Nazism Discussed by Dr. Alice Hamilton

Speaker Impressed by German Translation

Of American History

"Nothing in the world is as terrible as war," said Dr. Hamilton at Commencement Tuesday, January 17, Dr. Hamilton, the commencement speaker last June, was in Germany during the war scare representing our government at an international conference on industrial hygiene. Because she was only in Germany for one week she feels that her impressions are somewhat superficial.

The Friday before the week of the conference she arrived in Stuttgart, the center of the movement to weld all Germans into a common group. Here she bought some literature which presented an entirely new angle of history. These books presented the idea that the Fatherland still claims the loyalty of the Germans in America, that it was the Germans who won the Revolution and the Civil War, "that Germans are fighting for others, never for themselves."

The President, his cabinet, and all the important and influential men in America were representing President Lincoln was represented as a German. The book which won the Goethe Prize last year was "Hymns to Hitler" said Dr. Hamilton.

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Important Invention Of C. C. Botany Professors

An invention by Drs. George S. Avery, Jr., Harriet B. Creighton, and C. W. Hock of the department of botany at Connecticut College, which was described by Dr. Avery at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Richmond, Va., will make possible a widespread study of plant growth and development which is important for the future of agriculture.

The invention of the Connecticut College botanists consists of a circular tightly enclosed sheet metal chamber about three feet in diameter in which the constant humidity and temperature laboratories in which growth research has been carried on exclusively up to this time, may be constructed for about $50. Because the invention will make possible the proper training to carry on quantitative hormone research without the extensive laboratory apparatus, the new apparatus is bound to hasten progress in this highly significant field of research.

At the present time only five institutions are equipped for work in a major way in the study of plant growth hormones. They are the California Institute of Technology, the Boyce Thompson Institute at Yonkers, N. Y., Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Connecticut College.

The work at Connecticut College has been carried on by Dr. Avery and his colleagues, Mr. John E. Shelton, a specialist in plant physiology, and the Rockefeller Foundation has granted $500 to carry on this research. The undergraduate research is being done by Frances Fourcade, a junior, and Dr. Avery's research is being done by Mr. Shelton, who has been carried on by Dr. Avery for a number of years.

Discussion Groups Begin

Students from all over the world who are interested may consult Miss Van Eps to meet Dr. Avery in the study of plant growth hormones. The study Dr. Avery was granted a leave of absence last winter for several months in his laboratory which the Rockefeller Foundation has been constructing for about $500. The laboratory will enable persons with proper training to obtain the numerous discussion groups on campus are all related to honors work, for honors work is one of intellectual curiosity.

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Pres. Blunt Tells Of New Plan For Honors Work

President Blunt emphasized departmental honors in his chapel talk on Tuesday, January 17. The senior questionnaire indicating the importance of intellectual curiosity and the formation of definite interests during college years; the Free Speech article outlining the fact that intellectual curiosity is not very productive unless an attempt is made to satisfy it; and the numerous discussion groups on campus are all related to honors work, for honors work is one of intellectual curiosity.

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Dr. Dexter Stresses Czech's Need of Outside Help

"There is no peace in Czechoslovakia," said Dr. Robert C. Dexter, speaking in 1937 living room Sunday afternoon, January 15.

Dr. Dexter is a Unitarian minister who has spent a great deal of time in Czechoslovakia and was there both before and after the Munich crisis. He has walked among the peasants, and all classes in both Czechoslovakia and Germany and is well qualified to give a comprehensive picture of the situation abroad since September.

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Registration

Students must register for the second semester by Saturday, January 21. Failure to do so will involve a five dollar fine.

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Newt Perry Plays at Mid-Winter Formal

Supper to be Served in Windham Between Ten and Twelve

Newt Perry and his orchestra will make their debut at Connecticut College when they play for Mid-Winter Formal Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 to 12 p.m. in Knowlton Salon. This year Knowlton dining room will be used for dancing for the first time and the over-crowded condition of former years will also be remedied by having groups of about 65 couples served supper in the game room and the dining room of Windham from ten to twelve. Tickets to be purchased early so that everyone can be with the group of their own choice for supper.

