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Malraux Plea To Aid Spain

Narrate War Experiences As Loyalist Aviator In Civil War

SPEAKS IN FRENCH

Asks Student Action To Counteract Hostility Of Newspapers

Appealing to American students to aid the Loyalist cause, Andre Malraux, commander of the International Air Squadron of Madrid, addressed a large and sympathetic audience assembled at McMillin Theatre Saturday morning on "Spain, Battleground of Democracy." The author of *Days of Wrath* and *Man's Fate*, spoke in French which was translated into English at intervals.

M. Malraux opened his speech in the name of the students and professors of Spain. He then described many of his war experiences on the Spanish battlefield, where he recently spent seven months. "I know that all war is violence," declared the speaker, who then attempted to differentiate between the Loyalist and Rebel tactics. "I know that a government bomb might by accident miss its military objective and fall into a city and wound civilians." But, declared M. Malraux, while the Loyalists destroyed the airbase of Seville and Salamanca they did not bombard the towns. In contrast to such action, "for many months now the Fascists have been bombarding the streets of Madrid."

In an analysis of the aims of the Loyalist forces M. Malraux stated that "We want real democracy. We want neither the German nor the Nordic, the Italian or the Roman, but simply Man." A fundamental similarity exists between democracy and communism, he said, for although they disagree on the dictatorship of the proletariat they agree on their values since Marxists see the dictatorship of the proletariat as the means for obtaining real democracy.

In his stories of the Spanish battlefront M. Malraux illustrated various aspects of the civil war. He told how the workers seized Fascist cannons at the outbreak of the

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Barnard Glee Club Sings Preceding Princeton Prom

The Barnard and Princeton Glee Clubs gave a joint performance of Brameau's *Castor and Pollux* at Princeton last Friday evening, preceding the Princeton Junior Prom.

Ruth Abbott, the accompanist of the Barnard Glee Club, and Professor Giddens of Princeton, have been coaching the Barnard Glee Club since Professor Beveridge, their regular leader, left for Italy last January. This major performance of the Glee Club is the last semester in an evening performance at the Peace Assembly. Christmas Assemblies of the Columbia Glee Club in January in an evening performance before the

The group left Friday for a short rehearsal, and returned at 1 a.m. Saturday morning, when they made a similar trip to Princeton and returned the next morning.

Regulation Calls For Reduction In Posters

The Social Calendar Committee wishes to remind clubs and poster chairmen of the new plan which will go into effect the Monday after Easter vacation. Beginning on Monday all posters which are over half-size will be taken down. Sign-up posters and class and college announcements may be larger, but it is asked that these placards be kept as small as possible.

Weeks Discusses Post-War Books

Most Rapid Strides Made Today In Biography, Declares Editor

"The most rapid strides in the literature of today are being taken in the field of biography," declared Mr. Edward A. Weeks, Editor of the Atlantic Monthly Press, in his discussion of "Books Worth Reading," on Wednesday, March 17th, at McMillin Theatre.

The four best biographies written since the War are, in Mr. Weeks' opinion: *Portrait of John Marshall*, by J. R. Lambdin; *The Life and Letters of Walter H. Page*, edited by B. J. Hendrick; *William Osler*, by Harvey Cushing; and *Robert E. Lee*, by Douglas S. Freeman. The four autobiographies which rank with these are: *The Education of Henry Adams*; *The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens*; *Personal History*, by Vincent Sheehan; and *From Immigrant to Inventor*, by Michael Pupin.

These books, Mr. Weeks explained, show the progress and the increasing interest of young writers in biography which are due, to some extent to Sir Leslie Stephens' *Dictionary of English Biography* which "put white corpuscles" into this field of literature and led to the compilation of a *Dictionary of American Biography*, completed last year.

In tracing the stages in this renaissance of biography, Mr. Weeks said that *Mauoris' Shelley*, *Strachey's Queen Victoria*, and *Ludwig's Kaiser Wilhelm II* were representative of an extreme stage in the progress of this field. "These brought a new sense of dramatic

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D. Mountford Wins Patriots' Bridge

The Patriots sponsored a subscription contract bridge tournament Friday afternoon, March 19, in rooms 401, 408 in Barnard Hall.

Dorothy Mountford having the highest score received as a prize an engraved silver cup. This cup was displayed for a week on the Patriots' table on Jake. Those who did not play bridge played bingo. Tea and cakes were served to all.

