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## Brooklyn College President Hits Isolationism

### Against Definite Anti-War Stand By United States

**By Nellie Hurley Minifie**

The present foreign policy of the United States was lauded Friday morning as an admirable one by Dr. Harry David Gidenson, president of Brooklyn College, who spoke to 200 women who gathered for the annual International Relations Class, luncheon breakfast at the Community House.

The likelihood of becoming involved in the European war is greater, Gidenson elaborated, if an isolationist government is in power in Washington than if a party is elected without having made promises to keep the United States out of the European war.

A further discussion of Dr. Gidenson's talk appears on the editorial page in the column written by John H. Harwood.

States out of war at all costs. The very nature of such a promise would only encourage belligerents to become careless in their dealings with the United States, he stated.

**Isolationist**

The speaker referred, at this point, to Thomas E. Dewey's recent western campaign speeches that labelled him as an isolationist candidate for the 1940 presidential nomination. Americans are inclined to believe, the speaker continued, that they decide their own problems, but their actions in the Western Hemisphere have untold repercussions a broad. Foreign governments might feel justified in taking advantage of a neutralist candidate for the 1940 presidential nomination. To further emphasize his point, Gidenson spoke of the suggested Ludlow amendment that would require a referendum before a declaration of war could be made effective. If Europe knew that the United States was committed to a policy of referendum before action, it is possible that the United States might increase the possibility of our getting involved in the war, the speaker stated.

**3 Possibilities**

Continuing on the general topic, "Direction of America's Foreign Policy," Dr. Gidenson rhetorically asked if it is plausible to imagine that staying out of the European conflict will insure democracy at home. Assuming the United States is able to remain aloof from the war, there are three possibilities as to its outcome and general effect on the Western Hemisphere.

"Providing the Allies win this war—and the chances are only 50-50 now—the United States, if it remains neutral, will remain unchanged. However, the democratic chances of winning are not so great as Americans are inclined to believe. It is easy to sell us the idea that Britain and France will be the victors because that is what we wish. It is only 'easy optimism' that allows us to take for granted the Allies winning this war."

The second possibility, Dr. Gidenson continued, is an Allied victory, but only after a long, drawn out warfare. If this should happen, he went on, the Allies will find at the conclusion of their war they are no longer democracies. The strain of modern warfare practically guarantees this, he continued, and if this comes to pass the United States will find herself facing a Europe that has gone totalitarian, victor and vanquished.

**Germany May Win**

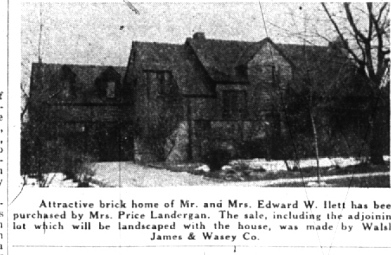
"Victory, however, might be on the other side," Dr. Gidenson emphasized. "On the assumption that the United States has remained isolationist, the outcome of the war will immediately have an effect on the defense policy of our country. In the first place we might have to face a German-controlled British navy in the Atlantic. Since 90 per cent of the American fleet is in the Pacific holding a balance of power against Japan, an enormously intensified Atlantic navy would be necessary. There is little likelihood that the United States could spare her fleet in the Pacific and a large naval armament increase would be the only solution, the speaker stated. The cost of a large scale armament enlargement on the people

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of this country is readily discernible, he said.

In discussing the 3,000 miles that stretch between the United States and the European continent, Prof. Gidenson spoke of the attitude of the average American isolationist in considering this distance as a barrier. In reality it is a channel of communication, he stated, and one that is easily navigable and hence no barrier at all.

**Puppet Government**

While the possibility of a direct invasion of the United States seems remote, Dr. Gidenson stated Friday, it is entirely within the realm of possibility that a European power might set up a puppet government in Mexico or South America and use that as a vantage point from which to direct its attacks at the United States.

This annual breakfast brought to a close the 18th consecutive season that Mrs. Charles J. Shain has conducted this class in international relations. Plans for this affair were under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. H. Knowles and a large committee of workers.

Dr. Gidenson was introduced by Mrs. Shain who introduced those at the speaker's table. Seated there were Miss Margaret Augur, Mrs. Josue Pison, of Detroit, Mr. Warren C. Pratt, Mrs. John S. Lambie, Miss Adeline Cooke, Mrs. Ray H. Eichel, Mrs. D. G. Crull, the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Mrs. Stanley Spiegel, Mrs. Forbes S. Haseell, Mrs. A. W. Subbar, Mrs. E. W. Stone, Mrs. Frank J. DuTrain, of Pontiac, Mrs. H. L. Broomfield, Mrs. Barton J. Jenks, Mrs. Olive Haskins of Flint and Mrs. Donald McGuire.

### Ann Arbor Dramatic Season Opens May 13

Utilizing every dramatic force from the Shakespearean stage to the King Lear of Hollywood, the eleventh Ann Arbor Dramatic Season will open its five week Festival of Plays on May 13. Much interest is being shown in the announcement of additional artists being signed due to augment the dazzling array previously announced. Paramount among those being signed are the Connecticut River project, Umattila Dam, Oregon, and the Tombigbee River project in Alabama and Mississippi, none of which was needed or justified, he said.

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**BY LINDO MOORE**

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In one corner of the adult fiction department, a section of shelving has been set aside and christened "The Young Moderns' Corner." Here are the books for boys and girls that until recently were shelved either in the juvenile room or the adult section.

The beauty of this new arrangement is that it is possible to locate a favorite "Iron Duke" or "Sue Barton" story without falling over either Peter Rabbit or the books your grandmother likes to read. Both the old and the new find a place on the shelves. "The Last of the Mohicans," "Scottish Chiefs," "Tom Brown's School-days," are of course favorites of long standing, but there are many more recent stories that stand high in popular favor.

Some of the newer books, called at random from the shelves, include the kind of literary fare to be found in this Young Moderns' Corner.

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