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Milk Fund to Hold Show, Tea

Eight Campus Clubs
To Participate in
Fashion Review

A combination Bridge-Tea and Fashion Show will be held at Hillel Foundation, from 2 to 5 p. m., April 21. The affair is to be sponsored by eight various campus groups: Wesley, Plymouth, St. John's Club, Crammer, Channing, Roger Williams, Y.W.C.A., and Hillel Foundation. The proceeds of the affair are to go to the Spanish Milk Fund.

The models for the fashion show, at 4 o'clock, will be girls from the sponsoring organizations under the direction of Ida Lister. Gowns shown will be from Berliners and Marcia's. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Cecilia Steinberg, Thelma Genser, Rose Davidson, and Frances Friedman.

Tickets priced at fifty cents for the whole afternoon or twenty-five cents for the fashion show, may be purchased either through the organizations or at the door. The public is invited.

Applications Taken For Summer Jobs

Summer positions for Jewish students are being filed at present by Hillel's Employment Bureau. Students desiring employment during the summer are urged to come to Hillel at once and fill out applications. Sam Gratz, chairman of the Employment Bureau, will hold office hours 4 to 5 p. m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Several jobs are now open for shoe salesman. The Employment Bureau has had a successful year with the placement of students on Saturday jobs and Easter work.

Due to a dearth of women applicants several Saturday jobs for girls have gone unfilled. Gratz reports that there may still be an opportunity for placement in department stores. Persons with selling experience should apply through the Employment Bureau.

Summer jobs in this area will probably be at the Golden Gate International Exposition, retail stores, and business offices. Students must apply before the last day of the semester, April 29.

Faculty, Business Men Approve Fund

Warm approval of Hillel's refugee fund drive was voiced in statements by prominent campus and East Bay leaders. Quotations from prominent faculty members read in part as follows:

Monroe E. Deutsch, Vice-President and Provost of the University—"I am sure that the students of the University of California, keenly alive to what is going on in the world and keenly sympathetic with those who are suffering, will do their part . . ."

Carl Landauer, professor of economics—"Dear friend, you may have your own reasons for worry, but you have never wandered from one consulate to the other begging for a visa, only to realize that without help from the outside you will never be able to secure the paper which means rescue; you have never been dumped across the frontier of your own country . . ."

Harry J. Sapper, manager of the East Bay National Jewish Welfare Fund—"They are the refugees—the victims of a calculating and malicious campaign of hate. Their crime? They are Jews. And we here in America—more fortunate by circumstance—are called upon to give them bread, water, and shelter to sustain life . . ."

Hillel Refugee Campaign Appeals To Jewish Students for Donations

Refugee Students
Aided by Drive on
Way to University

Four outstanding refugee students from Germany who have scholarly backgrounds will enroll on the California campus next August. Through the concerted effort of the Campus Cooperative Campaign Committee, they were able to secure immigrant visas, enabling the students to obtain their first citizenship papers shortly.

Their entrance into this country was made possible through funds raised by the Refugee Student Campaign held by Hillel last semester.

Two of the young men, Eric Rose and Herman Schachner, will enjoy the generous hospitality of the Phi Beta Delta House.

Rose, who is now en route to the United States from Europe, attended the University of Milan where he studied engineering and chemistry. After the Italian anti-Jewish edict young Rose was offered return to a German concentration camp or refuge in America. Due to the kindness of Mr. M. J. Riese of Berkeley, an immigrant visa was obtained, thus enabling the newcomer to continue his education as a senior at California.

Herman Schachner, who has been studying medicine for three years at the University of Vienna, was

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Crisis Calls for
Campus Support;
\$500 Quota Set

Refugees will again be aided by Jewish students of the University when Hillel institutes its second campaign drive, April 13 to 18. Hillel has pledged a \$500 quota to the nation-wide campaign of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Committee organization has been set up. Actual solicitation of funds will begin on April 13. Only cash contributions will be accepted this year.

Last year Hillel, in a similar drive for Jewish refugee students, contributed about \$450. This year aid is to be extended to all refugees. Throughout the United States, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has set a goal of twenty million dollars, the greatest single effort in the history of American Jewry to bring new hope to Jews in Germany and other lands of distress.

