

Drummond: Comments & Ideas

Roscoe Drummond is not an eloquent speaker. But he appears to be a sincere one. And, what is perhaps more important, he seems to be a man of vision and ideas. Here are some of his ideas which interested us after hearing and speaking with him Monday.

Drummond thinks there should be a "youth poll" during presidential races for persons between the ages of 16 and 20 years. "If they're going to take part emotionally and physically, they might as well take part creatively," Drummond said. He proposed that the physical arrangements which would allow the nation's youth to express their presidential choice could be handled by national high school and college press associations.

"We are in a world war today. Korea is the visible part of it. A third world war is not a thing of the future but a thing of the present. We will continue to be at war for some time. We cannot end it short of world victory."

"This struggle must end in disarmament of the enemy or defeat of America . . . We cannot withdraw from Korea until we have victory."

There existed during the campaign a greater gap in agreement on Korea between the people and the candidates than between the two candidates. Ike's greatest problem will be to bring national unity and agreement on the Korean situation.

The time has come for more careful consideration of our vice-presidents. Five out of the last 16 presidents have gone to the White House without being elected. We selected them only for their ability to be vice-president.

"It isn't within the province or right of newspaper to predict elections. The pollsters didn't know anymore in 1952 than they did in 1948 and were just as wrong. "It isn't within political insight to predict how Americans will vote. Polls of elections are a disservice to the people. Polls impair the credibility of dispatches. The public doesn't understand how writers can be objective and still have opinions."

It is desirable, but not certain, that Stevenson stay on the national scene. He made a lasting impression on the nation during the campaign. It would be regrettable if public service lost him. The problem is: How can he remain head of the Democratic party when he holds no political office?



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To the editor:

House rules and regulations are a wonderful thing-for regimenting the lives of girls away from home when they serve a purpose, but when they are enforced simply for the sake of the rule they become somewhat obnoxious.

Such was the case last evening when these regulations kept a number of University girls from being exposed to the very thing they supposedly seek at this institution—a liberal education.

Now it seems the 7:30 curfew that straight-jacketed these girls last night may be amended in case a stroll to the library or a trip to the Emerald Shack is called for. But should Roscoe Drummond, ace Washington correspondent for the world famous Christian Science Monitor, appear at an 8 p.m. assembly in the Student Union ballroom such permission is more difficult to extract than water from the Sahara.

One cannot help questioning the sagacity of bringing a man of Drummond's stature to the campus only to have a large segment of the students kept behind closed doors in their dorm reading about men they could be seeing and hearing in person.

Gordon Jones

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To the editor:

I am French, but that is not the main reason why I disagree with Mr. Van Natta's article, "French Clumsy in Indo-China" published in the Emerald last Tuesday. This well documented and logically built article leads to wrong statements because it rests on a fundamental error, and this error is what I want to underline.

Indeed, as the French Consul Monsieur de Guiringaud stated Armistice day in the Student Union, France is not fighting a colonial war in Indo-China. As a matter of fact, from 1943 France decided herself that this country, endowed by France with a wonderful economic organization, could then assume its political autonomy. So, on March 9, 1946, she acknowledged the fusion of Tonkin and Annam in a single autonomic state: the Republic of Viet-Nam. France's only mistake was to put off the question of Cochinchina.

Easy for Nationalists

In that way it was very easy for the self-pretending Nationalist Party, the Viet-Minh lead by Ho-Chi-Minh, to rally the displeased people of Viet-Nam to the movements of revolt it has raised up by violence in Cochinchina.

Since then all French attempts to conciliate have failed as the Viet-Minh, which does not hide any longer its Communist inspiration, went on making riots, plunders and collective murders against the resisting Indo-Chinese as well as against the French people.

In reality the question of Cochinchina was put a pretense for the Communist propaganda, already very influential in China since 1943 (long before the Indo-Chinese war).

In these conditions, France had to introduce troops first to protect the population against Viet-Minh's violences, then to fight the agitators. Unfortunately, after World War II, despite finan-

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cial aid from the U. S., French military men were too poor, both in men and materials, and France alone was unable to surround the danger she had in a very realistic way foreseen and of which she warned the other countries.

The Communist agitation spread then in Malaya and Korea where the Allied forces are now fighting.

Unjustified Suspicions

It is difficult to believe, as Mr. Van Natta's article would entice us, that such a disaster is the consequence of the "clumsy" French attitude which would have hurt the susceptibility of a self-pretending Nationalist party.

It is much more likely that it is the result of the Communist influence against which France was first fighting alone. And, in my opinion, it could have only been avoided if the Allies had not waited until the unsolvable Korean conflict to intervene, in their turn, in the Asiatic troubles.

I do not mean to reject the responsibility of the present war on other people than the Communist agitators but I just want to discharge France of the unjustified suspicions which could have been raised by the previous article about the French politic in Indo-China.

