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Three years ago this nation had its first wartime Christmas in twenty-four years. At that time the military situation of the United States was very grave indeed. A good part of our battle fleet was lying burned and battered on the mud flats of Pearl Harbor and across the Pacific the first Japanese troops were entering the burning city of Manila and the tragic retreat to Corregidor had begun.

Today the military outlook is better, but, contrary to the opinion of some people, the war is far from won. In the mud and snow of Belgium the panzer divisions of the Wehrmacht are rolling forward. In Italy tired infantrymen are fighting forward, through slush and snow. The war goes, heeding not the sacred festival of Christmas. In China, men, ragged and ill-equipped, throw back the weaponed hordes of the hated invader and the Russians storm against the borders of Austria.

This is not a season for excess jubilation or for relaxation of our efforts. Rather it is a season to be thankful; thankful that war has not scourged our land. We should give thanks that we live in safety and comfort, that our people are not victims of starvation. We should be grateful that our country has not been ravaged by the tools of war, that an airplane is just an object in the sky, not a carrier of death and destruction. We people do not write under the oppressor’s heel, no horrors of a Maidenek scar our memories. For this we should be thankful and we should rededicate ourselves to redoubled efforts that these terrors and those who have created them shall no longer make mockery of man and to bring true “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men.”

Research Center For Group Dynamics To Be Formed At Institute In March

Dr. Robert G. Caldwell, Dean of Humanities, has announced the establishment of a Research Center for Group Dynamics, the psychological forces which influence group behavior, at the Institute. The new center, a division of the department of Economics and Social Sciences, will be headed by Dr. Kurt Lewin, formerly Professor of Psychology at the State University of Iowa. Dr. Lewin, now engaged in a war project, will take over his position at the Institute at the beginning of the March term.

The research center will provide an approach to a relatively new field in the social sciences and will co-operate with the Industrial Relations Department in its work. Research will be done by the Center on all aspects of group life at all age levels, and students will be given the opportunity to obtain graduate professional training in the field.

Dr. Lewin, a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1906. He was a visiting professor of psychology at Stanford University the following year, and was acting professor at Cornell University until 1919. After this, he went to the State University of Iowa. He has also been a visiting professor at Harvard and the University of California.

1000 Students, Staff Join In Christmas Carol Sing

About a thousand students, faculty members, and staff members joined in with the Glee Club to sing Christmas Carols yesterday in the rotunda of Building T. The program started with "Adeste Fideles," Old favorites, such as "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "The First Noel," were sung, and the program was ended with "Silent Night, Holy Night."

As a special dispensation, classes were halted at 12:45 P.M. and not resumed until 1:15 P.M. so the carolers could have a full half hour of singing.

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(Continued from Page 1) activities to make use of the Walker Memorial records which he said should prove both interesting and informative.

A discussion followed regarding the lack of school spirit evidenced by the low student attendance at recent basketball games. Several suggestions were made to remedy the situation, including one to increase the publicity given such student activities.