

Policy Criticized By Grad Student

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Ahmed Shiekh blasted United States foreign policy in a talk Tuesday at the World Affairs Briefing Center in the Student Union.

"For the past 15 years, American democratic process, with regard to foreign policy decisions, has broken down," said the University political science graduate student.

One of the main reasons for this breaking down is the American "ambivalent concept of foreign policy," which tends to look at only the government's outlook on the situation, said Shiekh.

"The tragedy of the bystander" was another reason he gave, explaining it as the great number of Americans who accept the government's foreign policy without question and say that "the President knows best."

Minority groups have not been listened to enough in the United States, he said, in giving further reason for the "breakdown in democratic process."

"The process of belittling the small voice of dissent" has discouraged valuable discussion of foreign policy, Shiekh continued.

He feels that the United States should listen to more minority group opinion, in order that the government discover some alternative to the use of force in foreign policy.

Shiekh also gave several reasons for the "wrong choice" the United States has made in its foreign policies:

- The American attitude toward communism is wrong, he said, because there is no "monolithic communist force" that is trying to conquer the world.

Communist Bloc countries have many differences now and are not really "one force," he explained.

- "Radically mistaken" was Shiekh's idea of the American government's concept of foreign policy, which he described as the "speak softly and carry a big stick" policy of Theodore Roosevelt.

"What has the big stick accomplished in Viet Nam?" he asked. He did cite the Marshall Plan, foreign aid and the Peace Corps as examples of the right kind of foreign policy.

- Present American foreign policy is not in keeping with democratic values, he said, and U.S. military acts will bring the fall of democracy.

"How many ministers . . . how many political scientists," he asked, "help in making foreign policy?"

Shiekh said that the control of both foreign policy and the economy has gone into the hands of military leaders in the United States.

- Finally, he said that present foreign policy commits the United States to a position which is morally wrong; he blasted the "blood, misery, and retaliation"

which come from a policy of fighting small wars.

Closing his speech, Shiekh made a plea for the United States to change its competition with the Communists, using something besides force, such as economic competition.

Texts Collected In Co-op Drive

Paul Quinn College is a small Negro denominational college in Waco, Tex. While it is integrated formally, no white students have registered.

The college recently built a small library designed to house 50,000 books. However, the library owns only 14,000 volumes, resulting in many empty shelves.

The Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn decided recently to launch a drive to obtain up-to-date technical books and used textbooks from students in colleges and universities around the country. The feeling is that students often have books which they cannot sell back to the college bookstore, yet have no future use for them.

According to Bernard Rapoport, trustee at Paul Quinn, the college can use them. In a letter to the Emerald recently, Rapoport cited the need and said that many students were coming from inadequate high schools into a college with an inadequate library.

In its meeting Monday night, University House, women's co-operative at the University, voted to support the Paul Quinn library project. The house is soliciting up-to-date technical books and used textbooks to be sent to the college. Any person or group wishing to contribute may leave their books at 791 E. 15th (corner of Alder) or call ext. 2283.

Business Confab Set in Portland

Consumer expenditures in the 1970's will be one of the discussion topics today at the eighth annual Business Conference in Portland at the Benson Hotel. The conference is sponsored by the University School of Business Administration.

George W. James, who is involved in research on forces shaping the future of society, the economy, and business, will lead the discussion.

The discussion leader is chairman of an ad hoc study group on the President's Task Force on the War against Poverty, and was president of the National Association of Business Economists for 1964-65.

The day-long series of discussion will also focus on international monetary reform, insurance, capital budgeting, the wood products industry, financing business and industry, and pricing policies.

'World's Largest'

International Festival to Feature Exhibition, Bazaar, Style Show

By STEVE GREEN
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Three years ago a graduate student in biology from India, Kurien Chacko, conceived the idea of the first International Festival.

He felt that many international students here wanted an opportunity to thank all those who have helped them at the University and to present a glimpse of their culture to the University community. He also hoped that a significant cultural and educational event would help promote international understanding and good will among the peoples of the world.

Chacko presented his idea to the YMCA cabinet. He wanted to stage a performance that would allow international students to present various acts representing a segment of their culture to the community. All proceeds would go for international students' scholarships on this campus and to other international projects.

After getting lukewarm approval from the cabinet, another Indian student, Anant Chavan, took over. Under his direction, the first Festival was staged in the Student Union Ballroom and drew more than 2,500 people.

Last year the Festival was shifted to McArthur Court and some 10,000 came. An additional 100,000 people watched portions of it over television. It was aired on the Voice of America and the United States Information Agency also filmed parts of it. An exhibition and bazaar were added to the performance.

Now the International Festival is the biggest cultural event at the University and the largest extravaganza of its type in the world. Besides the 600 students from this campus who contributed to the festival in one way or another, 400 international students from 60 countries took part.

This year, Chavan predicts that 20,000 people will attend the Festival, which will run from April 13 to 17.

The exhibition and bazaar will run throughout the Festival's five-

day stand. Native art from around the world and presentations on the U.S. space program will be featured in the exhibition.

Candy and trinkets from all over the world will be sold at the bazaar, which will be twice as big as the one last year. That one

Official International Festival entry forms for the stage shows, fashion show, exhibitions and bazaar may be picked up today in the International Festival office in room 318 SU.

Students interested in taking part in any phase of the festival may apply there also or call ext. 1858 or 343-1221.

sold out 24 hours after the Festival opened.

The cultural show will be much more elaborate this year, Chavan said. Instead of featuring many small acts, the show will include several pageants and a style show. Four stages, including one that revolves, will be set up in McArthur Court.

Chavan has lined up 21 international student groups who wish to participate. Some have already started rehearsing and gathering material. Chavan has set a Feb. 20 deadline for each group to present its initial plans.

The performance will be broadcast live on radio and television. Contact is also being made with The National Observer and Time, Life, Newsweek and This Week magazines. The USIA has indicated an interest in filming the Festival again and Asian Student, an international circulation magazine, has promised coverage.

"A real testimonial to the interest of the local community," Chavan said recently, "is the fact that more than 40 Eugene-Springfield merchants have already contributed material or finances to the Festival. Thirty-three service clubs are also making donations."

The event is being sponsored by the University YM-YWCA in cooperation with international students at other West Coast Universities, the foreign embassies based in Washington, D.C., inter-

national trade establishments in San Francisco, and Oregon merchants.

The Eugene, Springfield, and West Lane Chambers of Commerce are contributing significantly along with numerous other civic and service organizations in the state.

Dalai Lama Topic In Wylie Lecture

Turrell V. Wylie, professor of Tibetan languages at the University of Washington, will speak on "A recent audience with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Browsing Room.

Wylie is a Tibetan scholar, and has translated many religious and literary Tibetan material into English.

He has had three audiences with the Dalai Lama, and has received a Ford Foundation grant in 1955 to India.

Wylie brought a group of Tibetan refugees to Seattle, several of whom enrolled at the University of Washington.

Thomas O. Ballinger, head of the department of Education, will lead the discussion at the lecture.

Japanese Film Slated

The Mistress, a Japanese film, will be shown at the University at 7:30 p.m. today. The Asian Studies Committee at the University is sponsoring the film to be shown in 150 Science.

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