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## Face All the Facts of China Instead of Only a Few

Like Katherine Mayo in her book "Mother India," the erstwhile lecturer Sam Grathwell painted a one-sided picture of an Oriental people at assembly yesterday morning.

Frankly attempting to "face the facts" in China, Grathwell explained that due to distance, cost of cables and misrepresentation of news, China was not understood by Americans. The reaction of the Chinese students at Oregon is typified by the communication in an adjoining column.

What do the people who heard Grathwell now think of China?

Most of the students present have never been to China. If they went there, they could see among more pleasant things, conditions similar to those Grathwell depicted. With exceptions, the facts he presented were correct. Only his interpretation, because of his attempt to be sensational, was inaccurate.

China is economically backward; China has less "public mindedness" than the United States; Chinese people may often "worship ancestors" to a detrimental degree; some Chinese traders of the weaker sort are "avaricious;" Chinese laundries may be a "myth."

Students should not pass judgment on the basis of such a one-sided picture.

He went a little too far once or twice in his implications. When he assumes that the Chinese are an "avaricious people," he oversteps the bounds of fact. When the late Murray Warner was employed by the American Trading company in and about Peking, and during seven years of private enterprise there, he did not find it necessary to use written contracts upon any occasion with any of the many Chinese business men with whom he came in contact. As in any country, there are Chinese who break their word. Most of them are reliable; the integrity of the educated cultured class as a whole is unquestioned.

So it is wise to consider the other side of China—the good—the intelligent political, economic, and educational leaders who are cooperating in a concerted effort to forge the future of an indestructible people, a fourth of the world's population, on the anvil of history.

Mr. Grathwell's lecture yesterday presented one phase of truth. When the peoples of the world know the truth about others, when the iniquities, oppression, injustice, waste and strifes of the United States, no less than of other nations, are made clear to humanity, the sooner will the wrongs be righted.

But care and discretion, and a critical attitude of mind must be called into play to sift the true and the false in our appraisal of the facts of life. In the case of China, let us not be too sure as a result of the specific instances from which Grathwell makes his appeal, that the "gun boat policy" of present imperialism is justified.

If we are to "face the facts," let us not pass judgment until we have "faced all the facts."

## Athletic Awards Made Democratic at Oregon

How gratifying to realize that after all the "probes" of questionable expediency conducted by the student council that this august body of student government along with the executive council should do something really commendable.

The Emerald commends without reservation the decision to award the same kind of athletic letter to successful representatives in every sport.

Athletes in the various sports may not unanimously favor the action because of personal pride and jealousy. But the move is a wise one for the student body at large. Oregon is again the vanguard of progressive student legislation.

The outstanding advantage of a similar letter awarded for either so-called "major" or "minor" sport is that of democracy in athletics, and the diminishing of unnecessary emphasis on one type of physical accomplishment.

If there is a reasonable charge against the athletic situation in American colleges, it is that so much emphasis is given to a limited few players on football teams. There are other sports worth recognizing, and the student leaders at Oregon acted nobly in this courageous action.

The ideal situation in collegiate athletics prevails in Scotland where players representing leading universities play the game for the game's sake; they furnish their own equipment and regalia and pay laundry and cleaning bills themselves. We do not predict that Oregon basketball men will be demanding the right to furnish their own equipment. Neither will football players be expected to voluntarily provide their own shoes.

Uniform letters for golf as well as football will hereafter prevent squabbling and quibbling as to the relative amount of prestige attendant upon successful achievement in separate lines of athletic endeavor.

We caution the student council and executive council to make provisions that high standards of competition will be demanded and high demonstration of ability required to win letters in "lesser sports." Schools against which a man in a

sport involving no team action may win sweaters should offer reasonable competition.

Furthermore no sport should be discontinued during any year in which the amount of material happens to be scarce. This happened regrettably to wrestling several years ago.

Oregon has adopted a practice of recognizing athletes equally. A premium is no longer paid to physical bulk. Skill and prowess, as well as brainy brawn has come into its own. Other schools will do well to follow suit.



### WAS THE SPEAKER RIGHT?

Personally, I hate to criticize anybody. In fact, I hate to write anything. But the situation has forced me to say something about Mr. Grathwell's speech in the assembly Thursday.

