

Chinese Army Captain Arrives

Special Mission Brings Student Here

By BARBARA HEYWOOD

A pioneer of a different sort has come to Oregon. Captain Hsu Kai Yu, officer on special mission to the United States, arrived on the Oregon campus Monday to take post graduate work in journalism. Captain Hsu (pronounced "Shoo"), son of a "pioneer" Chinese family entered the University of Peking in 1940 as a student of languages and literature, and after three years, during which the university was moved 2000 miles south of Peiping to Kunming and was consolidated with three other universities, he went into the Chinese Nationalist army. Meanwhile he continued writing for Chinese papers and graduated in 1944 on credits so earned.

Comes to U. S.

He came to the United States—to California and Texas—in 1945 on detached service to the Chinese air corps, and then as aide to two different generals worked in Washington, D. C. and toured Europe.

The young captain in a stiff-collared tan uniform told in his excellent English why he called his people pioneers. A distant grandfather "whose name I can't remember, as so often happens" did a favor for the government and was rewarded by a feudal grant of land in central south China on which gradually arose a walled town in which everyone had the same name.

Father Discouraged

After the Chinese civil war the town offered a meager living, and Hsu's father, discouraged left. But the ties were strong, and Father Hsu eventually pushed back over 1000 miles to choose a wife in his home town. Five sons and five daughters were born to them, four of whom died in infancy. Then, with baby Kai Yu, the couple began their long pio-



Captain Hsu Kai Yu

neer move to Western China.

Captain Hsu chose the University of Oregon journalism school at the recommendation of friends when plans to attend University of California did not materialize. He said he liked the green country and the absence of bustle after the Southwest and University of California. As he spoke of quiet the noon whistle blared out. He waited until it stopped and then grimaced. "That is perhaps what

one would call the noise of civilization," he said.

Asked why, judging from news stories, students in Chinese universities seemed so much more active in politics than United States students, Captain Hsu said, "It is not that Chinese young people are any different from those here in America. It is only that social and economic conditions in China force them to look for some means to better their future."

Politics takes the place for them

of campus activities, he said, while serving a purpose too. "I think it necessary for students to be trained in political thought and observation," he stated. "Then they can have discussions and gain experience while a mistake is not a disaster." Captain Hsu found English students more alert politically than American students.

Choice Given

"How does the man-in-the-street feel about communism?" Captain Hsu turned quickly in his chair and sat forward. "Dear lady, if I placed before you a bowl of sand and a bowl of sugar to eat, which would you choose?"

At the obvious answer, Captain Hsu continued, saying the Chinese will accept whichever party does them the most good. Idealistically, he said, both wish to feed

China and build her industries, but logically, neither can accomplish anything while the bickering continues. Asked if he thought the Nationalist and Communist parties in China are any closer to a compromise, the Captain shook his head sadly in the negative. "Political parties should be the instruments for solving problems," he said earnestly several times, "but in China as elsewhere the opposing factions desire to keep their government positions."

Vice-Presies Meet

Vice-presidents of all living organizations will meet at 12:30 today in the Susan Campbell hall recreation room for information about the Campus United Fund drive. The original opening date of the drive has been postponed until later in the term.

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