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? And What? Do You Think

By TOM GREENE

ON THE FIRING LINE... According to reports from military experts, the Japanese army in its sham battles uses a ratio of one real bullet to every 50 blanks. Sorta adds interest to the business of keeping the head down. Rumor has it that the college R.O.T.C. unit may stage one of these battles with blanks along about Wednesday, but probably they won't add any real bullets.

REAL BULLETS COULDN'T make life any more hazardous around here. Seems as if one has only to step out of the door and the barrage starts. A neutral has no place in this world of aggression; he is expected to take one side or the other, and definitely. If he doesn't, he is arbitrarily classified on one side or the other and treated accordingly.

JUST FOR INSTANCE the other day an editorial listed a group of organizations picked out of the air at random, to get across a point about the I.F.C.-U.S.A. Student council packing plan. All innocent one of the names listed was that of the M.S.C. Veterinarian. Came the deluge. At least half of the Veterinary Science division found occasion to take offense at the inclusion of their publication with other organizations of less high standing.

THAT WAS FAIR enough. After all it's a fine thing to see such unified support of and pride in a new publication. And the staff of the Veterinarian has really done a fine job this year. To repeat, that was fair enough, it was even logical—but what to do when the members of the Press club register a complaint against having their group listed with such reputable organizations as the Veterinarian?

BUT EVEN THAT is reasonable compared to the flights of fancy that sometimes come to a three-point landing in the office. It is when people make biting remarks about editorials—editorials that never were printed, that were never even dreamed of—that life assumes that futile status. The other day an instructor an-

Voter, Dear Voter Come Home With Me Now

A current song goes into some detail about the problems of an educated miss who studied 27 languages without learning to say "no" in any of them.

The Michigan State student body seems to be in the same situation. Whether it is lack of will power, forgetfulness, or just plain inability to resist the urge to pull the little lever down, is not quite clear. At any rate in the primary election Wednesday an amendment was made a part of the Student council constitution.

That amendment adds six members to Student council. A special election to be called probably next fall will fill the vacancies. Tomorrow another amendment will be voted on. This amendment seeks to add four more members to the already-enlarged council. Getting complicated isn't it? That was the trouble. The sponsors of the second amendment didn't wake up in time to realize that they should oppose the first.

It went through with only 133 votes against it. Now quite a few voters who may agree that it might be a good thing to have I.F.C., Panfil, and I.S.A. represented on Student council, even though they are now adequately represented on Men's council and A.W.S. council, are bound to feel that this enlarging business is getting a bit out of hand. After all, Student council isn't Topsy—there is a definite plan of student government, which will be upset if care is not taken.

The time to bring this amendment up would have been at the time the first was placed on the ballot, so that voters could choose between the two. Now it is too late. Wise voters are going to have to vote this amendment down—provided they don't stagger into the polls with an attitude of "Just one more short one, and then I'm going home."

nounced in a sad tone that he was going to have to give tests on Saturdays, starting as of the moment.

HE WAS REALLY FORCED into it. Some of his associates had told him that an editorial in the State News, frowning on Saturday tests, had been directed at him. Naturally a man of spirit would have to do something—so he gives tests on Saturdays. Perhaps it's quibbling, but the fact that the State News never ran an editorial against Saturday tests makes the situation just a little confused.

THE CLOSEST TO SUCH a brash dictate to the faculty that ever appeared was after the J-Hop, when it was pointed out that the most clear and complete view of the general work of the class could not well be obtained from quizzing a bare quorum, many of whom were recovering from 4 o'clock permission.

Just for the record, the State News' only interest in tests is when they come, contrary to administration request, during Farmers' Week, or at other obviously disadvantageous times. Aside from that and heller-skelter midterms, the State News doesn't even want to think about examinations.

BUT DON'T MIND OUR feelings. Go ahead and blame us. The State News is as good an excuse for giving a test as any heard yet. And to get even students can tear up, or take big bites out of their papers. For a tasty between-meals snack there is nothing like a nice shredded State News with milk or cream, sugar, and some kind of fruit.

Frolic, Installation Highlight Weekend

State News Photo by John B. Wright



Evidently one beau isn't enough for Betty Jenks—if it weren't for spelling we would pun about the bow she's holding in the upper picture. It belongs to Mitchell Ayres, orchestra leader for the Frolic last week-end. At Betty's left is Howard Newsome, frolic president. Helen Luech has Ayres' violin in a firm grasp and Hal Crumley, at the right, was both general chairman of the party and her date.

Pledges and activities of Beta Rho watch the camera as Michigan State's newest sorority dines in the Union. Sunday Delta Zeta, national sorority, took Beta Rho officially under its wing. The installation ceremony, conducted by national officers, took place at 4 p. m. Dorothy Wuerfel, Detroit freshman, is president of Beta Rho.

