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Norton Says China Will Be Victorious

Japanese Treaty Would Be Loss to United States

By WESLEY SULLIVAN

"If we sign a new trade treaty with Japan we will be giving up part of the cornerstone that has formed the basis of our relations with China for the past 40 years," stated Robert Norton, associate editor of the magazine "China Today" and well-known lecturer on China and her problems before a meeting of the International Relations club in the faculty room of Friendly hall last night.

He defined the cornerstone of American policy toward China as the maintenance of that country's independence, the "open door" policy, the nine power treaty, and giving China a chance to develop their government free from outside pressure.

Trade Diminishing

Answering the question "Can we afford to lose Japan's trade?" Mr. Norton explained that previous to the present war in China Japan's exports to the United States were mostly silk, and her imports from America were principally cotton, in other words there was virtually no competition between the exports and the imports or no chance of running out of a supply of either.

Now, however, gold is increasing as an export to America and Japan hasn't much more gold to export, and silk will be cut down as an export soon with the development of synthetic silk that is now being carried on on a large scale in the eastern part of the United States.

In contrast to the gloomy picture of the future of Japan's trade with this country, China will be building up after the war, and Mr. Norton expressed a confident opinion that China will be victorious, and the United States will find a full market for her surpluses.

"When we talk about Japan's \$400,000,000 trade with us we are talking about something that is in the past," he explained.

Developing Democracy

The struggle of China to change from a nation to a democracy also was discussed by Mr. Norton.

"It is remarkable that China has been able to develop and build the beginnings of a democracy on the foundations of its old country," he remarked.

After his formal speech, members of the audience asked questions concerning the Sino-Japanese situation.

He explained that Japan wanted China as a workshop, to develop her man-power and natural resources and to digest some of Japan's surplus exports. He also touched on the probability of an overthrow of the Japanese government in case it suffered defeat.

Before the meeting Bill Grant, president of the local chapter, explained the regional conference of International Relations clubs to be held February 23 and 24 on the University campus. He also asked for volunteers to act on committees which will arrange the conclave.

Dr. Erb to Speak In Marshfield To Women's Group

Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, will address members of the Marshfield chapter of the American Association of University Women Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the president's office announced yesterday.

Subject of Dr. Erb's talk will be "The United States and the European Situation." The meeting will be held at the Chandler hotel.

Infirmary Folk Still Chuckling Over Fall Joke

"Watched pots do not boil," so they say, but few people ever glared down the snout of some kettle with boiling slush in it via that looking-through-a-telescope fashion to test the saying's truth. In this connection a story concerning some freshman girl (identity unknown) during the fall term is still circulating at the library.

The girl, according to those who know, stepped along the hospital's reception corridor with first-time plastered on her face and halted before the two-by-four room where patients take inhalations for nasal congestion. She saw two heavily-breathing people, their faces half buried in paper sacks fastened to snouts of kettles in which something was boiling.

She stood there gazing for some time, then tip-toed up to one of the nurses and whispered, "What are they looking at?"

Some people over there are still chuckling.

January 18's infirmary roster showed Pauline Ewan, Virgene Wade, Laura Hughes, Robert Rehberg, James Buell, Alan Torbet, Truman Carter, George Bujan, James Shephard, Ernest Short, Joseph Doerfler, Marvin Helon, Leland Drago, John Murphy, Eugene Didak, Craig Oleson, and Lloyd Thomas.

Plans Advance For Constitution

Phil Lowry Named Committee Head To Arrange Voting

The executive committee's dream of a "model" constitution for use by all four University classes this week made definite progress toward realization when Phil Lowry, senior class prexy, was named to head the ASUO constitution committee.

Assisting Lowry in defining the contents of the new "model" will be the officers of all four University classes. "So far we're just groping around for a feasible plan on which to build," he explained last night, "but I have contacted all the officers and arranged for an early meeting."

Ready for Spring Vote
"I believe that it is the plan of the executive council of the student body, and therefore the committee's plan," Lowry said, "to have a constitution ready for class votes on the spring term ballot."

The ASUO action directed toward getting a fairly inelastic constitution for uniform use by all classes came last week on the heels of a junior class constitutional squabble.

Vacancy Brings Action

A vacancy in the president's chair of the junior group and also of the vice-president's office made necessary a plan of action to remedy the trouble.

The question of whether the junior class should use the constitution formed in their freshman year or that of last year's junior class to fill an officer vacancy caused the early constitution rumblings.

