

Imperial Staff Secretary Tells End of Empire

The Emerald introduces with today's article, the first of a series of three on the last days of the Japanese Empire, written at the request of the Emerald by Yoshiko Seki, of Tokyo, Japan, now studying journalism at the University.

During the latter days of World War II, Miss Seki was secretary to Major Mikasa, of the Imperial Japanese General Staff, who is the youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito.

She served in this capacity from April, 1944, until the surrender in August of 1945. Following the surrender, Miss Seki was named personal secretary to Prince Higashikuni, prime minister in the succeeding cabinet. She remained in the succeeding cabinet as personal secretary to Baron Shidehara, the next prime minister.

It is from these experiences in the closing days of the war that Miss Seki writes.

With the permission of Miss Seki, the Emerald has inserted editorial comments for the reader.

By YOSHIKO SEKI

My home, an attractive middle-class residence about 20 years old, is situated in a suburb of Tokyo. Westerners who are usually huskily-built may do to stoop to enter the front door, but they will step into what might seem to them a delightfully artistic combination of rooms and corridors—markedly devoid of excess ornamentation, in fact, a little bit on the severe, austere side, but wonderfully restful and quiet.

There is a lack of color, but in the tone and finish of the very few items of furniture, an air of age. This may strike foreigners as pleasing, and again restful. Japanese people prefer nature's own colors. This is well

symbolized in the unpainted wood-work, straw-matting, and sand-finished walls in Japanese residences.

There are trees in my yard, but they bore no blossoms on the cold, spring morning in March, 1944, about which I write.

(The war had gone on for over three years, which had seen Japan extend its Empire to all of the Western Pacific, including all the American possessions and those of Britain, France, the Netherlands, and a good part of China. A month earlier, the Americans had invaded the Marshalls, landing on Roi and Kwajalein. At the end of 1943, Tarawa had fallen, the Japanese forces had relinquished the Alaskan atolls and most of the islands in the South Central Pacific

had been recaptured. Ed. Note.)

There were five members in our family at the time; parents, two younger sisters and myself. I had slept late this one morning, and was getting myself into a pair of slacks, which were coming into fashion in view of wartime shortages and bombings, when the doorbell rang. My mother went to see who was there. Excitedly she called me to the porch where a soldier in uniform was there to investigate me.

I talked with him for more than an hour, answering dozens of questions about my education, training, family circumstances, background and vocational experience. Finally he left, giving me an appointment to meet a Japanese government official who might give me a position. By that time every Japanese

citizen was being put to work in a capacity where his or her ability was best suited. One could not engage in peacetime industry, as it was considered an easy job, even for women. For instance, salesgirls in various department stores were forced to serve in war factories and certain occupations were prohibited for young men to engage in on the grounds that women could do the work.

Everybody under 50 years of age worked under the jurisdiction of the military regime. Because I had specialized in English in college, I was taken to the intelligence section of the Imperial Japanese General Staff.

(Head of the General Staff was Hideki Tojo, also prime minister, and Army Minister. It was this organization which had directed the Japanese war

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Wednesday Set March of Dimes Day for Students

Wednesday has been designated as "March of Dimes Day" by Drive Chairman Lillian Schott.

On that day efforts will be made to collect a dime from every house on the campus," Miss Schott explained.

Houses will be contacted before Wednesday to report their collections, and their representatives have been asked to turn in their donations to Lillian Schott at Sigma Kappa by Thursday.

A Chi Omega Named Moonlight Girl

Pat Foley, junior in applied design, was named Moonlight Girl of Phi Sigma Kappa at the fraternity's house dance Saturday night.

Miss Foley, who hails from Pendleton, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Other finalists for the Moonlight Girl title were Barbara Brabham, Fern Lyon, Sherry Antony, Donna Claire Ringle, and Thelma Savelich.

Miss Foley's picture will be sent in for publication in the fraternity's national magazine.

Joyce Rathbun, chairman of the contact committee, has appointed Marcia Eggleston and Carolyn McLean as her assistants.

The 1951 March of Dimes drive will close Wednesday. It is difficult to estimate at this time how University collections are coming in, but the necessity for more dimes is still apparent and urgent, Miss Schott said.

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis reports that four out of every five cases of polio treated are paid for by contributions collected during the March of Dimes drive.

Flying speeches in behalf of the drive will continue this week.

Plans for the proposed March of Dimes dance have been cancelled. No halls which could handle the benefit dance were available.

Council's Choice Due Tonight For Court, Preview Chairman

Two new members of the Student Court and a Duck Preview weekend chairman will be selected by the ASUO Executive Council tonight.

Petitions for the three positions will be accepted until 5 p.m. today, Barry Mountain, ASUO president, announced. Interviews will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Board Room.

Openings for a junior and a sophomore are available on the student court. Mountain requested that more women apply for the vacancies, as the court feels the need for a feminine viewpoint in its decisions. With the present draft

situation in hand, the court also believes that women should be trained to take over the court's activities.

