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## Our Visitors Speak... Asians Look to U.S. For Democratic Lead

(Ed. Note: The writer is a student in pre-med here. His home is in Trinidad, British West Indies, now but he was born in India. He has spent four years in the U.S., although he was in Trinidad last year.)

**By Vasudeh Omah Maharajah**  
As a result of my contact with many well-intending American friends on this campus I find that there are many questions of a challenging nature which have puzzled the American public in regard to democracy's stake in Asia.

For a proper understanding and appreciation of the situation in the East it is essential that we have a background in the following issues:

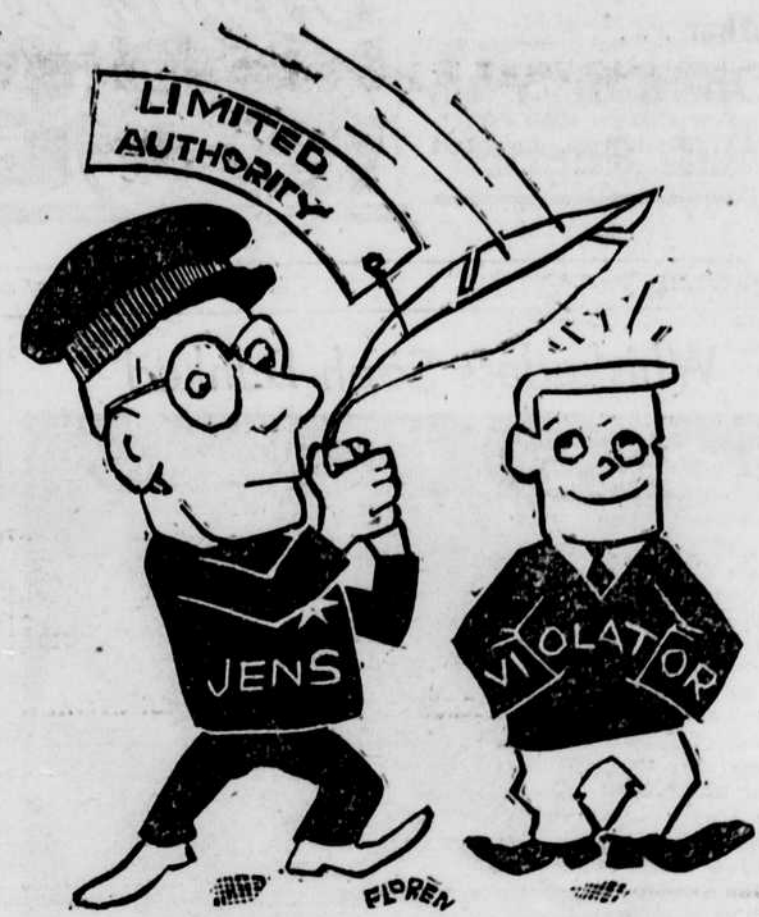
1. The historical background and the aspirations of the people must be borne in mind.
2. It must be realized that one-sided propaganda has been carried on in the United States in regard to the freedom movements in the East as well as movements for nationalization of alien-owned undertakings.
3. Even in some of the so-called free countries in the East the interference of European colonial powers in the economic life of the community in collaboration with local oligarchs has stood in the path of efforts towards an improvement of the standard of life of the masses in this swiftly changing world.

It is surprising to find that several American newspapers are looking upon the spontaneous movement of the Eastern peoples to overthrow their political and economic bondage as fanatical or communist-inspired.

At this moment the people of the United States should take a decision. On which side would they stand on the liberation of the Eastern people? It is very heartening to find Governor Dewey stating in a recent speech that America must take the lead in a movement of "Asia for the Asiatics." The Asiatic people have for long looked on the United States as the champions of democracy. Their hopes should not go in vain.

Students from Asiatic countries are glad to find that a greater interest in the problems of Asia is developing among their American friends. We find that the International Relations Club will be holding a discussion on "The Stake of Democracy in Asia" on Thursday. It is hoped that American students will take part in the discussion and express their views on this important issue.

## Plight of the Campus Cop



## At Last--Some Action

The wheels of municipal government have begun to grind on the University's perennial 13th ave. traffic problem.

And it looks as if results might be expected soon; the Eugene city council has turned over two aspects of the problem to its traffic safety commission, and has already authorized an investigation into the long-range problem of using 13th as a main cross-town thoroughfare.

