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Commentator

NO BLACKOUT of PEACE

FRIDAY:
Enlarged EXEC. MEETING
PEACE POLICY of ASU
ROOM 20

MONDAY:
General MEMBERSHIP MEETS

NATIONAL UNITY

On September 3rd the President addressed the nation on the topic of "National Unity". His thesis was the necessity of a common drive to keep the United States out of war, and at the same time, preserve and forward the civil liberties of the people of this country. It is this stand and these ideas that the American Student Union are advocating. However the reactionaries of the country have taken this slogan and are using it to forward their own interests. Against this we must be on our guard, because of this we must be that much more careful. Since the term is being used by both camps, we must fight the harder for the factors and concepts behind it. Keep America out of war; strengthen and extend our civil liberties.

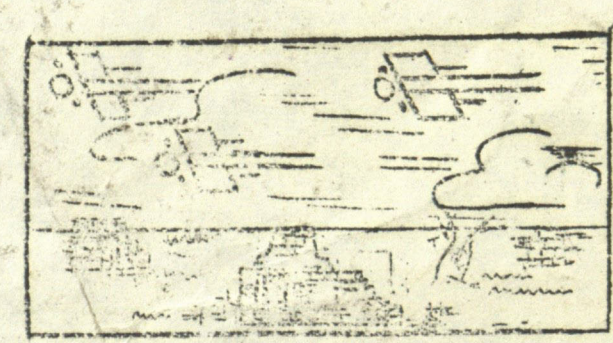
Once more the field that should have our most support, and the field that needs our closest study is that of the Unions and their activity. With the coming of the elections we must show the country our unalterable determination to stay out of war, by our progressive voting and our progressive activity.

As students we realize that legislation alone cannot keep us out of war. That

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At the present time it is a matter of the utmost importance that we take stock of the small amount of knowledge we have of the present war, and evaluate our results, so that we will be enabled to work out a line of action which will aid in keeping America out of the war. For if there is one thing that we are all of accord it is this, America must be kept out of this war.

When we look back at Manchuria, China, Ethiopia, Spain, Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, Albania, Memel, Poland, we realize that one thing they all have in common is, that they all are, or have been, the subject of fascist aggression. There is one other thing we must recognize and that is, in each one of the countries this aggression was possible only because the policy of appeasement was being followed by those countries who were in a position to halt at any time, up to the invasion of Poland, the march of fascism.



On September 16, at the Leader's meeting of the A.S.U. it was agreed, "This war was the product of fascist aggression, made possible solely by the treachery of the appeasers- in other words, a product not alone of Hitler, but

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does not mean that we should not advance certain piece of legislation, and be on our guard against others. Under the former; the National Executive Committee of the A.S.U. advocates, as does the President, the passage of the "Cash and Carry" proposal. The Exec also advanced the necessity of an embargo on Japan. They pointed out that the two must be knitted into one fabric, to be at all effective. As to those pieces of legislation which we must watch there are, the infamous "M" day plans, mobilization day, the cutting of Housing plans, of relief, etc. Representative Sabath has given us our warning about a drive in Congress for the passage of anti-alien bills. But the most important of all is the necessity of a National Unity with labor unions, and with all progressive forces behind the banners of the social objectives of the New Deal. This can be effective in keeping us out of war.

In this we should like to reiterate the warning of the President. At all times we must keep a level head, realizing that there are many groups in this country with axes to grind in this situation. Forces at work in our newspapers. All around us there are propaganda factors. We must evaluate, and check all reports and news-items. But above all don't be provoked; don't be provoked by those groups who seek the destruction or discrediting of the A.S.U.

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FRESHMEN GUIDE

room #126, Main Building; and join our work in your field of interest!

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Get the "Students Serve Democracy" for a nickel and find out all about the A.S.U.

Join the A.S.U. and keep democracy working by keeping it moving forward!

of the men and the group who made Hitler, used him, and then found it necessary, after retreating before their own monster, to call on the peoples of their own countries and of the world to defeat him, 'Hitler and Chamberlain made the war,' was their slogan, 'the people must make the peace.'

It would seem then, that this is not an anti-fascist war, as Chamberlain loves to call it. For the governments of England and France are substantially the same as those who did the appeasing. With the possibility of a Munich rules out what we have to fear now, and it is a very real one, is a new Versailles. As long as this possibility exists we cannot support this war.

The most important principle in all our A.S.U. action for the future must be that of keeping the United States out of war. It would seem that cash and carry neutrality is better than the existing law, but at the same time insisting that any change must be accompanied by an embargo on Japan, lest China suffer. There will be held very shortly in Panama a Pan-American conference. In the present situation this takes on the utmost importance. Solidarity of the Western Hemisphere is a necessity.

With neither hysteria nor cynicism, not boasting of the correctness of our past program, not unwilling to take the responsibility for pointing out a correct program for the present - the A.S.U. goes to work.

DO YOUR PART TO
KEEP U.S. OUT
OF WAR!
JOIN THE A.S.U.

STUDENT AID

While we wait for elimination of fees and free books, we know that many of us students need immediate financial aid. Therefore, we have established a Student Aid Fund. Through this Fund small loans will be available to A.S.U. members.

To be eligible for such a loan, one must be an A.S.U. member with the endorsement of two other A.S.U. members, who must be approved by the "Fund" board. Repayments will be made at regular intervals during the term.

The Fund is "only just the beginning". It shows great possibilities of expanding term by term by receiving trade union support, etc.

It goes without saying that these loans are interest free. You can file application and receive further information at the A.S.U. office.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The Student Council is running a book exchange for the use of all students of our college. Books can be sold for more and bought for less there than anywhere else in the city. The American Student Union most naturally supports this type of service to the school. Many students will recall that we ourselves initiated the book exchange three terms ago. We feel, however, that the Student Council can provide better facilities for the enterprise and therefore serve a greater number of students.

We wish the Student Council best of luck in its new enterprise, and offer our wholehearted cooperation.

We would like, however, to remind the three parties in the Council of their campaign pledge of providing free books. We feel certain that they will work very hard on this pledge and that next term we will have free books for all subjects, or at the least some of the subjects.

Once again -----GOOD LUCK, STUDENT COUNCIL!

FREE
Dance *To-night*
Room 20 — 10:15 Adm. Free

Freshman GUIDE

The American Student Union offers itself to the individual student as a channel through which he can be effective. Alone the individual student is almost impotent. By banding together in an organization which gives each an opportunity to express his opinion and help form a common program of action, American students can be a bulwark of democracy", tells us "Students Serve Democracy" an introductory booklet to the A.S.U. But how can we go about becoming a bulwark of democracy? The A.S.U. offers you a complete program of action in its Human Rights Roll Call in which the Union pledges to address itself to:

1. The elimination of illiteracy and the establishment of equality of educational opportunity.

2. The support of cultural activities accessible to the people.

3. The conservation of human resources through jobs and social insurance.

4. The public provision for medical care for all the people.

5. The creation of the city beautiful through slum clearance and housing.



6. The conservation of natural resources.

7. The guarantee of civil liberties and equal, political rights to all American citizens regardless of race, creed, color or belief

If any of these views coincide with yours, then the A.S.U. is your organization. If you wish to further any of these aims then join any of these committees: membership, financial, social, student activity, peace, publicity, labor, legislative and editorial. Come down to the A.S.U. meetings every Monday night, at 10:15 in

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