

Off Shore Oil Operations

Underwater Land Interests Drillers

Several of the major U.S. oil companies are showing interests in blocks of underwater land on the continental shelf off the Oregon coast for the purpose of drilling underwater oil wells.

This was the observation made by John Byrne in his lecture, "Oil Off Oregon," given at 8 p.m.



JOHN V. BYRNE
Photo by Bob Denniston

Drilling to Begin

NEWPORT—Shell Oil Co. expects to begin drilling for oil 12-15 miles off Yaquina Bay in June from a platform that will have nearly an acre of deck space.

Four Shell executives disclosed that Tuesday while in Newport to make arrangements for dock and storage space and other shore facilities.

The drilling platform will have a crew of 50 working on it. After a week, the men will go ashore for rest while another crew of 50 take over. The huge platform will be 232 feet high from its feet to its uppermost part.

'Escapades II' Plans Develop

More than 70 nations have already lined up to participate in the various phases of the International Festival, "Escapades in Orbit II." About 40 nations will be represented in routines for the three shows.

Over 20 international and American students attended the organizational meeting last night. Other students interested in participating in the shows should call the YMCA office at ext. 1858 or the YWCA office at ext. 426 if they are interested or need help in deciding what to do and in organizing a routine. Descriptions of routines are due by Jan. 22.

Ticket sales for three productions of the show will start in ten days.

Already a \$1,500 budget for the stage sets and the decorations has been received from the community.

About 8,000 cookbooks of international cuisine are being sold throughout the state. This week 1,000 posters will be put up and letters will be sent to the various organizations on campus.

Tuesday night to 250 people in the SU Ballroom.

Pyne showed, by the use of projected slides, the various types of oil traps commonly found under water and how the rock formations off the Oregon coast could possibly contain some of these oil traps.

Shell and Standard Oil companies, in particular, have invested heavily in certain underwater blocks close to Astoria and the mouth of the Umpqua river. Although the common depth of the blocks leased is 600 feet, many have drilled offshore wells of much greater depth. Shell Oil Company has leased one underwater block off Southern Oregon that is 1,200 feet deep.

LBJ's Education Program Allots \$9 Million to Oregon

(From Associated Press Reports) Oregon could expect in excess of nine million dollars from the federal government in the education program President Lyndon Johnson recommended Tuesday.

The President asked Congress to appropriate \$1.5 billion for the new school aid program, which would touch almost everyone in American schools—from kindergarten to college.

Johnson called education "the number one business of the American people." He said, "Nothing matters more to the future of our country. Freedom is fragile if citizens are ignorant."

Oregon's share of the program would be \$9,036,748, according to an estimate from the Office of Education. Idaho could expect \$3,122,881 and Washington \$12,872,952.

The major emphasis of the President's program will be on improving the grade and high-school training of children from poor families. Two-thirds of the new aid would be aimed at better schooling for five million youngsters whose families earn \$2,000 or less a year.

Administration officials said the financing details of the \$250 million college portion of the Johnson program were not firm. However, the most costly item on the program is expected to be some 140,000 direct federal scholarships. The grants are expected to average about \$500.

Federal Loan Guaranty

The plan also called for creation of a federal guaranty for loans by banks and other private lenders to college students along the lines of the Federal Housing

Administration mortgage insurance system.

In addition, Johnson said the government should pay part of the interest cost of such loans. Officials indicated the legislation would provide federal payment of about two percent of the interest.

The President said "Higher education is no longer a luxury, but a necessity."

City Problems to be Faced

"A wise Congress enacted the Morrill Act of 1862 and the Hatch Act of 1887 which helped the state universities help the American people. With the aid of the land grant colleges, American agriculture produced overwhelming abundance. . . . The time has come for us to help the university to face the problems of the city as it once faced problems of a farm," Johnson said.

Returning to grade and high schools, increased funds for existing programs would boost the authority for direct federal spending on education to \$4.1 billion in the year starting July 1. This more than doubles last year's allocation.

Johnson proposes to pay more than half the cost of educating youngsters from poor families in 35 to 90 percent of the nation's 26,000 school districts.

The aid could be used for construction of new buildings, paying salaries or additional for special teachers, and for purchasing new teaching equipment. Private and parochial students would be included in the plans.

Cultural Center Site Discussed

By DAVE JORDAN
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Planning on a cultural center to be built in Eugene at an estimated cost of at least \$2.5 million moved into high gear Tuesday night with the release of a preliminary concept report by the Lane County Auditorium Association.

The 125-page report recommends that a complex to be known as the Lane County Center for the Performing Arts to be built on city property in North Bank Park along the Willamette River. The center would contain three theaters, social room, a kitchen, and an exhibition gallery.

Also, the report advocated that the association "cooperate in the making of a master plan for land use within the North Bank Park." The park has been under consideration in recent years as a site for construction of a new University athletic stadium.

The report was released at a meeting of the association's Committee on Concept at the Eugene City Hall.

Following a review of the report's contents, Association President Lee Bishop told the group, "Now the work of all of the committees (of the association) can be begun, and they will work around an emerging concept which you people have helped to formulate."

