

## Noble Condemns Slanted Reports

Those correspondents in Tokyo who "write only slanted stories attacking the occupation and making General MacArthur appear a fascist" were criticized Saturday by Dr. Harold J. Noble, University of Oregon history professor, and author and authority on Japan.

Speaking at the concluding session of the 28th annual press conference, Dr. Noble stated that "I'm not saying these people are Communists," but said that they "write nothing except that which may serve to discredit the United States occupation and to praise Russia."

### Special Correspondent

The University professor, who was a special correspondent in Japan for the Saturday Evening Post, emphasized the importance of the role played by the correspondent and explained that the policies of the occupation can be shaped by what these men report back to the United States.

Dr. Noble discussed the problems presented by Communist activities in Japan, admitting that "political reform in Japan has been complicated by the rapid growth of the Japanese Communist party."

### Chaos Sought

He said the Communists were attempting to create chaos by destroying the capacity of Japanese industry to recover from the destruction of war, and then would enforce their will upon the government and occupation authorities of Japan.

Dr. Noble said that the accusation that the Japanese labor movement had been created despite the opposition of American occupation authorities was "completely false." "The whole growth of the Japanese labor movement has been done with the co-operation, advice and support of American authorities," he contended.

### Progress Noted

The democratization of Japan has progressed, however, Dr. Noble noted, saying that men new to the Far East were frequently disillusioned by the progress yet those who knew the nation before the war are impressed with the advance that has been made.

The primary U. S. aim is to

## Annual Speech

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land Cramer, Eugene Gillard, Elwin Paxson, Dale Harlan, Hugh Cook, Don Tykeson, and Tom Powell. Nancy Peterson and Ann Brady will speak in the junior women's division.

The tournament, the largest on the Pacific coast, will be attended by 34 colleges, representing seven states. Professor R. D. Mahaffey, head of the speech department at Linfield and tournament general chairman, announced that there will be more than 600 contestants in the three days. Judges will be some of the Linfield faculty, student body, and residents of McMinnville, assisted by visiting faculty coaches, contestants, and visiting high school students.

Engraved cups will be awarded to 35 winning colleges and certificates to all individual speakers.

A meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday to arrange for transportation and to discuss the tournament.

destroy Jap military strength and prevent its being revived, Noble claimed, and went on to say that this can be accomplished through fostering a democratic, peace-loving government.

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