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B. B. Members To Make Visit

One-Act Plays To Be Presented

Making their annual visit to Hillel this year on Wednesday, October 11, a committee of fifty from the San Francisco B'nai B'rith Lodge will be entertained by a full program of events.

An address of welcome will be extended by a Hillel representative.

Founded 13 years ago, Hillel has been of special interest to the San Francisco chapter of the B'nai B'rith who have contributed the major part of Hillel's furnishings.

The Dramatic Committee under the direction of Irving Moss will present three one-act plays as entertainment. The plays are, "Gratitude", "Red Menace", and "Address Unknown".

Those participating in the production are: "Gratitude" — Mrs. Featherstone, Carole Helman; Mrs. Macgregor, Lillian Kaufman; understudy, Frances Schulman; Jenny Dorn, Milly Talney; Mrs. Caldwell, Ruth Flaum; Mrs. Guy Evers, Thelma Genser; student director, Francis Schulman.

Included in the cast of the "Red Menace" are: man, Les Fishman; Schneider, Irving Weisman; officer, Leo Bauer; waitress, Bernice Sherman; student director, Shirley Rodecker; and student assistant, Sylvia Frankel.

"Address Unknown" includes: Schulzer, Wolfgang Lederer; and Einstein, Eugene Meltzer.

Junior Council Meets For First Time

The newly organized Hillel Junior Council met on Monday, September 11, to discuss future plans. Sylvia Danzig, advisor of the group, and Ruth Firestone, president of the Senior Council, spoke to the members about its program for the coming term.

The two major events which the Junior Council will organize and present are to be a Professor Quiz and a Stunt Night. The plans for these presentations are still a little vague, but more news about them will be printed in a later issue of the Hillel Call.

Hillel Library Is Opened To Campus

In answer to the recent offer extended by Hillel Foundation, Mr. Harold L. Leupp, head librarian of the University of California Library, has enthusiastically accepted the use of the Hillel Library for the entire campus. Consequently, a copy of the complete catalogue of the Hillel library will be given to the university to be at the service of all students.

The task of making a new catalogue will be accomplished through the combined efforts of the library committee and a few N. Y. A. students, and turned over to the U. C. library as soon as possible. This offer extended by Hillel was the first of its kind to be made by an extra-curricular institution.

Included in the new catalogue will be a complete general library of 500 volumes, generously donated to Hillel recently by the B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 4. This contribution by Lodge No. 4 was in addition to its usual money grants with which it supports Hillel.

Palestinian Group To Meet Sundays

At an informal meeting and social held last week, Sunday, Sept. 24th, the collegiate group of the League for Labor Palestine initiated its current season. The group will meet hereafter every alternate Sunday in Hillel House.

Plans are being made to have a social meeting one Sunday evening of the month, and a business meeting and outing on another Sunday afternoon.

At the next meeting to be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, a discussion reviewing the work of the recent Jewish Congress held in Switzerland will be the foremost business. It will start at 2:30 in the Hillel House. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The group was organized for cultural and social purposes.

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Examination File Available For Use

Plans are rapidly going ahead for the completion of the Hillel examination files, which were started last semester. Made up of mid-terms and finals from all courses in the University, the files are designed primarily to be of aid to students when studying for their own examinations, and will be available to everyone.

A system has been devised for alphabetizing and cataloguing the exams so that the student may quickly find the particular subject he is looking for.

The compilation and arrangement of the material has been taken over by the library committee. According to Chairman Sylvia Mills, the files will continue to grow steadily. "All old finals and mid-terms, or copies of them, will gladly be received at Hillel," she said.

To date, more than 200 finals and mid-terms covering a wide range of subjects have been compiled. Especially is there a variety of both lower and upper division exams in history, economics, English, and engineering. The latter includes practically all courses in mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering from the freshman to the senior year. There is a decided shortage, however, of material pertaining to psychology, physiology, geography and math courses.

Educational Lecture Series Continues

Are you interested only in your secular courses at the University? For those who are interested in enlarging the scope of the Jewish background, two series of educational programs are being offered at Hillel.

On Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p. m., Rabbi Merrit will continue his lectures on "Highlights of Jewish History." His next topic will be "Parties in the Second Jewish Commonwealth."

Another series of lectures will be conducted by Sanford Goldner on the general theme "The Individual and Social Change." Those interested may attend on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p. m.

Membership Drive Gets Flying Start

Cardholders To Be Granted Privileges

"How about a HILLEL MEMBERSHIP CARD, only \$1?" will be the query that will be asked of each and every Jewish student on the campus from October 3 to October 14.

