

Politics Not China's Greatest Problem Now

"The economic situation is more serious than the military situation in China now," Shyun Daw Shaw, 24-year-old Chinese student from Foochow, now studying political science at Oregon, told an interviewer at a Friday night social gathering at Friendly house.

"If the Chinese nationalist government does not attempt to reform and strengthen its tottering finances, there is great danger that the people will go Communist. If some changes are not made soon, particularly in such fields as food and housing, I would expect a wide scale uprising in China, as early as January," Shaw said.

Questioned about the future of his country, Shaw said that an eventual compromise might be worked out between the Chinese nationalists and the Chinese Communists. He hopes to see this compromise worked out by a rejuvenated Chinese government composed of liberals who would be neither Communists nor nationalists. In any case, Shaw said, neither Communists nor nationalists can control all China by military force, for neither side has enough power to gain a complete victory over all China.

The Chinese Communists, Shaw said, are apparently not Moscow controlled, though Moscow influenced. At the present time, the Soviets are giving only moral aid to the Chinese Communists. He does not believe that the Communist armies will be able to advance south of the Yangtze river because of anti-Communist feeling in south China and reserves of nationalist troops on the island of Formosa.

"I would like to see the U. S. government give more aid of a financial rather than of a military nature," Shaw said, commenting on China's present plight and current loan negotiations between the U.S. and China.

There is some anti-American feeling in China now, he said, which is not directed at individual Americans but rather is the result of Chinese fears that the U. S. is building up Japan again, because, as he said, "A strong Japan will be a potential enemy of China."

"Oregon is very similar to Fukien in climate, scenery, and industry," Shaw said, "but I notice certain differences. Professors in China do not get to know their students, but in the United States that is quite different. Also, the relationship between boys and girls is very different in China. There, you cannot take a girl out on a date.

You can take a great many

courses of your own choosing here, while in China most courses are compulsory, which means that there you must specialize much more."

"But the new Chinese educational system originated in the United States," Shaw added, "so there are no very striking differences. And of course, you live much better, for your living standard is much higher than that of China."

Now at the University on a scholarship from the Fukien provincial government near Canton, Shaw's home town is Foochow, in Fukien province. His college education in China was interrupted by service in the Chinese army in which he spent eight months in 1945. After his discharge, he reentered the University of Amoy, graduating as a political science major in 1946. He worked for 14 months during 1946-7 in the ministry of national defense in Nanking.

As a major in the Chinese army, he served in the G-2 intelligence division of the ministry as a translator of English and American magazines and newspapers, and letters from the American military mission in China.

Now studying political science, Shaw expects to leave in spring for further study at an eastern university. When he returns to China, he expects first to go into university teaching and later into government work with an eventual career in government.

Ski Club Features Speaker Tonight

Gene McMurphy, local ski instructor, will speak at University of Oregon Ski club meeting in the band room of the Military building at 7:30 tonight.

At the meeting last Thursday night Mary Harvery was elected secretary of the Ski club. There will be no bus going to the snow area this weekend because of the game at Oregon State.

The movies to be shown at tonight's meeting, after the talk by McMurphy, will be "Skiing on Your Feet."

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Trophy Award Brings Problems

Freshmen living in dorms will create a serious problem for the committee setting up a point system for the Carl Greve trophies, according to Al Pietschman, the donor's campus representative.

Whether to count freshmen pledges' activities and grades toward their houses or the dorms in which they live in rating points for awarding the trophies will be one of the chief problems facing the planning committee, composed of campus leaders.

"Any suggestions for solving this problem will be appreciated," Pietschman said.

The committee is still receiving information relative to setting up an actual point system for the trophies, which will be awarded to the outstanding men's and women's living organizations, beginning this spring.

Gladys Lawther Guest of YWCA

Guest of the YWCA Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is Mrs. Gladys Lawther, regional secretary of the student YW. Mrs. Lawther has been meeting with members of the cabinet, other association leaders, and certain members of the faculty and administration during her stay. Anyone wishing to meet with her may arrange with the YWCA.

She is a University of Oregon alumnus who took her graduate work at the University of Syracuse and Columbia University, and was assistant dean of women and director of women's halls at Western Michigan college. She has also worked with community YWCA's and the Red Cross.

Elect Delegates To GOP Convention

The campus Young Republicans will meet at 6:45 tonight in 101 Oregon hall.

The group will elect 10 delegates to the state Young Republicans' convention, set for December 3, 4, and 5 in Salem.

Resolutions will be voted on for the University delegation to present to the convention. All Republicans and interested persons are welcome to attend.



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