The Patriots which is headed by Marie Smith '37, is the former Liberty League. It is a "conservative non-partisan" society, its purpose being "to combat any unconstitutional issue." Other officers of the organization are Ruth Willcockson, vice-president, Mary Jacoby, secretary, and Claire Murray, treasurer. Those present were Claire Murray, Mary Jacoby, Marie Smith, Ada Sokal, Madge Simpson, Ruth Willcockson, Alice Krbeck, Phyllis Cox, Ruth McElveny, Barbara McCann, Dorothy Mountford, Barbara Moore, Betty Stevens, Rita Whalen, Dorothy Brindley, Marcia Meeker, and Dorothy Smith.

Plans Prepared For Peace Rally

University Peace Council Discusses Plans For Strike Call

MEETING OPEN

Strike Call, Individual Planks Considered By Committee

An open meeting of the University Peace Council to obtain representation from a greater number of organizations on the campus and to discuss the plans for the strike call for the Anti-War strike of April 22 was held on Thursday, March 18, in 309 Business.

The purpose of the meeting was to formulate a general policy of the committee on the strike as it is going to be sponsored on the Columbia campus. The strike call which was issued by the United Student Peace Committee was read and the individual planks voted upon. The call states "We recognize the increasing threat of war and accept our responsibility for creating and supporting an aggressive peace policy through a nation-wide demonstration of solidarity for world peace."

The group present on Thursday voted to approve the call in its entirety with one exception: they voted to endorse the Oxford pledge outright, substituting this statement for the one on the national call reading that we "Recognize the validity of the Oxford Pledge in the light of American war preparations."

The remainder of the call as adopted by the Peace Council includes the following: "by the strike,"

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Clubs Prepare For La Primavera Ball

A dance, sponsored by the Spanish Club and the Italian Club, will be given on Saturday, April 17th. It will be held in the Casa Italiana, which will be decorated for the occasion in blue and white. Bids for "La Primavera Ball", as it is called, will be on sale very soon, and will be priced at \$2.00 per couple. Music will be provided by Frank Celona and his popular Westchester orchestra, from nine until one.

The co-chairmen of the dance are Vivian Enello, president of the Spanish Club, and Phyllis DeStefano, president of the Italian Club. The committee in charge of publicity consists of Barbara Jacobovskiy, chairman, Josephine MacGregor, Sue Whitley, and Genevieve Perri. The decorations committee includes Claire Murray, chairman, Virginia Woods, Margery Gabriel, and Irene Hens.

The invited guests are Princess Colonna, Princessa Maria de Borbon, Miss Mabel Foote Weeks, Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Read, Miss Teresa Carbonara, Professors Riccio, Bi-gongiar, Prezzolini, Mararra, Miss Carolina Marcial-Dorado, Miss Helen Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Angel del Rio, and Miss Maria de Maetz.

This dance will be open to the entire college.

The Spanish Club is also conducting other activities. On Thursday, the Spanish Department heard a lecture on the development of Mexico by Dr. Pastoriza Flores of New Rochelle College. Dr. Flores spoke in Spanish, telling of the history

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595 Vote To Accept Election Slate; Helen Raebeck Elected Bulletin Editor

Representative Assembly And Bulletin Staff Cast Vote

QUARTERLY HEAD

Evelyn Lichtenberg Named Quarterly Editor For 37-38

Helen Raebeck was elected *Bulletin* Editor at a joint meeting of the *Bulletin* staff and Representative Assembly at 12 yesterday. Elizabeth Swinton was the other nominee.

At the same meeting, Quarterly staff and Representative Assembly elected Evelyn Lichtenberg Quarterly editor. The other candidates were Adi Kent Thomas and Frances Bailey.

Miss Lichtenberg was Director of Junior Show, Assistant Editor of *Mortarboard* Staff, and a former member of *Bulletin*. She was a Greek Games dancer and member of G. G. Property Committee in '36. Gertrude Boyd, Mary Hagan, and Carol Kander were nominated for A.A. president by members of A.A. Association. The election will be held Thursday and Friday after vacation, April 1 and 2.

Because Cornelia Elliott and Ruth Stibbs declined their nominations for *Mortarboard* Editorship, Paula Kassell and Ruth Halle were nominated to run with Evelyn Turk. Voting will take place the Tuesday and Wednesday after vacation, March 30 and 31.