Connecticut is particularly fortunate in obtaining Newt Perry's orchestra. The leader is a member of the class of '41 at Yale, has played for many of the coming out parties in Chicago. Perry is the recipient of a scholarship which is popular at Smith and other eastern colleges. He played at the DKE banquet and at the Yale-Harvard weekend last fall.

Members of the various committees for Mid-Winter Formal are as follows:


Waitresses costumes: Sue Marches, Edith Floy '39, Barbara Evans '40.

Tickets: Barbara Berman '41.

Invitations: Polly Faxon '40, Freda Chot '41, Ardenne '39, Edith Floy '39, Barbara Evans '40.

Tickets for the dance from 3 to 5 in the afternoon cost $2.00 a couple and $1.00 stag. For the evening stag tickets are $3.75 and $3.50 a couple.

Informal Prose and Poetry Writing

There will be an informal meeting of a group of students interested in reading prose and poetry, Thursday evening at 7:30 in Jane Addings living room. A short play, some prose, and several poems will be read. The group is open to all who are interested and they are invited to attend this meeting. For further information see Polly Tillinghast '41, Doris Bonner '40, or Thea Dutcher '40.

Wells Writes Manual

Dr. John Edwin Wells, chairman of the English Department, has recently had published the seventh supplement to his Manual of Middle English." It was printed by the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences at the Yale University Press.
Student Organized Chapels

will be good enough to be continued. We believe that
year; a talk on the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut.
stance, it implies a certain doubt as to whether it
edge of these we cannot go far wrong.
conclusively the courses for which we are to be respon-
bulletin board in Fanning a notice, a part of which is
panic-stricken style.
It is but one of several which have recently been handed
Speech concerning General Examinations for the Seniors.

Thomas Wolfe Work
Termed Symphony
of Emotion Human Emotion

In writing on such a subject as "Time and the River," at such a
late date, I have the feeling that it must be familiar to a novice tight-rope
walker, for Mr. Wolfe survives as one about whom people fight with
murdcr in their eye. What will happen when his posthumous novel is
published is a matter for speculation, which remark gives me a chance to
explain my attempting words on: "Time and the River" three years after
its publication. A few months ago, at the time of his death, there
was an announcement of a completed work to be published, if I recall it
correctly, the end of this year. As
many others must have wondered what
this new piece could say that had not already been said in his previous
works. It was an idle ques-
tion, because I did not know what he had said, not having read "Time
of the River" five years ago. It
just reminded me. I pass my conclusions to you for what they are worth,
which is little in the face of this epic of youth in search of reason and
meaning, the reason for and meaning in this world. I cannot and will
not venture an estimate of the future of the book, for others, more capa-
able, have been unable to crystallize any estimate.
Mr. Wolfe is one of those rare
persons who make no concessions to anyone in regard to what he writes. The
result is that his web of words, ideas, incidents is often confus-
ing and even, at times, incoher-
ence. I can hear the sound of con-
tent that will greet such an admi-
ssion of defeat as that, but it cannot be helped. The incredible thing is that
the book is starkly compelling and moving, despite its frequent lack of
clarity. There is about it an oppres-
sive, tragic atmosphere quite beyond
analysis and beyond human ability to forget. Like the many, yet one river
describes, it goes on forever. I have
less, changeless and changing, at times
reaching the heights and, in the next

THINGS AND STUFF

What we just cannot get over is this plan of moving rapidly to its fulfillment, of presenting "Five Kings," an epic of five of the Shake-

spearean chronicles in case you do not remember. Latest bombshell is his announcement of his new piece of work which he is
moving the spirit, while touring with the colossal drama.
It is always good news to hear of a talent suddenly blossoming into work that is really fine. The case in
mind is that of Herbert Bayer, known by some for his work in flower-
neries, his present exhibition of colored postcards reveals what
he previously neglected his real métier, landscape painting, for his new pieces are masterpieces of color and form.
Theatrical listings are beginning to look like announcements of "those
days when the River was wide and
Broadway looks like Broadway once more, for look who's there, Jean
Cost, Lauretta Turey, Lillian Gish, William Gaxton, Victor Moore, So-
phia Tucker, Alexander Kirkland, Beatrice Lillie, Sam Jaffe, Clifton
Webb, Estelle Winwood, Hope Will-
liams, and many others present after a long time no see."
A brawl of the week is: "Trade Winds" fish, flesh, or good red her-
ing, or none of the three. Our
brawl of the week has not happened yet, but will, in no time at all, if
Howard Barnes, Herald Tribune Moving Picture critic, does not stop
defending the annual awards. If
gentlemen protest too much, we,
think.
The most exciting news of the week in the world of music is the announcement of the forthcoming production of Mussorgsky's impres-
sive and haunting masterpiece, "Boris Godunof."
This work has not been
done in its entirety for years, and will be more than welcome to all fans
ers of German and Russian music. It is to be regretted deeply that this
Miss Peters Pleases Audience with Fine Recital