Everyone is already a member of Hillel. However, upon purchase of a membership card the student will be afforded many additional privileges. Among the major privileges offered are two dances, a Hillel formal dance in November—free to card holders—50 cents to non-members. In the Spring a prom will be held for members only.

Certain monetary reductions will be made, such as a ten cent reduction on Sunday evening cost suppers and a ten cent reduction on the ticket to the Spring semester three-act play. Other interesting features will be a tea for women members in November, a smoker for men members in November, and the use of ping pong balls without deposit.

Though this is an innovation on the University of California campus it has been in operation in various other Hillel organizations. The Hillelites on the Ohio State University campus pay the nominal fee of \$2 for their privilege card. The membership numbers 700 members. In Wisconsin where cards are purchased for \$1, the roll call counts 500 members.

Lectures Planned At Newman Club

"British Foreign Policy—1939" will be the leading topic for discussion at the Newman Club on Thursday, October 12, at 8 p. m. John Thompson, foreign editor of the San Francisco News, will be the leading speaker.

Two weeks later, October 26, Joseph C. Sharp will speak about "The Present War—Its Effect on You and Me." Mr. Sharp was a former chairman of the committee on international relations at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.



It seems that Bernard Aarons and Goodwin Key were up to their old tricks of keeping company with high school girls again, on the first night of Rosh Hashana. Not trying to rob the cradle, are you, boys? Your high school competitors must have felt squelched. Incidentally, what did Lenny Gross think of the meeting held at his girl friend's house and his not knowing about it at the time?

What was the cause of the lack of attendance at a party Mervin Stern had planned at the Claremont one Saturday night? Don't you know action speaks louder than words, Merv?

Seen on the campus: Henry Wiseman trying to study outside under a tree but surrounded by two girls. Studying feminine pulchritude, Henry?

Two of Hillel's social committee members have started a fast acquaintance, namely Lenore Levitan (Phi S S) and Mervin Kolber!

Lois Green and Jerry Tannin are still that way about one another. Where there is Lois there is Jerry. Ain't it wonderful?

It seems like the Gross boys are making this column this time. Sylvan was explaining to a bevy of

beautiful girls why he started wearing glasses. The answer was that he couldn't see so well when he was driving. Not only that, Sylvan, look what you were missing!

Ralph Dorfman did some investigating other than business which was his motif in going this summer while traveling around the northern part of the country. He found a good medical school in Seattle, which he would like to attend. Her charm certainly must have stayed with you.

Congratulations: George Rudick and Sarah Shtoffer eloped to Reno on the week-end of the seventh of September and were very quietly married. Their wedding was planned for this coming June.

Nat Whitgob has been stampeding his old haunting grounds. The reason—Bernice Serensky. You guess the rest ! ! ! !

We wonder why Mel Schwartz (Phi B D) got cold feet when he was supposed to meet a certain girl the other day. Of course his better half Josephine Zolot arranged the meeting. Did you meet up with her approval Mel? She was a sister of the previous boy friend.

Urge For More Applicants Made

Once more the Hillel Employment Bureau urges all students who are interested in securing part time work to come to the Employment Office during office hours, between 4 and 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, and be interviewed.

Old applications made out last year are no longer on the active file, so that those interested must make out a new request for work which will place them on this year's list.

It is the earnest desire of the Bureau to meet and talk with all new students, for they may have just the thing the Bureau is searching for in trying to fill a certain job.

Seventy letters have been sent out to merchants in the bay district requesting replies in regard to available positions for Hillel's students. Such replies are coming in every day.

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Inaugurating the Cost Supper Open Forums for the ensuing month on October 8 will be Professor Ralph W. Chaney of the paleontology department. Taking as his topic, "Book of 10,000 Volumes," Professor Chaney will illustrate his discussion with lantern slides. These slides embody the results of his expedition to China in 1937. His discourse will also include his interpretation of the present crisis in China.

Guest speaker on October 15 will be Professor Robert Brady of the Economic Department. His subject will be "Interpretation of the present Russian policy." On October 22, Max Radin of the Boalt School of Law will give his views in the form of "Preview of 1940."

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JULE'S

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Hillel Calendar

Oct. 2—Monday, 4:15 p. m.—Student Council Meeting. Launching of Membership Campaign.

Oct. 3—Tuesday, 3 p. m.—Discussion led by Sanford Goldner. Theme: "Social Analysis and Individual Responsibility."

Oct. 3—Tues., 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.