What Mr. Grathwell said may be true, but as far as I am informed by my Chinese friends and as far as I have read in Chinese and Japanese magazines, I have never heard of several things that he said. In fact, one of my Chinese friends, soon after the assembly, told me that I have lived and learned little of China in the early twenty years of my own life in China, but I have never seen nor heard such things.

I am not denying the facts that such things exist, but I like to say this much, that is what my Chinese friends have seen in China during their childhood and youth, and what they have read about China in the light of their magazines cannot be false.

Prejudices Shown  
There seems some prejudices and discrepancies in his own interpretation and that of missionaries, especially because many missionaries in China, due to the unsuccessfulness of their attempts, exaggerate the worst of China. In this sense Professor Russell's interpretation in "The Problems of China," is more near to the truth than Mr. Grathwell's interpretation.

I appreciate Mr. Grathwell's sarcasm very, very much, but if what he said is the true contemporary condition of China, there is not much chance again, before China will go to the revolution again.

Interpretation Questioned  
But present China is far from that. Of course, his statements of extraterritoriality are more truthful than others which seem to float in the air. Is his description of Peking (present Peking) truthful? Is that the general condition in China? Didn't he take too much for granted? If you put your imagination little further, you can see how it could be or could not be so. Has he got the grip of Orient? Can a man study and learn the culture so different from ours, within a short period of time and understand what it all means? I have been in America for the last eight years. Do I know all about America? I can't do it. Even you don't know all about America. How could he learn and know all about China? Did he see China right? Did he see them on the basis of his own merit or on the basis of Chinese viewpoint? Has he interpreted them right? He may have seen all the facts in a right way but he surely did not interpret China right. I am sure my Chinese friends agree with me on that. Was his speech a criticism, or a satire on China? Or was he sympathizing toward China? It seems he just showed and described the worst things and facts of China in a rather exaggerated way. Don't we find as bad conditions in slum districts of New York and of Pittsburgh? Do we like to hear of all bad things of America ourselves? Does the Chinese like that? Wasn't he aggravating the problems? I hope the students on the campus thought of China when Mr. Grathwell stated such fallacious and old ideas. Just imagine could it be possible, and desirable, etc.? Just think and reason out, students, and don't take everything that others say. Because after all, reason and facts must go together.

I am not mistaken to conclude

that after all he is an ordinary traveler who looked over part of China and pretended to know all by generalizing and giving the seemingly untruthful things and facts. He hasn't looked into China nor through China. He even doesn't know China. He just glanced over. I hope he would look into China next time when he goes to China. Also I hope he be very careful how he interprets all. Such an interpretation as his does more harm than good. Chinese proverb say, "Little knowledge is the dangerous thing."

Frank Shimizu, an Oriental.

McDONALD—"State Street Sadie," starring Conrad Nagel and Myrna Loy. An underworld drama. Also two Vitaphone acts, "Those Pullman Porters" and "In the Park."

HEILIG—Tom Tyler in "The Buzzard Pirate," a western drama. Also comedy and news.

REX—Clara Bow and James Hall in "The Fleet's In," a sailor's romance. Also, "Hot Luck," a Christie comedy, and International news.

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Phi Beta will have Oregon pictures taken on library steps at 11:55 this morning.

### The Ambler

Yesterday we saw: JENNINGS MATHER still chasing that cat... WARREN KOSTAD priggling on a tombstone... RAY GRIFFIN throwing snowballs... REX TUSSING got hit with a water bag... MARIAN ANDER-

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TELL ME FRANK, HOW DOES AN OLD MAN TAKE HER MEDICINE?  
IN CIDER—HEH HEH HEH, GET IT? INSIDE 'ER  
WHAT HAS FOUR LEGS AND SINGS?  
TWO CANARY BIRDS  
MY GIRL TOLD ME THAT I WAS THE LIGHT OF HER LIFE, LAST NIGHT  
AND THEN HER OLD MAN PUT OUT THE LIGHT  
ANSWER ME THIS FRANK: HOW WAS COLUMBUS ABLE TO SAIL ALL THE WAY TO AMERICA?  
HE SMOKED OLD GOLD AND THEY DIDN'T INTERFERE WITH HIS WIND  
OH, HOW W-W I LAHVE YOO-OO DE-ER OLD GOLD ANY MI-YINE.  
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