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## A Spanish Tragedy

Now that the fall of Barcelona seems almost impending it is high time that we take a rapid retrospect of the Spanish Civil War and see how Franco's fascist mercenaries might affect the whole future of world civilization. This is a theme which has been written about, preached about, and lied about so much that we are becoming dulled to the real danger to our American government.

Prime Minister Chamberlain, backed by his pro-fascist Tory supporters has done his own full share of lying in the Spanish situation to betray the democracies of the world; Mr. Chamberlain protests vehemently he is "negotiating" to preserve world peace—yet with each democratic-fascist crisis, it becomes more and more easily apparent that Tory England is playing its usual role of an opportunistic prostitute. More and more obvious it becomes that Chamberlain had rather sacrifice the great masses of people in his own country on the bloody altar of Fascism in order to preserve a certain reactionary class of which he is an esteemed member.

The admonition of the ancient prophet might well be reworded to fit our perilous times: "Come out of England, oh my people, for she is a betrayer of democracy and a panderer to dictatorships!"

Some ingenuous persons think Chamberlain was prompted by humanitarian ideals when he threw Czechoslovakia to Hitler at Munich last fall; they do not realize as yet (although Chamberlain undoubtedly does) that there can never be any true or lasting peace on our small planet until fascism is destroyed and its hypnotized followers re-educated and led back to the paths of sanity.

The longer the democracies wait and wonder—the stronger the fascist powers become: for theirs is the philosophy of war—might is right—unleashed nationalism becomes a saraband of hate turned into a devastating force for destruction.

Hitler's "March to the East" will presently become a march to the west, north and south as well; Mussolini's Tunisia will presently enlarge to include all of Africa. He who hath eyes, let him see—that shadows of coming events are huge and clear.

Intelligent persons know now that fascism can never be appeased until it has conquered or is conquered.

The tragedy of the Spanish people can easily be made the tragedy of any nation today. The history of the Spanish Republic is short but brilliant and at present—sad. Under its regime, the people of Spain were awakening from their long slumber; they were escaping from the doldrums of illiteracy and the curse of class oppression: now they may sleep forever. And yet, the leaders of the Republic little dreamed a few years ago that fascist invaders would instigate and carry on a rebellion which would drain the lifeblood of Spain.

So in Spain today the masses of the Spanish people look fearfully to the sky when German juggernauts of the air sweep over and rain tons of explosives on them—on their defenseless women and children penned up in the cities. For this is fascism and this is the way the fascists fight. And when the big Italian guns lay down a barrage of death to the innocent and swarthy Moors bayonet them—this, too, is fascism, and this too, is the way the fascists fight.

How can we of America help stamp out these atrocious reversions to savagery? By actively supporting with our money and our munitions the great cause of democracy against fascism. Much as we hate war, we hate those more who taught us how to hate. We feel much as did the Russians, who confronted with aggressive fascist Japan last summer, showed their unwillingness to be bluffed:

"To hell with the fascist dogs. We'll speak the only language they know—the language of the gun!"

When democracy turns and snarls at its foe instead of running away, then it will be Fascism's time to run. And it will run, never fear. If we don't wait too long to snarl.

## CAMPUS CAMERA



JEAN-YVES COUSTAU  
20-YEAR OLD QUEBEC STUDENT, IS PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE-LEGGED SKIER IN THE WORLD. HE ONCE MADE A JUMP OF 50 FEET!

ROBERT H. BISHOP WAS THE FIRST OF SEVEN CONSECUTIVE MINISTER-PRESIDENTS AT MIAMI U.

TRY A GELANDESPRUNG WITH TWO LEGS SOMETIME!

## Aunt Agatha's Advice To The Lovelorn

The other day while glancing through some past issues of The Cluster, we noticed that a certain Aunt Agatha used to give advice on love problems to the girls and boys of our dear Mercer family. We discovered her address and went to see her. We found that Aunt Agatha is still very active, having just returned from Europe where they really have problems, and is still anxious to help our bewildered students. In the meantime, word having reached the campus that Aunt Agatha was willing to help solve all problems of love and life, many letters poured in the office seeking advice.

