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FOREIGN NEWS

When mad-dog Hitler stopped barking long enough over the radio the other day, we had time to sit back and contemplate the one truth he told among his whole pack of lies.

The one truth he told was that the people of the several democratic nations, although they expressed a lot of fine sentiments regarding the Jewish problem, did nothing to relieve the condition of German Jews by raising their immigration quotas. Hitler said that the excuse democratic nations made was that they were overcrowded, but he pointed to the stifling conditions in Nazi Germany. He neglected to say that German overpopulation was due to his own enterprising "cannon fodder" program and cockeyed economics.

Now, we must admit that here in the United States a great many crocodile tears have been shed over the plight of the Jews in Germany, but the immigration quota has not been raised. Speculation among informed observers has it that President Roosevelt's next message to Congress will concern itself with the Jewish problem.

The present United States' quota for Germany is 27,000 per year. Observers say that the quota will be mortgaged off to allow about 80,000 German-Jews to come in this year while none will be admitted for the next two years. This solution may answer in part Herr Hitler's justifiable criticism of the democracies.

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Since speeches are the order of the day Prime Minister Chamberlain of England came through a week ago Saturday with some carefully organized bologna. With his lower jaw thrust forward in approved Mussolini style he said, "The democracies will resist attempts to control them by force."

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Organized Houses Assist at Socials

Trying to break down any barriers between organized and non-organized houses, Hillel will continue last semester's innovation of holding Sunday evening dances at organized houses. One will be held in a fraternity and one in a sorority.

Following the opening Sunday evening social, held on January 29, will be another, also at Hillel, on February 12.

Sunday Supper Well Attended

Dinner Program
Features Guest
Speaker, Dancing

Co-operating in an innovation this semester, the house committee under Sid Newman and the forum committee under Hy Zipkin gave the first cost supper at Hillel last Sunday.

"These cost suppers," said Dr. Merritt, "are expected to meet with a wide appeal on campus. Sunday evenings have been selected as they are the freest evenings for the students. Few of the organized houses serve supper on Sunday night. The space and equipment Hillel now has at its disposal will make it possible for it to rival any other organization carrying on such programs."

Following the cost supper, a guest speaker of reputation will discuss some vital current theme. A question period will follow the forum address, after which the tables will be removed and the rest of the evening will be given over to dancing.

The guest speaker at the first cost supper, held February 5, was Albion Ross, Foreign Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, who discussed "The Have Not Triumvirate and Their Brave New World."

Mr. Ross succeeded Mr. Knickerbocker, Foreign Editor of the New York Evening Post, in 1933. In 1938 he spent the summer in Japan and in Northern China, and in the same year became Foreign Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. He has visited all the European countries but the Baltic states and Norway.

Before the discussion at the first cost supper, there was a musical program. Jane Kay sang a group of songs and Sarah Shtoffer rendered some piano solos.

'H' Book Soon To Be Published

An "H" book, telling of the activities of the Hillels on various campuses is soon to be published.

The first issue will be dedicated to Rabbi Ben Frankel, founder of Hillel. Letters from the Grand Council of the B'nai Brith and the story of the founding of Hillel will be printed in the front of the book.

There are now twelve chapters of Hillel in various universities of the United States. Each will be represented in the new "H" Book. The plan is to devote two pages to each chapter. Pictures of the council and director followed by a few short paragraphs of the activities and activity heads of the campus will be contained in each chapter's pages.

About 6,000 copies of the book will be printed and distributed in September to those holding Hillel affiliates.

Refugees to Enter U. C. in August

With both organizations and individuals participating in a campaign on behalf of German refugees, the drive on the California campus has resulted in the collection of \$2765.90 to date.

Through a correspondence with the International Student Service in New York, it is known that records of Catholics, Protestant, and Jewish students have already been submitted. A joint committee will select the beneficiaries of this fund.

Since it has been impossible on short notice to secure visas for students, arrangements are being made by the International Student Service for the registration of students in time to begin the fall semester.

A national organization called the Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees came into existence in the East, whose purpose is to initiate just such campaigns as has been successfully accomplished here.

Six hundred universities and colleges will be circularized. The executive secretary of the national committee has written to the "Interphased Committee" inviting a selected representative to act on the executive committee of this national organization.

In February a national confer-

Varied Program Offered Students

Educational Group
Inaugurates Series of
Afternoon Talks

A rich menu to suit varied palates has been prepared for the spring semester by the Education Committee.