College-at-large nominees to Representative Assembly fifteen of whom were selected by a preferential ballot to be reduced to nine at the next meeting of Representative Assembly are: Carol Kander '38, Marjorie Ashworth '38, Miriam Weber '40, Mary Rhodin '38, Alene Freudenheim '38, Margaret Boyle '40, Ruth Landesman '38, Virginia Rockwell '39, Mary Jacoby '38, Helen Smith '39, Gertrude Smith '39, Nannette Hodgeman '40, Joy Lattman '40, Muriel Doyle '40, Jane Gowan '40, Ethel Levison '39, Ruth Cummings '39, Kathryn Smul '38, Judith Lenet '38, Ruth Stibbs '39, Josephine Shepherd '39, Anne Meding '40 and Gertrude Eisenbud '39.

Of the three candidates for A.A. President, Carol Kander, a transfer from Wellesley, has participated in the following activities: Archery, '35; Health Committee, '36; Archery Tourn., '36; A.A. Camp Com., '36; *Mortarboard*, '36; Chairman Student Interest file, '36.

Mary Hagan has served in the following activities: Basketball, '34; Volley Ball, '35; G.G. Athletics, '35; Badminton Tourn., '35; A.A. Banquet, '35; Tennis Tourn., '35; A.A. Treasurer, '35; Basketball, '35; Camp Com., '35; Tenikoit Tourn., '35; Track, '35; Athletic Chairman, '35; Ring Com., '35; Student Fellowship Com., '35; A.A. Treasurer, '36; A.A. Honors Com., '36; Volley Ball, '36; Student Fellowship Com., '36; Nominee Undergrad. Treas., '36; G.G. Athletics, '36; Tennis Tourn., '36; A.A. Basketball Manager, '36; Tenikoit Tourn., '36; Harvest Hop Com., '36; A.A. Swimming Com., '36; *Mortarboard* Ass't. Editor, '36; Badminton Tourn., '36.

Gertrude Boyds' record is as follows: G.G. Property Com., '35; G.G. Athletics, '35; A.A. Sec't., '35; Basketball, '35; Swimming Class Manager, '35; Track, '35; Student Fellowship Com., '35; Sec't. A.A., '36; A.A. Vice-Pres. '36; A.A. Swimming Class Mgr., '36; Chairman Italian Club Ball Com., '36.

Senior Questionnaires Must Be In Tomorrow

It is essential that all members of the senior class return the physical education questionnaires to Office 209, Barnard Hall by noon, Wednesday, March 24th, according to an announcement by Miss Wayman, head of the Physical Education department. She has requested that the class cooperate in this matter. The questionnaires were distributed at a meeting of the class on the second of March.

Descartes Feted On Anniversary

Barnard Professors Take Part In Columbia Symposium

"Three hundred years ago Descartes' *Discours de la Methode* was published. One thousand years from now it will still be famous," declared Professor Edward Kasner, speaking at a symposium on Descartes occasioned by this 300th anniversary, in which Professor Montague, head of the Philosophy department at Barnard College, Professor David Eugene Smith, Professor of the History of Mathematics at Columbia University, Professor Perry, Prof. of the History of Science at Columbia University, and Professor Williams, of the Department of Zoology at Columbia University, also took part.

The *Discours de la Methode* combined Descartes' mathematical, and scientific as well as philosophical theories. "Descartes would not have written separately on Mathematics," said Professor Kasner. "He used it as one of the demonstrations of the working out of his discourse." However, his positive contributions to the field of mathematics are many. Today we still use the Cartesian coordinates in locating a point, and Descartes' work in the equations of curves was the starting point for Newton and Leibnitz, and led to the discovery of calculus. "Without Descartes there would never have been a Newton," Professor Kasner assured the audience.

Not the least important of Descartes' mathematical discoveries, according to Professor Kasner, was his use of x and y in special problems. "I don't know why he did it," said the speaker, "but it certainly was lucky that he did, because his followers discovered the third dimension and used z. Now that the end of the alphabet is reached, there can not possibly be any more dimensions.

"Geometry had a great influence on Descartes," continued Professor Kasner. "He reasoned that if there is no geometry, there is no God; but geometry is delicious, and therefore there is a God."