A chairman for Duck Preview Weekend will be appointed tonight by the council. The individual picked by the group will be responsible for the co-ordinating of the weekend, when Oregon high school students visit the University campus Apr. 13-15.

Sports Night and constitution by-laws will be other topics of discussion at the council session, Mountain said. The proposed Associated Women Students point system will also be presented for approval.

Drama Meet Pre-Registration Begins; Three Major Plays Go With Ticket

Today is the first day of pre-registration for the 1951 Northwest Drama Conference with registration in the University Theater box office.

Students may pay \$1 to be admitted to all conference events, including three major theater productions, one of which is "Right You Are."

"New Techniques and Methods in the Theater Demonstrated" is the subject of the conference, which

will be held for the fourth time on the campus Feb. 8, 9, and 10.

Besides "Right You Are," the University Theater production, three other plays are available for conference free of charge—"Angel Street," by the Very Little Theater group of Eugene; "The Guardsman," to be presented in the arena theater by the Portland Civic Theater players; and "Our Lady of Fatima," by the Abbey Players of St. Martin's Academy, Olympia, Wash.

University students who register for the conference may attend any performance of "Right You Are," which opens this Friday and closes the weekend of the conference.

Sectional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday during the conference. Sections on technical, business and promotion, direction and acting, and playwriting will meet Friday; and sections on high school, university and college, civic and community, and children's theater will meet Saturday.

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Temperature Drops To 21; Wind Lauded

Eugene weather Saturday and Sunday was "sunny when you're inside, frigid when you're outside."

However, meteorologists at the Eugene airport praised the wind that reddened noses this weekend and said that, strange as it sounds, it kept the temperature from dropping lower than the 21 degrees recorded Sunday.

Men Choose Candidates For King of Hearts

Candidates are: Jon Eremeff, Al of the annual Heart Hop Feb. 9 were chosen last week in men's living organizations. The progressive dance, sponsored by the YWCA, will be held in four or five women's houses.

Candidates are Jon Eremeff, Alpha Hall; Pierre Pasquo, Alpha Tau Omega; George McMath, Beta Theta Pi; Dick Buhr, Campbell Club; Bob Brittain, Cherney Hall; Dick McLaughlin, Chi Psi; Fred Schreiber, Delta Tau Delta; Leonard Schroeder, Delta Upsilon; Ted Thoreson, Gamma Hall; Robert Jones, Hunter Hall; John Martell, Kappa Sigma.

Stan Ruzicka, Lambda Chi Alpha; Jerry Irion, McChesney Hall; Ken Walter, Minturn Hall; Bob Holloway, Nestor Hall; Chuck Laird, Phi Delta Theta; Mike Lally, Phi Gamma Delta; Wilson Wilt, Phi Kappa Psi; Martel Scroggin, Phi Kappa Sigma; Bill Burkheimer, Phi Sigma Kappa; Dick Patrick, Pi Kappa Alpha; John Crim, Pi Kappa Phi; Jack Krieger, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Annual Dad's Day Scheduled for SU

Fathers will be feted during the 22nd annual Dad's Day weekend Feb. 23 to 26, with most events to be held for the first time in the Student Union.

Reservations for housing accommodations for the weekend should be made immediately, Ann Darby, hospitality chairman, said Sunday.

Tickets for the Oregon-Washington State game in the reserved seat section should be purchased as soon as possible, according to Dick Moore, game chairman. The price is \$1.80.

"I would like to remind any students petitioning for promotions, decorations, awards, basketball game, and special events committees for Dad's Day that the deadline is 5 p.m. Monday," said Dave Rodway, general chairman.

Petitions may be turned in to Rodway at Phi Delta Theta or the ASUO office in the Student Union. In coordination with the celebration will be the clean-up contest, for which living organizations will be paired and assigned to designated areas on the campus. Last year the contest was not held because of a heavy snow which covered the grounds.

Bobbie Chambers, Dad's Day Hostess of 1950, was selected by

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Box Office Opens Today For 'Right You Are'



JAMES BLUE

"Right You Are (If You Think So)" box office opens today at the University Theater. The ironic drama will open this Friday and play Saturday, continuing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Direction of the Luigi Pirandello play is by Frederic J. Hunter. This is his first directorial task in the University Theater.

Admission is \$1, or season ticket stub. Cast in the play are James Blue, Tru Vosburg, and Ben Padrow in lead roles, and Robert Peterson, Amerlia Raysik, Dorothy Polanski, Harold Long, Marthy Stapleton, Eric Matthews, Helen May, Patricia Metzler, Vernon Gates, James Wolters, Patricia Bellmer, Donna Knoll, and Patricia White Nelson in subordinate roles.

The play, which is presented as part of the theater's Greater Drama Series, was written in Italy about 1920. It was given London and New York productions, and featured Edward G. Robinson in the English version.