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Sawyer's files said to be valuable

The correspondence files of the late Robert W. Sawyer represent one of the most valuable sources of recent regional and national history in the University library. Given to the library over a period of 15 years, the files extend from 1915 to 1959 and include information on most important political and economic affairs in the United States for 45 years.

Born in Maine

Sawyer was born in Bangor, Maine on May 12, 1880, and in 1914 became associated with the Bend (Ore.) Bulletin. Since that time he was prominent in the politics of Deschutes county and the state of Oregon.

The roster of Robert Sawyer's correspondents reads like a Who's Who in America, with special emphasis on the Pacific Northwest. Sherman Adams, Eric Allen, R. H. Baldock, Sam Boardman, Isaiah Bowman, Marshall Dana, Bernard DeVoto, Walter Pierce, Robert Ruhl, Ray Lyman Wilbur—these are a random selection from the files. Most important, the letters to and from these persons contain the ideas and deliberations of a man who exercised his educated intelligence. As one of his fellow-editors has said, "He knew more about the things that count than did most men."

Files sought

Unlike many public figures who accumulate historically significant files, Robert Sawyer realized their potential and helped make the information in his files available to researchers. His gifts to the library were accompanied by grants-in-aid to pay for their arrangement and cataloging. As a result, the files have already been used to good purpose by the present generation of historians.

Conservation of natural re-

sources, highways, billboard legislation, reclamation, public power, state and national politics—these were a few of his major interests. The history of Oregon, especially the Deschutes country, is a subject that occurs throughout his correspondence, particularly with men like Lewis McArthur and professional historians.

Errors noted

Robert Sawyer was one of the few modern editors who could be counted on to read a book and write or talk about it intelligently. He carried on long and

useful exchanges with many writers, firmly and gently pointing out errors of fact and differences of opinion. The same attention was paid to the editorials of Oregon newspapermen.

Revolving file

For the past ten years Robert Sawyer kept a wastebasket for items he did not wish to place in his permanent file. From this collection of miscellany the University Library obtained many useful, important, and a few almost unique publications.

Prep set for Ohio conference

The struggles of people who have been uprooted from their past by changing technologies, politics and beliefs, to understand what is happening to them and to their culture, will be the subject of a series of study groups being launched at the Student Union as a part of the preparation for the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference to be held in Athens, Ohio, December 27-January 2. Two meetings are set for Tuesday at 6:30, two for Thursday at 4, and one for Saturday at 8 a.m.

The five groups under the lead-

ership of a student-faculty team will use as a basis of discussion, "Outside the Camp," prepared by Charles Converse West, formerly a college teacher in China and presently on the staff of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches at Bossey, Switzerland.

American and international students interested in participating in these discussions are invited to attend, whether or not they are planning to attend the Athens meeting. For students planning on going to Athens these study groups are a prerequisite.

Four years ago on the occasion of the last conference of this kind Oregon sent a delegation of thirty, including a number of international students. Attendance four years ago included approximately one-third international students and it is hoped they will be up to 50 percent this year.

Anyone interested in further information may call the YMCA, Ext. 658 or YWCA, Ext. 426.

Foreign students' reception Oct. 27

The annual reception for foreign students will be given by the Foreign Student Friendship Foundation Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the Student Union. President O. Meredith Wilson has been invited to make the welcoming speech.

Kenneth Ghent, foreign student advisor, will introduce the 250 students who come from 47 countries.

Student body president Gary Gregory will address the group; and response will be made by Jagjit (Jack) Mangat, president of Cosmopolitan Club, representing the foreign students.

Mortar Board students and members of the ASUO Senate will assist in greeting the foreign students.

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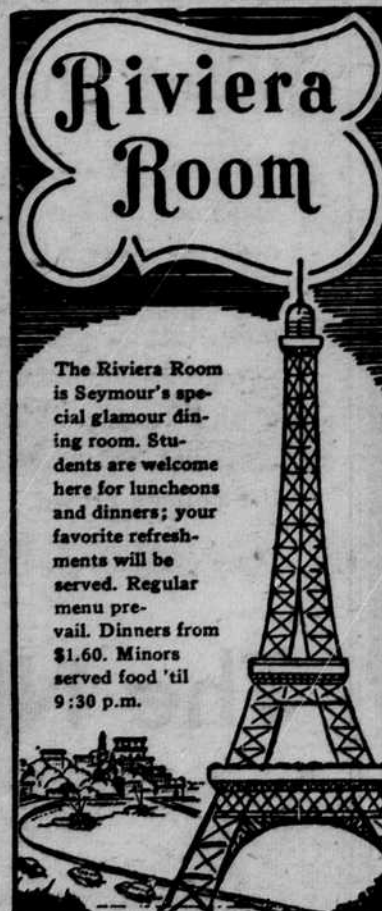
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