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Relief Drive Ends in Success

Funds Will Bring
Seven Students
To U. C. Campus

Climaxing an "over-the-top" success, the A. S. U. C. world students' relief drive was concluded by "Tag Day" last Tuesday. During the drive over \$1,500 was collected by members of the University of California Interfaith Council and other groups.

Taking an unprecedented lead in this campaign which will enable six German students to complete their education and have the right to live, the Phi Beta Delta fraternity have offered to take into their house as a house guest a student. In that way they will enable him to better orientate himself to the campus, as well as providing him with room and board.

This initiative on the part of the Phi B. D.'s will in all probability enable seven instead of six refugee students to come to the University of California campus for the coming Spring semester. Through the assistance of the International Students' service, these students, two from each of the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths, will be in California in January and will start their American education at that time.

Students who will enter the University have been selected on a basis of outstanding scholarship in their fields. These new scholars will enter the University of California with junior standing and will continue their studies in their respective fields.

Under the general direction of Frederick E. Kidder, president of University of California Interfaith Council, the various groups have contacted the majority of Californians. Martin Rothenberg has acted as chairman of the Hillel group and was assisted by Joel Meyer, Berkeley chairman; Nate Frankel, Oakland chairman, and Harold Silberstein, San Francisco chairman.

Professor Charles Gulick headed the committee of university professors in collecting a separate fund to augment that of the A. S. U. C. and therefore enable the university obtain refugees from Germany and Italy.

Hillel to Play Host to Director

Drama, Dance, to
Honor Visit of
Dr. A. L. Sachar

Closing its semester's activities with a final outstanding meeting, Hillel will play host to Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Director of Hillel, at 8 p. m. Sunday, November 27. Dr. Sachar will speak on "Patterns of Jewish Life."

In honor of the distinguished guest, a dance and play will follow his lecture. Mrs. Ruth Goldner, drama director, will stage a one-act play, "The Unknown Soldier Speaks." Dancing and refreshments will conclude the evening's program.

Dr. Sachar, formerly a professor of history at the University of Illinois, resigned his position to become National Director of Hillel ten years ago. He travels extensively, devoting part of his time in visiting the twelve Hillels throughout the United States.

Last winter Dr. Sachar visited the University of California during Christmas vacation period. On this trip Dr. Sachar will have an opportunity to see the new Hillel House and meet its members. He is scheduled to address several Jewish Forums in San Francisco before appearing here.

All students are invited to attend the last outstanding meeting of the semester which concludes Hillel activities until January, 1939.

'Different' Evening Of Music Held

Ed Nylund, music major and authority on currently popular records, was guest director of the "Swing Concert," the last in the series of "Evenings of Music" at Hillel, Friday night, November 18.

In contrast to the former programs of classical recordings, Mr. Nylund presented and discussed the latest swing discs recorded by such distinctive leaders as Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Larry Clinton.

In response to the many student requests, Leonard Ratner, chairman of the "Evenings of Music" programs, stated that a similar swing concert would be presented next semester.

Employment Offered To Job-Seekers

Any Jewish student desirous of Christmas employment in the Bay area is urged to see Harold Silberstein, chairman of Hillel's employment bureau. Jobs for the vacation period are available.

Those wishing employment must see Silberstein at once. His office hours at Hillel are from 4 to 5 p. m. daily, except Saturday. Sales positions are open for men and women in Oakland and San Francisco stores.

Students desirous of getting part-time work for next semester should apply by the first week of the spring semester. Board and room jobs should be applied for before registration.

Lecturer Speaks On Jews in America

Continuing his series of lectures on "The Jews and the Making of America," Dr. Paul Radin stated that the American of early colonial settlement was intolerant.

"Why, then," he asked, "were not the Sephardic Jews, the first Jewish settlers in America, not the object of intolerant attacks?" For three reasons, he answered himself. First, they brought with them a tradition of culture and intellectualism that made them respected by the rather crude colonials among whom they settled. Secondly, they fitted themselves into fields that did not bring them into active competition with their neighbors. And thirdly, they made no effort to seek public office.

