

'I Told You So,' Says Ex-UO Officer Trainer

By DUNCAN WIMPRESS

"I warned the American government last August of what the Japs were going to do," wrote British Colonel John Leader to Dean Eric W. Allen, head of the journalism school, this week. "I was attached to General Kuroki's staff long ago when he was to command the invasion force of an American invasion," he added.

Colonel Leader, who trained officers on the University campus in 1918 and who is now in the British army, wrote Dean Allen discussing several phases of the present war. His uncensored letter stated that he expected to be transferred to a command in China in the near future.

In relation to his letter to the American war department warning of the coming Japanese attack, Colonel Leader commented, "One letter of polite incredulity I received just before Japan struck said, 'How could they possibly attack without planes and tanks?'"

Incredulity

He went on to say that he had implored the American war department to give him a command on the Pacific coast, but the Secretary of War Stimson wrote back informing him that the war department was fully aware of his good work in Oregon during the last war, but that they now had 120,000 reserve officers who could do the job just as well. "I thought of writing to congratulate him," said Colonel Leader, "as we have, at the most 50, and the Germans considerably less."

Oldest General

Colonel Leader is in line for a promotion, according to his letter. "I shall be the oldest general in the king's service," he said, "20 years older than most." The colonel was wounded on the Somme in the last war and was sent to the University to train officers. His three sons, the youngest of whom was born in Eugene, are all officers in the armed forces.

Optimistic was Colonel Leader's paragraph concerning the outcome of World War II. "I imagine from all I hear, that Germany will collapse in the spring," he said. "She is right out of gas and rubber and has already lost more men in proportion than any country has ever lost in any war. Over half a million drowned, according to our usually accurate reports. According to our intelligence reports, 8,000 men a day are dying in their Russian armies, and over 1,000 a day being killed by the Red Army."

Three Sons

Typically British was the paragraph about his sons. "I have just done a tour of the boys," it read. "Johnnie is still a captain of Gunners. Michael is probably going to be promoted major to take charge of a department of the headquarters staff. He has improved a great deal since his marriage. Derek has grown into

Easter Hats Wax Sane; How Come?

This year's Easter Parade in hats will be just a little on the saner side, say fashion authorities. Despite the freedom this allows, hats will be more colorful, tinier, trimmer, and minus much of the spectacular veilings that sail out as our coed dashes into church late. There will be veiling but it will be more subtle and anchored more securely.

Most of the new hats will be worn straight on the head—ducked forward a little to flatter the eyes. Sailors (hats of course) are always good for spring, but this year they have the romantic touch added. Striped or checked sailors with red roses or pink apple blossoms are some of the latest bright spots on the fashion horizon.

Felts

Many of the stores are featuring big, soft felts in their showings. Color is playing an important part in hats this year ranging from the palest most melting pastels to vivid greens and violets. Shown in one of the downtown stores is a huge felt hat of vivid purple and green shaped like a cocked pirate's hat. Very striking with its swathing of purple veil.

Hats to go home and dream about are a navy calot with white lace butterflies with more butterflies on the veil, or an impudent narrow brimmed white sailor in frosty white braid and a navy gabardine ribbon made to look like a dress-collar with a slender white tie.

Up-Down

Other considerations might include a prim little tricorne that sweeps up in front to an eyebrow raising peak, in back down to an immense school girl bow, or a tea dancing hat of black lace horsehair and a bow of bright red moire ribbon to frame the curls in a bewitching manner.

Things to remember this spring are fluffs of feathers, kelly green, all dresses up in a new shade "parsley," a new shade of brown called "peanut butter," the new short hair, and a little later on gaudy flowered cotton hats in the bandana spirit.

Kerchiefs

Not connected with hats but too clever and different to pass up are the new spring handkerchiefs. One of the stores is showing white linen squares with hand-painted Degas ladies and designs in quaint settings such as a sidewalk cafe or being the belle of the ball.

Mexican designs with sprawling gauchos and lazy burrows come in for their share of applause at another. The bright colors and unusual story-tale designs will make the humble handkerchief more than ever an accessory this year so watch for them!

By Bette Miller

a rather remarkably handsome young man; he has successfully passed his exam for a commission and will go either to the Royal Guards or—I hope—to march to "The Young May Moon" with my old regiment. He has seen a good lot of violent death at the aerodrome he is guarding, and has the distinction of being the first Oregonian in the battle line."

"Good" Christmas

"We had quite a good Christmas," the letter continued, "a pal in N. J. sent us some pots of marmalade and certain kind folks in B.C. sent us chocolate and jam and other luxuries which were a great help to our somewhat monotonous diet. I don't think I have ever fared so 'spartan-ly' even on active service, but the English never complain, only draw in their belts tighter."

The colonel commented that because of the enforced diets in England now, "curves are not very noticeable among the women of England just now."

Promising to write from China if he is transferred, Colonel Leader closed his letter with the comment that although not many people in Oregon seemed to remember him with letters, "God bless them anyhow."

Annie Oakleys Down Huskies

Undeclared since the men outshot them the early part of the term, the women's rifle team the past weekend proved to Washington, last year's national champions, that they were still able to take care of themselves with powder and lead.

Playing host for the northern snipers, the Duck rifle women entertained their guests Friday, outshot them Saturday, and sent them back to Seattle, well entertained, and drubbed.

Outstanding Oregon lead slingers were Barbara Todd who tied with Dorthea Parker for high point honors, shooting 198 each.

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Blind Minister, Phi Beta Conducts Services Here

Many things are unusual about Dr. Walter D. Kallenbach, minister, who will visit Eugene next week. He was once a trumpet soloist in Paul Whiteman's band and traveled all over Europe with him. He is a five-star athlete; a Ph.D., a Th.D.; knows the entire New Testament by heart. But the thing that is most unusual about him, the thing that made Robert L. Ripley put him into "Believe It or Not," is, with all these accomplishments, he is totally blind.

Ripley said of him: "Dr. Walter D. Kallenbach, although totally blind, finished a four-year year course in the University of Virginia in two and one-half years, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, holds two doctor's degrees, and can recite the entire New Testament from memory."

Although Dr. Kallenbach lost his sight in a hunting accident at the age of 22, he has never lost his interest in athletics. Winner of honors in University days, he still swims, dives, bowls, and plays golf despite his blindness.

An evangelist, Dr. Kallenbach will conduct services each night at 7:30 from March 10 to 22 in the First Baptist church, Eugene. An expert performer on the trumpet, he will lead the singing by playing his horn. He is a close friend of Dr. Vance H. Webster, pastor, who invites all University students to hear this scholar, author, musician, and orator.

Defense Needs UO Graduates

Students graduating with a degree in electrical engineering or electronic physics and can qualify as to age and physical requirements will be given opportunity to apply for a limited number of commissions in the US Army Signal Corps, a communication from ninth corps area headquarters, told Colonel R. M. Lyon Tuesday.

A letter to the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., submitting the application and stating essential life history is necessary for consideration.

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March 12. Change in withdrawal date has been necessitated by shortening of winter term.

Men and women interested in modeling for Oregon ads should contact Emerson Page, business manager, at 3 p.m. Friday in the Oregon office in McArthur court. About 12 students, preferably experienced models who can be in Portland March 20 and 21 and who photograph well will be chosen.

H. G. Winsor, personnel manager of the Puget Sound power and light company at Seattle, will interview senior men as potential employees in the employment office this morning. Those interested should phone the office for an appointment.

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