

William Hinton

Author describes 'New China'

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William Hinton, a noted author and lecturer on the People's Republic of China, told a capacity audience in the Dad's Room last Tuesday night that after his first-hand descriptions of China in 1953, newspaper headlines read "Hinton says the New China here to stay."

"I guess we could still write that headline," he said.

And with pages and pages of notes he took during his recent three-months stay in China still fresh and unanalyzed, Hinton succeeded in giving a lengthy, informal and very articulate description of the new China.

The 53-year-old Pennsylvania farmer and author summarized his views of China in terms of "great progress . . . even, and characterized by sharp, continuing struggles."

Outlining various incidents of the struggle, Hinton brought to life the atmosphere of the distant, fascinating, and unknown nation called Red China.

At Chiang What University, Hinton said, two opposing factions became so caught up in the ideological interpretations of Mao's philosophy that they moved right through the history of traditional warfare, from fist fights to rockets . . . All paraphernalia of this engineering school was used in a battle to annihilate the opposing force. The two factions each believed if they didn't win, the entire cultural revolution was

threatened . . . They held buildings and used tractors from the maintenance department in six or eight major battles."

Mao, whose beliefs Hinton said were based on "persuasion, not violence," told the students that the only positive side to this confrontation was they eventually "learned about modern warfare."

After many of the students had been killed, Hinton said, the conflict was resolved when a liberation army of "400,000 unarmed workers marched on the campus carrying red books and distribution leaflets," and urging the warring factions to the conference table.

"Political struggle is still current," Hinton said. "The ultra-left has become so obsessed with Mao's doctrines (in reaction to the more 'bourgeois' right wing) that they attack those who don't agree . . . It may be the dogmatic cult of Mao which is completely harmful to the development of China."

Hinton described the right wing factions as followers of the Soviet Union economists, who "take the capitalists' role, treating workers with contempt and believing that bribery is necessary for increased production . . . showing little faith in collective agriculture."

Collective farming has succeeded where there exists a determined "political conscience" and strong local leadership, according to Hinton. "Socialist agriculture since 1948—self-reliance through collective action—in outstanding cases has been the result of a

leader who fought consistently for success."

During his recent stay in China, Hinton worked in a factory which "did away with the incentive system, and instead worked as a unit," Hinton said. After the bureaucrats were ousted, production was doubled and a warm, relaxed atmosphere prevailed, Hinton said. "We played ping pong during lunch break, and if a match was important, we went back to work only after the match was over."

"Mao has been vindicated," Hinton said toward the end of his two-hour discussion. "But (his followers) have not concluded that they will win. It is a partial victory with no guarantee . . . with many battles still to be fought."

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Clark testifies on tenure at State Board meeting

University President Clark testified before the Academic Affairs Committee of the State Board of Higher Education in Portland last Tuesday that tenure is essential to academic freedom.

Clark added at the public hearing, the first of two, that, "No satisfactory substitutes for indefinite tenure are immediately apparent."

In his lengthy prepared statement Clark did not disclaim that fact that alternatives to tenure exist. However, he said neither a six month probationary period similar to that used by civil service employes, collective bargaining nor five-year renewable contracts would be as satisfactory as the present policy.

Current state system tenure policy provides for two kinds of faculty tenure—"indefinite," normally awarded between the third and seventh year of employment, and "annual," normally granted during the first three years of employment and maintained until a decision on indefinite tenure is made.

Faculty on annual tenure generally must be given one year's notice before termination, but may be dismissed for any reason. Those with indefinite tenure can only be dismissed for "cause" (misconduct or incompetence, subject to proof in lengthy appeal hearings) or financial emergency.

In his statement Clark argued that academic tenure is "essential to the well being of the university, that the present policy does operate to remove the incompetent . . . and that modifications in the operation of the present policy can make it more effective."

"Tenure is not intended as a haven for the lazy or incompetent," he said, "nor is it an impediment to the establishment of sound personnel policies. Flexibility exists within the tenure concept to fashion such policies."

The second hearing on tenure has been set for 7 p.m. Dec. 13 in the assessment auditorium of the Portland Division of Continuing Education building.

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A possible solution to this problem is to turn to partial over-the-counter sales. The evidence suggests that most theft is not during peak, beginning-of-semester crushes; it comes during the rest of the year when potential thieves evidently feel that the books are not being watched as closely as earlier. We feel that over-the-counter sales of texts after the third week of each term should considerably reduce this problem.

If this policy does go into effect, it will entail certain changes in the procedure of text buying that some persons may find inconvenient. The pleasure of wandering through open stacks of texts will be gone after the third week. In its place, the post-third week buyer will come to a counter and will obtain his book from the attendant on hand. This will involve a small amount of time wasted for the purchaser but there certainly will not be a long wait involved, as most students will have bought their books by the third week. Lists of courses and books will be provided at the counter for those students who are not certain of the text they require. As theft should be virtually eliminated, this decline in freedom of the purchaser should put the above-stated \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 back into the rebate fund at the end of the year.

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