Although Junior Prexy Jim Pickett was reinstated after his ineligibility rating was found wrong, the case brought to the attention of the executive committee the trouble over the indefiniteness of class constitutions and the consequent committee appointment.

New President

Because Annette Ansley, president of the YWCA sophomore commission last term, has not returned to the University this semester, the duties of acting president will be taken over by Bobbie Roehm, vice-president, for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Desmond Lauds Press In Assembly

Speaker Explains How Propaganda Uses Newspapers

By JANATHAN KAHANANUI

"In most countries newspapers have become agencies of the leaders' wills instead of an organ for spreading of enlightenment. However, use of the press is still the best method for disseminating ideas."

So declared Dr. Robert W. Desmond, Northwestern university journalism professor, as he addressed 200 persons in Johnson hall yesterday on "The Impact of the Press on World Affairs."

"Inspired by government officials, the press is described as a piano to be played on by Goebbels and Goering," contended the speaker, as he explained how newspapers have been abused by heads and officials of different nations and made to serve their own purposes.

"Even France and England are accused of tampering with the facts," declared Dr. Desmond. "In London the foreign office admits what it says may not be the only view, but it is the official view," although full information "is essential to democracy."

Newspaper Sponsors Peace

Newspapers, according to the speaker, have been justly accused of causing wars but have also "prevented a considerable number." War conditions are not favorable to economic stability of newspapers, he claimed.

"If newspapers help to bring on war, they are victims of their own situation," contended the Northwestern professor. "Conflict is good stuff, and readers want conflict. However, increased circulation arising means increased bills, for during wars costs go up, and revenue goes down."

A possible remedy for the popularity of wars and conflict among newspaper readers would be for the latter to develop higher tastes, averred the speaker.

Papers Don't Foster Opinion

Commenting on the general news policy of papers today, Dr. Desmond said, "Today's editorial page does not attempt to lead opinion but merely tries to clarify," declared the speaker.

Dr. Desmond continued that the question of power in editorial policy is not comparatively conspicuous today, but service is the main objective. However, the service ideal is being stressed.

Professor at Northwestern

Dr. Desmond has been affiliated with the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern university since 1938, has served on the Paris edition of the New York Tribune, the Milwaukee Journal, and the Miami World. He is on leave this year and is a professor of journalism at the University of California, Berkeley.

Women's PE Club To Hold Open House

Sponsored by the Women's Physical Education club, an open house, featuring the social sports, will be held tonight at Gerlinger hall. Dancing, ping-pong, volleyball, badminton and other games will be organized. In addition, the regular Friday night social swimming, for those interested in aquatic sports, will be going on in the pool.

Robin Nelson, chairman of the event, announced that the open house is being held in response to popular demand, and all who are interested in an evening of athletic entertainment should come. If the idea is favorably received, it will be held every Friday night that no other campus dances are scheduled.

WAA's Choice



Curt Sykes, San Francisco maestro, will present his version of "sweet swing" at the WAA formal Saturday night.

First Formal Of Term Slated Saturday Night

Winter Sports To Be Theme; 1940 Style Show

Against a picturesque background of Gerlinger auditorium transformed into a snowy "Winter Wonderland," Oregon Webfoots tomorrow night will open the winter term formal season when they swing to the music of Curt Syke's orchestra at the WAA all-campus dance.

Tickets are on sale for the affair, decreed semiformal with formal for girls and dark suits for men, in men's living organizations today. Admission is \$1 per couple.

Brass Is Tops

Featuring Nancy Neer, girl vocalist, and a brass section termed "tops" by campus critics, Sykes will arrive in Eugene early tomorrow with his players. They come straight from a successful engagement at the Hawaiian Gardens in San Francisco.

Carrying out the winter sports theme will be the special intermission style show of popular 1940 ski costumes for University coeds. Shadowy light effects and a snow scene stage will set off the outdoor styles modeled by four Oregon girls.

Coed Models

Blond Carol Nelson will show a red plaid ski outfit; Brunette Clear wears a new blue and white style; dark-haired Helen Howard (Please turn to page two)

Reasons Listed Why Co-op GPA Is Highest

By PAT ERICKSON

Why do the co-operative living groups consistently lead the campus in grade point averages? Highland house led all women's organizations and Canard, all men's for fall term.

Virgil D. Earl, dean of men, would attribute the difference to attitude mainly. Students, he says, are divided into two groups: "those who are handicapped by lack of money and those who are handicapped by lack of handicaps."

