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"I believe not only in the authority of the people, but in the superior wisdom of the majority."—W. R. Hearst.

"I'm a go-to-bedder, but my husband, Frank Lawton, is a stayer-upper."—Evelyn Laye, actress.

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ASU Initiates Drive to Gain Legal Status

Will Ask Faculty, Alumni Aid in Campaign; Book Committee Named

GROUP MAY PUBLISH CLIONIAN THIS TERM

Definitely launching its campaign for legalization, the executive committee of the American Student Union drew up concrete plans at its meeting Tuesday afternoon. In addition, the committee decided to work for free books for students, to run an ASU slate in the next election, and to issue a College ASU magazine.

Petitions containing the names of thousands of students and faculty members requesting legalization are expected to be secured next week. The faculty members who sign these petitions will be asked to form a committee to aid in this campaign. It has been decided to approach the Associate Alumni and request co-operation.

Committee On Fall Books

A committee on Fall Books was appointed to investigate prices and to present the required figure to the Board of Higher Education. An All City College Conference, containing representatives of every class and club, will soon be called to demand the issuance of free books.

Every member of the ASU who wishes to run for either class councils or the Student Council must place his name, class, address and program in a box to be located in the Student Council office in room 5, mezzanine. The executive committee will carefully examine the list and submit it to the chapter. The resultant candidates will constitute the ASU slate in the next election.

May Take Over Clionian

It was revealed that the ASU intends taking over *Clionian* and publishing it as the College ASU magazine. It is hoped to have the first issue out soon after the Christmas vacation. Students who desire to try out for the editorial or the business staffs of this new magazine may leave their names in the Student Council office.

Plans are almost completed for a dance to be held together with the Hunter ASU on the last day of school. At this affair the winning ticket will be drawn for the raffle conducted by the ASU to secure funds.

The State Convention of the ASU will meet at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, tomorrow and Sunday, December 12 and 13. Herbert Robinson, president of the Student Council will represent the Council.

An announcement has been made that collection of funds for delegates to the National ASU convention during Christmas will begin soon.

JR. PROM TOMORROW

Supper-Dance Will Be Held At Park-Central Hotel

One hundred couples are expected to attend the Junior Prom tomorrow night at the Park Central. The French, Arabian and Colonial rooms have been engaged for the evening's festivities, which begin at 9 p. m.

This will be the first Junior Prom held in three years and no free tickets have been issued. Supper will be served at 11:30 p. m. and music will be provided by Lee Sandow and his Washington, D. C. Coconut Grove orchestra.

In Re That Mysterious Case: Overstreet v. 'N.Y. American'

Professor Harry A. Overstreet does not advocate advertising in Mr. Hearst's comic weekly. Professor Overstreet advocates neither Mr. Hearst's publications nor his comics—nor any comics, for that matter. To tell the truth, Professor Overstreet didn't advocate anything at all, but simply consented to "a nice young man" over the telephone (and very hurriedly, too), "yes, you can use a sentence from my book." The person had said that it was in conjunction with "some publication." And that was all.

On Wednesday there appeared in *The New York Times* a full-page ad, soliciting advertisements for *Puck's Comic Weekly*. (*Puck* runs in *The American* and associated Hearst papers every Sunday.) Apparently bearing testimony to the efficacy of advertising in the Lord-of-San-Simeon's comic strips were such notables as Shirley Temple and Robert Taylor, along with our own Professor

Overstreet. From his *Influencing Humor Behavior* was quoted the following:

"There must, in other words, be movement if we are to hold attention very long... Hence, if one wishes to capture and hold another person's attention, he must be sure that what he offers by way of stimulus moves... We might call this perhaps the most fundamental of all requirements."

In regard to the ad, Professor Overstreet said, "I am embarrassed at the use of my name in the apparent advocacy of a publication I know nothing about."

Miss Shirley Temple, however, just a few paragraphs above Professor Overstreet in the column, was quoted as saying, "I like the comic section of the papers best of all," while America's other darling, Robert Taylor in speaking of Jiggs, Popeye, Tillie, the Little King and the Katzenjammers said, "They are to my way of thinking the pattern from which histrionic greatness springs."

Democracy Ideal Says Dr. Kahler

Traces History of Germany Since End of World War

Declaring that he considers democracy the ideal form of government, Professor Alfred Kahler, lecturer for the New School for Social Research, traced the development of economic and political democracy in Germany since the World War, in an address to the History Society yesterday in room 129.

"The dole system was well developed in Germany after the war," Professor Kahler stated. He traced the subsequent rise of "shop democracy" in the pre-Hitler Reich. This system, he showed, was similar to an intra-factory union. The approval of the workers was required for changing salaries, hiring and firing employees and problems of this nature.

Workers Became Freer
"This meant that the workers became more free," Professor Kahler asserted. "But capitalism remained, even though employers lost the power to discharge workers arbitrarily."

When the crisis of capitalism and political democracy arose, however, the economic question became a political question, the professor stated. He claimed that the political system, in order to continue to exist, must handle this economic question.

Prom Committee To Defy Nemesis

The Senior Prom Committee took measures to spike Dame Rumor as once more she raised her ugly head whispering that nemesis would catch up with the senior fete as she did with last year's junior fiasco. Murray Cohen '37, committee chairman, Gil Kahn '37, who is editing a "bigger and better" *Mike*, Al Sussman '37, *Campus* chief, and Irv Nachbar '37, president, signed their names to a circular distributed last Tuesday giving their personal guarantee—for all that it's worth—that this term the prom absolutely will go on.

And it is certain that the Prom Committee believes it, for John Schmidt '37, who is taking care of the arrangements, has invited and announces the acceptance of Ben Grauer '30, CBS commentator, of the invitation to attend the formal and act as master of ceremonies. Mr. Grauer will present Virginia Verrill, night club songstress and Warner Brother starlet, Ethel Merman, star of *Red, Hot and Blue*, and Rosemary and Priscilla Lane, who do their bit in Fred Waring's Variety show. The scene, you know, is the Park Central's Porcelain Room, next Saturday night, December 19.