City Manager Oren L. King has told the Emerald that the committee may be expected to report at the next council meeting, Nov. 12, on two issues: the letter from University President H. K. Newburn requesting that standard traffic signals be installed on 13th at University and Kincaid sts., and the request from the student court and University planning commission that Campus Policeman Jens Jensen be authorized to issue traffic tickets.

In addition, the council Monday night authorized an investigation which may have long-range implications on the question of just how valuable 13th ave. is as a main thoroughfare through Eugene.

As part of the state highway department's "origin-destination, route analysis, and off-street parking survey" now being conducted in this area, vehicles passing through the campus on 13th ave. will be counted and checked as to where they have come from and where they are going. This will provide an indication of the type and amount of use of the thoroughfare. The survey will be taken around the end of this month, King asserted.

Meanwhile, as this page commented recently, we're still spending our ten-minute between-class periods dodging assorted vehicles; but it looks as if speedy action to solve the immediate problem and a careful survey to probe into the overall picture are at last underway. —G. G.

## We Let Them Dupe Us

We've been duped. But it was partly our own fault. Remember back this fall when the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company assured us we could do nothing to delay installation of pay phones. Oregon State college already had the phones, we were told.

We grumbled, but the nickle-eaters went in anyway. Well . . . the OSC Daily Barometer had a different story on page 1 last Saturday. We quote:

"The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has agreed to postpone a project of installing pay telephones in campus living organizations which was scheduled to begin next Monday."

OSC dorms do have pay phones, but fraternities, sororities and cooperative houses do not.

And what was responsible for postponement—Campus opposition. The phone company halted action to give the student a chance for a hearing they requested with the public utilities commissioner.

According to company rules, pay phones must be installed in semi-public living groups. The OSC living organizations claim they are private, not semi-public homes, since students

We've had it—unless something can still be done, live there three-fourths of the year.

Why didn't Oregon students raise some opposition to the phone company? We grumbled to ourselves and close friends, but was there any concerted, united opposition? No. There was at OSC. And, although the matter is by no means settled, it got some results.

True, we were misled into believing OSC already had the phones. But . . . we could have investigated and protested.

## A Day at the Zoo Chastened Columnist Blames 'System' for Soda Bar Service

By Bob Funk

Having spent a week in a state of general social leprosy (which we eased by feasting on a number of small children) we are again emerging gamely into the arena.



BOB FUNK

There was a time, back about last Monday, when we were seriously considering writing a column entitled "An Answer to the Column on the Soda Bar." Fortunately, the length of this title discouraged us, and the thought has been lost.

About mid-week we also got into the swing of things by writing ourselves a critical letter, which would have been published if the editor had not smelled a rat and decided that the letter was indeed written by us, and not by a new, strange foe. We particularly liked this letter because we called ourself (or ourselves; we are never certain on this point) a yellow journalist, an egomaniac, and a class-conscious snob.

We have been interviewed by any number of persons who were either fer or agin, and perhaps the best reason we have dug up so far for soda bar service being poor is the System. The System allows the thundering herd to converge upon the soda bar with out regimentation of a cafeteria line or the conventional booth service. This onslaught of trade between classes makes it rather difficult for the people behind the bar to make any sense out of the entire procedure.

(It should be here noted that the above paragraph is not still another snide slur at the soda bar people. It is a serious paragraph. And no letters from the thundering herd, please. So you don't thunder. It is merely a figure of speech.)

A controversial life is interesting, but it can become advantageous when your fraternity brothers stop wearing their badges for fear they will be identified and called upon to explain the vicious column on the soda bar.

There are other, more important things going on in the world and by next week we may be able to thing of some of them. Until then let's all read our favorite chapter out of Dale Carnegie.

## --To the Editor--

Emerald Editor:  
In my opinion, the time is now ripe to reveal to the world a fool proof scheme to raise the University's grade point average to an unprecedented level.

The plan is a simple one which merely involves the opening of a beer room in the spacious depths of the Student Union.

Where does the University GP enter the picture. That's easy! Those students unfortunate enough to fail to make a 2. GP would be barred automatically from the beverage room for the following term, or until they make their grades.

Undoubtedly University officials will agree wholeheartedly that supervised drinking, with attendant rise in grades, would be far superior to any other situation.

Martin Meadows

## This Isn't UCLA



"Men, we lost a great game; th' other team just got all the breaks, that's all."