

LESSON: History Unfolded: Youth Responses

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The following descriptions provide background information for the primary sources found in this packet. Continue reading the packet to find images and text for each primary source.

The Ohio State Lantern and The Ohio State University:

[*The Ohio State Lantern*](#), which began printing in 1881, is the student newspaper for the students and community of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State University is a public research university founded in 1870. The university admitted women from its earliest years. [The first Black student graduated in 1888.](#)

The Columbia Daily Spectator and Columbia University:

[*The Columbia Daily Spectator*](#), founded in 1887, is the student newspaper for the community of Columbia University in New York City, New York. Columbia University is a private Ivy League research university, established in 1754 as King's College. Columbia was the last Ivy League school to become co-ed, in part due to the existence of Barnard College, a women's college affiliated with Columbia University. The first co-ed class at Columbia arrived on campus in 1983. While it is believed that [the first Black students studied at Columbia in 1877](#), it was not until [the 1920s that African American students began to matriculate at Columbia in significant numbers.](#)

The Kentucky Kernel and The University of Kentucky:

[*The Kentucky Kernel*](#), which began printing in 1915, is the student newspaper for the community of the University of Kentucky. The University of Kentucky is a public research university in Lexington, Kentucky founded in 1865. Women were first admitted to the university in 1880. [The university admitted its first Black student in 1949.](#)

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The Ohio State Lantern (Columbus, Ohio) Wednesday, December 4, 1935, page 2

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It seems to us that Jesse Owens should be interested in a program aimed to fight racial discrimination because his own race certainly has been subjected to this type of treatment for many years. By his refusal to participate, Jesse could register a strong and effective protest against this treatment.

The Olympic ideal of fraternity and equality for all cannot be carried out in a nation which is violating every pledge of the Olympic code. Jesse Owens and other Buck athletes could do far more to uphold the American standards of sportsmanship by refusing to participate in the games if they are held in prejudiced Germany.

We feel that in the end the American Olympic Committee will follow the advice of such distinguished leaders as Alfred E. Smith, Hugh S. Johnson, James Gerard, and outstanding athletes such as Jim Bausch, Stella Walsh, Jack Shea, Helene Madison, and others who are now loudly protesting American participation if the games are held in Nazi Germany.

Note: in this piece, "Buck" refers to Buckeye, a name for students at the Ohio State University.

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Primary Source Assignment 2: *Columbia Daily Spectator*

Historical Background: [Anti-Jewish Riots Convulse German Reich \(Kristallnacht\)](#)

[Columbia Daily Spectator \(New York, New York\) Tuesday, November 15, 1938, page 1](#)

Columbia Daily Spectator
62nd YEAR (Vol. LXII, No. 34) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1938 PRICE THREE CENTS

New College In Move to Check Edict

250 Students Sign Recommendation to Dean Russell

By LAWSON F. BERNSTEIN

Two hundred-fifty members of the Student-Faculty Body of New College endorsed a six page resolution yesterday directed to Dean William F. Russell of Teachers College, urging him to recommend the continuance of New College in its present form.

A committee consisting of students, faculty, and alumni, elected during the school's closed meeting yesterday afternoon, will meet the Dean at 4:30 this afternoon in his office to discuss the resolution.

All that the Faculty Committee of New College would disclose to The Spectator is that the statement emphasized faculty-student unanimity of action and contained the basis for the contention that New College should be continued.

Faculty Resolution

A separate faculty resolution of protest, signed by the entire faculty and approved by the students, was incorporated in the statement, it was learned.

Early last night the New College Faculty Committee held a special meeting which was closed to the press. However, this reporter was permitted to sit in on a part of the convulse at which the reason for holding the resolution secret until the Dean has seen it, was offered.

They claimed that the Dean would be antagonized if they gave the resolution to the press before he had a chance to read it thoroughly and prepare a reply.

Context Withheld

William Becker, chairman of the New College Student Council, told The Spectator that he and the committee felt that they did not wish to upset or antagonize the Dean. After the meeting with the Dean, he promised The Spectator, the full context of the resolution will be made available for publication in its columns.

Dorothy Davies, Chairman of the Faculty Committee, further declared (Continued on Page 4)

To Serve on Panel



MYRON WEISS

Myron Weiss Debate Council Guest Tonight

Open Forum, Business Meeting to Follow Medical Discussion

Myron Weiss, associate editor of "Tues", will be the guest member of a panel discussion presented by the Debate Council tonight at 7:30 o'clock in 301 Hamilton. The topic to be considered is "Socialized Medicine."

There are to be five student members of the panel board, of which Frank Gould '40 is chairman. With him will be Richard Buehler '40, Abraham Lubarsky '40, Herbert Kayden '40 and Irving Steinhardt '41.

The panel will attempt to cover all the more important aspects of the question, especially what "Socialized Medicine" would actually mean, how such a state of affairs could be effected, and finally, what would be the probable reactions and repercussions be.

Following the discussion there will be an open Forum to be followed by a regular business meeting. Reports from all committees will be read.