Full payment of the \$3.75 by seventy-five seniors was revealed by the Prom

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Student Council Aid Spain Drive Nets \$227 Total

\$300 Mark May Be Reached; Drive Now Concentrates On Food and Clothing

Continuing its drive for contributions for the defense of the Spanish Government, the Student Council Aid Spain Committee reported to the Council yesterday the collection of \$227 since the campaign opened at the College. With several collection boxes still outstanding, the committee announced its expectations of raising its total collection to the \$300 mark.

The drive henceforth will be concentrated on the collection of food and clothing, members of the committee declared. A request was made at the same time for the use of a car to transport materials already collected to the offices of the North American Committee to Aid Spain.

The committee will meet today at 3 p. m. in room 5 on the mezzanine. Further steps in the campaign will be planned at this meeting.

Four young Spaniards, each a leader of the anti-fascist youth, will address a mass meeting Thursday night, December 17, at the Hippodrome.

The speakers will present the "Case of the People of Spain vs. Fascism." Ignaz Eugenio, student leader of the Catholic University of Louvain is included in the list of speakers.

Lock and Key Selects Seven Senior Members

Seven new members were elected to the Lock and Key, College honor society, at a special meeting of the society Tuesday, Edward Goldberger, chancellor, announced.

The new members, chosen from twenty four applicants, are Elliott Blum '37, Everett Eisenberg '37, Jack Gainen '37, Ezra Goodman '37, Irving Parker '37, Lester Rosenblum '37 and Albert Sussman '37.

Albert Sussman is Editor of *The Campus*. Ezra Goodman edits *Mercury*. Jack Gainen and Lester Rosenblum are prominent members of the baseball team. Everett Eisenberg heads the Dramatic Society. Elliott Blum and Irving Parker have played important roles in the varsity dramatic productions *A-Men* and *Squaring the Circle*.

Xmas Vacation Begins Dec. 24

The College will close, as has been the custom in the past, on December 24, the day before Christmas, Recorder John K. Ackley announced. All classes scheduled for Wednesday, December 23, have been called off and all classes scheduled for Thursday, December 24, will be substituted.

These substitutions have been arranged because of the fact that classes have been called off on two Thursdays this semester owing to the National Education Week and Thanksgiving holiday celebrations.

The addition of this extra day will extend the Christmas vacation to eleven days.

Council Settles Handbook Loss

Nachbar, Moscovitz to Pay Seventy Dollar Shortage

Responsibility for the deficits in the 1935 *Handbook* accounts was finally fixed by the Student Council, yesterday afternoon at a regular meeting in room 306.

The shortage was attributed to a lack of system in handling *Handbook* funds. Irving Nachbar '37 and Sam Moscovitz '37, former business managers were charged with managerial responsibility. Under the agreement accepted by the Council, they will jointly repay the deficiency of seventy dollars.

To provide trained editors and business managers for the *Handbook*, associate business managers and editors will be appointed by the Student Council to serve apprenticeships before taking over management of the book. The Council is now accepting applications for these positions.

Plans were discussed to establish a "Student Organization" to consolidate extra-curriculum activities under the Council. The Membership Committee's report, which was accepted by the council, provides for the sale of membership cards entitling students to run for office, and participate in extra-curricular activities.

The cards will sell for ten cents.

Athletic managerships in class councils were abolished as elective offices and placed under the jurisdiction of the Intramural Board.

Faculty Votes Secret Poll On Board Bill

Result of Poll on McGoldrick Bill Intended for Board Of Higher Education

TU CONSIDERS PLANS FOR A BROADER POLL

A secret poll of the College Faculty on the McGoldrick resolution was taken at the Faculty meeting yesterday. Results of the poll were withheld by Professor Frederick G. Reynolds, secretary, who stated that the poll was "unofficial" and intended only for the Board of Higher Education.

Meanwhile, the College chapter of the Teachers Union was considering plans to conduct a poll on the question, to include all the members of the teaching staffs, since yesterday's vote was participated in only by men of professional rank.

Suggested By Klein

The decision to hold a broader vote in each of the city colleges was made at a meeting of the College Section of the Teachers Union Wednesday night. At the same meeting, a resolution was passed protesting the failure of the Board to pass the McGoldrick bill at its last meeting.

The vote on the bill by the Faculty yesterday was taken in accordance with a suggestion by Dr. Joseph J. Klein, member of the Board. In a letter sent this week to the presidents of the three city colleges, Dr. Klein recommended such a poll to determine the attitude of the college faculties on the measure. Dr. Klein voted against the McGoldrick resolution at the recent board meeting, and explained later that he felt that the faculty should first be allowed to register their opinion.

Poll Unofficial

The College Faculty voted by secret ballot at the beginning of its meeting yesterday, and the results will not be made public until they have been submitted to the Board. Dean Morton Gottschall declared yesterday that the poll was unofficial, in that it was not authorized by the Faculty.

Although the Teachers Union has not yet announced its plans for conducting a referendum, one member of the union declared yesterday that the poll would be held in the near future.

The McGoldrick resolution provides for the recognition of any student organization (excepting anti-religious groups) upon filing of the name, faculty advisor, aims, and officers of the organization. Passage of the measure would result in the legalization of the ASU at the College.

FROSH-SOPH DANCE

Free Collations to be Served In Gym Tomorrow Night

Willie Gross and his Radio Rhythms have been engaged to furnish the music for the '39-'40 dance to be held in the Exercise Hall tomorrow evening. The committee in charge of the dance has completed plans which include the serving of ice-cream, cookies, and punch. Entertainment by members of the classes will feature the evening.

Tickets selling are still available in the alcove, and will be on sale at the door. They are twenty-five cents a couple for class members and fifty cents for all others. It will be the second affair run together by the '39-'40 classes.

Romance is Only Issue Involved in Edward's Love Affair, Says Cashier Eleanor, But Dr. Knittle Sees Grave Crisis

By Dr. Walter A. Knittle

In any discussion of the constitutional crisis, two important aspects of the question must be kept in mind.

First, the constitutional development of Great Britain has made the king a figurehead, whose acts and opinions are only those of his ministers.

This was established by the First Reform Bill crisis in 1832. As such the king can never act officially of his own volition and must sign all bills passed by parliament as he is advised by his ministers.

