THE STUDENT'S PREPARATION FOR PEACE

Impromptu Jack Walker

I consider myself very fortunate in having the opportunity to attend college under the circumstances that the war has brought about. I have always believed that education is the foundation of democracy and also that the college educated person is at an advantage in a democracy. When the war is over, if all of the promises of our leaders are kept, democracy will spread to all peoples, and the leaders, the educated of this greatest of democracies, will become leaders of the world. Could it not easily fall within their power to direct the building of a post-war world of international harmony, into which war could never again force itself?

I believe that everyone should do his duty for his country in this great struggle, but we must remember that the struggle will not end when the fighting ends. The college student of the present will be the soldier of the second half of the struggle, the struggle of building a permanent peace in the post-war world. Certainly, every person who has the opportunity should stay in school and prepare himself for service in the great army of reconstruction. A shortage of manpower in that army would mean that those who fought and died in the first struggle, fought and died in vain.

THE COLLEGE GIRL'S WAR EFFORT

Impromptu Mildred Evans

College girls in the past have been used to three suitcases of clothes and a date every night with a civilian. Jane Co-ed now has an entirely new system of life and she accepts it gladly. Jane is now cooperating with a great event, war.

Jane stands in the cold wind of a morning, waiting for a bus or streetcar, for father only has an A stamp. It is still early, as Jane now gets up at six instead of the usual seven of last year. After school, she gets on a crowded stretecar and smiles politely if someone steps on her toes.

At night Jane Co-ed goes out with a soldier or sailor and really enjoys herself, even if he doesn't spend six dollars on the entertainment and food. Getting ready for her date, she doesn't ask herself which pair of shoes she is going to wear, or which dress but puts on one of her few outfits with little accessories which she uses in making her clothes look new. After she is ready for her date, Jane walks in a two-inch snow to the streetcar and jokes about her toeless shoes.

The next morning Jane helps her mother with breakfast as her mother works in a war plant. She then starts out for another day with a smile on her face. Jane Co-ed is a symbol of all college girls in helping the United Nations in this great war effort.

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