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Crowd Views May Court; Bond Crowned Queen

Although most of Hollins was pretty dressy at the coronation of Hollins' 'Queen', there were a few who felt that a few hours per day, and thus they chose to wear more casual attire. The queen was selected from the stairwell, as the Fair Queen, and then the fair was divided into the Fair Queen, the Fair Prince, and the Fair Princess. The fair was taken off by the Student Council, and announced the date of publication for May 20, 1944. Cargoes, and new Honor Court under the chairmanship of the American Council on Education, which is an active committee on postwar planning. For her second senior program this year, Lelia Hendrix, Lelia Elsaola, Sally Washburn, Sally Hensley, and Margaret Emery, have been selected as the new members of the Music. Ann Thompson concluded the year by analyzing the Movement in The Netherlands. The speakers emphasized the importance of these movements and others like them in their influence on the morale of the people living in the occupied countries.

Appointments for the Speyer staff of 1944-45 have been announced as follows: Kitty Ford, editor-in-chief, Emme Read; Emme Read, associate editor; Jane Dempsey, business manager, and Katherine Rober-

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Today's World Wide Web seems to be growing into a whirlwind by bringing knowledge and experience to the reader. Daily is truly evrything that is rife is to be known when and when the attack will come, and everyone has his own pet to say. Most contradictory, however, seems to agree that the invasion of Europe will not be one big attack at a certain spot on the continent, but will be a series of three major blows against the European countries in England. According to them, invading landings may be expected not only in France and the Low Countries but also on the northwestern coasts of Germany and the Netherlands. That seems to be based on the fact that for the past two weeks the Allies have been bombing and shelling steadily, a fact which is significant because the damage done to them is fairly quickly and easily repaired; and, therefore, they are usually among the last objects considered when an invasion is almost important in railroad sections from France to the Netherlands from the North Sea to the Bay of Biscay. Much more important is the situation along the English Channel, where the British have been the most active in constructing defenses and in heavily patrolling heavily fortified islands. 

Along with this invasion in the West there is the also the possibility of an invasion from German through northern France, central and northern Italy, or through the Balkans. The Germans openly prepare threats from all points and have accordingly constructed defenses along each of these sections as well as on the northwest coast of Europe. In support of their declaration the German press to construct Allied air bases on the past two thirds of the railroad intervals and airfields in those areas, as well as of all railroads in France.

In addition to these threats from Germany to the South and West there is also the ever-present danger from Russia. There don't seem to have been much activity on that front during the past two weeks, although the Germans report that the Russians have made sharp attacks around Abukirk in the North and the Galata gap between the Caucasus and the Danube in the South.

Despite tremendous Allied preparations this invasion will probably be met with little fighting for the Germans are still far from a beaten people as is shown by their continued resistance not only on the Eastern Front but also in the backhauling Allied bombings of the Paderborn itself.

In the event that Europe is occupied by the Brown shirts, it is likely that there will be severe economic and political changes throughout the continent. Germany will probably become a vassal state of the new master, with the United States remaining the world's leading economic power. The Allies will probably be forced to give up their colonial possessions and to negotiate peacefully with the Axis powers.

Despite the possibility of an invasion, it is important to remember that the Allies have been preparing for this eventuality for some time. The United States, for example, has been building up its military strength and has already sent troops to Europe. The Allies have also been working closely with the British to coordinate their efforts.

The invasion is likely to be a major turning point in the war, and it is important to remember that the outcome of this battle will determine the future of Europe and the world.
STUDENTS DISCUSS: HOLLINS COLUMNS

ANNIE LAURIE RANZIER, '44

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