With the acquisition of further Central European territories by Hitler, the Jewish refugee problem has become more acute. In Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Poland, and Austria as well as Germany, hundreds of thousands of Jews are hopeless, homeless, and hungry.

The Joint Distribution Committee is carrying on operations on three fronts: (1) in Eastern and Central Europe where exists the greatest problem; (2) in Palestine where refugee resettlement is under way; (3) in America where refugees must be helped in their adjustments to our way of life and our customs.

The drive for funds will take place in the United States during the months of April and May, according to the dates agreed upon by local agencies in various cities.

The East Bay district will begin its campaign during the latter part of April. Quota for the area is \$65,000, twice as much as has ever been raised here for a similar purpose.

The Joint Distribution Committee estimates that \$1,000,000 a month will be required for relief and rehabilitation.

Organized houses and other groups, such as the optometrists, Boalt Hall, International House, have already contributed substantial sums toward the campaign. The general campus drive will be house-to-house solicitation.

Make-Believe When Reality Is Grim



A group of children aimlessly play with dolls in a temporary shelter in Poland, after they have been forced to leave their homes in Czechoslovakia to escape Nazi persecution.

Passover Seders Greet Holidays

Two Dinners Fete Out-of-Town Students, Palestinian Group

Passover, with its traditional feasts and singing, was celebrated by two seders at Hillel on Monday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 4. Two hundred out-of-town students attended the Monday seder. The Palestinian group of Hillel held their own seder on Tuesday, with seventy members and guests at the tables.

Services for the Monday seder were conducted by Rabbi Max M. Merritt, director of Hillel. Songs were led by the Hillel Chorus under the direction of David Rosen, chairman of the Music committee.

Hosts for the Monday seder were Women's Grand Lodge No. 4 of B'nai B'rith. They served an excellent supper of roast chicken, "knedlach," matzoos, and soup.

A festive spirit of fellowship and liveliness pervaded the evening, which continued into the dancing social held following the seder.

Gaiety and joy was the mood of the Palestinian seder. The dinner was prepared solely by the young Palestinian men under the guidance of "chef" Isaac Barshad. The seder services were read by Sholomo Bergman.

Singing went on throughout the meal, led by Zeev Halperin. Following the dinner the group participated in wild Palestinian folk dances. Until far into the night they whirled about in such dances as the "Hora," "Polka," and "Debeche."

Revelry of the Passover festival was finally concluded with singing of several Palestinian songs.

Jewish Students In Phi Beta Kappa

Thirteen Jewish students gained the coveted honor of admission into Phi Beta Kappa with the announcement of new members last Monday, April 3. Congratulations on their achievement was extended on behalf of Hillel by Dr. Max J. Merritt.

Of the 101 candidates announced for Phi Beta Kappa, national academic honor society, 13 were Jewish. Those who achieved distinction for their scholarship were Gerhard Friedlander, Jack Neustadt, Sam Ossosky, Wolfgang Frenkel, Hilliard Katz, Morris Neustadt, Mildred Perlstadt, George Piternick, Samuel Silver, Arnold Spiro, Leon Fisher, Phyllis Foreman, and Harvey Sherman.

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Hillel Chorus to Appear in Recital

Innovating an unusual type of musical program, the Hillel Chorus will make its appearance at the semi-annual recital to be held at 8:30 p. m., Sunday, April 23.

Beside English madrigals, folk songs, and Hebrew melodies, a newly organized piano quartette will be featured with the chorus. The quartette, consisting of Rose Mitchell, piano; David Rosen, violin; Leonard Ratner, violin, and Leon Guide, cello, will play selections of Mozart and Faure.

Following the recital, a social, the last of the semester, will be held.

The Hillel Chorus will also make an appearance at the Temple Sinai's "Hillel Night" to be held Friday evening, April 21, in Oakland. The chorus will sing the compositions of Zavel Zilbuts.

On the same program, Hyman Zipkin, Norman Firestone, Pauline Kael, and Morton Gaba will discuss Hillel and its activities for the Sinai members.

Student Council Concludes Activity

Culminating an active semester, during which the Relief Drive, the Opening Reception, and an affair for the Spanish people, as well as other Hillel activities were planned and put into effect, the Hillel Council last Monday, nominated new officers for the coming year.