An attractively printed schedule has been widely circulated on the campus offering a group of courses both in the afternoon and evening for the spring semester. The afternoon courses offered by Sanford Goldner and Rabbi Merritt are an innovation.

In the past all courses and lectures were given in the evening. The change to afternoon has been made to better suit the convenience of students, and it is hoped that there will be a popular response to the change.

Sanford Goldner began his book talks on Monday, January 30, with a review and discussion of Lancelot Hogben's "Retreat From Reason." The book selected for review and discussion on last Monday was Aldous Huxley's "Ends and Means."

Rabbi Merritt in introducing his Wednesday afternoon lectures on "Highlights of Jewish History" on Wednesday, February 1, made his talk, "Why Know Your Past," preliminary to the succeeding lectures. On Wednesday, February 8, he will take as his theme, "The Founder of the Faith," bringing to bear the new light that archaeological research has thrown on the life of the "Founder."

Shlomo Bergmann began his series of Thursday evening lectures of "Living Jewish Philosophies" on Thursday evening, February 2, taking as his theme, "Judaism in a Changing Civilization." He discussed the social and political changes in Europe during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries and their effects on Jewish life. This Thursday evening he will deal with "Nationalism Enters the Jewish Camp."

Zeev Halperin is resuming his regular hours with the classes in Beginning and Advanced Hebrew. He invited all who are interested in Hebrew instruction to communicate with him.

ence will be held in Cleveland to which delegates of all the universities and colleges are invited to attend, and to help develop this program.

ATTENTION THESPIANS!

Try-outs for Hillel Players' Major Effort, Spring Semester, Three-act Play. Tuesday, February 7th. 3:00 to 6:00 p. m.

Ruth Goldner, Director



This winter vacation was a very busy and hectic one for me. As a result I started a detective agency and from my co-workers' notes I have summed up the following data:

According to our secret operative No. 1, "two swell gals have just come up from U. C. L. A." Namely Martha Goldstein and Marion Hoylen. For more info see us. We'll be oh, so glad to oblige you! . . . George Rudiak, Boalt Hall man, goes way out of his way for a date. Travels to Oakland, spends lots of money, comes home late, and cuts class the next day. Is it worth all that, George?

We hear that Mills College is still Sid Newman's stamping grounds. Is she still Hilda Bine, Sid? . . . Also Ruth Markovitz is back at Berkeley this semester. We're glad you are back, Ruth, because we missed you, and we do hope you will stay a little longer this time . . . Milt Relin, Hillel's jitterbug, has been kept in the dark too long. Gee, Milt, we know of two girls who are just cra-azy about you. What is it, your dancing or your manly magnetism?

Cliff Barbanell (K.N.) seems to be having his troubles over at the A. E. Phi house. Anyway, Cliff, we hope everything turns out all right between you and F. R. . . . Martin Rothenberg (Phi B. D.) tries his fling at blind dates, too. The other night we ran into him at Mario's. He was with a very cute little girl. Playing hooky out of school, Roomey?

We wonder how Natalie Kay, who is taking 19 units, can spend so much time on outside interests? . . . Lenny Gross seems to be official dater-upper for the K. N. house. His quota so far has been six blind dates for one night. How you can pick them, Lenny!

Well, girls, in case you didn't know it, Berny Firestone was a widower for a little while. He's back to normal now, though. His wife is home . . . Norman Selzer (K. N. and who is really 21) went to the basketball game. When asked how he enjoyed the game his reply was, "Oh, so-so." But when asked about the girl—well that was a different story.

We wonder what attraction the ice rink holds for Ida Jacobson every Thursday night. Surely not the ice skating, Ida? . . . Emil Barrish and Sol Wachter seem to have their fighting troubles. This time it's over the same girl. What's the matter, boys, can't you figure out what's what and who's who?

You can fool some of the people some of the time and were Sylvia

Mills and Ruth Schwartz (Phi Sig) fooled! They tried to attract the attention of a handsome V-man, from the back, so they coughed. Boy, did they gag on that cough! . . . We also wonder how Bob Goldstein of Little Theatre would have felt if the girl, during rehearsal, hadn't pointed the gun at their parrot.

And here, boys, is some news for you. Some of our San Francisco girl friends have taken an apartment in Berkeley for the ensuing semester. For further information contact Bernice Serensky and Jean Ross. They know more about it than I do . . . We also think our little Leo Bauer, from New York, has changed since his trip back home, or maybe we're mistaken.