Houses Rated

Placing, as a whole, co-ops in the first group and Greeks in the second, Dean Earl points out that co-op students are more vitally concerned with getting "their money's worth" out of the place while they're here.

"Scholastically," Dean Earl declares, "sororities and fraternities are their own worst enemies." Regarding the freshman as an alien animal, Greeks tie him down to with rules, hours and duties that only the exceptional freshe keeps

Four o'Clock Deadline Set For Letters

Dads' Contest Ends Today; Dealers Offer Four Prizes

By JIMMIE LEONARD

Now or never! Letters that are entered in the Dads' day letter-writing contest must be submitted to the educational activities office by 4 o'clock this afternoon. Dads are to receive the original copy, and the carbon will go to contest headquarters.

Four downtown merchants will give merchandise prizes to the four students whose letters are, in the opinion of the judges, the best. Each student must write upon the subject of asking his dad to come to the University and survey the factors that knock the props from under good GPAs. The letter must not exceed a page in length, and the official Dads' day stationery must be used. It can be obtained at all living organizations and the University Co-op store.

Stores Donate

Kaufman's and Lerner's will donate merchandise awards to the two girls who write the best letters. The two top writers among University men will receive premiums from Hart Larsen and Paul D. Green.

J. H. Gilbert, dean of the college of social science; E. D. Kittoe, instructor in English; and J. D. Barnett, head of the political science department, will cast critical eyes over the offerings of the students.

Close Competition

John Cavanagh, general weekend chairman, yesterday predicted some close competition among living organizations for the three silver loving cups that will be given to the three houses whose freshmen bring the most dads to the campus. The house with the largest number of freshmen dads present will receive the O. L. Laurgaard trophy. The group having the highest proportion of dads in attendance will receive the A. W. Norblad cup. The Paul T. Shaw award will go to the house that ranks second.

Three Short Story Winners on Campus

Three former winners of the Marshall-Case-Haycox short story contest are on the campus this year. They are Margaret Dick, senior, who won the prize last year, and Fred Bales and George Stephenson, graduate students.

Museum Bound? Well, 'Screw' on Your White Mitts

Paging the white rabbit!

Anyone who wishes to inspect the rare books on display in the art museum library must first search for his white gloves.

To keep from spoiling the valuable volumes with spots from the mixing of the oil on the hands with the dust on the books, special white cloth gloves are furnished to visitors.

ROTC Tries New Method In Drilling

Half of Students March as Others Go to Classroom

At yesterday's weekly uniformed drill, the ROTC undertook a method of instruction new to the Oregon campus. Instead of all the companies drilling on the military field as in the past, half of the students went into classrooms for special instruction in the drilling and the manual of arms by advanced military students. The other students were then drilled as usual.

Major H. L. Barrett, whose advanced students conducted the classroom instruction, expressed his enthusiasm over the results that were achieved.

"Not only do the students on the drill field have much more room for maneuvers," said the major, "but those in the classrooms have already shown much improvement through learning the finer points of drilling and the manual of arms. The experiment worked out so well that we expect to use this method for the rest of the winter term."

Scabbard, Blade Will Sponsor Rifle Champions

Honorary to Buy Letters, Help Pay Team's Expenses

The University of Oregon's national championship rifle team is now sponsored by the local chapter of Scabbard and Blade, national military honorary.

Cadet-Captain Harry Milne made this announcement last night. Scabbard and Blade will buy letters for the members of the rifle team and help pay expenses for trips to and from competition through proceeds of the Military ball February 3, Milne said. Previously team members have had to depend upon their own pocket-books and contributions for traveling and letters.

The national champs will take part in Pacific coast and national meets this year. Winners five times in Pacific coast competition, the Oregon team has won the national championship four times. Stan Warren, star sharpshooter of last year's team, received national recognition when he fired a perfect score in the championship meet. The team is coached by Sergeant Harvey G. Blythe.

Tickets for the Military ball will be obtainable from the Lane county Reserve Officers and Eugene merchants.

The Duck rifle squad will clash with the Washington Huskies at Seattle the last of winter term in the first meet of the year.

Committee Appointed To Work for New Student Union Hall

Group of Seventeen to Collaborate With Upper-Division Council to Advance Erection of Proposed Structure

Seventeen freshmen were picked last night to serve on a permanent promotion committee for an Oregon student union building, frosh class officers announced.