Ritual to Induct 26 Juniors To Tau Sigma

Initiation will be held Thursday evening for 26 prospective members of Tau Sigma, local junior and senior applied science and liberal arts scholastic honor society, according to President Lois Burley, East Lansing senior. Ceremonies will begin with the annual Singing Wednesday at 7:30 a. m. and continue with a banquet and initiation ceremony Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

Juniors elected by Tau Sigma include Richard Barstow, Midland; Ronald Bishop, Vermilion; Charles Brandel, Lansing; Donald Brown, Midland; Donald Combs, Lansing; Betty Crum, Lansing; Mary Lou Dodge, East Lansing; William Drake, Woodland; Richard Eckhart, Mason; and Marion Gardner, Midland.

Donald Goss, Jackson; Tom Greene, Mason; Marcia Gullford, Owosso; Ted Hart, Vassar; Leonard Herscher, Owosso; Charles Hutson, Ponca City, Okla.; Marjorie Lester, East Lansing; Alfred Linn, Lansing; Raymond Lonsburg, Flint; Joyce Mallman, Lansing; Leland Merrill, Packersburg, West Va.; were also chosen.

Other new members are John Padbury, Takoma Park, Md.; Raymond Pinkham, Lansing; Richard Redfern, Saginaw; Carolyn Tutstall, Detroit; and Jack Wiedick, East Lansing.

Students to March In Officers' Honor

The four army officers who are inspecting the R.O.T.C. units in the 6th Corps area will be honored at the R.O.T.C. parade today at 4:20 p. m. It was announced yesterday by Lt. Col. A. J. Zebrowski, head of the college military department. President and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hannah, and Dean and Mrs. R. C. Huston have also been invited.

The officers, who will be here until Thursday, are inspecting classes, drills, and specially conducted maneuvers.

Scout and Blade, junior and senior military organization, will give a luncheon in honor of the officers in the Union today at noon. Jack Burton, Berwyn, Ill., senior, is in charge.

The visiting officers are Lt. Col. Stanton L. Bettschley, Field Artillery inspector from Fort Cav-
—Lt. Col. Mario Cordova, Coast Artillery inspector from Fort Sheridan; Major Branner P. Perdue, Infantry inspector from Fort Custer; and Major Charles G. Meenan, Cavalry inspector from Fort Riley, Kan.

The Latin-American collection of the University of Texas library with more than 40,000 volumes and almost 500,000 original manuscript documents, is the most extensive such collection in the United States.

Students May Get Bomb Shelter, But No Bombs Planned

Bomb-proof shelters on Michigan State campus may be a reality before next fall, according to Prof. L. G. Miller, head of the mechanical engineering department and director of defense training courses here.

While Miller predicted no immediate danger of direct bombing attacks or night raids to disturb the normal peace and quiet of the campus, he stated that the bomb shelter project is among several tentative plans for defense courses to be given here this summer.

Summer classes will begin June 22, Miller stated, and are open to no credit high school graduates or equivalent, although some of the courses require training in advanced high school. Classes will be held in the morning and in the evening for approximately three hours for two or three periods a week.

Many of these courses may interest both engineering and non-engineering students, Miller said, pointing out that valuable training can be obtained in management and production. Several who are now enrolled in defense training courses have received advancement of positions because of their work, he stated.

Hotel President To Be Speaker

Franklin Moore, president of the American Hotel association, will be the main speaker at the annual Hotel day banquet at the Hotel Olds May 24, according to Donald Cleveland, trustee from Grand Rapids and president of the Michigan State College Hotel association.

Also president of the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., Moore will be introduced by H. William Klare, director of the State Hotel association educational committee, who will act as toastmaster.

Other highlights of the Hotel day program will include visits to the hotel administration classes Saturday morning, with golf, baseball and other recreation planned throughout the day. An informal party Friday evening is planned for early arrivals.

Reservations for the I.S.A. council officers' installation banquet Thursday should be made with Kay Jackson, at 5-7815, by tomorrow evening, according to Miss Jackson. All independent students may attend the dinner, she says.

STUDENT GRANGE—The M.S.C. Student Grange auditing committee will meet tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. in room 401. Ag hall, to continue auditing of the Grange books.

EXCALIBUR—Excalibur will hold a luncheon the day of 21.

Sigma Alpha Iota Names New Heads

Mary Evelyn Fleming, Bay City junior, will serve as president of Sigma Alpha Iota, honorary musical fraternity, for the year 1941-42 as a result of a recent election. Other officers elected were: Virginia Siegmund, New Buffalo sophomore, as vice-president; Doris Anderson, New Buffalo junior, as secretary; Barbara Malin, Lansing sophomore, treasurer; Jean Hamill, Plymouth sophomore, chaplain; Helen Renwick, Pittsburg sophomore, as rushing and scholarship chairman; and Maxine Moore, East Lansing junior, as editor.

WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND

(Trade Mark Reg.)

By Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

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WASHINGTON.—The French capitulation to Hitler, no news to U. S. Ambassador Admiral Leahy. He had warned what was coming for some time. France's capitulation, news, however, to some of the kid-glove diplomats of the State Department who kept on sending food ships with the idea France could be bought off.

To understand fully the hopelessness of the French situation, it is necessary to remember that Marshal Petain belongs to the old school which favored the French monarchy and disliked everything connected with the French Revolution. Petain never liked England, because England was always setting an example to the French people of how a parliamentary system really could be made to work.

