

# Scribe Tabs Non-Stop Flight News 'Chilling'

By Mike Callahan

Great events often twist the course of history without at first arousing the little man in the street.

Such an event was the German election of 1933 which swept an insane rabble-rouser to power, or the founding of a small town in Tennessee called Oak Ridge.



Ranking with these was the news yesterday that a United States Air Force bomber had flown non-stop around the world. To those of us who may have to

fight the Third World War, this is chilling news.

On the day before the Air Force plane landed at its Texas air base and the news was flashed to the world, the military balance between the United States and Russia swung heavily toward our side. Our strategic bombing force was composed of giant planes which so dwarfed earlier models that even the famed B-17, workhorse of the European raids, was relegated to training and reconnaissance.

The range of these new sky cruisers—especially the B-36's—could be measured in thousands of miles, easily enough to carry a devastating atomic cargo to any Russian city, and to return.

The Russian air force, on the other hand, was admittedly far inferior to ours. The biggest planes in their offensive line were copies of our old B-29 and B-50, the bomber which yesterday circled the world with such a short range that their crews could only have a one-way ticket to American cities.

Now, at one stroke, the entire picture is changed and the balance is swinging against us.

The technique of aerial refueling, which is a far easier thing to perfect than entire new plane designs, has cut down our qualitative superiority and has shifted the weight to Russia's hordes of planes. No longer are the American giants the queents of

the sky. Now, simply by stationing a few cargo planes heavily loaded with fuel at strategic points, the Soviet air force can also fly to any city on the globe, and return.

That prospect is a frightening one.

It has long been our custom to admit that the Red Army outnumbered our own few divisions by overwhelming odds. In the matter of navies, now of dubious value in the atomic age, we are easily stronger.

But the supremely important control of the air which we once held by strength of our far-cruising B-36's is now gone.

Just how many hundreds of Russian bombers now, by the aerial refueling process, have

lengthened their ranges to include round-trip visits to our cities is a secret jealously guarded by the Kremlin. So also is the date when Russia developed, or will develop an atomic bomb.

But history can offer a footnote by way of comparison here. In 1904 Great Britain, which had long held supremacy of the seas, developed a new type of ship which revealed the balance of power between her and Germany.

The result was a tremendous armaments race between the two nations—a race which contributed heavily to the outbreak of the first World War a few years later.

Footnote: A wise man once said that history repeats itself.

## YOU Put 'Em There!

The administration—or segments thereof—again is playing checkers with the students.

And though the checker pieces may protest loudly, they have the usual choice of shut up or find another checker board to sit on.

The situation, not surprisingly, is a financial one.

It recently was proclaimed that all undergraduate women and lower-division men living off the campus must move into living organizations spring term.

Why? The women's dorms are riddled with vacancies next quarter. As for the men's dorms, it's hard to find a reason for the sudden yank-in. They have had, and still have, waiting lists.

Now, to build new dormitories the old ones must be filled, for maintenance and building costs of dorms are paid for by the room and board fees of the students. (Most conveniently, the building thus financed are then turned over, as gifts, to the state.)

But the women's dorms, will, by present calculations, have an unusual number of vacancies next term—96, to be exact. And by coincidence there are 96 women living out.

So in they must come, as many as haven't superlative reasons for being outside the pale.

Many of these outlanders were forced into their present dwelling places by the University when, at the beginning of the year, it couldn't accommodate all students.

By this time they have their chintz curtains hung, and are all resigned to life where the administration put them.

Our comment, then, is: **YOU PUT 'EM THERE. NOW LEAVE 'EM THERE UNLESS THEY RETURN WILLINGLY.**

The problem again will arise next fall when the new women's dorm opens.

But the beginning of fall term is a far better time to make living adjustments than the present.

Let's wait until then for the checker game.—B.H.

Harvard students are currently in the news with the world premiere of their own non-Hollywood-pattern film. They financed it in a typically collegiate manner—by selling blood at \$25 dollars a pint.

The film stars X and Z, factory workers, and a non-amorous heroine, Y, who start a national craze for kite-flying.

In an article on Oregon in the American Mercury, Author Stewart Holbrook sounds a disappointed note. Other lumber towns in America, he says, are roaring, wide-open places—but in Eugene, Oregon's lumber center, more students are jailed than lumbermen.

Woe unto University of Oregon's flaming youth!

