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### Zeimer Has Personal Hatred For Hitler and Nazi Party

Times without number have we been warned against the subversive influence of propaganda. We have been cautioned against "losing our heads" and allowing emotion to rule our reason. All have agreed that these warnings were timely and worthy of heed. Yet, are we able to put this wise counsel to practical use? When face to face with a real test; what is our reaction?

During last week's assembly period Mr. Gregor Ziemer spoke to us concerning conditions in Nazi Germany. None of us will doubt that conditions in that country are deplorable and that many outrages have been committed; however, we cannot help realizing that many atrocities were credited to participants in the great war of two decades ago which have since been proved to be mere fabrications of an ever active ministry of propaganda.

We must realize too, that Mr. Ziemer has a very definite reason for an intense dislike of Hitler and his party. After all, that dictator was quite largely responsible for the discontinuation of Mr. Ziemer's services in Germany. It is only natural that he would allow a bit of the personal to cover his narrations. Any of us would be motivated to do the same. But, the point is, we must not take too seriously personal prejudices.

Several of our faculty members took the trouble to check Mr. Ziemer's translation of the Nazi teacher's manual and, although the actual translation may be accurate, the implication that the speaker inferred was not entirely in keeping with the spirit of the manual. The main objective to teaching in Germany is the glorification of the Aryan race. Germans were lauded for their early interest in algebra and for its promotion but were not directly accredited for its invention.

It is this sort of evidence which we must weigh carefully. Mr. Ziemer undoubtedly had the best motives, but his appeal was to our emotions and not to our intellect. When he recommended that we use our schools for indoctrination he advocated doing that for which he so vehemently criticized Hitler.

As we ponder Mr. Ziemer's words let's subtract the emotional element and see what is left. It is only when we do this that we can arrive at an intellectual conclusion in any subject. It is only when we do this that we can avoid hysteria which filled the mind of pre-war America in 1917. Our greatest need today is level headed thinking.

### Cooperation Needed to Speed National Defense Program

Someone always loses in a political campaign; Wendell Willkie lost in the 1940 race. In other times it would be permissible for him and his party to begin right now to organize for the 1944 campaign, but not this year.

The people of the United States face a great task. There is a war in Europe; there is the problem of national defense in our own country; and there is a ticklish Far Eastern situation which must be constantly watched. Therefore, no great difference must exist among the leaders of industry or the great statesmen in Washington. A united front must and will be maintained, in which the Republicans must, and have pledged that they will, work for national unity.

If John L. Lewis carries out his pre-election threat to quit his position as head of the CIO if Roosevelt were elected, there is a faint ray of hope that labor will at long last be united in a common union. Thus another wound in the nation would be healed.

The few things mentioned above are only a start; bringing unity to our home town and county, it means that all major political squabbles and heated arguments be saved for a day when the nation is in more happy straits. No political parties need be abolished in our communities, and no freedom of press or speech curtailed — merely a spirit of cooperation toward our president and his policies will go far in creating a United Front.

### Rural Students in Need of Instruction in Manual Arts

"A woman's place is in the home" used to be the saying in the good old days, but more recent trends in society during the past 25 to 30 years have been away from this idea. Today the femininity of the land is known to dabble in everything from politics to knitting, and they seem to be profiting by it. Why, then, should there not be a course in elementary industrial arts given in this school for girls who are interested in teaching in the elementary grades?

As there has been more and more stress placed upon activity work in the curriculum of the modern school of today, it is necessary that grade teachers should be able to guide their pupils in the construction of toys, miniature houses, book cases, chairs, tables, and the hundred and one other articles that can be found in a lower grade room. Fundamental knowledge in the art of staining, varnishing, polishing, and painting is also needed by the teachers. Many of the girls going out of our school today do not even know how to drive a nail straight, let alone being able to perform such complicated measures as are needed in the sawing out of a window in a wooden box.

The need for rural teachers to receive instruction in this field has been recognized; therefore let the distress cry of the elementary teachers be heard and recognized also—they are willing and just waiting to become amateur coed carpenters!