The result was that they were received with a negative tolerance. That negative tolerance was gradually transformed into a positive tolerance by the time of the American Revolution and that positive tolerance has become one of the pillars of the American faith.

Dr. Radin pointed out, too, that while the pioneers, like Boone, pushed out into the wilderness and established outposts, these pioneers were closely followed by Jewish traders and entrepreneurs who made these outposts permanent centers of settlement and industry.

Dr. Radin analysed the waves of Jewish immigration, the Sephardic in the 17th century, the German in the 18th, and the East European in the 19th and 20th. The last and

Thanksgiving to Be Celebrated

Out-of-Towners
To Be Entertained
By Dinner, Dance

Turkey with all the stuffin', cranberries, and other Thanksgiving Day delectables will be served to 275 out-of-town students at the annual Thanksgiving dinner 6:30 p. m. Thursday.

The banquet, arranged for Jewish students by B'nai B'rith Women's Grand Lodge, District No. 4, will take place at Hillel House, 2620 Bancroft Way. A dance will follow the dinner.

Reservations for the banquet were accepted until Sunday, November 20. Dr. Merritt, Hillel's director, stated that he would like to have all members present at the banquet, but the facilities were not that large. Invitations have been limited to students living outside the Bay area who find it impossible to be home on Thanksgiving Day.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner has been an annual affair at Hillel for the past ten years. Each year it has grown increasingly popular with a record attendance expected this semester. This is the first time that the new Hillel House will be the scene of the banquet.

Dr. Merritt and Sanford Goldner will preside at the dinner. Details are being handled by Mrs. Michael Gordon, B'nai B'rith representative.

Championship Won In Ping-Pong

Ping-pong championship of Hillel was won by S. Feinberg in a rubber match played against Nate Frankel, 1937 defending champion, Friday, November 18. A large gallery witnessed the deciding battle which blazed furiously in Hillel's ping-pong room.

"It was a tough fight," Frankel said at the conclusion of the match. "Feinberg is a swell player. His backhand had me baffled. I guess I had a little bad luck."

most recent wave of Jews dispossessed by the Nazi regime is akin to the wave that brought the '48ers to the United States.



Since this is the last issue of HILLEL CALL this semester, and there are still many mysteries to be cleared up, we're going to come right out and ask for explanations. We wonder...

If Joe (Rose Canyon) Rosenberg will ride with strange men anymore... If Sylvia (Frankenstein) Frankel really gets very much studying done on a Saturday night... If it's really true that Leslie (Crimshaw) Fishman is stepping out these days. White orchids, no less...

Why Ben (Uncle) Brudney is bursting his coat buttons these days... What the big attraction was at the Biltmore the night before the U.S.C. game that Norman (lungs) Lowenstein, Cy (Booth) Levy, Rod (De Soto) Rogaway, Marge (pep) Rhine, Barney (17th birthday) Shapiro, Dick (publicity) Mayers, Irma (L.A.) Rosenberg, and scads of others were there. And why didn't Gerson and Joey ever get to the Bowl?...

If Norman (contagious) Seltzer dares show his face yet... If the periodical room is the only place that Barney (fibate) Stone and Adele (sugar) Meyer can "study"... How Harold (Don Lothario) Silberstein manages to have all the girls falling in love with him...

If Herb (hands-off) Heidon, Steve (blind date) Blumencrantz, and Jerry (bashful) Gross have to go visiting in order to be fed... How Natalie (double-trouble) Kay manages to do it...

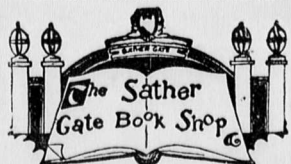
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Well, you kids have been moaning about the make-up, the gossip column, and what not, how about doing something about it? Here's your chance to try out some of your ideas. And you "Ickies" (inexperienced but willing writers, freshmen theme scribblers) are also welcome.

