defiance of totalitarianism, but the creation of an invincible position from which democracy can defend itself. Verbal defiance and gestures of support or protest from totalitarian nations.

The point has been made that this Committee will not achieve its goal primarily by itself, but by the awareness of the various conditions throughout the world which it will work to be established in the student body of America. Perhaps it will arouse a temporary flare of enthusiasm; but we do not believe it will amount to anything constructive or lasting.

They appeal to the emotions, not to the reason. They arouse in people a point of pride and a desire to do something to aid this war. It has been sustained all along a sense of the annals of history. War is precipitated by emotional gestures. Peace can be only achieved by patient, earnest attempts to remove the causes of war. It behooves us strongly to hear with caution, extreme caution, any argument which appeals largely to our emotions.

Is it our duty, not to run around stating our position, but to devote ourselves to making our position more secure. Our stand is quite clear to foreign governments, as regards the merits of democracy; and to foreign people, within the limits of censorship. The debate now being sought to aid the refugees should be sought to aid democracy directly. It could be used to arouse American students to a greater interest in this drive.

It could be used to teach the American student how to fight the political abuses which cumber that government. It could be used to teach him an Americanism which would improve educational facilities in this country. We repeat, the plan of the Refugee Committee will help democracy and help humanities, but that there are methods and programs which with the same energy and enthusiasm would prove a vastly greater aid to democracy, a more far-sighted and fundamental aid.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Tech:
Dear Sir,
I am at a complete loss to understand the attitude of some of the students involved in the "Tech" on the subject of aid to a few German refugees who have received money.

After three paragraphs in which you forcefully present the danger to democracy now existing, the roll is played which follows with what amounts almost to a perfect non sequitur: "And furthermore it is futile and a waste of money to try and use our sympathies towards totalitarianism in such gestes as the Refugees Committee wishes to make. . . . (totalitarianism) is an evil that must be combated and will not be combated by sympathy for a society which is essentially for an organized and potent society of opposition."

In my opinion this attitude is a hopeless one and will not help the issues of today. It is rather a constructive action to give genuine help and to demonstrate our loyalty to "the freedom of the human spirit." Mr. Brooks, the student at hand in the fight for the freedom of the world.

Yours truly,
[Signature]

Exhilarated atmosphere.

The new editor of the Tech, Mr. Theodore Smith, makes an excellent job, as usual.

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