Second, the king personifies the unity and majesty of the British Empire. What ever happens privately there must be no public scandal which would reflect upon the Crown and thus weaken the only bond which holds the British Empire together since the Statute of Westminster (1931) recognized the practical independence of the dominions. This statute also mentions in its preamble that any change

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Eleanor doesn't like King Edward VIII. "Mrs. Simpson is a very charming woman, though," Eleanor said. Eleanor is the girl who pushes buttons and makes luncheon tickets come out of the slots. Yesterday, sitting in her little cage, in a delightful tete-a-tete with this reporter, she confided, "But if I were Mrs. Simpson I would grab him."

"I admire her a great deal. She is very clever, too," Eleanor continued. "Not everybody can catch a king, you know," she said with a wink and two laughs. A greenback was slapped down on the brass counter. Eleanor pressed a button and a nickel stub jumped up. She counted out the change.

"No, I wouldn't want to be in Mrs. Simpson's place," Eleanor said, shaking her head. "When I'm in love, I don't want too many entanglements. I don't want the whole world to know about it, either."

More change clinked on the counter

and Eleanor pressed the buttons again. "You know," she said, "I think they're just waiting for the coronation and then this thing'll begin all over again. In the end, though, I think he'll keep the throne and keep Mrs. Simpson, too."

About the King himself, Eleanor was undecided. "I don't know," she hesitated, "I don't think he is a real he-man, doing knitting, and all that kind of thing."

More button-pressing. Then Eleanor looked up dreamily and mused, "Besides, I want my boy friend to be a real he-man. Don't you?"

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Life in the Student Concourse should train the ambitious undergraduate, a coffee cup in one hand, a rolled beef on rye in the other, in the manly art of escaping the ungentle side-swipe of some harassed sophomore off to a class in Hygiene. But, more often than not, the hapless client of the College lunchroom, in attempting the distance from a counter to table, finds his one \$15.95 suit inundated, beyond reasonable recognition, in a flood of Pete's Java Special or Radical Flip a la Tony. Should he, through the grace of the gods, somehow manage the trip unscathed, he is cursingly obliged to stand on line before he will find sufficient space to put his food on a table. Then, casting yearning eyes about for a subway strap to dangle on, he stands there, defeated in his victory. For, to avoid an imminent run-in he must gorge himself, in record time, with the unpalatable morsels he has salvaged.

That the portrait we have sketched is not caricature, but a fair reproduction of a lunchroom scene is startlingly attested to by the scores of resentful complaints registered in letters received by *The Campus* from its readers.

The attempt made last semester, when lockers were removed from the concourse, to provide increased space has offered negligible respite. Sensibilities, intolerant of swill and sewerage, still find conditions revolting.

Believing the faculty to be as anxious as we to abolish the scourge of subway lunching, *The Campus* appeals for a practical panacea. Not content with awaiting an uncertain millenium, we are determined to see action taken at an early date.

One practical plan we offer would require renovating the alcoves, so that the entire concourse, outfitted with small tables and chairs, could serve the double function of lounge and lunchroom.

We, therefore, urge the faculty to cooperate with the Student Council in adopting immediate measures towards alleviating conditions in a lunchroom which, if it stands comparison, now makes a Bowery flop-kitchen look like the grill of the Waldorf.

FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION

The American Student Union, by the very nature of its purposes, is not the kind of organization that issues statements by its leaders for its membership to admire. Yet, the passive role played by the great majority of its members at the College tends dangerously to bring about such a condition.

We need hardly point out that the removal of Military Science, the securing of free books, and the establishment of a true academic freedom cannot be achieved by mere voicing of worthy sentiments. The aims of the ASU can be achieved only by the pressure of an active, determined student movement. Resolutions bear weight only when they carry the active support of those in whose name they are made and by whom they are passed.

The condition of the ASU organization in the College is considerably weakened by a membership which has neglected its duties, and forced all of its work into the hands of its leaders—the Student Council ASU committee.

If the ASU is to make its potential power felt as a driving force in the many campaigns that face it, all its members and followers must take upon themselves the responsibility of planning these campaigns and working for their successful conclusion.

The approaching Student Council elections offers excellent opportunity for rallying the full ASU membership, in the nomination of candidates. *The Campus* suggests an ASU nominating convention, to be called by the ASU committee in the near future. Such a convention would serve not only to choose a slate of candidates, but to inaugurate a democratic procedure to be followed in the subsequent activities of the Union.

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR

Lock and Key, theoretically upper-class honorary society, each term elects to membership undergraduates who have distinguished themselves in extra-curricular activities. Election to the society has been recognized as an award for meritorious service to the College.

For many reasons, last Tuesday's election of new members leaves much to be desired. Resentment on the part of certain individuals is not unjustified. There is a very definite complaint which must not go unheeded.

The most important fact to be considered is the mysterious lack of definite standards for admission. Seven students were accepted out of twenty-four applicants this term. Obviously, limitation is necessary. However, when this limitation becomes arbitrary, a re-evaluation is in order.

If Lock and Key is to escape the inevitable accusation that it is manned by a clique of careerists, intent on emulating all the evil precepts of the fraternity system, it must re-examine itself. And if Lock and Key is to maintain the respect of the College as an honorary society, the student body must be made aware of the definite standards of service and character required for membership.

Lock and Key seems to have forgotten another very important point. Last year, the society was merged with Soph Skull, junior honorary society. It is logical to expect that the merger meant that both juniors and seniors would be elected to the new organization. Evidently, however, the present members of Lock and Key have felt that this would not be exclusive or selective enough for them and have rejected all juniors with instructions to apply next year. Such action cannot help but result in a revival of Soph Skull.

These considerations are significant and portentous. If Lock and Key does not immediately take inventory of itself, it is certain to lose whatever prestige it still has.

ORCHIDS TO DAVIDSON

Last week, Frank C. Davidson, tutor in the Public Speaking Department, was elected an honorary member of Dram Soc. This tribute was obviously in appreciation of Mr. Davidson's inspired direction of the Varsity Show, Valentin Katayev's *Squaring the Circle*. The production was acclaimed by many as the best in years, and both of the Thanksgiving Holiday performances were sell-outs.

