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Security Snafu

The latest Defense department snafu on security is terrific. The Air Force and the Army issued a list without any security classification or stamp, of all our air bases in Europe, North Africa and Japan, for use in computing service men's transportation allowances.

Included were some 50 British and French bases where our planes sometimes land, together with a detailed table of airmile distances.

This information is old to a lot of our traveling Congressmen and to a good many reporters. If it isn't old stuff to potential enemy espionage agents, then surely our worries about security ought to end right now.

If such agents have to wait on a Pentagon compilation to find out where these peacetime bases are, they assuredly couldn't pinpoint even the location of the White House.

But this wasn't the Defense department's reaction, even though the offending list came out over the signatures of Generals Maxwell D. Taylor and Nathan F. Twining, Army and Air Force Chiefs of Staff, who didn't rise to their present positions by flubbing security matters.

Into the "breach" charged Defense Secretary Wilson's public affairs and information assistant, R. Karl Honoman, who was put in only last April to tighten up on security matters. Honoman tightened up with a bang. He asked for classification of the list—and promptly marked it "for official use only," the lowest classification of all.

Meantime, Honoman's men are busily "probing" this momentous lapse of security, and no doubt some level-headed military accountant guilty of nothing more than efficiency and common sense will get his comeuppance.

For the public and the press, however, there is a special irony in this latest snafu. Wilson has suggested that newspaper editors, although they are experts on neither security or censorship, ought in patriotic duty to censor the news themselves (an idea that Harry S. Truman also threw out in 1951.) But if the Defense department it-

self can't agree on security or control of its own releases, how does Wilson expect civilians to do it for him?

From West to East

Nothing has been settled for certain yet but there is a distinct possibility that next year's student seating arrangement at the Multnomah stadium games in Portland will be completely changed.

This is the word from Alumni Secretary Bass Dyer. Dyer said early this week that the alumni association has been investigating for some time now the possibility of changing the students' seats from the west to the east side of the stadium. He expressed hope that the new plan could be put into effect before the first Portland game in 1956.

According to Dyer, the student rooting section always used to be located on the east side, with the Duck players bench also on that side. It has only been in recent years that rooters have been occupying the long and narrow bleacher seats on the west side.

Dyer went on to say that the main reason that the change should be made is because it would make a much more centralized rooting section and would allow a vastly superior location for the University band.

The present set-up has the students spread out along the entire length of the field in just a few rows of seats. It makes it next to impossible for the rally squad to get any kind of organization for their yells. It also makes the band spread out more than is desirable for the most effective performance.

Another point which comes to our mind, which Dyer didn't mention, is that the current arrangement leaves only a few hundred really good seats for students. By good seats we mean those located between the 30-yard lines.

If the new plan can be worked out, all of these difficulties will be remedied. The student section can be organized similarly to the arrangement at Hayward field with the many extra rows providing for a better central location. The band can be seated as it should be and students in general will have a better view of their grid warriors in action.

We are all in favor of the alumni association's idea and sincerely hope that it can be worked out as soon as possible.—(B.R.)

Educational Movies



WHEN THE SMOKE COMES AWAY

Public Relations Job Takes Understanding

By Bud Hinkson
ASUO President

This is only the third week of a new school year, and already I've heard some of the same old complaints: student criticisms of the athletic department, the office of student affairs, the city council, and even the faculty.



Bud Hinkson
to the cause you are trying to establish.

I am always glad to hear how somebody feels about a problem, but I don't like to hear second-hand gripes which help neither the University nor the individual.

The primary job of the ASUO is to maintain effective public relations between the students and related agencies, such as the afore mentioned groups. We understand that these agencies can-

not and should not operate for our benefit alone, but we do feel that student opinion should be respected.

As an organization, we do not want to make policy or decide issues for somebody else; this we will leave to those who are paid to perform those jobs. When we do have a sincere interest in what is to be decided, we certainly will try to make this interest known.

Now, perhaps some of these complaints are well founded, but straight negative criticism seldom results in positive action, and too much of it could be detrimental.

Right now I am convinced that all of the groups are working for the same general goal: the betterment of this University, of this community.

We shall upon occasion disagree over the means of attaining this, but we should never lose sight of our common purpose, nor of the ability to cooperate to achieve it.

With these ideas in mind, this year's ASUO Senate and executive cabinet should go far in giving the student what he really wants and needs.

Certainly a large part of our success depends upon the attitude of those groups with which we must work, but the remainder depends upon you to express what you want and to appreciate what you get. Then maybe we all get something worth appreciating.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Streamlining of GB Armed Forces Adds to Disturbed Atmosphere

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

Great Britain announced more than a year ago, soon after a similar decision by the United States, that she would streamline her armed forces to get along with less manpower.

Nevertheless, her announcement that she will reduce her army by more than 10 percent, coupled with other developing political and military troubles for the North Atlantic Treaty organization, adds to an already disturbing atmosphere.

Secretary of State Dulles said Monday that the new face of Russian foreign policy has not yet lessened the need for maintenance of Allied power, but it is being weakened just the same.

France has greatly weakened her contribution to NATO forces in Europe in her effort to subdue revolt in North Africa. That situation also has put her at political odds with much of the non-Communist world.

West Germany's government has just taken an election beat-

ing from opponents of its pro-NATO rearmament policy, and Russia is developing a powerful campaign making German reunification dependent on an end to that policy.

The Greek-Turkish-Yugoslav entente has just been made virtually inoperative by conflict between Greece and Turkey over their attitudes toward British possession of Cyprus and by Tito's decision to return to what he calls a more "normal" relationship with Russia and the Communist satellites.

Egypt, where the Allies had hoped to obtain a measure of cooperation in return for British military evacuation, is playing footsie with Moscow.

Generally disturbed conditions in the Middle East are interfering with practical operation of the Turkish-Iraq-British-Pakistan pact, and with the effort to get Iran to join it.

The future of American air bases in North Africa, which carry the most direct threat of retaliation for any Communist aggression, is highly ques-

tionable as a result of the nationalist revolts.

The British position in predominantly-Chinese Singapore, headquarters for all of her military force in the Far East, is far from secure.

Some of these situations are inherent in the fact that the world is moving away from colonialism, and are being exploited by the Communists for their own purposes. Some, despite the protestations of Allied statesmen, are being produced by Russia's sweetness and light campaign.

Insofar as this latter applies, Winston Churchill made a most timely statement Monday:

"What improvement there may have been during the past few years in international affairs we owe to the unity of the Western world and to... a strong, bold and united front."

If this easement continues, he added, there may be a tendency to drift apart again and go their own way. That, he said, "would surely lead sooner or later to a catastrophe such as mankind has never known."



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