EDITORIAL:

Whose Responsibility?

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# To Revise S. G. A. Constitution American Pro-British Feeling **After Hot Assembly Debates**

Stowe to Lecture

In Page Thursday

On World Affairs

Lecture Committee, YM Sponsor Talk to Promote War Relations Program

Suggested Plans

### **Engineers Needed** In Naval Reserve. **Haggart Asserts**

Naval Captain Shows Chances for Graduates In Speech at Assembly

Beckwith to Lead

# **Episcopal Forum**

## Two-Thirds' Vote Missed by Both' Annual BOS-Sandals Dance To Feature Valentine Motif

## Sandmill Becomes Jewish Students' Religious Leader

Hillel Foundation Head Adds Position At Duke To Chapel Hill Activitie

### Alice Marble Belies Legend Of 'All Muscle' Girl Athletes Queen of Courts Visits Duke, Speaks Before Large Crowd of Coeds During Brief Stay Here Wednesday

Nesbitt to Speak To Presbyterians

As Expression of Inevitable

### Senior Assigned To General Staff Intelligence Duty

Robert Odell Becomes First Student Called To Active Army Work



### Landi's Travels Have Taken Her All Over Europe

World Famous Actress To Present Monologues On East Campus Mono

## Dr. Wieman Ends **Visit With Forum** Lecture Tonight

### Convention Defeats Proposals Shipman Sees All-Out Aid Bill 247 Freshmen Make Averages As Fraternities Plan Rushing **Under New Restricted Plan** Activities Start "I, Lily Pons, Want to Sing

Council President Gives Advice for Rush Week, Asking for Cooperation

At Duke" Says Famous Artist

Davis Tells Frosh To "Be Natural:" Rush Rules Listed

## Frosh to Receive **Bids Tomorrow** On East Campus

Sororities to Sponsor Final Parties Tonight As Rush Week Closes

Closed Week and Green Air

Overwhelm Befuddled Coeds Rushing Brings Out the Very Best in Clothes And Just the Opposite in Dispositions

In Open Houses Sunday at Two

# To Be Displayed On East Campus

Yearbook Exhibit

Sociology Expert

# To Lecture Here

# 1905 The Duke A Chronicle 1941

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### Whose Responsibility?

Scarcely mentioned in this morning's headlines, the worst famine that the world has known is bearing down upon the conquered countries of Europe with a terrify-ing speed and certainty. The cold statistics of the economist show that it can not be otherwise.

In Finland, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and Central Poland there are 37 million peeople. Normally more than a third of their food is imported; now, that supply has been cut off by the British blockade. A seant harvest and the destruction of war add to their plight. Within two weeks the food reserves of Belgium will be gone; her people can not live without food.

Famine is a terrible thing and incomprehensible to most Americans who sit down to three comfortable meals most Americans who sit down to three comortance means a day. The starvation of ten million people implies suf-fering, pain, disease, and death that extend beyond the powers of our imagination. The social consequences of such a catastrophe in modern times we can not begin to guess. The disease and pestilence that are sure to accompany famine can fling themselves from country to coun try, even across the broadest oceans.

Although most Americans do not realize it, they, to Although most Americans do not realize it, they, to-gether with the British, are being held responsible for this gram specter that has hovered over Europe's five small democracies and is now beginning to sottle upon them. The United States alone has the food with which to feed these people, and British alone has the power to let food into the continent. Whether we like it or not, it is up to us to answer "yes" or "no" to these millions who are about to starve.

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Our opinion is that it will prove very much within
the sphere of American self-interest to see that terrible
starvation is not the lot of these countries. Theirs is the
power to put up a tremendous "intellectual resistance"
to Nazi domination, and through this resistance they can
and will readily serve the cause of democracy which England and American now claim to defend. They still love
freedom; but they can not think about freedom when
they are starving.

they are starving.

Should these five small democracies—Finland, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and Central Poland—be compelled to meet the full force of starvation, what could more completely shatter their last faith in democratic ideals? Could they have any faith in America and England who pretend to fight their battle, but Knowingly serve upon them a passive condemnation to famine and pestilence. Starvation under these conditions would not cause them to revolt against Hiller; it would drive them to him as an only alternative.

If England and America have any hope of establishing a "new world order" based on international trust and cooperation when and if Hitler is overcome, they had best not be so indifferent in this matter. A doubtful and uncertain war strategy pales into insignificance beside the mighty fact of mass starvation.

Starvation for ten million people can yield profit one. All the world will lose; the United States as se more than Hitler.

To combat this menace of famine in the five small democracies the Hoover Plan has been proposed. Just beginning to gain momentum is a nation-wide campaign to arouse the public to a consciousness of this impending crisis, to let the people know how vitally the situation may affect America, and to acquaint them with the de-tails of the Hoover Plan.

We list the principal points of that plan here: the Germans shall agree (a) not to take any of the domestic products of these people and to furnish the equivalent of any food that may already have been taken; but permit such imports as can be had from other parts of Europe; (c) to allow free passage of food ships without attack; the British (d) shall raise the blockade so as to allow one food ship at a time to pass so long as the guarantees are fulfilled; (e) both sides are to agree to adequate control of distribution by a neutral organization to assure that these agreements are carried out; (f) the plan is to be discontinued upon violations of rules by either side.

This plan was employed successfully in the last war, even while America was engaged in actual conflict. Food went to those for whom it was intended, that is, the Germans did not seize the supplies. Through the plan more than 10 million people under German domination in Belgium and Northern France were saved from starvation. All three governments—English, American, and German—were entirely attailed with the manner in which it was executed.

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—P. J. B.

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