An open note to Yale Rosenfeld: Confidentially, Yale, what was it that made you walk out of your bac class? Was it the odor or just couldn't you take it? . . . Any one of us who is having book trouble ought to consult Mervin Stern. His nose is always stuck in one, I'm told. . . . Oh, yes, they say that February is the month of great people. Ask Rose Davidson, Sylvia Danzig, Dave Davis, Ida Jacobson, or Emmy Lou Lachman. They'll all verify it for you.

Oh! Oh, this is interesting! Now, now, we'll let you hear all about it next time. I'll have to put the rest of these notes in my little black safe. Until then, notes to you.

Letter Column Will Open in Call

Numerous requests that the *Hillel Call* have a contributions' column similar to the Daily Californian's "Icebox" have been satisfied. Starting with the next issue of the *Call* anybody who has a "beef" or a boost regarding Hillel is asked to drop it in the Press Box in the Press room.

Only requirements are that the letters be under 150 words in length and signed. Signatures will be omitted upon request.

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Loyalist Volunteer Urges U. S. Aid

Pointing to the immediate concern of the war in Spain to Americans and particularly the Jewish population here, Frank Lister spoke before the Fireside Discussion group Friday, February 3.

Lister enlarged on the ramifications of a rebel victory in Spain, and the blow to democracy that would result. Quoting from Mr. Carleton Beals, Lister showed the impending danger of German and Italian influences in South America.

"The South American countries are influenced to a considerable extent by their former mother country, Spain," he said. "A Franco victory in Spain would mean the utilization of Spain as a central propagandizing agency to further German and Italian influence in South America."

As the youngest volunteer in the International Brigade, Lister saw action in and around Barcelona and Madrid. He narrowly averted being killed on several occasions while driving an ambulance.

At present Lister is studying aeronautics in Oakland.

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Religious Groups Plan Conference

The week of March 12 to 17 has been set aside for a new co-operative religious venture on the campus. The Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish groups are uniting in a "University Conference on Religion." This sort of project has been executed successfully on sixteen American campuses, including the University of Washington in the Pacific Northwest.

The plan is to bring lay and religious leaders to the campus to discuss the relation of religion to democracy, minority groups, civil liberties, and to problems of personal adjustment and philosophy. Seminars, lectures, luncheon and breakfast meetings, and personal conferences will be part of the program.

The various committees organizing this affair are being manned by students of the various religious organizations, of the associated students, and members of the faculty.

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The Dissenter

By RITA MICHAELS

They say that French is the best language for expressing delicate shades of meaning, and that German is downright blunt in a rough-and-ready sort of way. Someone ought to come to the defense of German. We listened to Hitler's address to the Reichstag on Monday and have never heard a language so tempered with subtle nuances and irony—the art of saying one thing and meaning another. For example, Hitler boasted of the absolute religious toleration granted by the Nazis to every form of worship, to priests and ministers—except, he added, to all those proven to be enemies of the state. *Natürlich!* We Nazis have no designs on our neighbors, he said—but woe to those who presume to interfere . . .

The most heartening thing about the whole speech was the deep concern expressed by Hitler over the anti-Nazi feeling in America. His dragging out the myth of Jewish domination of the film industry, press, and radio fools no one. It is plain that the boycott is working. In spite of the fact that there are 800 anti-Semitic organizations in the United States and over three million members (see report of Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the New School for Social Research), the masses of American people stand pretty squarely behind President Roosevelt in his outspoken condemnation of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis (and axes). This feeling seems to be expressing itself in many different ways—for instance, in the recent nation-wide popularity of the clever little story "Address Unknown" condensed in January's *Reader's Digest*.

To get to tangible evidence, trade reports showing a decline in American consumption of German-made goods are clear proof that boycotts aren't useless. Neither are signatures on petitions asking this government to apply economic sanctions against predatory dictatorships, petitions asking President

Roosevelt and Congress to lift the Spanish embargo in the life-and-death struggle of Republican Spain to maintain herself. A Loyalist victory is still possible if the government forces could purchase the arms they so badly need and are denied. No, signatures aren't useless, hopeless; and certainly, Mr. Dies, not radical, but to be effective, as one columnist sagaciously observed, there must be enough of them.

Incidentally, it can't be too strongly emphasized that anti-Nazi is by no means synonymous with anti-German. To hold, as some critics do, that the Nazi regime is the true expression of the German "spirit" is to substitute "blood-thinking" for clear thinking, that is, to fall into what is essentially a Fascist line of reasoning.