Board Resolution Raps Ohlman As Commuter Plea Is Rejected

Yearlings Will Settle Political Contest in McMillin Today

The most turbulent campus political campaign in years, which was marked by the refusal of Student Board to recognize the nomination of Non-Resident candidates and by charges of dictatorship and political favoritism hurled at the Board, drew into the last stretch yesterday as Freshmen prepared to settle their contest for class officers this afternoon.

Voting will be held in McMillin Theatre at the Orientation Lecture scheduled for one o'clock.

After wavering back and forth for several days, the yearling Commuters finally decided yesterday noon to attempt a write-in ballot for their ticket.

At a meeting in Hamilton, they voted to print posters to be handed to the Freshmen tomorrow during classes and at the election.

To Use Write-In-Slips

The Freshmen will be requested to paste the write-in slips containing the names of the Non-Resident slate over the regular ballots.

In a barrage of accusations, Edward R. Loomis '39, chairman of the Commuters, charged that the Board was controlled six to one by the Fusion Party, and had used a technicality to rule out an opposing group. He also contended that the Board had not followed precedent in their decision.

Last Minute Activity

Meanwhile, the Independent-Fraternal group and the '42 Club have redoubled their efforts to secure a victory in this afternoon's voting. In a fever of last-minute activities, they will not bring their campaign to a close until the speeches to be delivered at the meeting today.

Edward N. Cuffield is running for president on the '42 Club slate, endorsed by the Fusion Party. With him are Wellington Kuo for vice-president; Ben Mankiewicz, secretary; and Morton Scharoff, treasurer.

On the Independent-Fraternal slate are Vincent G. Bashers, Jr., for president; Robert H. Brady, vice-president; Henry Mineur, Jr., secretary; and John Grunow, treasurer.

Six independents have entered the race for the top two posts in the campaign.

George Hyman, Armond Maciel, Donald Sharkey and Morton Weber are candidates for the presidency, while Seymour Holgren and Alfred Maciel are running for vice-president.

Censured Member



MAXWELL OHLMAN

Dean's Drag Slatd; Protest Meeting on Nazis Is Endorsed

By EDWARD N. BURKE

Simultaneously with Student Board's decision to disregard a petition signed by 272 Freshmen for re-statement of the 1931 Commuter Party, the Board last night drove a shaming attack at Commuter Party leader Maxwell Ohlman, Board Secretary, who it vigorously censured him for attempting to over-ride the Board's earlier decision through appeals to Dean Herbert E. Hawkes and Provost Frank D. Packenthal.

The Dean's Drag, annual dance for the benefit of the Dean's Fund, was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16. The list of committees will be published in The Spectator tomorrow.

Special Chapel Service

Of two other resolutions receiving the Board's approval, one provided that the Board join with the faculty in supporting a special chapel service protesting the treatment of Catholics and Jews in Germany.

The other motion suggested that the Board "encourage the activities of the committee seeking to raise funds to enable Chinese students in the University to continue their education at Columbia."

Prevent Reconsideration

Action on the Non-Resident petitions, signed, according to Ohlman, by 212 yearlings, was forestalled when a majority of the Board prevented reconsideration of last week's ruling on the intelligibility of the Commuter candidates.

Edward Biels was appointed a committee of one to meet the Standing Committee of the Alumni Association for discussion of the proposed Commuters' room in Hamilton.

Robert S. Gordy and Ohlman were appointed to investigate the fees charged by Columbia for insertion of stories on student activities.

Students, Faculty Play Nazi Terror As 1000 Sign Petition To President

Protesting the National Government's current "breast terror" against Jews and Catholics, the University Federation for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom forwarded a petition bearing more than a thousand names last night to President Franklin D. Roosevelt calling for severance of trade relations with Germany.

Among those members of the faculty who signed the petition were Professors Franz Boas, Ruth Benedict, Ralph Linton, George Herzog, Norman L. Torrey, Roger Sherman Loomis, Leslie C. Dunn, Ediz Hacht, John B. Dunning, Gardner Murphy, Carl J. Warden, Otto Klineberg, George H. Walden, Jr., Leo Haberman, James W. Angell, Harold Hensling and James C. Roubright.

Scores of students circulated petitions in John Jay Lobby among those waiting in line to get their football tickets. Professors slipped their classes to read the petition and urge all those in sympathy with it to sign. Many were outspoken in support of the petition, calling for a concerted faculty-student movement to stem the tide of racial bigotry sweeping the "breast nations."

"We the undersigned students and faculty of Columbia University," the petition to the President reads, "call upon you to express the horror of the American people at the brutal terror apparently equaled and certainly endorsed by the German government against the Jews and Catholics."

"Such hostility has been unparalleled since the Middle Ages."

"We urge you to protest openly to the German government." The petition concluded with the request, by the signers, that the President sever trade relations with Germany.

Circulation of petitions started at noon yesterday and the thousand names had been affixed to the petitions by half past four in the afternoon.

