

Students Believe Better To Stay Out Of War Than To Help England

By Student Opinion Surveys.
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AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 7—Unlike U. S. public opinion, majority sentiment among college students today holds that it is more important for the United States to try to keep out of war than to help England even at the risk of becoming involved.

Simultaneously over the entire nation, Student Opinion Surveys of America has sent its interviewers to query all types of students on large and small campuses, presenting to them a problem vital to American youth, a question many times discussed in a thousand dormitory and boarding house bull sessions. With the cooperation of The Tiger and scores of other newspaper members, the Surveys has gathered and tabulated these opinions by means of scientific sampling methods. Here are the results:

Students were asked which of the two following things they thought was more important for the U. S. to try to do. Their answers, in percentages, are given after each statement—

Keep the U. S. out of war, 55 per

cent.

Help England, even at the risk of getting into the war, 45 per cent.

This is not what their elders think. A Gallup poll recently pointed out that the majority of Americans believe the British are holding our first line of defense and helping them is more important than merely trying to steer away from the conflict.

Students, however, have repeatedly shown their tendency toward isolationism and their strong desire to avoid another war. For two years the Surveys has been sauging collegiate sentiment the nation over. It has found, for example, that majorities (in October 1939) would not volunteer should the U. S. send troops to help England and her allies, opposed (in October 1939) changing the neutrality law to allow any belligerent to buy American supplies, opposed (in February 1940) compulsory military training, and felt (in February 1940) our most important problem was to keep the country out of war.

These opinions have been tempered somewhat by the impact of recent events such as the fall of France, U. S. conscription, and the spread of the war. An indication of this cooling of opinion is the large group, comprising 45 per cent of the students, who at this time approve helping England, even if we eventually have to fight.

Why does the majority of students believe that our efforts should

be emphasized in all issues we weighed, I was convinced that he would make a better president than Mr. Roosevelt. Now that Mr. Roosevelt is reelected, however, it is not a matter of politics. American unity and national defense must come first”.

Even Al Smith, a Willkie campaigner to the last ditch, declared, “Every American should line up solidly behind the President in the interest of the future welfare of this country.”

And in Salina, Kansas, the flames of a huge bonfire fed symbolically upon a heap of campaign literature, all that the local Boy Scouts could collect.

Jungaleers Buy Bus For Travels

The Jungaleers, Clemson's dance orchestra, recently purchased a bus to be used during the Christmas holidays, when they will tour the state on engagements.

The bus was purchased from the Welborn Bus Lines of Liberty. Bob Dukes, business manager of the Jungaleers, is supervising the changes being made for the convenience of the members. Other men working with Dukes are Lewis Cox, Henry Coleman, and J. B. Austel.

emphasize our keeping out of war? A University of Rochester freshman gave this reason: “We have enough trouble here.” A co-ed told Tarkio (Missouri) College interviewer, “England brought this down upon herself by her conduct after the last war.” A sophomore at the University of Maine spoke for the opposition when he said, “If England is conquered it is our turn to worry, and we won't have anyone to worry with us.”

no longer sit at home
concern yourself solely
of local interest. What's
in the remotest corners
concerns every citizen