The recent House Plan Carnival, also under Mr. Davidson's supervision, attracted a capacity crowd, and, for its undeniable success, warranted a bouquet for the director. Thus, while Dram Soc's tribute in election signifies only the gratitude of a small body of students at the College for Mr. Davidson's work, we feel certain that student appreciation extends far beyond the confines of Dram Soc membership.

RECOMMENDED

Crooner + Champ—Benefit for the striking seamen. Rudy Vallee and Jack Dempsey do their bit for the strikers at a show and dance at the People's Center, 308 W. 59th Street, corner Broadway. Only 35 shekels. Who said Rudy was a sissie?

Hoop-la—Our Beavers (average height 5 ft. 10 in.) grapple with those towering Providence basketballers (average height 6 ft. 2 in.) tomorrow night at the Hippodrome. Also Brooklyn College vs. Manhattan, all for the same price.

Hey-Diddle-Diddle—Kreisler and his fiddle. The old master gives a masterful performance tomorrow afternoon at Carnegie Hall. Pawn Bubbeh's earrings, but hear Kreisler!

Sterling Brown—Famous Negro poet will speak on "The Negro Character in American Literature" under auspices of the League of American Writers. Next Monday, December 14 at 8:15 p.m. at Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place.

Junior Prom—No free list, no trimmings. Just swing and supper at the Park Central. "Up, up, and quit your books!" Wordsworth was right. (We didn't say Barnum.)

The Marriage Of The Muses

A Socratic Dialogue in Poesy
Minerva

Hail, O Muse of Dance! What Tidings bringst thou hence?

Terpsichore

Hail, O Goddess of Study! Whence Those rubid swollen orbs?

Minnie

My life, O Terp, is spent In sober contemplation of Moish Cohen's Philo-Logic Urea nitrogen in blood and Unattached 1, 7 and 11.

Terp

Minnie-grind, take my advice. A really well-made buttonhole Is the only link between Art And Nature. That's Oscar Wilde. Nothing that actually occurs Is of the slightest importance.

Minnie

Philistine and barbarian! Castrator of culture! Your life You would spend in idle pursuit Of Dance and Play, of drunken revels. Bacchus, thy pardner, and you Made Rome fall.

Terp

O Minnie, let us not rant and rail. I too have sung of Art and Life In serious vein. But Horace tells us It is wise *desipere in loco*. Therefore I too gave for Spain and yet Danced for benefit of ASU.

Minnie

My humble pardon, Terp, thy soul Is noble withal. A world we both Have to win, together, in proper perspective.

Terp

So, let us look to master Dryden: "Never ending, still beginning; Fighting still, and still destroying; If the world be worth thy winning; Think, O think it worth enjoying." (Translator's Note—The Junior Prom takes place tomorrow night, the Senior Prom December 19, at the Park Central Hotel. All out.)

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Let's Swing

There are two ways to listen to popular music: one is superficial, the other more musically profound. A ballroom dancer, for instance, demands less of a jazz band than a record enthusiast who attentively follows the variations and improvisations of swing artists.

Brunswick does very nicely by dancers this month. Leo Reisman gets more out of *It's De-Lovely* and *You've Got Something* than Cole Porter ever thought was in them. They're played straight with sweeping rhythm in a well-balanced orchestration. And even if you're as sick of *The Way You Look Tonight* as I am, you'll still let out a hi-de-ho for Teddy Wilson's unusual recording (7762). On the back of which is that man Porter's *Easy to Love*. For sheer novelty, *The Hi De Ho Miracle Man*, Monsieur Caloway, gives *Frisco Flo* the works on a disc (7756) you won't want to miss.

It's Vocalion, however, that caters to swing enthusiasts in a big way. Not only do the Rhythm Wreckers use a swing guitar miraculously in *Sugar Blues* with a neat *She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain* on the reverse (3341), but Don Redman simply sizzles on *Bugle Call Rag* and *Too Bad* (3354). Jane Lucas' rich rendition of *Trouble in Mind* and *Mr. Freddy Blues* (03346) has it all over Scrapper Blackwell's straight *Big Four Blues* and *You Got Me Grieving* (03349). To the accompaniment of splendid horns and drums, Clarence Williams *Walk That Broad* into the *Mississippi Basin* (03350), while the Dean and his Kids are too, too busy hotly *Spreadin' Knowledge Around* with a *Zoom Zoom Zoom* (3342). Hohum for Putney Dandridge with his *Skeleton in the Closet* and *High Hat, Piccolo, and Cane* (3352), which would have to go a long way to be luke warm.

J. H. C.

MANILA:

By Roger Goodman

In 1945 the Philippines will receive their independence from the U. S. Having seen something of Manila, however, your correspondent is inclined to regret the future loss.

Manila is a thriving city. Cars, taxis, carriages crowd the streets, stores are busy and on the whole the town is pretty industrious. Though some of the big stores are foreign, there are many Filipino businesses. The natives run the stores, control traffic, work the docks, and occupy important positions on the newspapers. The Universities are filled with eager students, boys and girls studying to be everything from lawyers to engineers.

The Americans are not much in evidence except at the clubs where they hang out. There are three types of American here, the ultra-ultra who regards the native as dirt under his sacred feet; the Army or Navy man here for a good time and who uses the natives accordingly; and the young fellow who, realizing the wealth of opportunity, works with the native in the development of the land.

The American imperialist with the well-known policy of grabbing the first fruits and running, has done just that. And now, according to him, the islands are like the core of an apple, to be thrown away. It's taken the Japanese to start exploring and developing the resources of the land; they control the hemp factories; have discovered minerals of all sorts; have established big plantations in the islands; and they have an eye to a

292 Convent

About the biggest thing around the building these days is the track meet which Bowker is sponsoring. This tremendous event will take place on Thursday, December 17 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Hygiene gym. There are twelve different events which any able-bodied member of the House Plan may enter. These are: running broad jump; high jump; hop, step and jump; rope vault; four man relay; novelty relay; three-legged race; wheelbarrow race; standing broad jump; handicap relay; duck walk; and basketball combination. Entries for the meet are coming in at a gratifying rate. It might be good.