Professor Montague, however, offered Descartes' more formal proof of the existence of an infinite being in his speech on Descartes' philosophy. "Descartes' ideal was the use of the mathematical method in philosophy," declared Professor Montague. "He was an intellectual bigamist, for he loved both Mathematics and Philosophy, but he loved Philosophy more." But in his application of the mathematical method to his philosophical vision, Descartes failed amazingly. He first attempted to

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Vice-President Will Be Elected On March 31

INSTALLATION APRIL 6

A.A. President To Be Chosen On April 2

Five hundred and ninety five votes in favor of Ruth Kleiner's motion that the results of the elections for next year's offices be accepted as they stand, were polled at the special assembly called at 12:30, Friday, March 19. One hundred and thirty seven votes opposed the motion.

Installation of officers will take place on April 6th, instead of being postponed to April 20th, which would have been the date in the event of new elections.

The officers for the remaining posts yet to be filled will be selected by elections held the week after the Easter holidays. The elections are divided into two groups. Vice-President of Undergraduate Association and *Mortarboard* Editor and Business Manager in the first, and in the second Athletic Association President and delegates to Representative Assembly from the college at large. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31: Elections of Vice-President of Undergraduate Association and *Mortarboard* Business Manager.

Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2: Elections of Athletic Association President and Representatives to Representative Assembly.

The motion formally presented by Ruth Kleiner was the following:

"Whereas The elections this year have been conducted on a plurality rather than on a majority basis, and Whereas It would be inexpedient to hold reelections for officers which the college has already considered elected, and

Whereas Article IV of the undergraduate constitution states 'The Undergraduate Association shall have jurisdiction over all student organizations and other extra-curricular affairs,'

Therefore Be it moved that this meeting of the undergraduate association vote to make the election of officers already held legal and final."

Martha Reed, President of the Undergraduate Association opened the meeting with an explanation of the reasons for the special assembly.

Miss Reed explained that this year for the first time in her knowledge the officers had been elected by a plurality instead of the majority which is decreed by the constitution.

She added that under the majority system if there were three candidates, the girl with the least amount of votes was dropped and the second choices on her ballots were added to the ballots of the two highest candidates. This year, only Elspeth Davies, President-Elect of the Undergraduate Association, and Beatrice Tenney, President-Elect of the Junior Class, were elected by a majority.

Elspeth Davies, Betty MacIver, and Martha Reed in unofficial capacity, supported the motion on the grounds that the votes might be changed in a new election, and that it might be injurious to the personal feelings of the candidates.

The vote was taken by written ballot.

USSR World Policy Called Peaceful

Goldstein Tells Marx Club Soviet Policy Aimed Against Aggression

"Because the Spanish conflict contains in itself the seeds of a general world conflagration," declared Mr. Alfred Goldstein in his discussion on Soviet foreign policy to the Marxist Study Club Thursday. "The Soviet policy today is aimed at defeating the Fascist aggressors."

Mr. Goldstein described the various ways in which the Soviet government strives to maintain world peace — through non-aggression pacts and mutual assistance pacts. The smaller states bordering the Baltic, asserted the speaker, are fearful of Nazi aggression, and are tending more and more to line up with the Soviet Union in order to maintain their national independence.

Every day in which the world war is postponed is a victory for the socialist state, in Mr. Goldstein's opinion, because the anti-fascist forces are growing stronger daily — even in Germany itself, where the Communist Party membership is still 100,000. The Soviet army, should the Soviet Union be forced into a war, will have the advantage over the enemy in that even when fighting on enemy territory, the populations will give aid, according to Mr. Goldstein, to the Red Army.

Mr. Goldstein revealed that at present Soviet technicians are helping the Spanish government manufacture war supplies, especially airplanes, such as they had not had the facilities for doing prior to Franco's attack. The Soviet bombing airplanes are swifter than the German and Italian pursuit planes—a phenomenon unprecedented in military history, to Mr. Goldstein's knowledge. Various supplies are being transported from Russia to Spain not by sea—because the Rebels have declared their intention of sinking any Soviet ship found near Spanish waters—but by land via Germany. Mr. Goldstein drew the analogy between this and our own "underground railways" of pre-Civil War days.

The next world war is extremely imminent, predicted the speaker. If it does not occur in 1937—which he felt was very likely because Germany and Italy are intent on keeping the Spanish situation simmering in order to use it as a provocation—a war at a later date would undoubtedly be brief. This Mr. Goldstein attributed to the consideration that by 1938 there are likely to be about a dozen Peoples' Front governments in existence. Today there are two or three.

