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## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### Armed Forces Day

Saturday is Armed Forces Day. ROTC cadets, national guardsmen, and reservists from the army, navy, and marine corps (and many kids with their pets) will take part in a parade to commemorate the event.

Chances are that a lot of the marching men will be out of step — the parade certainly won't have the grandeur and precision of one staged by armed forces regulars.

But before you laugh, stop and think of the short time it would take for these men to get in step, and into action, whenever the need should arise.

Those outfits you'll see in the parade have a tradition that is a part of the American tradition—one of voluntary participation in the defense of their country. Two or three hours a week doesn't make perfect soldiers, but it does bring the men to the point where they can become the bulwark of their nation's defense in a short time.

Take the ROTC—General William Dean of Korea fame is only one of a great number of outstanding officers who started his military career on a college campus. ROTC officers, after further training, form a great pool of trained officers who can be mustered in a short time in case of emergency.

The Army, Navy and Marine reserves were also key players in the Korean conflict — they provided trained non-commissioned officers and officers to prepare the multitude of raw recruits for combat duty. And many of the reservists themselves participated.

The two national guard companies which will participate in the parade have a tradition too—their regimental crest bears the motto "First to Assemble."

It is a slogan that was earned in three conflicts. The regiment, the 162nd Infantry, was first to assemble for the Mexican War, the First World War and World War II.

Many of the present officers and non-commissioned officers of the Oregon National Guard were confused reservists who had been rushed to Fort Lewis in 1940 — when war was still just a series of pictures and charts in newspapers and magazines for most Americans. The 41st Division, of which the 162nd is a part, was the first Army unit to take the offensive in the South Pacific in 1942.

What does it all add up to?

This day has been set aside by the President to honor our Armed Forces, the forces which must be ready for cold or hot wars for many years to come if the peace is to be maintained.

And these reservists, guardsmen, and ROTC students are among those who will be the leaders if the day should again arise when they are needed.

### To Stay Out . . .

To stay out or not to stay out that is the question. Members of Heads of Houses are slated to tussle with the dilemma of 2 o'clock closing hours Monday afternoon. The idea was opened again this spring in the AGS platform.

At that time a party member stated that he didn't believe that the morality of University women is being preserved by making the women be in by 1 o'clock. We agree, but how about their health? A steady diet of 2 o'clocks would be difficult for the already-tired student to bear. However, one a week, or a specified number to be used when the student desires, might well be a good thing.

The need for the extended hours is becoming greater. Frequently even show dates have to be cut short in order to make it back by the bewitching hour. Special events, such as house dances and all-campus events, make it even harder to get in on time. And yet in the past, the extended closing hours have been granted only for such occasions as the Junior Prom.

There seems to be a fear that if 2 o'clock

hours are granted that social pressure will be great for staying out until the last minute. We doubt the validity of this fear, for with last week's 2 o'clock, numerous women were signed in well before 1.

Alternatives suggested include a mid-week 11 o'clock and making the extended hours an upperclass privilege. Somehow we feel that an extra hour on a weekend will do less harm than an extra half-hour on a school night. And as for making it a class privilege, the most vociferous supporters of 2 o'clock closing hours are freshmen.

It all comes back to our pet theory. College women should be mature enough to decide for themselves what time they wish to come. There shouldn't be any need for regulating their hours.—(S.R.)

### Payoff Time

How'd you like to get a check for \$10 or \$15 sometime final week? Be a nice thing to use to pay for gas on the way home or splurge on a final big party wouldn't it?

**Then don't forget to turn in your University co-op receipts today. Deadline is 5 p.m. and we'd hate to see you drown yourself in the Millrace if you miss it.**

That money—a percentage return on all the money you spent in the Co-op during the past year—has a way of coming in handy. (We even bought a Father's day present with it one year—Dad was so surprised he darn near fainted).

We all tend to take the Co-op for granted during the year. That is except at the beginning of each term when we complain bitterly about the rising costs of textbooks we don't want to read anyway.

**But the Co-op is doing us a real favor. In a sense it's making money for us. That is those of us who are members. It's the poor sucker who didn't join who gets the short end of the deal.**

So don't forget to turn in your receipts by 5 p.m. today—and if you're not a Co-op member, better join next year. It pays off.

—(J.W.R.)

### Footnotes

A local campus coffee dispensary has taken on the cosmopolitan look, what with its sidewalk cafe, and all. Coupled with the country club umbrellas at the Student Union, someone might be fooled into thinking that Spring has sprung.

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Add interesting signs of spring; on a door at Carson:

Spring has sprung,  
The grass has riz;  
Please show me where  
The river is.

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Eugene's Parkside Lounge was rather crowded Wednesday afternoon with most of the SU Board and some of the seniors who were "relaxing" before the annual senior leaders' banquet. For the SU Board it was probably a celebration-type afternoon but for the seniors—well, you know seniors.

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We wonder if Oregon's SAE's are as versatile as their brothers at the Agricultural extension. Oregon State SAE's recently took first place in the annual campus flower show.

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Still more on the institution to the north—one senior is angry because a field trip for Camping Education 263 has been scheduled for the weekend after classes for spring term seniors are supposed to end.

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We had a chance to sample the coffee at OSC's Memorial Union the other day—and SU coffee isn't so bad after all.

## US Leaders Reaffirm Interest in Satellites

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President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have chosen the occasion of the Austrian treaty and the projected Big Four conference to re-emphasize their interest in Russia's satellite states.

Dulles said Tuesday night the satellites have now seen the Red Army rolling back, for the first time in 10 years. "It is going to create a desire, on the part of these people to get the same freedom from this type of occupation."

Dulles has stressed, since long before he was Secretary of State, the importance of keeping the idea of eventual liberty alive among the peoples of Eastern Europe.

Wednesday morning the President returned to the theme, indicating that the United States might go into a Big Four conference with the idea of trying to roll back the Iron Curtain.

One of the important and so far insoluble factors of the Allied position in Europe is that, no matter how negotiations might go, the Western democracies cannot just walk off and

forget the subjugated nations. There have even been suggestions that they might agree to some sort of neutral zone in Europe, including Germany, if Russia would throw in the satellites under some arrangement which would truly free them from the interference of international Communism.

This business of international Communism is, of course, the one concrete, lasting fact at the bottom of all efforts to arrange settlements. As long as it remains a prime weapon of Russian policy, so long will it be impossible to consider Russia anything except an enemy.

That means any settlements will be temporary, subject to constant Communist maneuvering, with the fear that Russia will revert to force generating perpetual new tensions. That is why Eisenhower and Dulles have presented their new hopefulness for some break in the cold war with repeated qualifications.

The theme of keeping strong, keeping alert, hoping for the best but determined not to be surprised by the worst, has been made more important than ever by the new situation.

### Worthal in Concert



"Little TOO rusty, huh?"



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