

Ritter Declares Germany's Hope Lies in Armed and United Europe

The only hope for Western Germany is a united Europe—a united, armed Europe—which includes Western Germany, emphasized Gerhard Ritter, professor at the University of Freiburg, at a Student Union coffee hour Tuesday.

He asserted that no negotiations could be carried on by the Western German government with Russia for German unity. West Germany is too small and weak to be able to bargain with Russia, Ritter explained. Only as part of a European union could Western Germany make any impression on Russia.

Ritter is the author of numerous books on the Reformation, Renaissance and Germany, and his written biographical works on Luther, Frederick the Great, the Iron Chancellor Bismarck and others.

His present project, a history of the resistance against Nazism, comes out of his own resistance

work during Hitler's regime. From January 1944 to the liberation in 1945, the Doctor was imprisoned by the Nazis as a political criminal.

Neo-nazism, as Dr. Ritter sees it, has its main attraction to ex-soldiers who feel that the "soldier's honor," besmirched by the Allied victory, must be repaired. But he saw hope that a new German army, integrated with the European Defense community, would cause this sentiment to fade away, and thus the threat of a rebirth of Nazism would be cut short.

A short, gray-haired man, Ritter speaks English with a soft, but marked German accent, occasionally lapsing into his native tongue for a difficult word or phrase. His talks on campus and in Eugene have covered such subjects as the roots of National Socialism, Luther and Germany today, the po-

litical attitude of German youth, etc.

Touching on the last topic, the speaker stated that he felt the youth in Eastern Germany knew what the Communists were teaching them was "all lies." He said the children viewed such tasks as writing papers on "Stalin, the Liberator of Europe" as pure nonsense. However, he admitted, eventually the Communists might get a thoroughly indoctrinated youth who would not question their teachings.

In case of a third war, Ritter averred that there was no question but that the Germans would fight with the Western powers. Even in Eastern Germany, he continued, only about 10 per cent of the people are Communists, and many of these he pictures as "ambitious people" who wanted to get ahead politically.

Portland U Wins First Air ROTC Drill Event

Drill competition for schools in the Oregon state area with an Air Force ROTC program was initiated at McArthur Court Tuesday afternoon. The competitive program is planned as an annual event, Maj. N. N. Mihailov, assistant professor of air science, said.

The University of Portland drill team placed first in the meet, with Willamette university ranking second and the University of Oregon team ranking third. Oregon State College, the fourth school eligible for the event, did not enter the tournament.

The three teams were judged on the basis of inspection of units, fundamental drill, and fancy drill. More than 600 spectators, mostly Oregon cadets, watched the drills.

"The cadet drillmaster in charge at the University of Portland was exceptional," Maj. Mihailov said.

"As a matter of fact, he stole the show."

Judging the drill teams were officers from the Oregon state unit. They included Lt. Col. F. L. Ryan, air force ROTC; Maj. W. E. Hoffman, air force ROTC; Capt. A. A. Joseph, army ROTC, and 1st Lt. W. K. Branseum, army ROTC.

Switching to the subject of Hitler's rise to power and the special role of the German military in allowing his rise, Ritter claimed that the General Staff should be censured mainly for not having "political insight."

The generals were won over by Hitler's early attitude of respect for them and his enlargement of the army. Unfortunately, Ritter concluded, most of the generals did not foresee that Hitler was moving toward all-out war.

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Radio Won't Die, KGW Man Says

Television will change radio, not kill it, predicted Portland's KGW television program manager Donald Whitman in his talk Tuesday evening in the Student Union Dads' lounge.

"Radio will change to a more intimate approach—one that will ignore the listeners' demands," Whitman said. He explained this change should have been made long ago, because radio standards haven't changed since they were set up 30 years ago.

"Back announcing of musical selections is one form of the personal approach, giving the listener the title after the piece has been played," Whitman said.

Radio will have to learn to make use of the intimate position it has in the present in the home, on each party and in the car, he said.

While the television field is expanding, radio isn't, Whitman said. It will be the "young blood" that will revive radio.

Offering advice to any aspiring television directors in the audience, Whitman said the best way is to begin at the bottom as a stage hand and gradually work up on the production side.

"The impact of television advertisement will be tremendous, because of a combination of eye-and-ear appeal," Whitman said.

"Color television should be in use within ten years—just about the time television will need a new lift," Whitman predicted.

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