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hour that affected Phyllis (sleepy) Cowan... Why Chuck (engineer's chin) Stone didn't come home on the night of November 3... Who'll be the first to ride in Macy (take that down) Spellmon's new Plymouth...

What'll happen next to Aimee 'bad luck' Siminoff... How come Saul (the thinker) Wachter rates so many free dinners... If Jerry (do I feel my drinks) Sonnenschein was very mad when he bumped into his "steady" girl friend at a dance...

How long Joe (remember him) Krinsky has been going to Cal... If it's true that Sid (jigger) Neuman is a hand-holder... Where Ida (Ma) Adler learned to swim...

Why someone hasn't discovered what marvelous radio material Hy (zip) Zipkin is... How many people know that Gene (eye for beauty) Kompaniez is married... If bartenders think that Ruth (shrimp) Firestone is a child bride...

If Martin (roomy) Rothenberg still thinks that Robert's Rules of Order should be strictly enforced... How Cecil (legs) Steinberg manages to hear all the gossip even before ye columnist... Why Rose (untypical redhead) Mitchell is gradually crawling out of her shell...

Why Ida Adler, Ruth Silverman, Jean Turk, and Edna Koper should object to our calling their apartment a Pennsylvania station in our last issue. We apologize... its not really... It's a Grand Central terminal...

Picnic Postponed

Proposed picnic plans have been postponed until next semester because of cold weather. The excellent response to the idea assures those who signed up that the picnic will be held some time in the spring.

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Brady Discusses Fate of the Jews

Brady on the "World Threat of Anti-semitism."

One of the best attended Firesides in the history of Hillel gathered to hear Professor Robert Brady discuss the "World Threat of Anti-semitism." Fully one hundred and seventy-five men and women turned out to hear the author of "The Spirit and Structure of German Fascism" discuss this theme.

"The fate of the Jewish people," declared Professor Brady, "is inextricably tied up with the fate of democratic institutions. The Jews cannot run away, for an anti-Semitic movement is spreading throughout the entire world. All enemies of Fascism must unite to stop the Nazi foe," he said. "We have got to fight for our lives, every one of us."

According to Dr. Brady the Jews are the front of the attack on democracy. The Nazi intend to strike at democracy through Bolshevism, at Bolshevism through Christianity, and at Christianity by the destruction of the Jew and the Jewish tradition.

Dr. Brady threw some interesting light on what had taken place in Italy. From a Washington Post foreign correspondent, Dr. Brady learned that a few months ago Himmler, chief of the Nazi secret police, made a trip to Italy and reported back to Berlin that Mussolini was rapidly losing power.

Two weeks later a committee of 25, composed exclusively of members of the Nazi propaganda ministry and secret police, made another trip to Italy to confer with Mussolini. Two weeks after that trip Mussolini came out with his anti-Jewish propaganda and established his anti-Jewish secret police.

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Scene of Play to Be Laid at Tomb

Mrs. Ruth Goldner will display her directing talents for the second time this semester when she presents a peace play on Sunday, November 27.

The play is an adaptation by Mrs. William Hyman of an address delivered by the Reverend John Haynes Holmes of the Community Church, New York City.

The scene is set at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington Cemetery. The theme illustrates the fruitlessness of the countless lives lost in the war to end all wars, which made this world safe for democracy. The presentation of the play will follow an address by Dr. Sachar.

Dramatic plans for next semester are still a bit vague. However, Mrs. Goldner is planning to open with several one-act plays. Among those under consideration is "Red Riot on the Campus."

Main efforts will be centered on a three-act play. The dramatic selection has not as yet been chosen and probably will not be announced until early next term.