The Auditorium Association was formed in the summer of 1963 by persons from all areas of Lane County. It has a membership of some 60 persons and has committees on concept, finance, site and access, and publicity.

Most of the committees have not been functioning actively up to this time. Mrs. Catherine Lau-

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Socialists Favor Withdrawal Of U.S. Support in Viet Nam

By ALLEN BAILEY
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The students for Socialist Action met Tuesday night to discuss plans for a picket demonstration against the United States' intervention in the South Viet Nam revolt.

An official statement of the socialist group's position regarding the Viet Nam struggle was also read and discussed at the meeting.

Equating U. S. intervention in the affairs of the Far Eastern country with Russian interference in the Hungarian revolt of 1956 and French intervention in the recent Algerian revolt, the statement called for the complete withdrawal of U. S. support of the Saigon government.

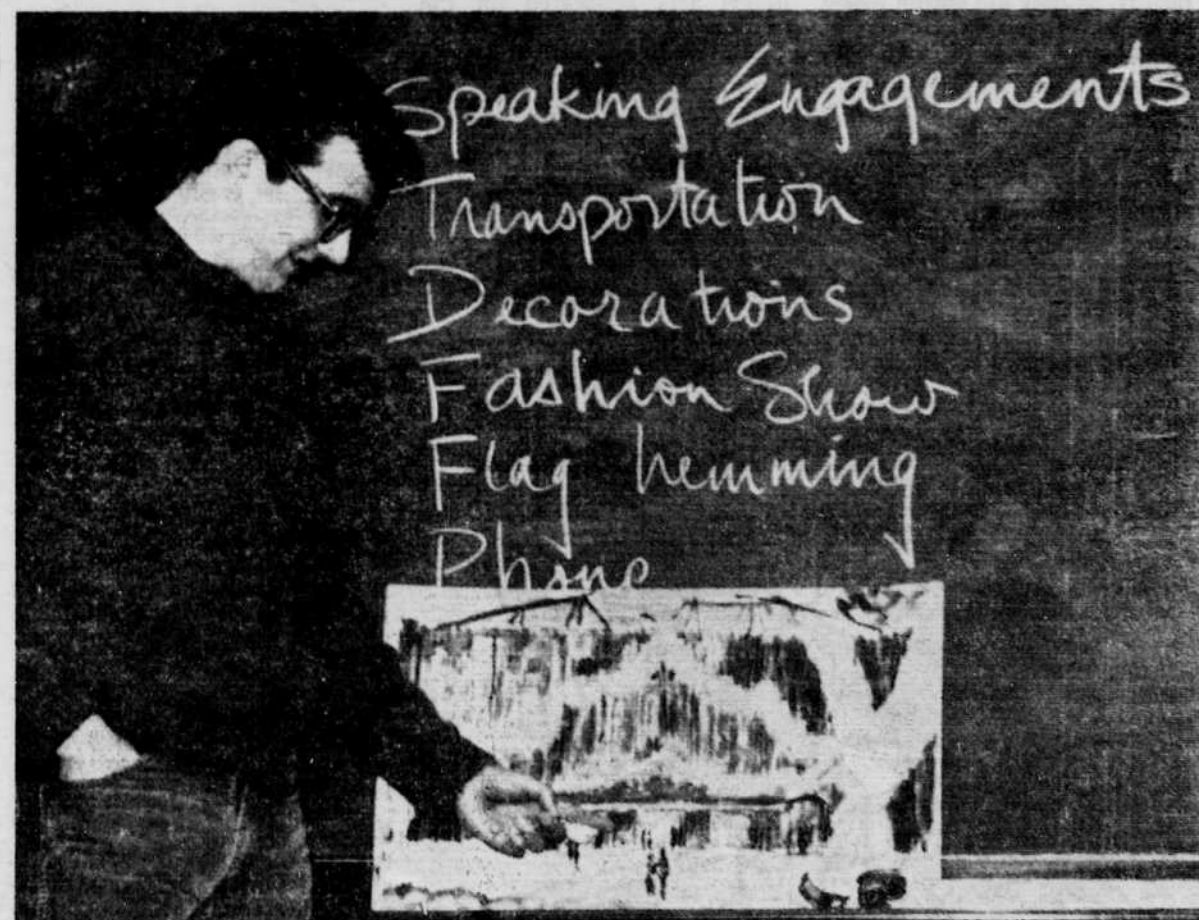
A Portland demonstration against the Subversive Activities Control Board's request that a Portland man register as a communist was described by several members of a Portland socialist club who attended the meeting.

The Board's hearing on the case will be the scene of a picket demonstration by Portland student groups from Portland State College and Reed College. The hearing will be held under the provisions of the McCarran Act and will be on January 19.

Campaigns for the repeal of the McCarran Act, which requires the registration of all communists in the United States, are being conducted by groups throughout the country, headed by the National Committee for the Repeal of the McCarran Act. These efforts were briefly described at the meeting.

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POINTING to the proposed design for decorations of the front of McArthur Court during the International Festival is Allen Wood, YMCA co-chairman for the Festival. Over 4,000 light bulbs will outline a Chinese architecture design on the front of the building. The design was drawn by Dick McRae, decorations chairman.

Photo by Walt Biddle