According to the constitution, the office of president must be filled by a senior. Either juniors or seniors may be nominated for vice-president and secretary. All officers must have served on the council for at least one full year.

The eligible seniors are: Russell Jalloff, David Rosen, Zeev Halperin, Norman Seltzer, Sidney Neumann, Rose Davidson, Pauline Kael, Violet Rosenberg, Hy Zipkin, Sylvia Danzig.

The eligible juniors are: Frances Friedman, Dorothy Kaplan, Cecilia Steinberg, Ruth Firestone.

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Labor Leader Speaks at Supper

Success marked the close of the series of Sunday Evening Cost Supper-Open Forums inaugurated during this spring semester.

The Cost Supper-Open Forums aimed at a three-fold objective. Since many of the boarding houses do not provide for Sunday evening meals, Hillel believed that it would perform a service by providing a congenial place where a modest-priced Sunday meal could be enjoyed.

The second objective was the building of a spirit of fellowship. And, finally, since Sunday evening was the freest evening in the busy campus week, Hillel decided that a larger group of students would be interested in its Forum programs.

Speakers of ability and reputation have been secured for these meetings. International problems have been discussed.

Louis Goldblatt, the last Forum speaker, dealt with a theme of vital interest to the campus group, taking as his subject "Youth and Labor." He pointed out that under present conditions, the field of labor did not offer too promising a future for youth.

He said that whenever labor has been crushed, then the fate of the Jew has also been sealed. Labor can be made the most powerful ally of the Jew in the struggle for the rights secure only in a democracy, Goldblatt stated.


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Refugee Students

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forced to flee the land of his birth.

Enrolling next semester as a senior he will continue his studies as well as participate in various athletic events.

The third student, Wolfgang Lederer, will be a guest of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. This nineteen-year-old junior is a graduate of The Gymnasium of Vienna, and at the present, a student at the Sorbonne in Paris. Lederer, now on his way to America, will find a haven here in which to pursue his studies in chemistry.

The local chapter of the Kappa Nu fraternity will be host to the fourth student, Henry Wells. Wells commenced his studies in Switzerland after his escape from Germany. Since then he has been studying at the Santa Barbara State College. Through the courtesy of a group of Santa Barbara citizens, he will enroll as a junior at California next August.

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Is ye gossip columnist mad! Spring may open people's hearts, but it sure shuts their mouths. Even the severest third degree could get no results in obtaining gossip. However, by peeking through keyholes, making use of our airplane ears, and looking at other people's doodling, we were able to learn the following:

"Position isn't everything in life," was told in no mean terms to Sanford Harris by a certain Miss X.

Phyllis Epstein vaguely resembling Tarzan's mate the other day, was seen scaling the walls of Hearst Gymnasium. Her alibi was the retrieving of a lost shoe.

Where is a mutual friend? Dave Davis is still in search of one who can introduce him to Sylvia Mills. All applications gratefully received.

Woe is Natalie Kay now that Merv Stern has taken his residence back to San Francisco. And where will Bernice Lipkin obtain her recreation now that the ice hockey season is concluded.

* * *

SEEN AROUND CAMPUS

Izzy Finklestein, looking for someone to give him the needed lovin'. Bernice Serensky dating a different fellow at the library every night. Ida Jacobsen, blushing every time someone calls her "cutie." Mort Bloom still looking for a blonde (suicide or otherwise). Bernice Lipkin spending double time in the Chem Labs. Joel Myer sneaking away from the mad Engineers once in a while. Benny Tross limping around in order to receive sympathy from all the gals.

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"wages of sin," in a charades game at a party the other night. While Martha Rubin's brother squirts her with seltzer water when she talks on the telephone to the only one.

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On being queried, the following presented their ideal mates:

Naomi Welfield—Clean cut and wholesome appearing and an intellectual curiosity preferred.

Bernice Serensky — Good personality, smooth dancer and pleasing looking.

Betty Loeffler — Refuses to be quoted as there isn't enough room to give him justification.

Francene Hersh—Must be able to enjoy the simple things in life, a good sense of humor, and an intelligent conversationalist.

Ben Ershoff invited all his pals from Los Angeles up to stay with him during Easter vacation. Just when his roommates thought they were going to get some studying done, the apartment turned into a nut-house.