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From the University of Illinois comes word that none other than Miss Elissa Landi, well known both here and abroad as both a talented actress and author, was the opening speaker at the sixteenth Hillel Open Forum on November 17. Miss Landi spoke on "Hollywood and Broadway: A Contrast," a topic with which this noted actress is very familiar.

Noted on many other campuses are numerous contests for the determining of the most talented player of the ever popular game of ping-pong. Among them are the Universities of Alabama, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The women of the University of Alabama have formed their own Hillel League and under this new organization they will conduct their own entertainment and educational features, as well as co-operating and participating in those of the Hillel Foundation. Going back to the far distant youth of the members, a kiddie party was held early in the month as an inaugural entertainment.

A new arrival to the family of Hillel papers is the *Banner*, which recently made its appearance on the campus of the University of Indiana. May we join in with the well wishing of all the other Hillel papers in saying good luck to you.

Exchange dinners between the various orgs seem to be increasing in popularity among the houses on the eastern campuses, according to the social news in Hillel news from afar.

Books Added to

Hillel Collection

New books added to the Hillel Library by the B'nai B'rith Women's Grand Lodge, District No. 4: Talmud Seder Moed—8 volumes, Soncino Press.

Golden Bough—5 volumes, Sir James Frazier.

Lillian Wald, by R. L. Duffus. This Is Democracy, by M. W. Childs.

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Review of "Retreat From Reason"

The last ten years have witnessed a paring down and refinement of the economic and deterministic ideology within the Marxist tradition. Men like Hook and Laski have elaborated the necessary qualifications and have formulated a doctrine without dogma. However, the temptation always exists to raise the qualifications into a system, to be so vigorous in the amendments that the original framework is altogether abandoned. Hogben gives the impression of having yielded to this temptation.

He points out, rightly, that the middle classes and even the labor groups themselves have not been won to a realization of their interests in a program of thoroughgoing social reform. How hysterical should we become over this fact? How much should we revise our categories to include psychological factors along with the economic?

Hogben's whole doctrine revolves about the social implications of technology. The machine has made engineers, technicians, more important than Marx foresaw; it has upset the free-trade and low-tariff notions of the liberals by making autarchy a practicable possibility. Ergo, says Hogben, appeal to the engineers on a basis of technics, preaching to them the untold possibilities of the machine for the production of plenty. Relieve them of the fear of "insurrectionary violence," rally them to a program of government ownership of new synthetic industries, just as the British government took over radio before it could become exploited privately. Educate the masses to appreciate "synthetic products."

How successful will this program be as a persuasion technique? Two reminders must be made to Hog-

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November Calendar

- 20—Sunday, 8:30 p. m., Sunday evening social.
 - 22—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m., Open House.
 - 3—Wednesday, 5 to 6 p. m., Hillel Chorus.
 - 14—Thursday, 6:30 p. m., Thanksgiving Dinner.
 - 27—Sunday, 8 p. m., Hillel Open Forum.
- Speaker: Dr. A. L. Sachar, National Executive Director of Hillel Foundations.
Theme: "Patterns of Jewish Life."
- 29—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m., Open House.

ben. To preach "machine" is not enough. Henry Ford does the same, arguing that it is precisely government interference that prevents the unleashing of inventive effort and investment in new technology. Hogben will have the same difficulty in converting the middle class to the "social implications" of the machine as orthodox Marxists have had all along. Secondly, engineers are all too ripe for a gospel of "efficiency and order." "Order" without sound economics spells Fascism.

Aside from the middle class, how about the owners themselves? Is Hogben not sufficiently aware of monopoly's response to inventions which would wipe them out? Will the food and drugs and advertising lobby rest supine while he is educating people to the use of synthetic products?

Hogben has rightly sensed the modern challenges; his substitute program is somewhat less reliable.

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St. Louis Rabbi Speaks of Nazi

His periodic visits to Germany for the last five years were the theme of Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of St. Louis' address to the Hillel Open Forum on Wednesday, November 9th.