### 45% of Students Favor Unlimited Aid to England

Unlike U. S. public opinion, majority sentiment among college students today holds that it is more important for the United States to try to keep out of war than to help England even at the risk of becoming involved.

Students were asked which of the two following things they thought was more important for the U. S. to try to do. Their answers, in percentages, were:

Keep the U. S. out of war ..... 55 per cent  
Help England, even at the risk of getting into the war ..... 45 per cent

This is not what their elders think. A Gallup poll recently pointed out that the majority of Americans believe the British are holding our first line of defense and helping them is more important than merely trying to steer away from the conflict.

Students, however, have repeatedly shown their tendency toward isolationism and their strong desire to avoid another war. For two years the Surveys has been gauging collegiate sentiment the nation over. It has found, for example, that majorities (in October 1939) would not volunteer should the U. S. send troops to help England and her allies, opposed (in October 1939) changing the neutrality law to allow any belligerent to buy American supplies, opposed (in February 1940) compulsory military training, and felt (in February 1940) our most important problem was to keep the country out of war.

### Coed Cooks Cater to Calamity-- Burnt Toast

Smoke from burping bacon greeted the nostrils of the coed cook as she returned from a telephone conversation. It seems that dirty dishes, cold water, burned fingers, scorched food, and grease spots are the bane of light-housekeeping.

A mad rush for an eight o'clock with a hunk of burnt toast and a swallow of lukewarm coffee to sustain her through the morning. A temporary vacation from pots and pans when she has her lunch in the cafeteria at noon. The hour of delirium — washing the dishes from the previous day, trying to cook a presentable dinner and trying to create an idea for her theme which is due Friday morning. She looks for the dish cloth and returns in time to rescue the carrots from boiling dry. When she pours the dish water down the drain, she splashes a part of her term topic that had

### Navy Is Strategic Factor In Strengthening U. S. Defense

Within the last year many accepted theories of waging war have changed. Last fall everyone believed Germany would be starved out by England. Then Hitler brought out a surprise, the Blitzkrieg, and Poland disappeared. Immediately, everyone decided all future wars would be won with airplanes and motorized armies. England's navy seemed extinct. But, something went wrong — England didn't fall. Bombing raids didn't destroy England's industries nor stop ships from bringing supplies. It became apparent that France's defeat was partly due to poor morale. Again control of the seas is proving to be the dominant factor.

In view of this fact, the United States' defense program should emphasize building a larger navy. Past history also proves control of the seas to be protection against aggression. Although England is only 20 miles from Europe, it hasn't been invaded for nearly 900 years; though America is 3000 miles from Europe, European armies have fought half a dozen wars on American soil. Only 40 years ago, Spain managed to compel us to fight a naval battle not far off the coast of Florida. Why was this possible? Because the American navy was not able to stop them before they got to America.

For all practical defense purposes, we are an island. We can give and receive aid only by crossing seas. To defend Canada and Mexico we must prevent the invader from establishing himself on their soil. Without a powerful navy to prevent enemies from landing armies in South America, hemisphere defense is just idle talk. Alaska can be defended and supplied only by sea. Our great outlying fortress of Hawaii can be starved into submission without a supporting navy. Without a navy we cannot defend the Philippines. The Far East, our source of tin and rubber are inaccessible without a navy to keep our trade routes open.

Up to the present time, we have believed in a defensive theory of national defense. We have believed that being surrounded by water made it impossible to attack us, or we would have submarines, coast artillery, and a small navy to shoot the invader after he had arrived. However, England is doing that now. The British are repelling invasion, and are letting the enemy decide when, where, and how he will attack them. The great advantage of being an island nation is in using your navy to bottle up your enemy at home and destroying his factories, hospitals, and homes — not to wait for him to come to yours. England was able to do this until her continental allies fell.

Therefore, no island nation can be secure by depending solely on a strong navy. It must have allies on other shores. We need friendly powers in South America, in the South Seas, and in Asia, who will be willing to close their shores to our enemies. However, if we do have a strong navy which will be able to aid other independent nations, they will be more willing to be our allies. Seapower is the weapon of freedom. With few exceptions, the independent nations have frontiers on the sea. Being landlocked; Czechoslovakia and Poland were

been left too near the sink. Oh, dear what a mess! Then her fellow conspirator in this art of preventing hungry students from starvation comes to the rescue of coed and dinner, and things go smoothly again.