Further plans for combating German anti-minority programs will be made public in the near future by the Federation. A spokesman for that organization indicated last night that a meeting would be held in McMillin Theatre in the near future.

Manhattan Harriers Garner IC4-A Cross-Country Title; Lions Trail Field

Billy Smith of Penn State romped home as easy winner by 100 yards yesterday in the 5 mile IC4-A cross country race at Van Cortlandt Park, but the bright Green of Manhattan came out on top to win the coveted team title.

Led by Joe Mechin, IC4-A 2 mile champion, who finished second, the talented and well balanced Jaypers placed fifth, eighth, fourteenth and fifteenth, to annex the trophy by a wide margin from the defending champions, Michigan State, who were seeking their fifth straight IC4-A cross country championship.

As for Columbia, the Lion's claws were considerably dulled yesterday. The Varsity, which has been mediocre all season, did no better than could be expected against the pick of the nation teams and finished a dismal last.

Smith, last year's freshman champion, has been undefeated in five starts this season, romping to victory over Pittsburgh, Lehigh, and the newly crowned champs, Manhattan.

The sensational Sophomore took the lead midway in the first lap of what contenders later proclaimed to be one of the toughest courses they had ever completed on, and pounded along in front for the rest of the distance, pulling away at the end to finish by himself.

The Freshmen, however, overshadowed by the huge field of over 130 starters which began the Varsity affair, did somewhat better. Sandy Bayer began the race with the evident idea of running Leslie MacKintosh, erstwhile "Schoolboy Wonder" from George Washington High, and now attending New York University, into the ground.

However, Bayer faded back, and finished far in the rear. Yampsey of Columbia eventually beating him out for fifth place. The N.Y.U. fleet, meanwhile, was far in the van, and was as far ahead in the slow time of 18:38.

Penn State won the Freshman title however, with Syracuse in a second place. In the varsity event, the order was Manhattan, Michigan State, Pitt, Alfred, and Penn State.

News in Brief

According to an International News Service report issued late yesterday the United States, acting through Secretary of State Cordell Hull, has ordered Ambassador Hugh B. Wilson to return immediately from his post in Berlin. Whether Wilson's being summoned home means an indefinite recall could not be determined.

The Nazi government passed a decree yesterday expelling Jews from every German institution of learning. Almost immediately after a letter from President Roosevelt calling for labor unity was read to the C.I.O. convention at Pittsburgh, C.I.O. leaders called a special meeting of the committee named a year ago to conduct compromise negotiations with the A. F. of L.

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The Kentucky Kernel (Lexington, Kentucky), Friday, December 11, 1942, page 2

"For I Am The Great 'I Am' "

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"My people, true Germans of pure Aryan blood and noble heritage, know the only true religion. That religion is based on the power their fathers once had and their sole duty now is to the place the German nation formerly held. It was placed first among world powers and that day is ahead of us now. Those same poor ignorant fools who believe in righteousness think we are maniacs, power-starved and jealous. Such a conception is to be pitied, as are they. . . .

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"My German armies are conquerors. They are men who are fighting for a cause which is right. They have conquered the yellow French, the stupid Dutch, and quite soon the ignorant Russians, who know only to use their hands but have no mind, will give up because they know we are right. By springtime my German armies will return victorious. . . .

"My will is the will of the German people; my religion is in the 'folk soul'; they are one in spirit with me. The Jews, who are as dirty and nasty as their belief in democracy, have been annihilated, and in that act I have destroyed the one evil which possibly would have been the complete destruction of the will of my people. I am the 'Messiah', whose faith is that which alone can save the world; I am the 'mouth-piece' of German Providence; I am the 'Savior' of the world. Why do fools worship Jesus Christ today? They will lower themselves in shame for some day they will worship me. There can be no Christmas Day. There is no Jesus Christ. . . .

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Additional Articles

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A proposed boycott of the 1936 summer Olympic Games in Germany	Madera Tribune ; Madera, California; Tuesday, January 21, 1936; [Note: college students mentioned as protestors]	Portland Scene Anti-Nazi Break/Visit German Cruiser Emden Cause Outcry Against Hitler	Article
Kristallnacht	The Evening Independent ; St. Petersburg, Florida; Thursday, November 17, 1938, page 2A [Note: the letter writer identifies as a high school student]	“What Choice”	Article
	<i>Yale Daily News</i> ; New Haven, Connecticut; Friday, November 11, 1938; page 1; written by Frederick Lippitt	Views on the News	Article
	The Vassar Miscellany News ; Poughkeepsie, New York; Wednesday, November 16, 1938; page 2	Can We Be Silent?	Article
	The Daily Lariat ; Waco, Texas; Tuesday, November 22, 1938, page 2; by Joe Ferguson	From Here On	Article
	The Daily Lariat ; Waco, Texas; Tuesday, November 22, 1938, page 4; by Stratton Appleman	Letters to Editor	Article

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First Public Reports of the Final Solution	Michigan State News ; East Lansing, Michigan; Wednesday, November 25, 1942; page 3; AP wire service article	Says Jews Slaughtered	Article
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