Casual tourists, Isserman declared, cannot gain any idea of what is going on in Germany. Furthermore, he said, it is impossible to understand present-day Germany unless one realizes that Nazi Germany is already on a war economy. She is devoting the energy and wealth of Germany to stupendous preparations for war.

Isserman did not minimize the danger of the spread of the Nazi ideology and the concurrent danger to the Jews of the world. He confidently maintained, however, that democracy in America was secure.

"America," he said, "has a genuine tradition of democracy that, unlike the pseudo-democracies of Germany and Italy before the rise of Fascism, is now 150 years old. She has her bulwarks in minority revulsion to Fascist techniques, in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution."

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Vocational Guidance

Vocational guidance, say some people, is just another one of those new frills in education.

Fortunately enlightened opinion is recognizing that the problem that has given rise to vocational guidance is an old one, and that its solution represents one of the prime tasks of society.

Each person is born with an individual personality and capability which seek an individual outlet.

It was not until thirty years ago that a Jew, Meyer Bloomfield, assisted in establishing vocational guidance as an organized movement. In days gone by the Jewish boy, especially, usually entered into his father's business. Legal and social restrictions made the vocational choice for the Jewish boy a narrow one.

With the advent of the industrial revolution, stupendous changes have taken place, and the number and variety of jobs have multiplied many times. Now that youth is pressing into vocational life it needs guidance. Organized effort to provide such guidance is not a frill. It goes to the very core of our youth problems and is therefore a profound responsibility of the community.

Princeton and Hitler

This year's freshmen at Princeton recently took a vote to decide on the greatest man of our day. By the narrow margin of one vote Chamberlain was given the accolade of the "greatest." And following hard upon the heels of the manipulator of the greatest "sell-out" of our generation, came Adolf Hitler.

Does the Princeton concept of greatness reflect what politely may be called the mind of undergraduates generally? If it does, there is small hope for our college generation and we will be prepared to admit that the best equipped university can hope for little from the poor raw material fed into it.

Need to Organize

Jews in Germany and Italy are facing the most barbaric persecution that has ever faced them since the Middle Ages. The realization is brought forcefully home by harrowing news accounts that today, more than ever, Jews of the United States must band together and maintain close alliances.

Whenever a group of people are confronted with maltreatment a natural tendency is to organize, forgetting personal whims in an effort to combat the greater menace.

No more unreasonable in times such as these is the expectancy of Jewish students, specifically those on the University of California campus, to stick together in their own interests.

Yet, at the conclusion of this semester, we are forced to acknowledge that the apathy on the part of the campus' 1,000 Jews is appalling.

An outside observer, if he did not know about Hillel, would deduce that adequate facilities were not available. He would go on to suppose that no meeting place, club house, or halls were obtainable.

But the opposite is true. Hillel House offers some of the finest facilities for educational and social pursuits of any religious group on the campus. The new "colonial mansion" is an excellent place for studying, relaxing, dancing, meeting.

Do Jewish students take advantage of what is offered them? No. Top-notch speakers are brought here to address Hillel on vital topics. Afternoon dances are arranged for their pleasure. A ping-pong room and superb radio-phonograph are here for their use at all hours.

But most of the time, Hillel House is half empty. A handful of people attend the lectures. Students are supposedly here for an education. Their best educational opportunities go to waste when they pass up Hillel's discussions.

There are the old standbys, of course, who have come to the realization that Jews will benefit by organization. They repeatedly attend Hillel's events.

We want the rest of the Jewish students to wake out of their lethargy. Now is the time for them to shed all pretense and aloofness. Now is the time for them to seek companionship among their Jewish fellows.

The future of one Jew is the future of all Jews. We must take cognizance of our suffering fellows everywhere. This can be done by coming to Hillel and participating in its activities.

There is room for all. We hope that next semester Jewish students will make Hillel their center. That is what it is intended for.