The presentation of Verdi’s “Pace, Pace” from La Forza del Destino was the high spot of the song recital by Miss Julia Peters in the College Gymnasium, Thursday evening, Jan.

uary 12. In this presentation Miss Peters showed real artistry and extensive study and feeling in the shading and tone. She touched the difficult and difficult skillful rendition of a difficult aria, and it made this reviewer wonder if perhaps Miss Peters is not more at home on the Opera Stage than in concert work.

As is so often true of opening numbers, there was nothing to particularly distinguish the “Oh! Spietato” of Handel, and Bach’s “My Spirit Was Heaving Thee.” However, the second Bach number, “My Heart Ever Faithful,” was characterized by skillfully handled intervals and excellent enunciation.

Miss Peters’ voice is definitely a soprano and her high notes are beautifully clear. She sings well in a controlled half-voice and handles pia-issimo to perfection, but it could be hoped that she does not often sing in the lower register, for the head voice is so far superior.

The chief adverse criticisms of Miss Peters’ otherwise excellent sing- ing would be an excess of jaw movement, and the obviousness of her breathing.

d’Albert’s “Mittelalterlich Yezz- shymne” ran a close second to the Verdi composition, showing the pow- erful control of her voice.

Student Union Changes Attitude in Fast Year

Another move to the right, started at its convention a year ago, charac-
terized the fourth national convention of the 6,000 memb- ers of the American Student Union, fiscian group of liberal student organi-

zations.

Still maintaining its support of the union, the national adopted a re- presentation calling for a study of the de- fense needs of the U. S. and modified its attitude toward the Reserve Offi-
cers’ Training Corps. The convention voted approval of the recent plan of President Roosevelt to train stu-
dents as civilian air pilots.

In its resolution declared that the people and government of the United States should make a positive commitment to the training and arming of its citizens as a part of the Administra-
tion policy toward Germany and China.

The defense plank declared that an unmitigated disapproval was not possible, and called for a joint defense program by the National Intercollegiate Christian Coun-
icil and the National Student Federa-
tion of America, the results to be presented at a referendum of the chap-
ers of the American Student Union.

Returning Hour

All students must be in their dormitories by ten o’clock Sunday, February 5.

Interesting Revelations Made by P. A. C. Survey

That large numbers of college students have less academic and social work than the dullest student in the sopho-
mores, while about one-fourth of the college stud-
ents are below the average out-of-school youth in the capacity of their students.

Students in the sophomore class of one college ranked lower in an intelligence test than the dullest student in the sopho-
mores of one superior institution.

Nor does these differences appear to be due entirely to selection. Thirty-
four students out of 106 high school graduates whose test scores were close to average went to colleges which ranked in the upper half of Pennsyl-
vania colleges.

The remaining 72 went to colleges in the lower half. When tested again after four years, the students who attended the top-
rank colleges made scores which were superior to those in the low-ranking institutions by a margin equal to the nor-
mal differences between Sopho-
more and Senior years. Thus, the pamphlet concludes, the knowledge measured by these tests is the same, whether in conference or relaxation.