Inasmuch as the rest of this paper has seen fit to ignore the latest exhibit, we are forced to mention it here. Five men have lent their work to make up this third show, they are Stanley Meltzoff, James O'Hara, Harry Kleiger, Seymour Einwolner and Daniel Soler. In addition to line drawings, oils, water colors and sketches, this exhibit boasts an original stained glass panel by O'Hara. Incidentally, Chester Kreiswirth, who is in charge of these exhibits, has announced that any of the pieces which are or have been on view are for sale. This announcement is rather belated, but those who feel like it can still ask Mr. Kreiswirth about prices.

It looks as though the top floor front should be furnished very soon now. Two representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary of the City College Post (this post is furnishing the room) were in last Tuesday to look over the room. The two ladies, Mrs. Leslie Levi and Mrs. Emanuel Behrman, conferred over curtains and appointments. All this is an exceedingly good omen, we think.

Tattler Notes: Mac Weisman, faculty member of Abbe '37 lost his beard last Saturday night when it was ruffled off at a dime a snip, at a party he attended. Mac's taken up wearing ties again. Morty Karpp and Mr. Harvey are all done up because a prominent member of the House Council was slighted by Lock and Key Tuesday.

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Notes on the Philippines

Concerning the University

As promised *The Campus*, your correspondent managed to contact a group of University students. They were splendid beyond words, alert, understanding, and intelligent. Your correspondent, having said that he had travelled, was besieged with questions, mainly about the Soviet Union. The boys seemed very favorably impressed. At present the Filipinos are in a great state of patriotism and to belong to the island equivalent of the ROTC is "tops." Hence this subject was not broached. The natives feel a real threat from the Nippons, something that words cannot dispel or change.

These claps represented, of course, a moneyed branch of society, the University crowd. On the marble lobby floors of the *Tribune* building the "other half" is seen. Little lads sprawled all over, sleeping until the issuance of the first edition of the paper. This as a bedroom is more comfortable, probably, than the rooms in the small thatched homes. Little clusters of these "nipa" huts are spread throughout the hinterland of Manila. The people in them are poor but clean. Not many beggars are seen, but all the little children run about selling magazines and papers, their gentle voices and eyes pleading, "Please buy!"

On the third day in Manila, your correspondent visited the University of the Philippines. The buildings are large modern structures, with green lawns between and around them. (Just like City!) There is a fine library run on the same basis as our own. In a conversation in the latter building, it was found out that though they haven't a big student movement yet, the lads here are well informed about the events in the States.

The Filipinos are about as proud of their University as they are of the great "Pier No. 7" at Manila. They resent the way Americans have represented them at home and they are eager to have this stigma removed. Hence their plea, "When you go home, tell the people that we too are civilized, we have our culture and are proud of it."

'39 Class

Last Friday's punch and weenie hand-out was just a small sample of the free refreshments obtainable at the Frosh-Soph Dance tomorrow night. The affair, you know, is strictly major league. Music will be furnished by the Radio Rhythm Band of recent Varsity Show fame. Tickets are selling at a furious rate. If you hurry to a hawk with a class card and a quarter, you may still be able to buy a pair.

Directly after the now famous "Fascist Fry" of about a week ago, Bernie Walpin cashed in on the crowd, selling dance tickets. Dave Goldman also capitalized on the demonstration selling of all things—bow-ties. Incidentally, it was Eli Rabinowitz who was the Grand Keeper of the Kerosene Can, which was emptied on the spotless uniform of Franco, Mussolini and Hitler. And did they burn up!

Scoop!—A committee led by Jack Fernbach is planning a Class Theatre Party during Christmas Week. At the moment Johnny Johnson holds a favored position among the current Broadway shows.

A strong and persistent rumor is making the rounds to the effect that that forgotten man, President Kay Michelson, is rapidly becoming a figurehead. He hasn't attended any class affairs or meetings for a longer time than he cares to remember. One hears similar reports about Stanley Silverberg, the Student Council rep. His friends are saying that the class would benefit greatly if he spent less of his time and abilities in alcove argumentation and more of the same performing his official class duties.

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Quintet Faces Providence Tomorrow Night; Unimpressive J. V. Shows Future Promise

Lavender Five Handicapped By Height Disadvantage In Hippodrome Game

Tradition fades into insignificance when a Lavender team plays the representatives of Providence College. Last Spring, for the first time since the inception of their rivalry, the Beaver baseballers defeated a surprised Friar nine. In basketball, the Rhode Islanders have lost all four of their contests with the St. Nicks. Their fifth chance will come tomorrow night when they take the floor against the Holman five in the first appearance of the season's Hippodrome double headers.

Friars Have Height Advantage

Publicity notices from Providence read like the advertisements of a Frankenstein horror film. The boys in black and white average a lofty six-foot-two inches as compared to the five-foot-ten norm of the Beavers.

It is "ceiling zero" from the moment Captain Leo Davin, seventy-six inches tall, steps onto the boards. With all his 204 pounds, Davin is touted as being capable of covering as much territory as a Brooklyn Dodger center-fielder, while cavorting at his guard post. At center the Friars have Ed Bobinski, six feet-three inches, rated as one of the classiest pivots in New England court circles. Bobinski is positively pernicious under the basket, and is expected to provide Bernie Fliegel with a busy evening under the bucket.

Like the Beavers, Al McClellon's charges are a well seasoned club. The only starter on the team who has not had two years' experience is Bobinski, and he can hardly be called green, having played all last year as a regular on the varsity five. The forwards, Joe Carew and Charley Gallagher are abnormally fast and deceptive for men of their size, and the guards, Captain Davin and John Smith are husky enough to make things difficult for the lighter Beavers, particularly on the lay-up shots.

Providence Given Even Chance

Since the general contention following easy victories over St. Francis and Brooklyn, is that only a big team can whip the Holman speed-devils, Providence is for the first time conceded an even chance of stopping the Lavender. Beaver practice sessions all week have been conducted with the height advantage of their opponents kept well in mind.

"Red" Cohen has been going great guns. Whether covered closely or not, he gets off passes with a maximum of accuracy. Criticized earlier in the week for taking too much time to get set after receiving a pass, Cohen in the last few days has been exhibiting a clever, characteristically Holman brand of basketball.