You would have been surprised to see all the Hillelites trying to get into the sex lecture the other night.

Now, all you busybodies, who swear up and down about this column, but read it first thing, we promise no more mud-slinging—until next semester.

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By FRANCENE HERSH

Hurry!! Hurry!! Hurry!! this is the last trip we can take together this term. The motor is tuned up and ready to start, and if you will close the door, we can hop off for our destination, the University of Indiana at Bloomington. Via personal correspondence we will spend an extended visit on that campus.

Here we are. Their hospitality is unexcelled. Have you perceived how enthusiastic they are over the tremendous success of the dramatic production which they presented in March? Their talented group enacted two one-act plays, "Thursday Evening" and "Where the Cross Is Made."

Isn't it interesting to find that like Cal., the University of Indiana is still striving to raise money for the Refugee Drive? Their method of attack is the sponsoring of the motion picture, "Refugee Drive," a March of Time feature.

They have also placed money boxes in the various organized houses as well as the foundation, which are being filled as quickly as their sum is added to the benefit total.

We are highly entertained by the final eliminations of the Wise Guy Contest, which presented a diversified fireside discussion. The two teams consisted of four members, who answered questions concerning religion, culture, and politics.

Our leave of absence is over and

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Our Battle, Hendrik Van Loon; *Man's Hope*, Andre Malvaux; *The Arab Awakening*, George Autonius; *Pity the Persecutor*, Gordon; *The Education of an American*, Mark Sullivan; *Beggar on Horseback*, Kaufman; *An Economic Program for American Democracy*; *Banks, Credit Money in Soviet Russia*, Arnold Arthur; *His Father's House*, Rebecca Kohut; *Benjamin Franklin*, Carl Van Doren; *Mr. Justice Holmes and the Supreme Court*, Felix Frankfurter; *Alone Through the Forbidden Land*, Gustav Krist; *The Rape of Palestine*, William B. Ziff; *The Betrayal of Intelligence*, Joseph Jastrow; *And It Came to Pass*, Bialik; *The Best Plays* of 1937-38, Mantle.

Exam File Grows
With End of Term

No longer need students wail, "Where can I find the econ ex?" Where—why the Hillel exam file. After getting off to a limping start, the file passed the second mid-term hurdle with an increase in lower division exams. All students leaving for summer rest-cures, are urged to deposit exams at Hillel.

Remember—there'll come the day when you may want a copy of a mid-term.

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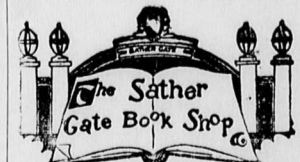
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Thanks a Million

There are certain things which many of us take for granted here at Hillel. We expect the ping-pong room to be open and provided with balls; we never think about the HILLEL CALL, it simply comes. The library is open for us, and new books are around. Study facilities, educational and cultural opportunities, social life, all are open to us, and we accept them with little thanks for the providers.

If it were not for the B'nai B'rith, we would have none of this. They work hard for us. But, also, we often forget those directors who are constantly here to keep the foundation working.

Rabbi Merritt and Sanford Goldner are always here, doing their utmost to make Hillel a place for each of us. To them we owe the deepest gratitude. Without them Hillel would be a disorganized, unattractive place.

Dr. Merritt is here from early morning to late at night, planning and directing all of the activities, and is our able representative, both on and off the campus. We would like to take a last opportunity to thank him for all of the Jewish students.

Sunflowers

Once again we come to the time of year for the annual pitching of sunflowers (prevailing conditions prevent the utilization of orchids.)

The first lovely bloom goes wrapped in cellophane to Hy Zipkin, Norman Firestone, Sidney Neumann, Dot Caplan and Sam Gatz, for outstanding work in the forum, the house, publicity, and employment committees respectively.

Sunflower No. 2, without any trimmings, is sent to Martin Rothenberg, Sylvia Danzig, Ray Kovitz, Ruth Firestone, Anita Cohn, David Rosen, Norman Seltzer and Nate Frankel.