Oct. 4—Wednesday, 4 p. m.—History lecture series, "Highlights of Jewish History" Special theme "Parties in Second Jewish Commonwealth". Lecturer, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

Oct. 6—Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Evening of Music. *Pro Baccini*

Oct. 8—Sunday, 6:30 p. m.—Cost Supper—Open Forum. Guest speaker, Professor Ralph W. Chaney. Theme "China".

Oct. 10—Tuesday, 3 p. m.—Discussion led by Sanford Goldner. Theme: "Obstacles to Knowing and Acting."

Oct. 10—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.

Oct. 11—Wed., 4 p. m.—History lecture, "Highlights of Jewish History. Special theme: "Essenees and Zealots."

Oct. 11—Wed., 8:30 p. m.—Visit of the Committee of 50 of San Francisco Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Presentation of 3 one-act plays by Hillel Players.

Oct. 13—Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Symposium. The "Ham and Eggs" Proposition.

Oct. 15—Sunday, 6:30 p. m.—Cost Supper—Open Forum. Guest speaker, Professor Robt. Brady. Theme: "An Interpretation of the Present Russian Policy."

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Cou On

With the beginning of the new semester, The Hillel Council has started its activities under the direction of Ruth Firestone, the new president.

Many policy changes have taken place. In order to coordinate the work of the social, house, and introductions committees, Sid Neumann has been made chief coordinator. The Executive Committee has been sitting in on all committee meetings. An amendment to the constitution has been passed, whereby students can now be admitted to the Council and voted into office regardless of class at the University.

Many drastic changes have taken place in the makeup of the Council for the ensuing semester. Members at the present time include Betty Bellais, Sidney Neumann, Rose Davidson, Frances Friedman, David Rosen, Mitzi Cooper, Charlotte Snider, Shirley Rodecker, Sylvia Mills, Reba Silverman, Zeev Halperin, Norman Firestone, Sid Lerner, Evelyn Kolodny, Leo Bauer, Thelma Genser, Goodwin Key, Sylvan Gross, Marjorie Gratz, Sam Gratz, Barbara Monsky, Lenore Greenberg, Leslie Fishman, Ted Kalman, Morris Newstadt, Francene Hersh and Reva Yaffee. The executive officers are Ruth Firestone, Sylvia Danzig, and Manny Resnick.

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THE DISSENTER

"Against Fascism and war, and against its Trotskyist agents, we will organize the people to march forward to democracy, progress and peace!" These were the final words of a speech by Earl Browder at Madison Square Garden. But that was on the 5th of February, 1937. Today, after the conclusion of economic and military pacts between Germany and Russia, the same man says that "these pacts are in line with the Soviet Union's traditional peace policy." Much has been written about the honest or dishonest purposes of both partners. Both partners have broken pacts, one more, the other less.

If Russia had still maintained her character as source and father of Communism, even the most important and most evident reasons, —may these reasons be of strategic — political or philo-german origin, — couldn't induce her to abandon so categorically all her ideals which once formed the foundation of this state. If she wanted to prevent Germany from taking the Ukraine, why didn't she guarantee Poland? If she entered the war to gain territory, is she then better than the Imperialistic Italy taking Abyssinia and Albania and the Deutsche Reich taking Austria and Czecho-Slovakia?

In discussing this whole question I think it of particular importance that Russia, the bearer of Communism, offered and gave full support to Nazism at a moment when Nazism was in an extremely delicate situation, more delicate than at any time in its history. Maybe this war never would have started, had Russia remained at least neutral. It was up to Russia to crush the German Nazism. The German people were extremely well prepared for this war, psychologically & economically; they were highly prepared for war, not for peace. They had no resources from outside, and Hitler had no means either to lead Germany back to peace or to change its economy without raw materials to a peace economy. The elastic limit of the German people had been passed, and Hitler needed this war as the logical end of six years' war-propaganda and war-preparation.

The tragic moment in this change of the Russian foreign policy is the fact that there are followers, believing followers of Stalin in every

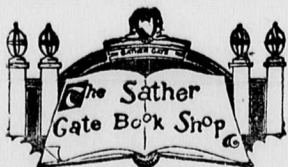
country of the world, — and the most of them in the U.S. A. It was for many of them sad news to see, hand in hand, the leader of Communism with the leader of Fascism. The reaction of those facts upon these followers depends on how far they preserved still their own judgment.

The powerful French Metal Worker's Union of more than 500,000 members severed its connections with the French Communist Party. This Union formed once the backbone of the Communist strength in French labor. Officials said the Union had separated from the Communists who have continued to defend the pact as "a great contribution to peace."