The proverbial can-opener is the best friend of the girls doing light-housekeeping. When she runs out of ideas for disguising a hamburger, out comes "old trusty", the can of beef stew. The main feature of the meal is beef stew, and the accompaniments are a glass of milk for vitamins, bread and butter, jam and cookies. Mother sent her the cookies and jam to keep her courage up. She remembers as she eats her supper that practice makes perfect; so poor meals now will mean better ones in the future. She hopes this combination of education and housekeeping will give her a future insurance policy against spinsterhood.

### Behind the Eight Ball with the editor

Having just reached home after a No. 1 week-end in Detroit, I could well fill this column to the brim with bubbling information concerning ACP's 1940 convention.

Highlight, however, above all things, was *Student Voice's* business manager Loren Thompson, who turned out to be quite the gladiator. "Tommy" went to see Detroit, and he really took it in. Then there was "Charley" Begun and "Gerry" Moriarity, of the La-Crosse *STC Racquet*, and yearbook. Spending considerable time with us in our room on the 25th floor of the hotel, these two gentlemen to the south of us made the three days much more interesting, and proved that people from La Crosse are, in spite of our recent defeats in football, the best of people.

The Wayne University newspaper, the *Detroit Collegian*, carried a little notice of yours truly, making my home town, however, Marshall Falls, Wisconsin, a place which I am unable to locate on the map.

Rumors were that Orson Welles checked out of our hotel the day we arrived. Must have seen us coming, I guess!

Worst thing in Detroit: Its streets - - best thing - - its stores!

It's time now to bear down for finals, which are due around any day now. And, take it from an experienced hand, procrastination until Thanksgiving is usually a fatality.

Last week's election special proved to be quite a grind, keeping several of the staff members up better than half the night waiting for the latest results. I hope it was a success. If there are any comments as to special issues I should like to hear them.

pawns for Germany's landpower. Realizing this, we should understand the importance of our navy even if we have never seen the sea. By 1944, with the united support of all Americans, we will have a navy second to none. Let us hope our enemies will wait that long.

### THE STUDENT VOICE

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### Captain Rudde Speaks At Armistice Program

Hitting a new high in patriotism the student body, dampened in everything but national spirit, met for a general assembly Monday to commemorate Armistice Day. The band, under the direction of Mr. B. J. Rozehnal, set the mood for the audience by playing several selections reminiscent of uniforms, brass buttons, and marching feet. Novel features were the appearance of the flag on the stage during the playing of *Stars and Stripes Forever* by Sousa, and the combination of band and the chorus in a patriotic number.

The speaker was Captain Rudde, who is the educational adviser at the CCC camp near Ellsworth. In his speech he emphasized the need for protection against internal forces as well as a strong national defense both in North and South America, and advocated national unity in words, acts, and purposes.

### Speaker on German Life Delights Assembly

Mr. Gregor Ziemer, former Dean and Headmaster of the American school in Berlin, talked to the college student body Wednesday morning on "The Why of Hitler." Mr. Ziemer is well acquainted with Hitler's Germany as he spent 11 years there, returning to America just before the war.

Mr. Ziemer's personal views on Hitler, whom he called "the destroyer of maps and men," were enlightening. He said that America still underestimates the menace of Hitler, whose influence is spreading in our country even though his armies aren't invading. Contrary to some reports, the Ziemers do not believe that Hitler is crazy, but they describe him as a sincere, bitter fanatic whose one ambition is to revenge his country for past defeats. Mr. Ziemer did not think that the Nazi party could carry on without Hitler.

The control of Germany's schools, as described by Mr. Ziemer, made us glad that we would teach in America. The schools are used by the party to blind the young people with carefully prepared propaganda.

Mrs. Ziemer opened the program by playing Hitler's personal march, a very unusual piece. She later sang a German Youth song and concluded the program by singing *God Bless America*. Mrs. Ziemer is a lyric soprano of outstanding ability who has sung on the German concert stage.