We recommend Professor Haldane's new book, *Heredity and Politics*, as an extremely readable explanation of the whole race question as related to peoples and governments.

Socials Planned

Looking forward to a very successful term of Tuesday afternoon socials, the Hillel social committee, headed by Chairman Russ Jaloff '40 and Sub-chairman Frances Friedman '41, has planned a series of informal gatherings. Other members of the committee are Gertrude Snyder '42, Miriam Bronstein '42, Florence Levison '42, Edna Koper '40, and Harry Berlinger '40.

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By FRANCENE HERSCH

Ye roving reporter has just returned, via publication, from a three-and-a-half-hour tour of the many other campuses throughout the United States on which a Hillel Foundation presides.

The main topic for conversation, synonymous on all campuses, was the phenomenal success of the Refugee Fund Drives. As was true on our campus, all exceeded their quotas.

Speaking of the Refugee Fund Drive reminds me of the girl-break (leap) dance sponsored by the Jewish co-eds of the University of Alabama for the same purpose as our Hallowe'en dance. The girls not only bought the bids and provided the usual midnight snacks, but also bedecked their boy friends with dainty corsages.

Initiating a schedule of inter-Hillel debates, the Pennsylvania State College debaters met the Ohio State Hillel Foundation recently in Pittsburgh. The resolution for debate was "Resolved, That a Jewish University Should Be Established in the United States." Although there was no formal de-

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Hillel Occupational Bureau Reopened

Under the chairmanship of Sam Gratz, the Hillel Occupational Bureau is undergoing a reorganization this semester. Leo Bauer is the sub-chairman.

Students desiring part time or Saturday work must put in their applications as soon as possible. New applications will be required from all students, previous ones no longer being effective. Office hours for applications will be held from 4:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday.

Forty-seven persons were placed by the bureau for Christmas work, the largest number it has ever placed.

The bureau will attempt to place all those desiring employment, providing the students themselves co-operate by filing their applications immediately.

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

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Good and Welfare

Constructive criticism is a wonderful thing, for from it springs improvement. But criticism is an easy thing to give—when it concerns other people. But self-criticism is a little more difficult to obtain. It requires an open mind, an ability to face facts and see things as they really are.

That the Hillel Student Council is a progressive body can be seen in their latest innovation, the good and welfare period. This is a discussion that takes place after each council meeting, at which time the council criticizes Hillel, and by so doing, themselves.

Already much good has been accomplished by this discussion. At the last council meeting of last semester, the first one was held, and thick and fast flew the complaints. And almost as fast came the suggested remedies. As a result, registration cards were required at the Opening Reception dance, a new educational program for both afternoon and evenings was begun, and the Sunday Evening Cost Suppers were begun.

But outstanding among all the criticisms made was one that struck at the root of all the difficulties at Hillel. The accusation was made that the students at Hillel are unfriendly; that they form into cliques which are hard to break into.

This is a serious accusation. It is nothing less than a crime that at a time like this, when all Jews should stick close together, they should form into cliques and exclude others from their groups. The fault does not lie entirely with the organized houses, as has formerly been mistakenly believed. Nor does it lie entirely with the non-orgs. It is a mutual fault, and one which both groups ought to overcome.

All this was recognized by the council, and they, as individuals and as a group, took steps to remedy the situation. But this is a matter which is not in their power to do much about without the cooperation of the "rank and file." The same situation was found at a recent social.

The council is doing its part; it now asks you to do yours.

Hillel Wants You

Varying degrees of Jewish consciousness exist among the Jewish students on the campus of the University. Some Jewish students feel their Jewishness acutely, and as a consequence participate actively in Hillel affairs.

Other Jewish students try to escape from their Jewishness with claims of being "citizens of the world" or "believers in class solidarity." That type of personal philosophy is satisfactory as long as no Hitler is terrorizing them.

But "it can happen here" and those escapist Jews had better come into the fold before brown-shirted muscle-men (it makes no difference what color their shirts are), come bursting through their front doors.

This is not a "scare" editorial, although some people can be goaded into action only through fright. A person born a Jew can never run away from himself. The Jewish people are not a race. They do have a common religion. Above all, they are a nation of people, unfortunately, scattered over the face of the earth.

As a nation they are bound together by a common historical ancestry and a common struggle to overcome the prejudices of their enemies.

On the campus of this University, Hillel does its part to make Jewish students aware of their background and their future. Hillel offers a complete program of cultural, educational, and social activities. We can proudly say that "we have everything." You have only to read our paper and our notices to know that.