Just as determined to not tell where I went, IKnocked on all the labeled doors with my big nephews were called to the mobilization, and it was awful to bid good-bye, not knowing what would happen. Charlotte, her baby and mother went down to the Atlan-
tic coast near Bordeaux, where Char-

lotte’s husband’s family have a house, as there was no point in their staying in Paris where there might be danger. The American Embassy there was said to be dark, lighted only with dim blue lights—as were entire sections of the city—and filled with crowds of women with babies, and old people. Some Boy Scouts were standing by with stretcher. I brought back memories which I thought had forgotten. My other sisters were all scattered through France, still being on their vacations. My brother and brothers-in-law were out to do just their orders to join their regiment, and every night I had dinner with one or the other, or who would tell me that day was a nice day while he was killed. It was rather difficult to keep up one’s spirit—however I might tell my mother: I think of all the foreigners I saw during those try-
ing days, and especially Americans, French people—so we’re look to keep their heads on their shoulders.

I had my vacation during the first two weeks of September, but seeing how things were going, I didn’t go anywhere, nor take much rest. When we came home from the 16-day work we started for the opening of School on October 3rd, but the follow-
ing week we came from the American Embassy for all residents to leave Paris. Mr. MacInnis didn’t know what to do with the few refugees, and she was not in her car. He warned me that he would have to go, but I knew where, and that he would have to do it. The French Embassy had been prepared for any kind of war. The blessed news of the Munich Confer-
ence came—and you can bet we had a good time.

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ber 3rd, with a small registration—about 52 pupils—enough to keep us going. We have a whole group of refugees from Austria, Germany, and France.

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Unfortunately we have not a good memory for names, so tell us, Rachel Homer, who is the fair-haired boy? Is it a Whatnau, a Whostau, or a Whistau?

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Dr. Hamilton explained the status of the Jews by citing the charges which had taken place since her last visit to Germany. She told how one of her friends, very influential in the scientific field, in founding a university, and in bettering conditions at the end of the World War was being hidden by her German colleagues because they needed her scientific work. Jews have learned "never to expect any protection from the police or any justice from the courts.

All men from 18-60 years of age, who owned any property at all, were placed in concentration camps on November 10.

There is little hope for the Jews in the advent of a war, for the speaker said that they probably would be blamed for any German misfortunes, and will probably be massacred at the Germans’ first reverse.

Espionage and fear are much worse than they were in 1933. People suspect each other, they don’t trust even their friends, they are afraid that dictaphones have been planted in their own homes; no one knows who the secret police are.

After the meeting on Monday, the members of the Congress, mostly Italians and Germans, adjourned to Palm Garden for entertainment and refreshment. Instead of dining and dancing they listened for an hour and a half to Hitler’s speeches over the radio. He impressed Dr. Hamilton as having a high, shrill voice which never changed from an acute and furious hysteria. No one commented on the speech; in fact, no one- German can understand Hitler’s dialect. Dr. Hamilton feels that such a speech, which was not really very fierce, could not have held an American audience just because it was delivered in a high, fierce voice.

During that week or crisis, Dr. Hamilton stated that no one knew what was going on in England and France, or even in Germany itself. The newspapers gave the impression that Chamberlain and Hitler were working together as two great peace-makers, trying to save Europe from war, and depicted Bosen as a cruel monster, torturing women and children, dealing death and destruction for the sake of advancing the personal interests of Czechoslovakia.

By Wednesday most of the members of the conference had been recalled to their countries, and the Americans left Thursday night. When Dr. Hamilton arrived in France last week, he was received by the French people warmly and with relief because of their terror of Bosen.

Many persons think that it was shameful for France and England to go back on Czechoslovakia, but Dr. Hamilton feels that, although the fate of the Czechs is terrible, the result of a war would have been far worse. Chamberlain’s speech to the Commons seemed to indicate that Hitler was anxious to march into Czechoslovakia. The speaker did not feel that Chamberlain plotted the whole thing out with Hitler first. On the question of further wars, one Czech to whom she spoke thought that Hitler would get everything that he wanted without fighting for it. Dr. Hamilton argued against war by saying that “war means dictatorship” and, in the case of war, “right might not triumph.”

The strenuous life in Germany today was described by the speaker. The tempo of Germany is now greatly increased. It is under the complete control of one man, greatly heartened by his successes. In the very best grocery stores only two kinds of fruit and five vegetables can be bought. One buys whatever kind of meat he can get—if he can get any at all. Butter and bread are apportioned, so much per head per week. There is a great deal of conscript labor, but many feel that it is better than concentration camps. Dr. Hamilton concluded by saying that almost warlike conditions prevailed in Germany today, and that she came away from there with a great horror of war.