## Open Letter:

### UO Conduct Gets Praise From Harris

Open Letter to University of Oregon Students:

It was with a great deal of satisfaction that members of the athletic department and the basketball players noted the splendid response to the plea of the student council for a high standard of sportsmanship among our rooters at the basketball game with Oregon State College last Friday night.

It was particularly gratifying to hear the many fine comments by the down-town supporters and by the officials of the game. It was also very flattering to have the Oregon State College players and coaches volunteer comments indicating their respect and admiration of the Oregon rooting sections.

While the athletic staff fully realizes that the rooting sections are under the direction of the students, it can not help but feel a rather direct responsibility for everything that occurs attendant to athletic contests.

Certainly, rooting sections displaying the high degree of sportsmanship exhibited last Friday night make it much easier for the athletic department to negotiate contests with Grade A schools and secure the needed local support for our athletic program. May we again express our admiration and appreciation to the University of Oregon students.

Director of Athletics  
Leo A. Harris

### DU Chapter Host At Regional Meet

The annual northwest provincial conference of Delta Upsilon was held last weekend at the Oregon DU chapter. Colleges sending delegates included Alberta, British Columbia, Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State.

Warren Smith, senior in architecture, was the conference's presiding officer.

### Chi Omicron Sigma

Following the Oregon-OSC game tonight, the Chi Omicron Sigma (university and business age) class of the First Baptist church will have a sing and short fellowship get-together at Ann Judson house, 1332 Kincaid.

## American



## AIRLINES

By Tom Marquis

Clark Gable made one of his rare radio appearances Thursday night when he headed an all-star cast for the NBC "Screen Guild Players" version of "Command Decision," which received the 10th annual Redbook award for "the most distinguished contribution to the art of the motion picture."



Because of conflicting schedules of the all-star cast, which included Walter Pidgeon, Van Johnson, Brian Donlevy, John Hodiak, and Edward Arnold the program was tape recorded in line with a new NBC policy. Such a policy will perhaps be used more frequently in the future now that the precedent has been established, and will permit a wide variety of programs not possible in the past.

The broadcast gave a good preview of what to expect from our own University Theater production which opens tonight. Vivid characterizations of the higher echelon mark this drama by William Wister Haines, and as such should give a good picture of a subject rarely treated in contemporary reflections on the most recent World War.

Several motion picture companies have recently been trying to get the jump on one another in bidding for the talents of ABC and Capitol's "money in the bank" performer, Kay Starr.

However, Kay says that she will accept any and all film offers IF she is permitted to sing the songs for which she has become famous. "I don't want to be just another actress trying to act," she said. "If they cast me as a singer and let me sing, I'll go along with them." Kay has already appeared in Columbia's "Make Believe Ballroom," in which she sang "Lonesome Gal in Town." What a deal to be able to hear her and see her both.

Probably the most popular opera in the Met's lineup, Bizet's "Carmen" will be presented this

Saturday over ABC at 11 a.m., PST. The cast is headed by Rise Stevens, Nadine Connor, Robert Merrill, and Kurt Baum. Milton Cross will supply the broadcast commentary.

Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., PST, ABC's "Theatre Guild" presents Raymond Massey, June Duprez, and Zachary Scott in a drama popular during the 1927 theater season, "Interference." The play is concerned with the efforts of a prominent London physician to extricate his wife from a blackmail plot. Zach Scott as usual supplies his smooth and hateable performance as the villain of the piece.

Monday night Jeanette MacDonald joins Gordon MacRae aboard the "Railroad Hour" show train for a rendition of Franz Lehár's classic, "The Merry Widow." Broadcast time is 8 p.m., PST, over ABC.

The National Broadcasting company's ever expanding TV network recently added two new outlets to bring the total NBC video stations now on the air to 28. Sixteen stations on the net in the East and Midwest now receive programs "live." Maybe they'll eventually get out our way.

## Communists Not Fit to Teach--Allen

NEW YORK (AP)—Dr. Raymond B. Allen, president of the University of Washington, said Tuesday night Communists should not teach in colleges because "they are not free men and teachers must be free seekers after the truth."

"The Communist party does not allow its members this freedom," Dr. Allen said in a speech on the American Broadcasting company's "town meeting of the air."

His university recently fired three professors, two, Herbert J. Phillips and Joseph Butterworth, have admitted being Communist party members. The third, Ralph Gundlach, has denied he was ever a communist.

Dr. Allen said studies at the university in connection with the (Please turn to page seven)

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