We want you freshmen, transfer students, and old students, to make Hillel your headquarters. Hillel House is open all day long for your convenience. Come and use it in any way you want to. Make yourself proud that you are a Jew if you already aren't.

Herb Kalman, one of Hillel's mainstays, made a caustic statement at a Student Council meeting last semester. Herb said, "You came to college for an education. Hillel has some of the finest speakers and range of subjects in the University. Why don't you come and get educated?"

We agree with Herb. Hillel has interests for every Jewish student, and we want to see you all here at least twice this semester. Will you promise us that?

Students desiring seminars at Hillel will please contact Sanford Goldner, assistant director.

Germany and the Refugee Students

Eight German refugee students are tensely awaiting the verdict. From them will be chosen several fortunate ones who will be brought to the United States to definitely continue their studies in the Fall. All eight have excellent records, but the choice must be made in conformity to available funds.

An affirmative answer is expected to a petition from a committee to the University Regents through President Robert Gordon Sproul that the tuition fee of the chosen students will be remitted.

The University, which started the first joint Jewish, Catholic and Protestant campaign to bring German refugee students here, has wholeheartedly raised \$2765. The Harvard administration donated \$10,000 in scholarships, to which challenge the Harvard students themselves answered by raising \$10,000.

On January 19, six hundred colleges were asked to aid victims of intolerance by bringing students here from lands of persecution to complete their studies on scholarships. This plea, speaking for the hearts of many, was put forth by the Intercollegiate Committee to Aid Student Refugees, a newly formed organization of students of all faiths in 100 colleges.

This new committee, which may greatly aid in the student refugee situation, solemnly stated that the drive to provide tuition and living expenses for refugee students "voices the determination of American students to fight religious and racial intolerance wherever they

find it."

"In working for the refugees from Fascism abroad, American students are demonstrating at a time when such a show of strength is sorely needed in the world, their conviction they will preserve a humane and democratic form of government in their native land."

Besides these and other efforts, the Hillel Foundations at a dozen universities, working in cooperation with Jewish fraternities and sororities, are making provision for some 50 students. Efforts of a similar character on a non-sectarian basis are under way at Harvard, Swarthmore, Michigan, and some other institutions.

But the problem which exists at present and for the future is that the American consuls in Germany have become hesitant about issuing students visas, due to lack of assurance that the students will still have a valid passport with which to return to Germany or to go to some other country. Whether a particular individual can come over or not can only be determined by proceeding with his case in accordance with a definite routine.

The Campus Cooperative Committee at the University, which now has funds available, is facing this problem at the moment in trying to secure the entry of eligible students.

Let each and every one of us hold a prayer for the future of the German refugee students, and let us thank God for our own good fortune to be Americans!

—Phyllis Epstein.

At Other Hillels

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 cision the sentiment of the audience was in the negative.

Hillel Forum followers of the University of Illinois are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Miss Anna Louise Strong, eminent roving journalist. Miss Strong, who has had many exciting adventures in the seething cauldron of the East, will speak on "China's Fight for Freedom," some time next month.

The Hillel Foundation on this same campus is planning to award a Participation Cup at the end of the year to the organized group which receives the most points for active participation in Hillel activities. All fraternities, sororities, and organized independent houses or leagues are eligible. As we go to press the Phi Sigma Sigma is holding the lead by 80 points.

In retrospect of my itinerary, I wish to say that I was immensely impressed by the enthusiastic interest of the members of the Greek letter houses in the various Hillels throughout the country.

Although the houses on this campus are steadily increasing in their participation, there is no reason why we should let any other campus surpass us. Is there?

Foreign News

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The good Prime Minister knows as well as we do that the only way democracies can resist force is with force. In 1917 they said the same thing in other words. The tune went like this, "Make the world safe for democracy." A lot of young people believed that hokum, went off to war and got killed. We hope that the young people of today will not fall for the well-baited "democracy line" which the warmongers drag out every twenty years or so.

Loyalist Spain slowly gives way before the onslaught of Generalissimo Franco. The greatest industrial center of Spain, Barcelona, fell into his hands last week. Barcelona was the center of Loyalist ammunition manufacturing. An army may have morale and courage, but it can't fight without bullets and bread. The Loyalist army knows this for it is cracking up. The military leaders lead the retreat into France while the disorganized troops follow them.

Poor Spain! Franco may find it easy to buy her people's bodies with food, but he will never buy their souls.