An informal discussion, with this lecture as its main topic, was conducted at 7 o’clock by Dr. Lawrence in Mary Harkness living room.

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During that week or crisis, Dr. Hamilton stated that no one knew what was going on in England and France, or even in Germany itself. The newspapers gave the impression that Chamberlain and Hitler were working together as two great peace-makers, trying to save Europe from war, and depicted Bosen as a cruel monster, torturing women and children, dealing death and destruction for the sake of advancing the personal interests of Czechoslovakia.

By Wednesday most of the members of the conference had been recalled to their countries, and the Americans left Thursday night. When Dr. Hamilton arrived in France last week, he was received by the French people warmly and with relief because of their terror of Bosen.

Many persons think that it was shameful for France and England to go back on Czechoslovakia, but Dr. Hamilton feels that, although the fate of the Czechs is terrible, the result of a war would have been far worse. Chamberlain’s speech to the Commons seemed to indicate that Hitler was anxious to march into Czechoslovakia. The speaker did not feel that Chamberlain plotted the whole thing out with Hitler first. On the question of further wars, one Czech to whom she spoke thought that Hitler would get everything that he wanted without fighting for it. Dr. Hamilton argued against war by saying that “war means dictatorship” and, in the case of war, “right might not triumph.”

The strenuous life in Germany today was described by the speaker. The tempo of Germany is now greatly increased. It is under the complete control of one man, greatly heartened by his successes. In the very best grocery stores only two kinds of fruit and five vegetables can be bought. One buys whatever kind of meat he can get—if he can get any at all. Butter and bread are apportioned, so much per head per week. There is a great deal of conscript labor, but many feel that it is better than concentration camps. Dr. Hamilton concluded by saying that almost warlike conditions prevailed in Germany today, and that she came away from there with a great horror of war.

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This Collegiate World
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You co-eds who believe keeping up with the Antoinette of Paris is the most important course in the curriculum should consider the shriners handed out by DePaul University men on the new up-sweep hair-do. Here's why they don't like it:
1. It accentuates the girl's ears too much.
2. It makes girls look too tall.
3. It looks too much like the housewife.
4. Girls fuss too much with the up-style.
5. It is unbecoming to most faces.
6. The up-do probably will go back down after movie stars get tired of it.
7. The up-keep cost probably will force it down quicker.

Which should make all those who build mountains on their heads take down their hair and warp!

University of Chicago word-technicians have been working for a long time now on a new American-English dictionary, and they've come across a couple of facts that may be of interest to you. For instance: the word "co-ed" was first made in 1893, and first got recognition in the old "Independent" in 1907 in this sentence: "The fellows in a body may laugh at the co-eds yet they rarely fail to open or close a door for them." Maybe that is meant as a bit of a left-handed etiquette lesson for us.

And the "college widow" is given recognition with this definition: "A college widow is the unfortunate young woman who, having been the pet of several college generations without making a single permanent capture, at last finds herself deserted by admirers, and with faded charms, falls out of sight and memory."

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Pres. Blunt Tells of New Plan for Honors Work (Continued from Page 1) for concentration with only three courses. The long paper gives a chance for more independent work, and the student gets an insight on research and true scholarly interest in her subject. It was pointed out in closing that there is an advantage in semi-independence which some consider, for both plans are methods of intellectual growth.

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President Blunt also mentioned that there is a statement concerning the general examinations, posted on Fanning Bulletin Board which will be of interest to all students. A reprint of part of this statement will be found elsewhere in this issue of New.

Dr. Dexter Stresses Czech's Need for Outside Help (Continued from Page 1) well with help both monetary and spiritual. They have raised two million pounds to the United States' $25,000,000. In the face of the greatest loss of all, the morale of the Czechs, a change over to the Nazi doctrines is imminent without our help.

Paul A. Misch, Ohio State University student, has volunteered to paint the campus tower clock free of charge--so he'll be able to read the face from his room.

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And one of not.
And if you die
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And one of not.
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Marilyn Meseke, of Marion, Ohio, chosen as the country's most beautiful girl of the year.