Sunflowers a few days old to Bernice Sherman, Russell Jaloff, Frances Friedman, Zeev Halpern, Ida Adler, Lewis Michaels, Rose Davidson, Queenie Feldman, Cecilia Steinberg, Goodwin Key, Herb Kalman, Manny Resnick, Thelma Genser, Pauline Kael, Violet Rosenberg, Mildred Perlstadt, Leo Bauer, and Eugene Finkle. Not because of lack of cooperation, but for various other reasons, they were unable to attain the high degree of accomplishment as exhibited by the above.

At Other Hillels

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we will be unable to visit any other campus this trip. The only alternative open to us is to turn the nose of our ship west, where we must begin diligent study for finals.

Shine on, Indiana moon!

—Betty Loeffler

The Dissenter

The average professor is not likely to stray far outside the academic cloister. The Priests of Higher Education would rather not soil their hands meddling with politics.

We are proud to take note of a brilliant exception to the rule as we contemplate the courage, good sense and untiring energy of Barbara Armstrong, professor at Boalt Hall School of Law, and one of the framers of the Health Insurance Bill now before the state legislature.

Sickness is the nation's real public enemy number one. It costs us ten billion dollars annually. The statistics explode the myth that the very poor are well taken care of, and that the middle classes suffer most from lack of medical attention. Chronic illnesses are 87 per cent more prevalent among families on relief than among those with a \$3000-a-year income; infant mortality is 500 per cent higher.

The main features of the Health Insurance Bill are: (a) expenses will be shared by the workers, the employers, and the state, with the former paying according to a sliding scale based on income; (b) health insurance practice will be open to every licensed physician in the state as well as to the directors of properly qualified hospitals and

laboratories; (c) the doctor will be paid a given sum and be responsible for the health of the patients on his list; (d) the insured person will be free to choose his own doctor.

The supporters of the measure are encouraged by the success with which this plan has been operating abroad, and by the results of recent Gallup polls. These indicate that 25,000,000 persons are willing to pay \$3 a month for complete medical care. Further, despite the noisy fulminations of a reactionary clique in the American Medical Association, 70 per cent of American doctors have gone on record as favoring health insurance.

Health protection is definitely the topic of the day—from Washington, D. C., where Senator Wagner is recommending a bill to extend the Social Security Act to provide for a national system of compulsory health insurance, all the way to Berkeley, California, where for an additional \$1.50 a semester, students will henceforth be furnished complete hospitalization services.

Contrast all this heartening activity to the campaign of racial persecution and ruthless military conquest going on in Germany, Italy, and Japan. Then terms like fascism and democracy become meaningful.

A Fond Farewell to Hillel

This issue of the HILLEL CALL marks the last time the paper will appear this semester.

Whether you have been a constant reader of the CALL or not you certainly cannot have missed the theme we have been harping on during the last two semesters—the awakening of Jewish consciousness in the Jewish student.

In our small way we have tried to arouse that feeling. We believe that the arousal of this spirit cannot be stressed too much, because world events will back up our belief.

Hillel has done for this writer just what he is now trying to do for other Jewish students. He has become aware that special problems do exist for the Jew. The Jew cannot escape from them. The world will not let him.

The only way the Jew can find a way out of his difficulties is to face them squarely, in cooperation with his fellow Jews.

The Jew must fight in every way that he knows how against the reactionary element of the community. From reaction grows Fascism and its consequences of persecution, and tragedy of the Jew.

Those Jews who ally themselves with the forces of reaction because

they have certain properties to protect, are bringing about their own downfall. Wealthy German Jews paid bitterly for their lesson.

No middle road exists for the Jew. He cannot hesitate even if others brand him "radical," "Communist," "red." He must take a stand on the left side of the political fence.

The liberal elements constitute the only hope for salvation of the Jew. They stand ready to cope with the "darkling forces of Hell."

That's part of what the writer has learned while at Hillel. He has learned, too, to regard with pride the culture and history of the Jews. He has learned comradeship and cooperation. These elements have gone to make his college career at California richer and deeper than it would otherwise have been.

With reluctance he takes leave of Hillel. He regards it as a magnificent experience and he urges every Jewish student to avail himself of it. At Hillel he has found spiritual, social, and educational satisfactions that he could not duplicate anywhere.

To Dr. Merritt, to his co-workers on the CALL, to the Student Council, to his friends, and to everyone connected with Hillel, he says now,

"Goodbye and best wishes for the future!"