Malraux Outlines Student Mission

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"The grandest image of fraternity I have ever encountered," was vividly described by M. Malraux. The incident occurred on December 27, when one of his planes was brought down on a snow-encrusted mountain. Peasants arrived with stretchers for the wounded and as the group proceeded down the mountainside it was joined by the inhabitants of all the villages along the path. It was, said the speaker, like "a procession out of ancient times, while their sobbing made a sound like the roar of an underground river."

Following his tales of the battle-front M. Malraux discussed the significance of the Spanish situation for American students. "It is good," he said, that students have their share of responsibility. The concrete task of "making known the truth of what is happening in Spain," was outlined. Since the Loyalists have nearly all the press against them, stated the speaker, it is particularly essential that students spread facts about the Spanish crisis. He suggested that all students send their name and address to the League of American Writers who will distribute recently assembled information. "And that's what the students and teachers of Spain ask of you," concluded M. Malraux.

Two hundred dollars were collected for medical supplies.

School To Discuss Curriculum Change

Students And Faculty Will Meet Next Tuesday Afternoon

Final arrangements for the all college discussion on curriculum problems which will be held in the College Parlor on Tuesday, March 31 at 4 o'clock were announced today by the Representative Assembly Curriculum Committee.

The meeting will be opened by a report by Evelyn Lichtenberg on the discussion of curriculum problems held at a panel of the ASU Conference of last month. Professor Thomas Peardon of the Government Department presided over the panel, through whose recommendation the Representative Assembly Committee was formed.

All students and faculty members are urged to attend this meeting, at which the committee will be enlarged and permanent officers will be elected.

College Assemblies, at which representatives of schools organized on a different basis from Barnard will speak, will probably be arranged by the curriculum group.

Small groups from specific departments are expected to meet to consider the curriculum of each branch, and to discuss possible additions or changes in emphasis in the courses offered.

Broad survey courses, similar to Contemporary Civilization and Colloquium courses given in Columbia College, will be discussed, and the question of directing the Barnard curriculum in this direction will probably take up the attention of the committees.

Mortarboard Due To Appear April 15

The staff of the 1938 *Mortarboard* announces that the book has all been sent to the printer and will be ready for distribution on or about the 15th of April. Following the precedent set by the 1937 year book, this year's *Mortarboard* has been developed along an informal line. Several pages of informal snapshots of Barnard students have been included and an effort has been made to get characteristic pictures of college activities. Where possible, clubs and organizations have been photographed while in session and athletic activities have been taken while in progress.

A change has been made in the size of the book. In past years, it was the size of an actual *Mortarboard*. This year, however, in order to facilitate layout, the size was changed to an upright 8½ by 11 book. The central idea has been retained by inlaying a black catlin *Mortarboard* on the cover.

The circulation staff reports that the sale of books has been rapid. Already approximately 250 books have been sold and since only 350 have been ordered, and this includes a number of complementary copies, it is urged that those intending to purchase their copy do so immediately. A member of the circulation staff is at a table on Jake at noon hour every day to receive new subscriptions and to receive additional payment on pledges. Since no one will receive her copy of *Mortarboard* until her subscription has been fully paid up, the staff asks that this be done as soon as possible.

Sea-Fair Says It Does Happen Here

April 1 this year in addition to its annual outburst of eccentricities will bring to the Barnard pool at 8:00 p.m. the Sea-Fair, third annual A.A. Water Carnival. A take-off on the December Fair featuring marine fashion show, psychology booth, spotlight dance, and assorted booths, the carnival will present for the delectation of faculty and students a spectacle of the amphibian talents of the combined Physical Ed swimming classes and a selected group of stars.

Announced by its chairman, Paula Kassell, as a worthy successor of Greek Games and Alice in Wonderland, the Sea-Fair, or Sea-Fair, or Sea-Fare, or See-Fare, will be replete with surprises, only half-intimated at this early date. There are whispers around the A.A. offices of a man-eating shark going on a temporary girl-eating tear, of an aquatic skeleton, of a watery tango, of a slightly damp dramatization of nursery rhymes, and of the transformation of a non-swimmer to a life-saver by the application of latest psychological methods.

Supplementary darkly-hinted fea-

tures include a maze, a spot-light diving exhibition, a grab-bag, and a roulette wheel, all conducted upon, above, or below the water.

Paula Kassell, and Miss Yates, faculty assistant, declare that the Sea-Fair will contradict Junior Show's assertions that "It doesn't happen here!"

Now that exams are here, the professor announces a quiz and suggests, "Read over your class notes and see if you can make any sense out of the pictures you drew."

—Los Angeles Junior Collegian

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