

Keeping U. S. Out Of War Is Country's Big Problem College Students Advise

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Student Opinion Surveys of
America

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 22—Student thought on the college campus, like public opinion elsewhere over the nation, is now turning toward the November elections and the issues that are likely to be involved. The collegians of the country agree with the American voter that the most important problem of the day is how to keep the United States out of war. Unemployment comes next.

Interviewers for the Student Opinion Surveys, of which The Tiger is a member, asked students over the nation "What do you believe is the most important problem facing the United States today?" From every section, New England to the deep South, Middle Atlantic to the Far West, the answer of the greatest number was the same: how to stay out of war. Many other problems were mentioned, as follows:

1. Keeping U. S. out of war ... 43%
2. Solving unemployment ... 17
3. Balancing the budget ... 7
4. Solving labor problems .. 3
5. Recovery of business 3
6. Threats to democracy 2
7. Inequality of incomes . . . 1
8. Solving youth problems . .. 1
9. The 1940 elections 1
10. Relief 1
11. Others and no opinion . . 21

In this instance, as has been the case in many surveys, college people show practically the same sentiments that other studies of the general electorate have pointed out. The question of war and finding employment for the jobless are paramount in the minds of most Americans, young and old. Business recovery, however, seems to be more important to the average voter who placed that third in the latest sampling of opinion, while the collegians gave third place to the budget.

It is significant that the college student has consistently demonstrated parallel feelings regarding Europe's troubles, for the Surveys, using a scientific cross section that represents the total U. S. enrollment, has found:

1. In October most students said we should not send troops to help the Allies, even if they were in danger of losing to Germany.
2. At the same time, 58 per cent

opposed change of the neutrality law, mainly because they believed to do so might involve us.

3. In December 68 per cent believed we could stay out of the war.

Sympathy for Finland, however, seems to be strong enough for students to sanction loans of American cash to that country, as the Surveys indicated in January. Subsequent shifts in these sentiments future Surveys will show.

Alumni Chatter

By **GEORGE GLENN**

February 9, seventy-five Bamberg alumni had a barbecue at Bob Easterling's near Denmark. Reels of the Cotton Bowl game were shown.

February 8, the Clemson alumni of Mayesville, were hosts to the alumni of Lee and Sumter County at a barbecue. Reels of the Cotton Bowl game were shown to the 150 present.

A banquet was held by the Savannah, Ga., alumni on February 9. There were 75 present.

Atlanta alumni were entertained at a banquet February 16 at the Georgia Terrace. Ernest Brown, '04, president of the Atlanta chapter, was toastmaster. Professors S. M. Martin and W. W. Klugh, Coach Frank Howard and Mr. Jake Woodward were present from Clemson. Reels of the Cotton Bowl game were shown. 1

Barnett Is Speaker Anderson ROA Meet

Major David E. Barnett of the Clemson military department addressed the Anderson Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association at their National Defense Week dinner Wednesday.

MONROE SPEAKS

J. B. Minroe, acting associate professor of vocational education, attended the F. F. A. father and son banquet at Chesnee on February 15. J. E. Wright, Clemson '38, is the agricultural teacher.