House Sets Pace

In this tragic day when a desperate emergency faces Jewish youth in totalitarian lands, when despair seems to point to self-destruction as the only out, mere expressions of sympathy on the part of American Jewish youth are not enough. American Jewish youth is asking, "What can we do to help in this black day of youth's martyrdom? How can we hearten these brothers who cherish the same hopes, aspirations and ambitions as we ourselves?"

Impossible as it is to find a solution for this mass-martyrdom, it is possible by a generous gesture to assure German-Jewish youth that all is not lost. It is possible to bring hope and salvation to a few.

The Phi Beta Delta fraternity of the University of California has made such a generous gesture. By unanimous resolution it has decided to invite a German-Jewish refugee student to be a guest of its chapter house and to assure him maintenance while he continues his studies at California. Phi Beta Delta has set the pace! That this initiative will be followed by other organized houses is a foregone conclusion.

Exposure Planned

The latest news bulletins report that Dorothy Thompson has issued an appeal to non-Jews in the United States, to contribute to a defense fund to be used to engage the best lawyers in France to defend Herzl Grinszpan, the assassin of E. Von Rath, third assistant secretary in the German embassy at Paris.

The purpose is not to defend the assassin as such, but to expose the Nazi claim that Grinszpan was merely the murderous tool of international Jewry. Those who are behind this fund, want to ascertain whether or not this assassination was inspired by the Nazi themselves in order that they might have a legitimate excuse to rob and maltreat Jews.

There are grounds to believe that Grinszpan was motivated by the same people who, in 1933, burned the German Reichstag and blamed it on the Communists.

At the moment it is difficult to visualize the possible outcome from this investigation. We can only hope that it will succeed in throwing more light on the activities of the German Nazis, and give the world a true picture of the nature of Fascism.

Library Closes

All books in circulation must be returned to the Hillel Library by Monday, November 28, for the semester check-up. Students are urged to cooperate with the Library staff by returning their books on or before that deadline date.

This Semester

Another semester is brought to an end at Hillel, and this time we can look back with a sense of greater accomplishment than ever before.

In the first place, our long-talked of dream of a new house came true. Our cramped, old quarters were exchanged for new ones, more spacious and beautiful. Perhaps, partially due to this extra room, the regular attendance at Hillel has increased. The lunch hour sees a heterogeneous group of students discussing everything from the solution of the Jewish problem and the labor situation to Saturday night dates and the latest styles.

The audience at the various educational programs, though still not as large as could be hoped for, has increased noticeably. Special success in this has been attained by Herb Kalman, in charge of the Fireside Discussions group, who seldom has an audience of less than 60 on one of his evenings, and more than double this number on special occasions.

New experiments have been tried in the field of dramatics under the new director, Mrs. Ruth Goldner. These have proven so successful that the play "The Happy Journey," was called for a repeat performance in Oakland.

The socials were attended as never before, especially Sunday nights. A Saturday night dance was held, which proved so enjoyable that more are being planned for the future.

The various B'nai B'rith lodges and the Women's Alliance have cooperated more than ever in providing Hillel with all the comforts of home. They donated beach furniture for the back porch, so luxurious that it has been nicknamed "Palm Beach Porch." They have supplied new books for the library. They have continued their wardrobe for needy students, and supplied all those who come here for lunch with tea and coffee, and sometimes even cookies.

Last, but far from least, Hillel students have cooperated with the Interfaith Council in the drive for German refugee students. As this paper goes to press, the exact total raised is uncertain, but the support thus far shown strongly indicates that we will go over our \$300 goal.

Phi B. D. Alumni Undertake Drive

Alumni of the Phi Beta Delta fraternity are organizing a campaign to raise funds among their members in an attempt to help solve the Jewish refugee problem. Sanford Goldner, Phi Beta Delta alumnus, and assistant director of Hillel, will act as trustee.

Anyone desiring further information is requested to contact Sanford Goldner at the Hillel Foundation.