Team Impressive In Practice

Fliegel, who scored fifteen points against Brooklyn College, has been unusually successful with pivot shots. Iz Katz with a shovel pass all his own, "Ace" Goldstein with his setting up of plays and Sy Schneiderman, the best set shot on the quintet, all go to enhance the chances for the third consecutive College victory.

CANDIDATES WANTED FOR BASEBALL TEAM

Veterans, and all candidates for pitching and catching positions on the varsity baseball team are asked by Coach Irv Spanier to report in full gym outfits with gloves at the Tech gym on the following days:

- Thursday Dec. 17 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday Dec. 19 11:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 21 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday Dec. 24 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday Dec. 26 11:00 a.m.

Candidates for managerial posts are also asked to report.

The team, captained by Lew Haeles, will open its current season against Princeton, at Jungletown, on March 31. The Tigers topped the Lavender batsmen last year, the first year of Spanier's reign, and the Beavers are set to reciprocate.

Reduced Tickets With A.A. Books

Student ticketholders for all college basketball games in Madison Square Garden, during the season opening December 19, will be required to display their Athletic Association books or cards upon presenting tickets sold at special student rates. In addition to the student rate of 40 cents for a reserved 75 cent balcony seat, student Athletic Association members will also be able to purchase \$1.65 raised court seats for \$1.10 this season. These reduced rate tickets will not be accepted for admission unless accompanied by an A.A. membership book or card.

Natators To Meet Fordham Tonight

The college swimming team will compete in the first of its seven dual meets tonight against a strong Fordham University squad. That fact at least is certain. It is also known that the swim will be held at the college—but there, the definite information ends. The natators have a plethora of freestylers, with seven men capable of entering any two of the five freestyle events. At least they had last night, although Coach Radford McCormick may have pulled some out of his hat since then. Gori Bruno, Harvey Sober, Stan Thomas, Ted Zaner, Sam Wexler, Val Bauer, and Bernie Rosenblatt are primed to enter either the 50, 100, 220, or 440 yard events.

Coach McCormick was reluctant to name his relay team, but when the starting gun sounds for the event, it will probably find Bruno, Sober, Thomas, and Zaner set to go. At the present time, Lawrence Kramer and the versatile Harry Sober seem to have the breaststroke posts sewed up, although last minute changes may find some one replacing the former. In the 150 yard backstroke event, Harry Liber and Sam O'Regan are entered.

The diving situation is still as unsettled as ever. Nicky Rilik and Wally Kasper, both experienced men, are conditionally entered in the dive. If they have passed their medical exams, they will compete tonight. Information about Fordham is scarce. However, the three men who did most to ruffle the Beavers' fur last year are back again this season. Bill Drury and Frank Devlin, both of whom specialize in breaststroke are primed for that event, while Al Schirma, the Rams' all around man, will probably be entered in the 220 and the relay.

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Most of Coach Spahn's Boys Untried, But Team Has Some Vet Material

Year and again, the opening exhibitions of the junior varsity quintet have cast a foreboding shadow across prospective College court prosperity. But the years of plenty have passed for the Beavers and the report that the yearlings have not been particularly impressive in their first two triumphs should no longer engender fears as to the future calibre of the Holman court stock.

Jayvees Inexperienced

The jayvees have rarely shown much at the season's outset. The reason is, simply, the inexperience of the squads, recruited for the most part from green material. The College, whose annual varsity strength belies this fact, gets very little Grade A material from the high schools. But Moe Spahn has seemed to manage very well these last few years.

This season Moe has had the usual quota of experienced material: several men with high school experience, but most of the boys are untried.

Morris Kaufman, diminutive forward and former Stuyvesant captain, shows much promise. An accurate shot and an inordinately clever floor-man, Morris needs only to gain a little speed and shiftness, before moving up to Holman's group. Joe "Babe" Adler has also shown to good advantage. The burly guard is the high-scorer of the squad.

New Center Capable

Al Soupios, 6:2 center, is at present, handicapped only by inexperience. The close of the court season may yet see him as a capable understudy for Bernie Fliegel next year.

Moe Spahn's charges will face Textile and Madison next week in their third and fourth contests of the campaign. With Kaufman and Mike Turash both from the former school, the game should be an interesting affair.

SPORT SLANTS

A dwarf in penguin costume will be the contribution of Brown, Williamson Tobacco Corporation to Varsity Club smoker . . . besides Kools cigarettes . . . his position on A.A. board has forced Moe Volkell to give up lacrosse managership . . . Bobby Sand '38 and Harry Sand '38 are one and the same person . . . 'tis rumored that the Barbers Union is trying to draft Jack Singer for a haircut . . . Ace Goldstein and Bernie Fliegel are college's foremost Damon and Pythias combination . . . this is their third year of Lavender basketball together, in addition to one year of baseball . . . and everything they do, they do together . . .

Dead-eye Harry Korner is also possessed of a beautiful singing voice . . . Harry is the star ball player on the Brooklyn Jinx crack quintet . . . In twelve minutes of action against St. Francis and Brooklyn, Sand and Co. (the second team) are ahead 3 to 2 . . . however, all they're supposed to do is wear out the opposition with their passing merry-go-round . . . the Beaver practice sessions are swarmed with photographers as the word gets around that this is the College's year on top . . .

Joe Foley, ineligible Manhattan transfer, works out with squad daily . . . lanky "Legs" Rosenberg is best unorthodox shot-maker on squad . . .

Lester

In The Gym

The expected happened in yesterday's intramural basketball quarter-finals, as Team O defeated I and Shepard '39 I came in ahead of Shepard '39 II.

Team O, with Everett Kaslow, squad captain, scoring eleven points, piled up an 18-2 lead in the first half. Walt Schimmenty lent a hand as the winners continued their scoring spree after the intermission and were ahead at the end of the game, 30-13.

Team I found itself faced by as smoothly a functioning unit as the intramurals have seen.

Shepard '39 I, also a favorite, tangled with Shepard '39 II in a very unbrotherly manner. The underdogs kept the game close and trailed 19-14 at half-time. In the second half Schlichter and Cimarosa lead the parties of the first part in making the contest a runaway. The final score was 30-17.