Readers are invited to present all their problems to this kindly old lady, and may feel assured that all correspondence is strictly confidential. One may simply sign some catch name, so as to be able to identify his problem. Address all letters to AUNT AGATHA, care of The Mercer Cluster, Box 13.

Dear Aunt Agatha,  
I am in the deep sea of despair. I thought I had everything all lined up. The boys were simply standing in line. My telephone rang constantly. If possible, I had too many dates. Now, woe is me! I see these same boys who professed to worship me so, walking around the campus with and dating the

new co-eds who registered at Mercer this year. I cannot understand it. What has happened? Could it be anything that I could have done? Really, I was very fair to each and every boy. I told them all the same thing, that I was crazy about them. Isn't that what they want to hear? Aunt Aggie, you simply must help me. How can I regain my popularity?  
Woe Is Me.

Dear, dear, Woe is you:  
How long have you let this matter run on? Such a situation should have been attended to at the first indication of your, shall we say, "slip." The only thing I see for you to do this late is invite them to some sort of meal. That always make a favorable impression. Then try a new line. There is nothing as quite so unflattering to a young man who feels his importance as to have a girl use last year's line. If this doesn't work, they're just being stubborn. Selong's perfume odour "Indescretion" and Missproffs raspberry lipstick might be just what you need, or perhaps it's Gisterine and Waired. However, if you're patient, just fain indifference and someone will ask you for a date by your senior year. After all if they don't you will have your education as a consolation.

## Views of the Day's News

By CLOUD MORGAN

Attention in foreign affairs was drawn from Italy's demands on French African territory to new developments in the Spanish Civil War, this week. The rebels have announced for the empty-umth time that victory is close at hand. That the Spanish government is hard pushed cannot be denied; they have appealed to France to open her southern border to exports of arms and munitions, medical supplies, and other provisions, to the Loyalists.

France, as usual, has demurred. In spite of strong sentiment in his own cabinet Premier Daladier persists in refusing support to the Spanish government. Italy, it seems, has effectively bluffed her into a continuance of her "hands-off" policy. With persistent threats

to France appearing in the official Italian newspapers, in which it was claimed that "French hate for Italians will eventually rouse up Italian hate for the French, and then the guns will go off by themselves," and with Germany looming larger and stronger on her northern borders, it seems that France would make an effort to keep a friendly power to the south of her. But apparently nothing short of a cabinet revolt will move Mr. Daladier.

An astonishing support of the President's \$875,000,000 relief appropriation, as opposed to the \$725,000,000 bill passed by the Senate, developed in the Senate this week. Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, startled Congress by reminding them that he did not

## Music of the Moment

By John F. Hogan

Composer Otto Cesana has recently completed a symphony written in swingtime, a work which Duke Ellington will premier as soon as his versatile band has become familiar with the score. It is written in four movements, each in a different tempo, and provides an almost unlimited variety of tone color. Cesana has two symphonies already to his credit, both of which were welcomed as expressive and daringly modern works by New York's leading music critics. Ellington's rendition should be looked forward to, if and when he plays it on the network.

Within the last few months several new bands have been featured on the networks that hitherto were unknown nationally. These lads be thorns in the sides of a great many of the old established names in the dance band world. The newcomers' popularity is undoubtedly increasing to the point where the public prefers them to the old standbys. Examples: Sammy Watkins, with his "I Love Coffee and Tea" theme has skillfully combined a soft sweet sax with a band that can bear down on the hot numbers as good as the best of them. Gray Gordon's TicToc Rhythm is also becoming a network favorite. Gordon himself has been in the business for years, but his present band was first noticed in Buffalo, brought to New York, and is now featured at the Hotel Edison, a spot previously held by Blue Barron. Barron is reported to be on tour at the moment, and later in the season will be on the air from a spot in Denver. This band is a good example of a new outfit skyrocketing to the top. The average age of Blue's boys is twenty-three. They've all been with him for three years, and were first organized in Cleveland, their home town.

Record releases. One of the best renditions of "I Won't Tell a Soul" comes from Andy Kirk, recording for Decca. His reeds have it. On the reverse side he does better than average job with "Toodle Toodle"; this number is a fine example of perfect precision in the brass section. The song is bound to be amusing.

