given a chance to continue their education, perhaps with the prospect of going back and enlightening their people, or staying here and contributing their talents to America.

The University of California students have always shown themselves the leaders in any progressive movements. We are sure that they will support this drive most wholeheartedly.

No definite date has been set for

the beginning of the campaign, but it is understood that the drive will get under way shortly. Organizational plans are being worked out. They will be announced to the general campus soon.

You can readily imagine the joy with which foreign students will welcome the news that they have not been forgotten in the abysmal decadence of war-maddened nations. Those fortunate enough to be invited to the University of California will be most grateful, we are certain.

We would like to send for all the refugee students in Europe, but, of course, that is impossible. If we can set the precedent for other universities, thousands abroad will be aided.

Whatever the Hillel can do, individually and collectively we pledge ourselves to do. This is the time to show our comradeship towards fellow-students, no matter of what religion or race.

Give to the Chest

On October 10th, the annual campaign for the Berkeley Community Chest was launched. The goal of the campaign this year is \$140,000.

Our interest in this year's drive and our hope for its success is first engaged by the fact that our own Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch is this year's president of the Berkeley Community Chest. His popularity, his personality and the city-wide respect in which he is held, will most certainly rally all elements in the community to the cause to which he has given himself.

And Hillel has another and personal interest in this drive and for the ardent hope that the campaign will achieve complete success. The Hillel Foundation is a constituent agency of the chest. The chest makes a generous subvention for the support of our activities. From year to year, in acknowledgment of Hillel's outstanding service as a character building agency, the chest has graciously increased our appropriation.

If this year's goal is reached, we may look forward to even more generous consideration. Let's all pull for the success of the drive!

Hillel Harry

Now that midterms are over and Hillel Harry has crawled out from under the stacks, he has found out that a war almost happened in Europe; that the Chronicle has gone streamlined; and that the length of women's dresses has shrunk approximately 1.68 inches during his recent hibernation. Harry swore to us yesterday that he wasn't ever going to let such abysmal ignorance overtake him again. "Tell me," he pleaded, "what's doing nowadays? Where can I go? I want to get higher learning, see what the well-dressed sophomore is wearing, get the low-down on college life, and meet some cute gals." So for the benefit of

Fun for Funds

A blight has fallen on the universities of the totalitarian countries. In Greater Germany university privileges are reserved for those who pay lip service to the Nazi ideology and those who proclaim allegiance to the Nazi party. Internationalists, liberals, pacifists, socialists and Jews cannot hope to enter a German university.

The fate of the Jewish student is saddest of all. For the Jewish youth of Germany there is no outlook. And even if Jewish youth were permitted to enter universities and to take the scheduled courses, it would serve no practical purpose. All the fields and all the professions for which the university is a preparation are closed to him.

We sympathize with the Catholic and the Protestant students in Greater Germany who have also been made the victims of brutalitarian regime. We have voted to join in the cooperative drive that is to be initiated on this campus to raise funds to bring to California a group of refugee-students—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. What a heart-warming manifestation of American student comradeship! Our Halloween Benefit Dance is Hillel's opening gun in the drive. Let's go!

Hillel Harry and others in his sad plight, we suggest:

The YMCA has some sort of program every day. This week they had such programs as "Are Civil Liberties in Danger in Northern California" and a hot panel discussion on "What Would I Do if War Were Declared." Sounds interesting, eh?

And the place to eat lunch Thursday noons is at the YW cottage, where the Race Relations group meets. This is the most famous racial study group on the coast, and really worthwhile.

If you can't make it Thursday noon, Friday noon also has a swell treat. The American Student Union holds luncheons at the YW cottage every Friday, and their speakers are always "super." You shouldn't miss it.

The Graduate Students make Wednesday noon hour worthwhile. They hold an informal discussion of current problems every Wednesday noon on the lawn in front of Life Science Building. It really is worth having the ants crawl over your lunch, to hear their discussions.

Then, too, there are the Campus Young Democrats who meet every Wednesday night at 2543 Hilgard. The Federation of Political Unity which holds its meetings on Tuesday nights at 2193 Bancroft, and don't forget the swell cocktail parties held by the Medical Bureau for Spain.

But best of all, come to the discussions at Hillel on Friday nights. They're tops!