Team O automatically advanced to the finals by drawing a bye. They will meet the winner of the semi-final game between Team A and Shepard '39 I which will be held next Thursday. The time and place of the final game is still undecided.

Delta Beta Phi was tied with Phi Sigma Kappa in an inter-fraternity swimming meet held yesterday.


PROFILES

Morris "Ace" Goldstein . . . Adonis of the college basketball slickers . . . a member of the quintet in addition to being an Arista man while attending Morris High . . . only a junior but this is second season as regular on the varsity . . . most slippery man on court—he is constantly slipping . . . greatest achievement is that he was first man to get Holman befuddled in all of Nat's 18 years of coaching . . . just a tip on Ace's intelligence . . . Damon and Pythias relationship between him and Fliegel . . . another tip on "Ace's" brain matter . . . his claims to distinction . . . only player on JV baseball squad to steal home last year . . . would have stolen bats and balls too but coach caught him . . . aim in life is to be principal of girls' business school . . . getting fine training at 23 Street . . .

Chippie

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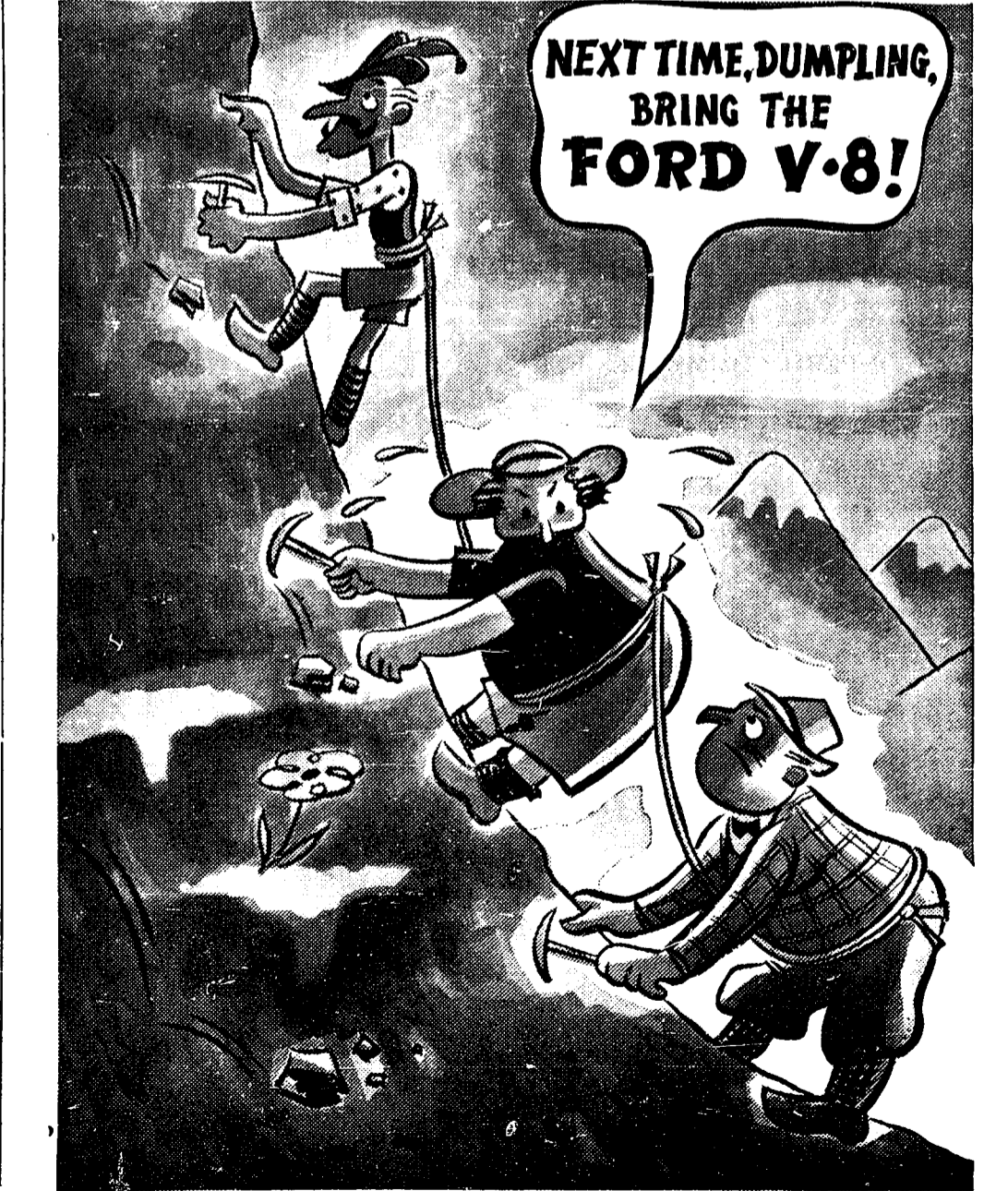
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David Freedman, Gag-Writer, Dies

David Freedman '18, 38-year-old writer of jokes and numerous skits for the stage and radio died in his sleep Tuesday morning at his home. His death interrupted the trial of a suit brought against Eddie Cantor, whose autobiography, *My Life Is In Your Hands*, Freedman had ghosted.

Mr. Freedman was a graduate of the College and the recipient of a Phi Beta Kappa key. Besides his work as a gag-writer, he adapted *White Horse Inn* for the American stage. His son Noel is a sophomore at the College and a frequent contributor to *Mercury*.

CHRISTMAS MERCURY TO APPEAR TO-DAY

The Christmas number of *Mercury*, the College humor magazine, is on sale today, Ezra Goodman '37, editor, has announced. The issue features a full page of Christmas cartoons by Stanley Meltzoff '37, art editor, and an article on "Is There Really a Santa Claus?" by Samuel Locke '37.

The third in a series of articles dealing with the College is entitled "Nat Holman, Beaver Wonder Man," by Gilbert Rothblatt '37. The cover of the magazine has been done by Irvin Glasser '30.

