Dr. Bumer to Leave; Will Not Return

Dr. Charles T. Bumer, head of Kenyon's Mathematics Department, will be on a leave of absence for the duration of one year. During this time Dr. Bumer will be Staff Member of the National Research Laboratory of Technology. His work will be connected with Naval Ord- nance, and will last an indefinite period of time. He will not return to Kenyon at the conclusion of his affiliation with M. E. T. however.

Dr. Bumer has been very popular on the campus, having been active in many community affairs. He first came to Kenyon in the fall of 1924 after receiving his Ph.D. at Ohio State University where he had taught for nine years. He received his B.A. from Denison University in 1919 and his Master's degree at Harvard in 1922. Previous to his position as Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the Colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts at Ohio State, he was an Instructor at Michigan State.

In 1923 he organized the Kenyon Singers and remained their Director until 1923. From 1923 to 1927 he was the faculty representative and Chairman of the Student Executive Council. He is also a member of the Kenyon Alumni.

Dr. Bumer played an instrumental part in originating the study of Wove Pre-Metrology Program at Kenyon. While the Army was at Kenyon he was Chairman of the Mathematics-Mechanics Department and Coordinator of the Physics-Mathematics-Mechanics Department.

Dr. Bumer was also active in faculty and Gamber community affairs. Beginning in 1928 and for a period of years, he was chairman of both the Faculty Committee and the Admissions Committee. He was head also of the Engineering Science Curriculum Committee. He has been Treasurer of the Gambier Community Fund, Bundles for Britain, and Bundles for America.

ONE MAN'S MEA
C. R. ALLEN JR.

On this side of the Atlantic most of our newspapers are carrying the position of party to the Conservatives, who with their 400 seats hold the balance of the House in Parliament, as political opportunists who intend to disrupt "national unity." prior to May of 1940, the coalition government by the brilliant dictatorship of Churchill was the subject of a great number of books, and is the same Parliament which even today is largely controlled by the old do-nothing and lollabout, and the only attack of war-time controls and restraints in their control and free private enterprise. The Conservative's leader, Mr. Churchill, is the epitome of British Imperialism, and he has clearly declared his intentions of re- ntain the Empire upon which "the sun never sets"; insuring but, yet, nevertheless, an opponent of the popular and liberal-minded and the liberated countries and a constant source of strength for Franco-Spain. Britain's victory in the last war was the result of the supreme effort on the part of the people as a whole; Churchill did not defeat Hitler in a single combat.

The Labor party, under the guidance of Attlee, Bevin and Morrison, knows that the British's two major concerns are housing and unemployment. Its platform is clearly committed to a sweeping nationalization of coal mines, electricity, steel, transport, and mobilization of finance and land. A Socialist Democratic Constitution would go further than the modest plans of the Conservatives in the direction of social re- bilitation; Labor also would cease the bread suspicious of the situation at the borders between London and Moscow.

In July Britain chooses. I only hope that Britain results from this election are based

S. S. Kenyon Victory Launched One Month Ahead of Time

The College was recently informed by the United States Maritime Commission that the construction of Victory Ships under construction at Wilmington, California, had been named for the College and was to be launched July 4, 1945.

The Maritime Commission suggested that a ship would be an appropriate gift from the College to the ship bearing its name over the entire world. The Senior Council then decided to cooperate and study the possible ships, and everyone was asked to contribute to this under-taking.

A Committee of the Senior Council put out a letter asking for money and any kind or number of books, the College wanting to contribute from two to three hundred dollars which would help in the beginning of a library for such books as the Commission would itself purchase. How- ever, a letter the same day that this letter of the Senior Council came out, spotted production line, the S. S. Kenyon Victory one month ahead of schedule, June 4, 1945.

However, the College still intends to raise the books and money which when collected will be sent to California. It is to be hoped that a large shipment can be made.

Contributions may be given to any member of the Senior Council Committee, Richard Roberts, Howard Stafford, or Richard Grudler, or be sent direct to the Council in care of the Secretary of the College. Books may be brought to the Library office, or the Kenyon Bookplate will be af-fixed.

AROUND THE TOWN
FRED PALMER

Spring is here, California style, with heavy dew flooding the tennis courts, and the air filled with the scents of April—orchids, cherry blossom, and lilacs in the clouds.

Undaunted by weather conditions, a steady flow of visit- ors have been present on the Hill.

Saturday, June 1st, East Wing Bull's Eye was the scene of a gathering of the Alpha Deltas and their local girl friends. Mrs. Ethel T. Fitch, of Athens, Ohio, and Miss Harriet Pogue, of Miami University, were the guests of honor.

The Betas passed the cup around in their recreation room on Friday Night, June 8, and the title went to the Women's College, Athens, and seizing this opportunity to eliminate Toriyama and all its accompanying evils.
A MASQUE OF REASON
By Robert Frost, Holt, $2.

"A literary event of major importance," which "will startle many readers," the blurb on the dust jacket informs me. I am not much startled by the poem for several reasons. The old Frost is in the technique of the thing, which is all to the good. I think it must be accorded him that his blank verse is marvelously conversational without being unduly loose (although I find some variations that Milton would not have set his seal to). The old Frost is exhibited in the attitude also. I remember a poem of his called "The Egg and the Machine" which concerned itself with a problem vital to our era: Man versus the Machine. The poem was delightfully done; and, even though the subject was not searched thoroughly, we were left with an attitude that it was nicely presented. The same thing occurs in A Masque of Reason. This time the problem is Man versus an Irrational God. The story of Job is of course suggested, and Mr. Frost has Job and his wife speak with God (and also Satan) on Judgment Day to ask for an explanation. The situation has possibilities. The poetic-philosophic problem is: what will God say? Well, God frees Himself from the trappings of myth and orthodoxy:

May... the free God... speech... is thundered... spoilt... caught in the branches.

Why?... He can't get out.

Man: He's loose! He's out!

Now Job approaches Him to ask the reason for his affliction. I have no intention of rehashing the argument between them, but God does apologize to Job, saying: I should have spoken sooner [italics].

The word I wanted. You would have supposed nothing of the beginning was the Word. Would be in a position to command it. I have to wait for words like anyone.

In fact, God is just like "anyone." After a series of attempts at being polite, He tells Job the truth:

I was just showing off to the Devil, Job.

As is set forth in chapters One and Two.

There are other points worth examining, but this much will serve to give you the tone of the poem. My objection is not based so much on a Christian indignation as it is on a philosophical disappointment. The problem is vital (if you admit that it is a problem at all); Mr. Frost is very cute about it, but the poem is nevertheless thin and philosophically superficial. This, I submit, is in a vein in a poem that depends upon its argument.

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