

Reunification of Germany Would Be Difficult: Dart

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In spite of what the Germans themselves would like to think, reunification of the Eastern and Western sectors would be difficult today.

This was the observation of Francis Dart, professor of physics, who traveled to Germany this September with a group for the American Friends Service Committee at the invitation of the German Peace Committee. Dart was the speaker Monday at the weekly Honors College discussion.

Dart said that the different economies, standards of living, and forms of nationalization that have developed in the divided Germanies since 1945 would make difficult efforts to reunite the country.

Nevertheless, the German people today anticipate the time when their country will be one state run without the Eastern or Western powers in ultimate control.

"Reunification Is Necessary"

The physics professor said that the general West German attitude is that reunification is necessary, but will come when Germany is not in a position to force it in a political or military way. They expect an evolutionary return to one country.

He said the East Germans want a recognition of their government, then the development of

a federation that would bind the capitalistic and socialistic states into one Germany.

The University professor said Walter Ulbricht, East German People's Republic president, has indicated that he would like to see the United States and Russia out of the picture altogether, with Berlin as a free state maintained by United Nations troops.

Dart said after 1945 Germany was rebuilt according to the pattern of the occupying country in each sector. Because Germans were put in positions of apparent responsibility during the occupation, any opposition to policies was directed by Germans toward other Germans.

Fear in East Germany

The underlying feeling in East Germany is one of fear and isolation, according to Dart, who lived in Germany in the early 1930's. He said there was a similarity to today's Eastern sector feeling and what he remembers of the pre-war Germany.

The isolation has developed, he said, because of restrictions of travel and exchange of ideas from one side to the other. People in East Berlin are not conscious of what public opinion is because there is no free press or opportunity to express a collective viewpoint.

However, opinions are expressed individually by the Germans, who have developed the technique of evading detection by would-be informers, the professor said.

His own group, he commented, was free to take opportunities for travel and visits with people in East Germany. They were also able to discuss many issues with the German people themselves in an attempt to understand feeling at all levels of the society.

Easterners Look to West

He noted that many of the most highly educated people in the Eastern sector have begun to look more to Moscow for their professional consultations, simply because they cannot keep in contact with the West.

The Berlin wall itself has two parts, Dart believes. One is the physical mortar, rock and barbed wire structure, and the other is one of ideas. He said the German people have developed separate political and social viewpoints because of the divisions in their country.

The West sees the wall as one of shame. The East sees it as a well of peace. It is sometimes called the "anti-Fascist wall of protection" which keeps out the saboteurs and spies of the capitalist island adjacent East Berlin.

Those who are shot crossing the barrier are regarded by some East Berliners as traitors who have been lured by capitalists who seek the workers with the superior training gained in the East. Dart said this is the official government viewpoint shared by some citizens, and not believed by others.

Reunification Difficult Subject

The topic of reunification is an emotion-charged subject for all Germans, Dart found, but he said the reactions toward it are different from one side to the other.

He said that while Ulbricht is a hardened Communist fighter seeking recognition for his government, the Bon government is just as unyielding in making concessions to the East. He commented that West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt seemed to him to be the most realistic German politician in terms of the concessions that may eventually have to be made in his country.

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get be recommended by the Budget committee to the University president rather than recommended by the ASUO Senate. The reason for (a) is that I (Sherburne) do not believe this is an area of competency of the Senate and on (b), I (Sherburne) believe it of utmost importance that the budget of a newspaper publication should not be determined by a political body.

Submit Budgets to Senate

• "Each agency requesting funds must submit copies of their budget to the ASUO president for distribution to the Senate at the same time the budgets are submitted to the budget committee.

• "The ASUO president's budget director present the budgets and the budget committees recommendation to the ASUO Senate. The Senate may call on the official representatives of the agencies requesting funds to answer questions regarding their budget.

• "The ASUO Senate having completed their deliberations and having in final form their recommended budget for the coming year, must submit, through the budget director, two copies of the budget; one to the University president, and the other to the budget committee.

• "The budget committee, if it deems it desirable, may recommend to the University president a budget which departs from that of the ASUO Senate for the president's consideration.

• "On budgetary requests after the completion of the annual budget, an agency makes their request for funds to the budget director, who takes the request to the Senate for action. The Senate then recommends to the University president action on the request. On request of any members of the budget committee, the budget committee will consider the request also, and may make a recommendation to the University president.

• "The ASUO Senate may give authority to the budget committee to make certain budget recommendations to the University president during the summer vacation.

"President Has Final Say"

• "The University president, as now, makes the final determinations on the budget."

Commenting on Sherburne's proposals, Max Risinger, assistant dean of the School of Music, said, "I have always been well satisfied with the budget board and can't quite see why the change is being requested. I don't understand why it should go beyond the budget board . . . which seems to be a representative body."

He said that as far as students or groups on campus having access to budget board, "It has always been a wide-open affair."

W. Scott Nobles, associate professor of speech, stated, "I am very dubious about the proposal since the Senate has adequate representation on the budget board. But I would like to reserve my judgement until I have talked to Phil (Sherburne) and the president about it."

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salaries be initiated, these teachers may be forced to abandon their positions in search of more financial reward; probably in the state of California.

Pearson seems to dwell on the prospect that all students should be constantly studying to prove their teachers' worth. The rumors of drinking and social life on campus are to him nothing but a weak defense of his opinion that teachers are not doing their full job these days.

I feel that in trying to minimize the essential worth of instructors, Pearson is openly inviting many of our good professors to find satisfaction in teaching positions elsewhere. And where will that leave the serious students in quest for knowledge? Maybe Mr. Pearson has the answer to that one too, or if he doesn't we can take it to a special legislative session.

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