Patsy Ziemer, their 13-year old daughter, has written a book called *Two Thousand and Ten Days Under Hitler*, published by Harpers, which has won wide praise from the critics.

The Ziemers are glad to have returned to the land of freedom where they are trying to awaken the rest of America to an appreciation of its privileges.

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### Pannings: Necklaces to Finger Nails

Remnants of Saturday's hop: Pleasant memories of NYA orchestra music. More power to Myron G. and his band! Many old familiars back with us: Minnie Wood, Kenneth Le Duc, Martin Lucente, Mary Anderson, Marie Ericson, John Lowe. Don Martin in the company of the fair Moline girl. Last memory - but not least - the rain!

Necklaces: First honors to Dawn Gates for her handwork of horse chestnuts. Second place to Marg. Bendix for a clever idea in corks. Vonnie Fellrath is next with a neat number in shells.

Billy Bergeron almost lost himself in the backstage curtains at orchestra rehearsal Tuesday night. Also entangled was a cello player.

The sign of the novice at election time is pointed out by election official, Dr. Wyman. A novice was he or she who, waving open ballot in hand,

stepped forth from the election booth.

Did you notice: The school flag has only 46 stars. This pertinent observation was made by "Prof." Rozehnal at the program Monday. It could have been the lighting, the flag, or Mr. Rozehnal's mathematics. In any case, something ought to be done about it.

Cold weather has an adverse effect on Robert Hotal. If the slow dragging pace he amused the library with on Monday evening is an example of his winter gait, he'll have to start from home at 7:00 o'clock to make his 8:00 o'clock classes.

Long finger nails serve more than a few purposes. A campus co-ed, when advised to clip her gleaming talons, answered her critics by appearing with their faces, ten strong, etched in miniature on her nails. Suggestions were made that she draw flags on them.

### Text-Book Notice

All text-books must either be renewed or returned to the text-book library by Friday, Nov. 29.

Texts which students will continue to use next term should be renewed NOW before examinations begin if possible.

Texts no longer needed must be returned immediately after each examination.

A charge of 10 cents a day per book is made for texts not returned or renewed by Friday, Nov. 29.

New texts for the Winter Term will be issued Monday, Dec. 2.

Mary Bradley, Librarian

### Newhouse Speaks on Modern Lighting Before Science Club

Thursday evening the Science club listened to Mr. J. C. Newhouse as he demonstrated phases of modern lighting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the club chose Donald Schwartz as its vice president.

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### Sophs Prefer Play to Prof. Williams' Class

With a whoop much resembling the spirit of '76, 35 hilarious sophomores dashed from the 1:25 history class on second floor in South Hall Wednesday, almost sweeping the out-of-breath Bill Sirek off his feet. The occasion for this mad outburst was not a youth movement, a political rally, nor a pep meeting - Prof. Williams had gone to Milwaukee to the teachers convention.

At the noisy brr-r-r of the 1:25 bell, glum-looking, long-faced sophomores agitatedly approached the history room. Kay Kurt had a premonition that there was going to be a test. Why? She felt it in her bones. Essay test? No, a shotgun test. All wrong, an essay test; no a shotgun test. Essay - shotgun - shotgun - essay;

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words flew fast and furious, essay sometimes taking the lead and shotgun sometimes leading.

Into this verbal dispute walked the unflinching Elvera Buss. "This class will not meet today. 'Prof.' has left for teachers convention."

Words hung in mid-air, jaws dropped, mouths gaped, and then Annette recovered. With a whoop not quite befitting the demure Annette, but which rallied the astonished history students, they dashed from the room giving vent to their emotions in a loud yell. Bill Sirek, who had just completed a record time dash from North Hall to South Hall, was swept along with the crowd.

But alas for these joyous sophomores! In their excitement of getting out of class, they did not stop to reckon that they are the losers. Every time they cut a class or a class does not meet, they are being deprived of some of that \$17.50 they pay each term. How much? Well, roughly speaking, let's say 99c. But if you really want the exact figure, Prof. Williams knows.



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