I am convinced that this will be only the beginning of a general and fundamental splitting of the followers of the Comintern. For, after having given up her highest aim, namely, to build up a wall of protection against fascism, and after having fraternized with Hitler, enemy No. 1 of Socialism and Communism, Communism has lost its right to call itself the defender and executor of the Communist ideals. How can it, on the one hand, say that fascism is the working class's greatest enemy, and, on the other hand, give them food, oil and machine guns. On the one hand, there are the great ideals of Marx's and Lenin's doctrines, and, on the other hand, there are the facts which arose from those doctrines: Terror, War, Dictatorship and fraternization with dictatorships.

All these problems regarding Russia are of particular importance for us Jews. In the "Emanuel" of Sept. 8, 1939, Dr. Merritt speaks about "the threat to Jewish welfare that lies in the flamboyant radicalism of elements of the Jewish proletariat." — I hope that this fraternization of the Comintern with the creator of the Anti-Comintern-Pact, will bring us at least one good, namely, to open the eyes of those people who believed until today that Stalin and his officers throughout the world are the prophets of a better and "communistic" world. —E. A. R.

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Committee Selected For Term Of Year

Working under the direction of Irving Moss, dramatic coach, a new committee has been selected.

The committee includes: Chairman, Charlotte Holombe; sub chairman, Shirely Rodecker; Staff, Francis Schulman, Sylvia Frankel, and Ruth Flaum; make-up and costume, Irene Michels; costume, Gresskowitz; assistants, Hadassah Goldberg and Ruth Minick; lights, Alvin Amster; crew, Norman Firestone and Sid Neuman; props, Mitzi Cooper, Florence Jacobsen.

Among the three one-act plays to be presented are "Gratitude," "Red Menace" and "Address Unknown" for the entertainment of the Committee of 50 of San Francisco B'nai B'rith chapter. One of the plays will be presented before the annual meeting of the California Alliance of Jewish Women on Thursday, October 19. A debate and play will be presented in San Francisco for the auxiliary of the Women's Grand Lodge on Monday, October 23.

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Paleontology is one of the usual courses taken to satisfy the science requirement for the Letters and Science Junior Certificate. Few men realize, however, that paleontology, as a vocation, offers much in the way of interesting work and satisfactory employment.

Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, noted paleontologist, head of the University Department of Paleontology, says that practically all of the graduating seniors in his department find employment as oil geologists and as micro-paleontologists in oil company laboratories. Those who take graduate work teach in college, or junior college, or have research positions in museums.

Salaries range from \$150 to \$200 for work in this country and higher amounts for foreign work.

Further vocational information can be secured from the vocational counselor, Morton Gaba, on Thursday afternoon at the Foundation.

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In Self Defense

The complaint has been made that the general student body is kept ignorant of the proceedings of the Hillel Council meetings. This complaint, which is in a sense justifiable, is being remedied by a council notes column in the Hillel Call.

But we wish to clear up any misunderstandings that may be associated with this comment or the Hillel Council in general. Primarily, we wish it to be understood that the Council is NOT a group, arbitrarily selected, and functioning as a unit apart from the rest of Hillel.

The Council is chosen on the basis of interest and participation in the affairs of Hillel. Recommendations are made by outgoing chairmen and the executive committee and are voted on by the Council itself. Up to now, the only other limitation on membership was class at the University, freshmen and graduate students being ineligible. But at the last Council meeting, an amendment to the constitution was passed, removing this hindrance. Now election to the Council depends on merit alone.

It is true that the Council decides on important issues for Hillel, but there is no other way it can be done. A general vote has been suggested. But this is not feasible, since not all the Jewish students on campus attend Hillel affairs, and are incapable of judging the problems encountered here.

But the Council is not a closed corporation. Anyone who has any complaints, suggestions, or ideas of any kind is welcome to come before the Council and state them. After all, the Council's very existence depends on the students who come to Hillel. Therefore, it works only to serve them.

We Thank You

B'nai B'rith has evidenced its consideration and affection for its college ward by its recent gifts to Hillel House. On constitution day, in the presence of a representative group of the Jewish student body, the Oakland lodge presented us with an American flag. We accept that flag, knowing that under its folds we Jews enjoy blessings denied to our co-religionists in a war-torn world.

To the many gifts which the Grand Lodge of District No. 4 has given to Hillel, it has now added a splendid one of five hundred volumes to the Foundation library. This handsome gift goes far to make ours the best equipped Jewish library on the Pacific coast. Our sincere thanks and appreciation for this privilege to B'nai B'rith.