ALUMNI OF COLLEGE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Elections of officers of the Associate Alumni of the College will take place next Tuesday, December 15, Donald A. Roberts, '19, secretary of the Association announced. The meeting will take place in room 1220 of the Downtown Center at 8 p.m.

Waldemar Kaempffert '97, science editor of *The New York Times* is running for president. Dean Gottschall '13, and Elias Lieberman '03, are candidates for two of the three vice-presidential positions. Donald A. Roberts '19, and Arthur Dickson '09, have been nominated for secretary and treasurer respectively.

Dawson, Parker Appear at Grill

Two College thespians, David Dawson '38 and Irv Parker '37 broke into the Main Stem when they appeared Wednesday evening at the Rockefeller Center Rainbow Grill, one of the swanky night clubs. They were performers in the College Talent Nite held there every Wednesday.

David Dawson '38 is a mimic who was featured in the Varsity Show *Plastered Cast* and was the winner of one of Fred Allen's weekly Amateur contests. Irv Parker '37 was the singing star of last year's Varsity Show *A-Men*.

Students having talent and wishing to appear at the Grill, may inquire at the *Mercury* office for information concerning auditions.

SENIOR PROM

(Continued from Page 1, Column 3) Committee. Subscriptions are expected to exceed one hundred. Money must be in by next Thursday. Seating arrangements may be made in room 11 on the mezzanine between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. all next week.

Correspondence

RETRENCHMENT IN WPA

To the Editor of the *Campus*

An affair of great importance has arisen to confront all students throughout the city. It concerns the recent order, direct from Washington WPA headquarters, and released through Colonel Brehon L. Sumerville, the city's WPA chief. The order requires that twenty-one per cent of the Arts Staff Project must be dismissed by December 15. The idea is "to drop anyone from the staff who is not needed."

I, as a student enrolled in this Project, would like to register my protest against its intended action. These schools attract thousands of students who, like myself, wish to learn something which their general education has omitted. Many classrooms are already filled to capacity and a decrease of the teaching staff would in no wise alleviate this condition. In an effort to save the staff's positions and to continue the education of those willing to learn, petitions are being drawn up with the intention of having them circulated throughout the city. May I add my entreaties with those of the teachers in asking that every student sign such a petition?

L. S.

BROADWAY STARS ENTERTAIN ALUMNI

Mitzie Green and Milton Berle, Broadway stars, entertained the Class of 1924 at its annual reunion dinner last Wednesday evening at the City College Club, 106 West 55th Street.

The House Plan's status on the campus as an extra-curricular group, and the need for alumni support of the Plan, were stressed in an appeal made by Albert Sussman '37 editor of *The Campus*.

Victor Axelrod '37, Economics honors student, and Roy Ilowit '37, former co-captain of the football team, were also present. The students had been invited to present a picture of student life to the alumni.

Jack Nadel, chairman of the '24 executive committee, indicated approval of the House Plan's activities, and intimated that financial support for the Plan might be forthcoming.

Edward's Abdication May Be Detrimental To Royal Family's Prestige, Says Knittle

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the ruler. The king evidently had intended to meet anticipated criticism by securing legislation enabling him to enter a morganatic marriage. When Mr. Baldwin refused the request and advised against the proposed marriage, he is reported to have gone further and answered the king's challenge that he would marry without it by asserting that a bill would be passed, requiring the permission of the privy council and parliament for the king's marriage. Edward is said to have retorted that he would refuse to sign such a bill.

Crucial Point

This then is the crucial point, if a king should refuse to sign any bill passed by parliament, thus acting contrary to the advice of his ministers, he would be doing an unconstitutional act. The ministry would undoubtedly resign and the king

HISTORY CONTEST

A prize will be offered to the student submitting the best essay on "The Influence of Maimonides on the Tradition and Culture of Judaism." Essays should be handed in to Professor Nelson P. Mead, head of the History Department, not later than January 11.

The prize is offered from the income of the Jane Fischel Memorial Fund. The award, while usually made in June, will be made in both January and June this year because there was no award last June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The editorial board of *Microcosm*, senior annual will meet today at 3 p. m. in the *Microcosm* office, room 424, according to an announcement by Gil Kahn, editor. At that time assignments will be made.

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Tibias, Fibulas Assets in Exam

College tradition was shattered and alien institutions imported to our campus when some culprit disregarded the time-honored efficacy of rubbing Lincoln's nose and resorted to the use of a rabbit's foot as an aid in passing the French Comprehensive exams Tuesday.

The tibio-fibula and its concomitant integumentary coating was discovered shortly after the exam by one of the proctors who revealed himself as an authority on the subject. "It won't help much," he snorted. "The radial ulna is shattered and besides no real rabbit's foot has claws. It was probably imported to the College for the occasion."

royal family. This is in itself a severe blow to the strength of the imperial bonds. The Irish government has already hinted that it may refuse to recognize the new king.

These constitutional considerations indicate the severity of the crisis. The obstacles to the suggested morganatic marriage were not only the dissatisfaction of Mr. Baldwin with the king's comments on conditions in the industrial area of South Wales, and the opposition of the Dowager Queen Mary, who upon her accession imposed more severe restrictions upon the presentation of divorced people at court than those of Queen Victoria, but also more important the reflection upon the Crown possible by the marriage of the king to the divorcee, for whose divorce he might conceivably be held responsible by public opinion, if not in strict fact.

Action Unprecedented

The latter action would have been unprecedented in English constitutional history. For the first time an act of the king would have been submitted to the people for approval or condemnation. No matter how democratic this line of action may appear to us, it was inconceivable from the British view-point, for the king's views or actions have heretofore not been the subject of public discussion. Indeed, the cardinal principle of the British constitutional monarchy is that the king must refrain from politics and keep the crown above the exigencies of party politics.

On the other hand no king in English history had abdicated until yesterday, the press reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The cases cited were the result of revolutions and may be regarded as unconstitutional. Certainly the circumstances were quite different in this case. Moreover an abdication in itself is a serious blow to the prestige of the Crown and should have been avoided under all circumstances. It signifies that private obligations may be considered first and it implies that loyalty to the best interests of the nation and the empire may no longer be the paramount obligation of the

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