

Peace Treaty For Japanese Not in Prospect

"There has been absolutely no progress towards a peace treaty with Japan, not even an attempt," Duane (Spike) Hennessy, former Associated Press correspondent in Japan, told a group of student and faculty members in a talk Thursday.

Hennessy has just returned from Japan after spending 42 months there as a correspondent with the American occupation forces. His speech, "The Last Time I Saw Tokyo," was sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

Japan Last Stronghold

"It is silly to even consider a peace treaty as long as our relations with Russia are like they are," he said. "Japan is our last stronghold in the Pacific and the Japanese are our friends. We have to keep it that way."

About the occupation, Hennessy told the group that General MacArthur is the ideal man for the job. He does a good job because he is entirely aloof from the Japanese. He occasionally asks the Emperor to come to see him or allows him to come to see him. Other than that he has nothing to do with the people.

MacArthur is egotistical, theatrical, and impressive, Hennessy said. He puts on a good show for the Japanese. It is something they are used to and it makes a big impression.

MacArthur Revives Industry

MacArthur has forced the few families that owned all the industries to exchange them for government bonds and sold the company stocks on the market to the general public. He borrowed money from the United States to get the industry going. The Japanese paid back the loan last October, Hennessy said.

The Japanese military group is broken, he added. Former high officers are chaffering or doing similar jobs. The poor are better off than ever before and the only rich are the black marketeers.

"It will be okay if I never see Tokyo again," said Hennessy commenting on the title of his talk. "I like the Japanese, but I like Americans better. I am glad to be home and I hope to stay here."

He spoke again later in the evening at a "shop talk" session with the SDX members at the Side, and later was a member of a discussion group of faculty members and SDXers at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house where he is guest house guest.

YW Cabinet Session

An important YWCA cabinet meeting will be held at noon Tuesday for new and old cabinet members and new and old junior advisers.

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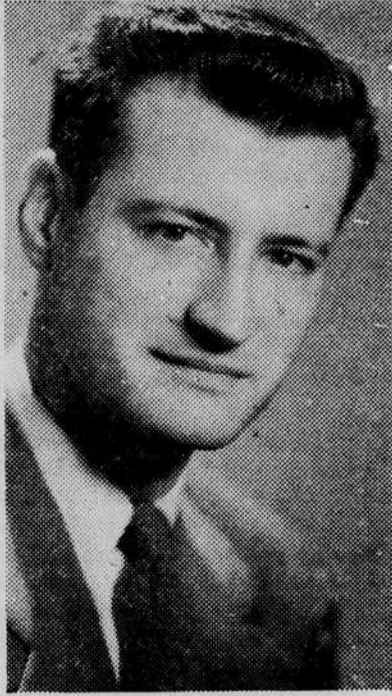
Oestreich Stars in 'Command' Lead

Playing the leading role in the University theater production of "Command Decision" is occupying most of Dave Oestreich's time these days.

When the Guild hall theater curtain rose last night for the first performance of the war drama, the audience saw him transformed into hard-boiled Brigadier General Dennis, in command of a bombing outfit in England.

"Dennis is primarily interested in cutting through red tape and in getting the war done," Dave explained. "He is forced to send his men on a suicidal mission in order to keep from being run out of Europe. And, in spite of the fact that he is cold and impersonal and down-to-earth, he doesn't like to do it."

The situation isn't helped much when two junketing congressman arrive on the scene, convinced that Dennis is sacrificing men's lives needlessly to earn personal glory for himself. Dennis is also both-



Dave Oestreich

ered by an officer sent out from Washington, who disagrees with his views on how a war should be won.

William Wister Haines' "Command Decision" opened on Broadway in 1947 and had a very successful year and a half run. It has also been made into a movie.

Dealing with what goes on in the minds of the top brass, "Command Decision" is different from the usual war play. It is a story of the upper echelons, rather than the regular fighting men.

"This is my first try at drama since I portrayed George Washington in a grade school play," Dave, a junior in the school of journalism remarked. "I think the play appeals to all of us because of its realism."

Poll-takers Ape Sherlock

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Of course, there probably haven't been many changes in the spelling of names since the Guide was

published, even counting girls who may have assumed a new moniker.

One interviewee completely exonerated the Guide from blame by disclosing that the phone number listed after his name was a deliberate phony. He likes his privacy, he said.

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