**Dr. Merritt Gives
Holiday Addresses**

Addressing himself to the situation that faces a world at war, Rabbi Merritt on New Year Eve spoke on "Is Progress a Reality?" He pointed out that idealists are living in a world of confusion and disillusionment. "All the painful and laborious advances that the 19th and 20th centuries have made toward the goals of justice, tolerance and peace," he said, "have been halted and mankind seems to be retracing its steps toward shadows that we had hoped would never again enshroud the race."

And yet oppressed as thousands of our best men and women are, Rabbi Merritt holds that a careful consideration of the facts does not justify the conclusion that progress is a figment of the imagination.

He insisted that a thoughtful survey of the American scene would show that genuine progress had been made under democratic institutions. He called attention to the gains of labor and the advance of social justice, reflected in devices introduced in national legislation.

On New Year morning speaking on the theme, "The Fateful Issue", Rabbi Merritt contrasted the two ideologies facing each other on the stage of the world today. "What we are witnessing," he said, "is a death struggle between two radically different ways of life and theories of government." He detailed the menace for the world that lies in democracy. He expressed his firm faith that fascism was not destined to triumph. "The future," he said, "belongs to democracy with whose fate the fortunes of the Jew are inextricably bound up."

THE DISSENTER

Editor's note: For this issue of the Call, the editor received two dissensions on this controversial subject. We thought it only fair to present both sides of the question. The other column is on page 3.

Ridiculous comments to the effect that Fascism and Communism have joined hands have been prevalent of late. The sources are oddly enough those groups of individuals who have made themselves apparent in taking the opposite stand upon any question concerning the Soviet Union. Facts which are known and have validity have been ignored in the comments elucidating from this dubious stem.

In regard to the German-Russian trade pact the following facts have been stated in "The Week", "the journal for the journalist". "The German terms for the trade agreement were found in Moscow to be insufficiently favorable to Russia, considering the discrepancy between the impoverished condition and poor credit status of Germany. The Germans were finally forced to the position of imploring the Russians to state once again their own terms for a trade agreement."

The German acceptance of the trade agreement on Russian terms after so much resistance from Berlin was seen in Moscow as an interesting proof of the degree of German economic and hence military weakness.

The Russian Government attempted by all means in its power to discover how far the British government was serious about signing the Anglo-Soviet pact. The discovery was made regarding the absence of instructions to the

An Appeal

The Cost Supper—Open Forums have been resumed and have thus early in the semester demonstrated their popularity. New faces are appearing at the tables at these congenial gatherings and Hillel standbys are there in numbers too.

One thing has troubled the managers of the Cost Suppers. Students make their reservations and the necessary provision is made for them. Then they fail to put in an appearance without so much as notifying the Hillel office to cancel their reservations before the supper is arranged for. That has resulted in needless waste and unnecessary expense. Help the managers of the cost suppers by being conscientious about your reservations.

British Military Mission (composed oddly enough of petty officials) which served to convince the Russians that the British were really not very serious about the whole affair. The Russians finally agreed to discuss the matter and following that were informed by the British that as a matter of fact the Poles were really totally opposed to having any Russian troops. They suggested instead that the Russians should send some tanks and airplanes to Poland (under ultimate Polish command) and should keep their troops on the Russian side of the frontier "as a potential menace."

The Foreign policy of the Soviet Union as stated by Joseph Stalin is quite in keeping with the pact. "We stand for peace and the strengthening of business relations with all countries. This is our position as long as these countries maintain like relations with the Soviet Union, and as long as they make no attempt to trespass on the interests of our country." In September of last year, the statesmen of Western Europe negotiated a pact with Adolph Hitler which radically changed the whole European line-up. The Munich Pact not only handed over defenseless Czechoslovakia but was a deliberate attempt by Daladier to isolate the Soviet Union and turn the spearhead of Nazi aggression toward the East. Forced to make at least a gesture toward bringing the Red Army into the so-called peace front, Chamberlain sent Sir William Strang, an anti-soviet underling to Moscow to negotiate.

The signing of a non-aggression called Daladier's and Chamberlain's hand. It shattered the Anti-Comintern axis and visibly weakened the power of Italy, Spain & Japan. It exposed Hitler to the German people as an opportunist.

Russia's march into Poland was not made until the realization that Poland was going and going fast came. Poland's eastern border presents a strongly fortified line against Russia. Russia did not, naturally, want Germany to be on the other side of those fortifications. As George Bernard Shaw has stated "Russia made Germany disgorge the booty." Russia's economic structure would naturally eliminate the view that she would be in any way comparable to Germany as a protectorate over Poland.

Chamberlain and Daladier did their sacrificing of national interests for a minority group of class interests.
—S. R. N.