If you like swing versions of old favorites, Artie Shaw is the perfect band. His recent recording of "The Japanese Sandman" and "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody" for Vocalion is one of the best out of the many previous hits. His clarinet rides alone are worth the price of the record. "Sold American," done for Vocalion by Glen Miller is one of the hottest things this side of the midnight sun. This number, as the title suggests is an expressive instrumental imitation of the tobacco auctioneer. On the reverse is a so, so version of "Humoresque." Although both these numbers are very good their chances of being recording hits are still slim.

wish to have on his conscience the knowledge that he voted for a cut which would throw hundreds of thousands of people to the mercy of winter's icy blasts. Similar feelings were expressed by several other Senators, but from Virginia's Carter Glass came the statement that he meant to introduce a bill limiting the appropriation to \$600,000,000. Even the good Republicans have announced that they will support no appropriation under the present house bill, so we'll wait for developments from Mr. Glass. Personally, the column thinks he's maladjusted; he belongs in a bank. Bankers have all sorts of opportunities to refuse loans and that sort of thing.

## The Cluster Lends An Ear

By CAROLINE ADAMS

Student government seems to have rather monopolized campus "extra curricula" thought since holidays and so, appropriately enough, it monopolized Mercer's fifteen minute period on the air this Thursday. In an informal and round-about way a group of students who are participating in some form of student government or another at present, gave its hearty approval of the system, provided it is worked on an honor basis. The students were representatives from the law school, which has apparently proven the success of the system, and from the co-ed dormitory which is enthusiastic about making a go of its new student government. Rough-hewn as the program may have been, its democratic theme should be a good advertisement for Mercer.

And now for the benefit of those who are not jitterbugs, but who do appreciate the gentler and more harmonious forms of modern swing, we would remind you that Phil Spitalny's all-girl "orchestra of lovely voices" may be heard on Monday nights. For sheer rhythm and harmony they are hard to beat. A capella members would particularly enjoy this program.

## At Lucas & Jenks Theatres

PICTURE OF THE WEEK:

"ZAZA," the story of the darling of the French music halls, with her frou-frou skirts and a twinkle in her eyes, will open at the Grand Theatre Monday. Co-starring in this delightful play of daring charm and sparkling wit are Claudette Colbert and Herbert Marshall. Also on the program is Walt Disney's, "Ferdinand, the Bull."

SCHEDULE:

Grand  
Friday and Saturday: "Angels with Dirty Faces," with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: "ZAZA," with Claudette Colbert and Herbert Marshall.  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "Kentucky," with Loretta Young and Richard Greene.

Capitol  
Friday and Saturday: "If I Were King," with Ronald Colman and Frances Dee.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: "Off the Record," with Pat O'Brien and Joan Blondell.  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "That Certain Age," with Deanna Durbin and Melvyn Douglas.

Rialto  
Friday and Saturday: "Down In Arkansas," with Weaver Brothers and Elvira, and "Ghost Town," with Bob Baker.  
Monday and Tuesday: "Spawn of the North," with George Raft and Dorothy Lamour.  
Wednesday and Thursday: "Drums," with Sabu, and Raymond Massey.  
Friday and Saturday: "Strange Case of Dr. Meade," with Jack Holt, and "Shine On Harvest Moon," with Roy Rogers.

Ritz  
Friday: "Adventures of Marco Polo," with Gary Cooper and Sigrid Gurie.  
Saturday: "Git Along Little Dogie," with Gene Autry.  
Monday and Tuesday: "On the Stage 'Shanghai Nights,'" on the screen: "King of the Underworld," with Humphrey Bogart.  
Wednesday and Thursday: "Tropic Holiday," with Bob Burns and Martha Ray.  
Friday and Saturday: "Terror of Tiny Town," with Tom Thumb's Midgets.

Sororities and fraternities at the University of Maryland have just completed a Greek songfest in which the Kappa Delta sorority carried off top honors. KD is the first sorority to win the cup.

Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order announces the initiation of Bill Davis, Atlanta, and Ferris Sims, Fayetteville.