Petain and his school, which included Weygand, were dead set against the parliamentary system for any country, and felt that if the British system collapsed, they would have no trouble ditching the democratic fourth government in France.

HAD NO HOPE

In addition, Petain was a pessimist. He did not think France could win last June, just as he did not think France could win in March of 1918. His order issued on March 24, 1918, has not been published, and if it had been, cur-

meeting Thursday on the Union sunporch at noon, not today as scheduled.

DAIRY CLUB—At a meeting today at 7:20 p. m. in the dairy building, the college Dairy club will discuss the Brentwood sale, according to "Ugly Tremblay."

SIGMA DELTA CHI—The fraternity chapter will hold a luncheon meeting today in the Union faculty dining room. Bill Baird, member of the Detroit AP bureau, will deliver what he calls a "shop talk." Members should bring questions to the meeting, he says.

WOLVERINE AD STAFF—According to John Craig, Wolverine advertising manager, the scheduled meeting of the 1942 ad staff has been postponed from this evening to tomorrow at 7 p. m. in the Wolverine office.

S.W.L. PUNK—Spartan Women's league plans a picnic for tomorrow, "rain or shine." Cars will leave the Union west entrance at 5 p. m. for an undirected destination. Tickets may be purchased from Joy Randall or any S.W.L. interest group leader.

Y.W.C.A. SUMMER JOBS—Opportunities for summer jobs will be discussed by the Y.W.C.A. at a meeting tomorrow at 5 p. m. in the Peoples church student parking. Leaders will discuss opportunities in recreation, camps, traveling office work, and other occupations.

MEDICAL BIOLOGY STUDENTS—A business meeting is planned by medical biology students at 7:30 p. m. today in the bacteriology building. Nominations for medical biology representatives at the Veterinary divisional council will be made.

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE—The Rev. A. L. Forest, of the Lansing Church of God, will be speaker at a meeting of the America First committee this evening in the Central Temple house of the Lansing Methodist church. Students and faculty members have been invited to attend.

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ALUMS STAGE PICNIC—The Lansing alumni of Omicron Pi gave a picnic for active and pledges Saturday morning. Delta Sigma Epsilon, recently added a list of names to their roster, including Singer, Richmond, D. Lansing, Wally Gilmore, Park, Ellsworth, Smith, Jun Cam, Detroit, Pauline Troxell, Pullon, New York, Monroe, Alex, Dillingham, Rapids, and Ned Marshall.

Saturday was Michigan's first at Albion for Zeta Tau Alpha party. Mrs. Edward P. was state chairman for the son. A letter was given at the chapter house by Mrs. John D. Brundage, vice president, and a chapter inspection.

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News Roundup

By George Herbert

South Atlantic Waters Hide Fate of Liner's 120 Americans

Official Washington was anxiously awaiting word yesterday afternoon of the fate of 120 Americans aboard the liner Zimham, mysterious. It sank in the South Atlantic early yesterday while flying the flag of neutral Spain.

Among the 200 passengers of the ill-fated vessel were 14 volunteer American ambulance drivers or their way to serve with the free-French forces in Egypt and a large group of Protestant and Catholic missionaries enroute to posts in various portions of central Africa.

The first report of the disaster came from London with word that the ship had sunk in the Atlantic between Brazil and Capetown, South Africa, but made no comment on the cause of the sinking.

Included among the equipment on board were several ambulances and a complete X-ray unit.

HULL HINTS AT CONVOY

Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday Sunday night that the

United States will "find a way" to assure the safe delivery of goods to England brought the answer question to the foreground to Congress again yesterday.

Although Hull's declaration brought forth speculation among non-interventionist Congressmen, present indications are that the final decision on naval convoys will not be made until after President Roosevelt's speech scheduled for May 27.

In his "I Am An American Day" radio address, Hull included a denunciation of strikes "which can and should be avoided."

Seeking a safe surrender for his 30,000 Italian troops in Ethiopia, the Duke of Aosta, Italian viceroy, capitulated to surrounding British forces at Addis Ababa Sunday.

The viceroy's troops were fortified in a 9,000 foot mountain stronghold, but were forced to surrender after their supply of food and water was cut off. The Italian surrender frees several thousand British troops for action

on other fronts in the near East.

AXIS AIDS IRAQ

In the meantime, combined Axis and Iraqi forces besieged the British air base at Habbaniyah, Iraq, and threaten to cut off the pipeline supplying oil for the British Mediterranean fleet.

The Iraqi air force is reported to have "successfully bombed" portions of the British fleet, although the extent of damage was not announced; while DNB, official German news agency, claims that Russian volunteers have enlisted to serve in the Iraqi Army.

NAZIS FREE PRISONERS

In a move toward closer relationship with the Axis and the Vichy government, Germany released 100,000 French prisoners of war yesterday.

Those released included only non-commissioned officers and soldiers who had seen service in the first World War, 1914-1918. It is estimated that Germany still holds over 1,000,000 French prisoners.

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