

Houses Become Forts In Eugene 'Cold War'

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from Miss Lt. Comm. Fitzgibbons said:

"Officials are testing the quality of the snow and headquarters here expects heavy and bitter fighting Thursday."

No statement was forthcoming from opposing forces from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon army.

DAMAGES REPORTED

Highly authoritative sources report two more windows broken in the Chi Omega house—"I can't remember how many have been broken before."

On other sections of the wavering front spokesman for Alpha Xi Delta forces said they were engaged in long range bombardment with the Sigma Chis with some occasional hand-to-hand combat—mainly face washing.

A foreign student from Guatemala, Carmen Perez, was highly praised by Alpha Xi Delta officers as a staunch defender of the forces.

FIRST SNOW SEEN

Miss Perez, who saw snow for the first time when she came to Oregon, told an Emerald war correspondent Wednesday that she thought the snow was wonderful:

"Last week when the snow was falling I didn't even go to classes; I just walked and walked—in the snow—I went clear downtown."

Miss Perez said she hoped for

lots more snow.

In some areas fighting was extremely heavy, particularly along sorority row proper.

FIERCE FIGHTS RESULT

Severe combat starting around 3:30 Wednesday made passage of neutrals extremely hazardous. Marge Scandling, press relations officer for the Alpha Delta Pis, cabled a message to the Emerald saying:

"Fighting here most fierce about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Both long range and hand-to-hand combat. Little damage, no casualties."

On other fronts, tired coeds from the Alpha Phi division took haven in their house after being attacked singly and in groups by Kappa Sigmas. An official communique from Carol Udy, Adjutant General in Charge of Nothing in Particular, read:

"Girls were attacked by guerrilla warriors in the vicinity of the Kappa Sigma region. There were no casualties and morale is high."

All the way across the campus, Barbara Byrne, press relations officer for the Delta Zetas said their forces were rallying for a counter attack on the Delta Tau Deltas. She expected strong consolidations of defending forces, but just where and how the Delta Zetas would counter attack was a military secret.

McMurphy Memorial Ski Hut Provides First Aid Attention

By Ken Cushman

If you're a skier and you believe in statistics, national averages show that the chances of being injured this winter are 6 out of 1000, or odds of 166-2/3 to 1. Perhaps you have a premonition that you are going to become a national statistic.

If so, make sure that you ski and break your leg in the Willamette Ski Area, only 70 miles hence. With the completion of the Gene McMurphy Memorial Hut this winter, you can be assured of the finest of first aid attention available to skiers.

This haven for injured skiers is the direct result of community contributions. Labor on weekends was furnished by members of the Willamette Ski Patrol and materials were donated by 39 merchants of the Eugene area.

McMURPHY ACTIVE

A former University of Oregon student, Gene McMurphy was active in the ski patrol after returning from service with the mountain troops during the war. A year ago last October he was killed in an industrial accident near Eugene.

At the time, patrol facilities at the Willamette Ski Area were inadequate. Gene's friends organized and decided that the most fitting memorial would be a shelter for injured skiers. Under the leadership of Bob Pfeiffer, the building committee swung into action.

Building plans were submitted and a scale model constructed by Bryan Ryan, instructor in art at the University of Oregon. Armed with this model, Pfeiffer interviewed lumbermen, hardware dealers and other businessmen in the region. The response was gratifying with more than 50 per cent contributing either building materials or equipment.

Construction began on Labor Day, 1949. Members of the Ski Patrol became weekend carpenters, masons, and plumbers as

they strove to finish the exterior of the building before Old Man Winter set in. December saw the attainment of that goal.

"Inasmuch as the snowfall in Willamette Pass averages better than 45 feet per year," Pfeiffer explained, "the roof of the hut has been constructed to withstand a snow load of nine tons. This is equivalent to 15 feet of the wettest snow, containing 90 per cent water."

Equipped with five bunks, a movable operating table, and a complete line of first aid materials, it is estimated that the hut will prove its worth in its first year. According to Pfeiffer, casualties on the slopes last season amounted to 12 serious injuries, and minor cases added up to more than 50.

BEGINNERS OVERCONFIDENT

"We found that 95 per cent of the injuries last winter were caused by overconfidence of beginners," Pfeiffer said. "They seemed to think that speeding down the hill and skidding to a stop as performed by experts was easy. Too many of them learned the hard way."

In addition to its functions as a first aid station, the hut will also serve as headquarters for the Willamette Ski Patrol and furnish overnight shelter for members on duty. In this way, protection of skiers is greatly increased.

"Although the Willamette Ski Area has been under development for 10 years," Pfeiffer stated, "we feel the construction of the Gene McMurphy Memorial Hut is our first big step forward, the first of many improvements which will make it one of the foremost ski areas in the Pacific Northwest."

Architects Plan Meet

An informal meeting of registered architects will be held Jan. 19 at the Eugene Hotel, Sidney W. Little, dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, reported Tuesday.

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