

Former missionary maintains US must press for Korean reunion

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A former missionary to the Republic of Korea (South Korea) told a small crowd in the EMU Forum Monday night "We must press for the reunion of Korea before that country 'is eaten alive by corporations of the United States and Japan."

After citing a 100-year history of U.S. encroachment into the East, Prof. Hallam Shorrock, University of California at Santa Barbara, declared the U.S. government has set up South Korea as an outpost for U.S. armed services and corporate interests.

From the forced opening of Japan by Admiral Perry in 1853, through the Korean and Vietnam Wars Shorrock says the U.S. has attempted to build a commanding position in the East by dominating Asian cultures and perpetuating a "gook" mentality among Americans — all at great benefit to U.S. owned corporations.

U.S. and Japanese corporations enjoy an average wage rate for Koreans of 22 cents per hour, complete freedom from pollution laws, legal restrictions against strikes and special five-year tax holidays guaranteed under the regime of South Korean Pres. Park Chung Hee, said the professor.

Shorrock said U.S. corporations pay Koreans one-tenth the wage rate of domestic laborers to "weave underwear and put transistors together for sale at Montgomery Ward and K-Mart."

The former missionary noted that before Park's last election, Gulf Oil donated \$4 million to his campaign. Gulf is responsible for 41 percent of oil sales and exports from the small Asian country, found to be rich in petroleum in the early 1960s, he said.

After that election, in 1967, Park has suspended his country's constitution (1971), declared martial law (1972), and then closed the Universities and imposed censorship over media and South Korean citizens.



Former Republic of Korea missionary, Hallam Shorrock

Photo by Dennis Hickok

In November of 1972 he extended his term of office and in May 1975 he effectively banned all criticism of South Korean government, prohibiting any com-

munication by private citizens to foreign news media and outlawing verbal criticisms at penalty of imprisonment for an undetermined length of time.

Shorrock said these repressions have been supported by massive U.S. aid to the country to help finance its military, now the fourth largest in the world.

Those troops stand ready to "fight the communism of the North" and in ready support of anti-communist causes elsewhere, he said. Shorrock recalled that 312,000 South Korean soldiers received \$1.25-a-day bonuses for supporting U.S. troops in Vietnam.

"We must keep informed about the cost of our policies in Korea," Shorrock warned. "We must be the conscience of our government."

In part, Shorrock blamed American apathy toward Koreans on misconceptions about Asian culture, and the puritanical belief that white Christians are Saviours of the world.

"It seems almost too simple to have to say that we need more junior high and high school courses to teach Americans about Asian culture, religion and history, so we don't just look to Asians as Gooks."

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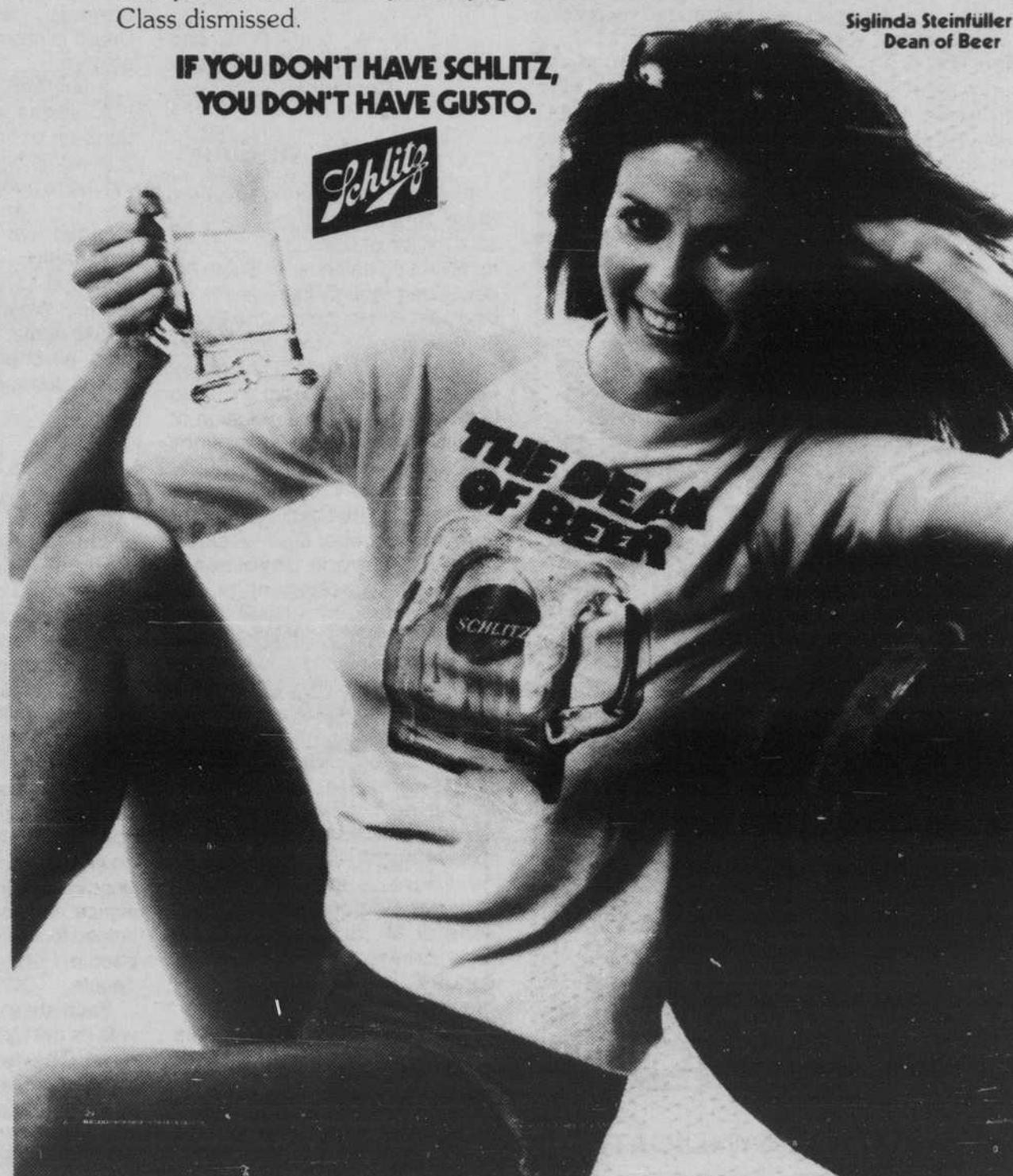
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