Class President Les Anderson; Jeanette Nielson, vice president; Ruth Graham, secretary, and Glenn Williams, treasurer, turned in the following names, to work as the number two committee in charge of promotion under the already functioning group of upper division students: Janet Rieg, Jean Wilson, Florence Cooley, Spencer Wells, Joan Dalton, David Campbell, Gordon Childs, Al Silvernail, Bud Vandeneysde, Warren Treece, Mary Elizabeth Earl, Doug Fabian, Virginia Doten, Jeannette Nielson, Ruth Graham, Glenn Williams, Tom Clary, and Ray Schrick.

Committee Large One

"The committee was a large one," explained Anderson, "because a wide distribution is needed in getting interest from the entire student body. It will be a perpetual committee and any vacancies will be replaced whenever they occur throughout the following four years. They will meet shortly to select a chairman from the group."

Roy Vernstrom, general chairman of the student union committee and originator of the frosh promotion group plan, approved the council's choice.

Council to Be Complimented

"The freshman executive council is to be commended on their selections," he declared. "They have initiative and resourcefulness and should soon get results."

The new group is charged with the responsibility of keeping plans for a student union before the campus citizenry.

First meeting of the committee is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the student union room, Johnson hall, when they will pick a chairman and launch their campaign.

Williams Not Freshman Head

Glenn Williams, mistakenly announced as general head in charge of the freshman group, has instead official care of the exhibit in the student union room. Over 100 students and faculty members came in to see the display, he reports, and asked questions pertaining to the proposed building and the chances of constructing one at Oregon.

Pleased by the interest evidenced in the large attendance, the upper-classman top committee has announced that the display will be open for exhibition every Thursday from 1 to 5 with someone on hand at all times to act as commentator and explain points of interest.

Student Union Day

Proable first activity on the promotion campaign will be a Student Union day for Oregon, the council intimated. Class Secretary Ruth Graham will probably take over the secretarial duties of the committee as they organize at Tuesday's meeting and outline plans. The council reports that an entertainment and assembly may be billed if the Student Union day plan is passed.

Faculty Members In Forestry Forum

Seven faculty members are participating in a forum for active United States forest officials in Oregon and Washington being held in Portland from January 8 to 26.

Dr. Victor P. Morris and Dr. Calvin Crumbaker spoke this week. Next week's program will consist of speeches by Dr. Jesse H. Bond, O. K. Burrell, and A. L. Lomax. Dr. H. R. Taylor and Professor Lomax will preside the final week of the forums.

AWS Heads Plan For Convention Here This Spring

Many Colleges to Send Delegates To Conclave

Newly-appointed committee heads held a round-table discussion Wednesday of plans for the AWS western convention which will be held here April 15, 16, and 17.

Colleges and universities from all over the eleven western states will send delegates to this conference, the first that has been held at Oregon in 20 years. Over 200 delegates are expected.

Get to Know Campus

"We want to get away from the played-out convention idea," Grace Irvin, general chairman, told the girls at the meeting. "We want them to have some time to themselves so they may get acquainted with our campus and not spend all their time just running from one meeting to another," she added.

Anne Frederiksen, president of AWS, and Mrs. Hazel P. Schwing, dean of women, explained the duties of each of the chairmen.

Heads Named

Heading the committees will be: Margaret Young and Barbara Pierce, housing; Janet Goresky and Jane Hochuli, registration; Helen Angell and Betty Jane Biggs, publicity; Sally Mitchell, advertising; Barbara Bamford and Marge McClain, formal banquet; Aurelie Wolcott, sorority luncheon; Jeanne Haehlen, honorary breakfast.

Hansen, Christenson

Maxine Hansen and Billie Christenson, transportation; Bettylou Swart, Monday luncheon; Bette Morfitt, dinner; Barbara Fulton, Monday and Tuesday breakfasts; Jean Kendall, publicity display and designs; Pat Taylor and Martha McClung, entertainment; Betty Buchanan, Wednesday banquet; Majeane Glover, speakers; Janet Morris, favors; Elizabeth Steed, discussion group.

Since the convention will be held at the University, Oregon's AWS leaders automatically become western AWS officers. They are: Anne Frederiksen, president; Patsy Taylor, vice-president; Bette Norwood, secretary; Donna Ketchum, treasurer; Helen Angell, reporter; and Elizabeth Steed, sergeant-at-arms.

Sigma Xi Will Hold Meeting With OSC

A joint meeting of the Oregon and Oregon State chapters of Sigma Xi will be held next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Corvallis hotel.

With "The Search for Causative Agents of Influenza" as his subject, Dr. H. J. Sears of the University of Oregon Medical school will address the meeting.