Janine Etchepare
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Radio Review

New Programs Appear Locally

By Don Collin

With order coming out of the confusion caused to radio logs by the now faintly remembered campaign oratory, the Eugene area has received some new and interesting programs. (This is a kind of a "what happened in radio while the nation elected a president.")

A new local KORE show is "Youth Speaks," Sunday at 6:30 p.m. It lets the high school students get their licks in at the local public officials. Last week the school superintendent went on the block. This week's topic is local vice and a law enforcement officer will go before the inquisition. The kids have dug up a lot of poop on illicit activities in the area.

"Phonoquest"

Another local KORE show to start on Sunday following Thanksgiving is "Phonoquest" at 7:45 p.m. This program will put controversial persons or issues they plug for before people for questions. Format is to phone in questions and the guest for the week answers them right then and there.

KERG has picked up several new shows. "Suspense," one of the top mysteries, is heard regularly at 9 on Monday nights . . . Doris Day has been picked up at 9:05 Tuesday evenings. This is an improvement over her summer fill show because anything would have been better. That show was canned from audience to jokes and just as corny. This should give a gal with real talent the spot she deserves.

From Denmark

Europe Surprised By Ike Election

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Adlai and Ike could not have been discussed with more ardour and enthusiasm at any fraternity in Eugene than on the streets of Copenhagen.

Then we received the news of Ike's election.

The first reaction all over Europe was a great surprise. For 20 years we have got used to dealing with a Democrat in the White House, so most people thought Adlai would be next.

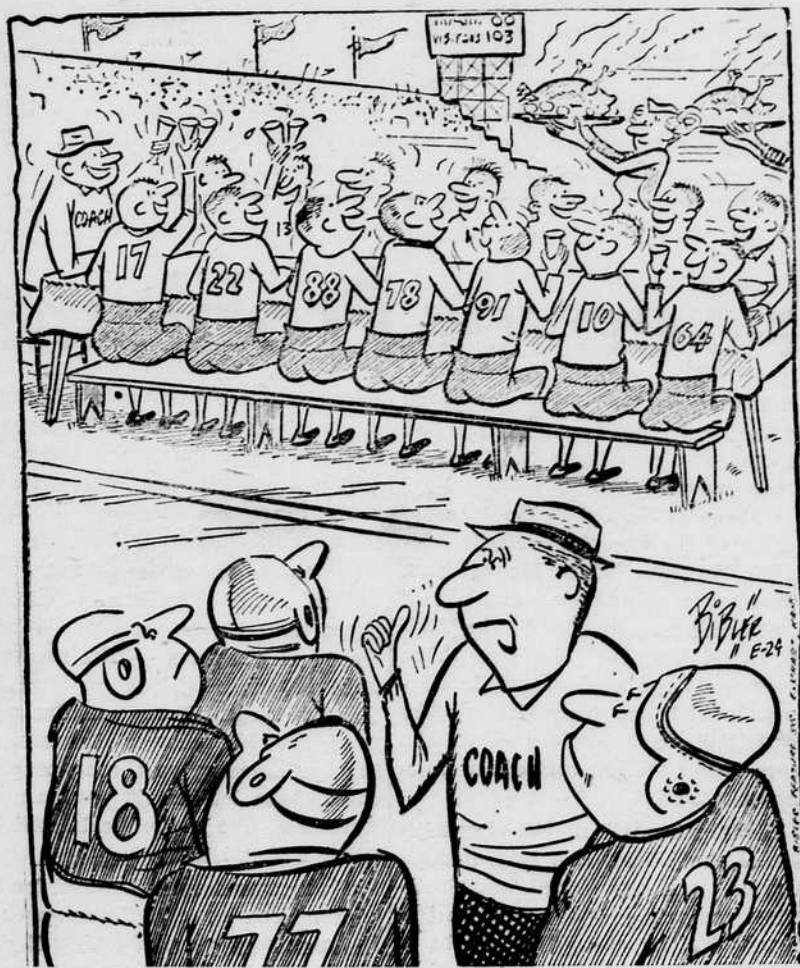
Except Karsten Laursen, former Danish foreign student at Kappa Sigma, Eugene, who actually won a bet of 25 bucks on the result.

Pessimists vs. Optimists

One week after the 4th the opinions are more clear. The pessimists are afraid of a return to isolationism, which would in many respects be a catastrophe for Europe, if the ideas of McCarthy and Taft dominate. The optimists know how much Europe owes the man who led the liberation and how much insight and understanding of European affairs Eisenhower showed by organizing NATO.

The only realistic way in which Denmark may feel the change of government in the U.S.A. might be by losing the very popular American ambassador, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson. During the campaign she agitated vigorously for Stevenson and according to American employment practice this may mean that she will lose her job. She won the heart of the Danish people by considering it her first duty to learn Danish.

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"A good example of over confidence is a team taking 'victory dinner' at halftime."

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