

United Nations Discussed By Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday discussed the United Nations at a reception and coffee hour given in her honor by the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rease Braley, 245 Valley View drive. Mrs. Roosevelt, who came to Medford as speaker and guest of honor at the sixth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner held Monday night at Hedrick school, also chose the United Nations as her topic for the dinner.

Mrs. Roosevelt, formerly the United States representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations, is now chairman of the board of governors of the American Association of the United Nations and spends a major share of her time speaking in the interests of the association.

Lawrence Solin, president of the Medford chapter, welcomed Mrs. Roosevelt and presented her a check for \$100 from the chapter to use for UN work. Mrs. Roosevelt addressed the group informally, and later answered questions. She said UN chapter members should endeavor to spread correct information about the United Nations, its aims and purposes, and particularly about the specialized agencies.

Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out these agencies have done much to free nations from diseases such as malaria and to raise their health standards in general, to provide technical assistance, to further general education and to increase food production.

The speaker pointed out that when considered from a practical rather than altruistic standpoint, these endeavors are a sound investment as far as the United States is concerned, rather than aid which is being provided merely for the good of foreign nations.

She urged every member of United Nations groups to visit UN agency headquarters whenever possible, pointing out that these can be found in Rome, Paris and other large cities of

the world, and help to inform the general public of their function. Mrs. Roosevelt said that when she made arrangements through the United States embassy in Rome to visit the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture agency there she found that she was the first American ever to make such a request.

Budget Discussed
During the question period she discussed the budget for technical assistance, pointing out that this is on a voluntary basis from the various member nations. Mrs. Roosevelt added that she remembered with regret that this nation always opposes increases in these budgets.

Asked if we used our aid to bring about action on certain international matters, Mrs. Roosevelt admitted that this does happen at times and added that when she was serving actively with the UN headquarters, she encouraged staff members to achieve their results through explanation, persuasion and consultation rather than "arm twisting."

There was discussion of the educational films available to all the story of the various agencies, and she urged groups to obtain and use these. Television of UN proceedings was discussed and Mrs. Roosevelt said many nations believe this would be helpful, they should register their opinions with the proper authorities.

Repeating a statement made the evening before at the dinner meeting, Mrs. Roosevelt said she believed it was good to have the Soviet Union and satellites within the UN structure since then the opposing nations could determine the communistic currents and trends and be better prepared to fight these. She further pointed out that the communist countries were made aware of the power of the forces which opposed them, and were thereby deterred from further action.

Before the reception Mrs. Roosevelt was interviewed during a press conference held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, 405 West Fourth street, where she had been an overnight guest.

Asked about the presidential candidacy of Adlai Stevenson, Mrs. Roosevelt said she had supported him before and was doing so again. She said Mr. Stevenson has a deep understanding of international problems, and that his mind is sensitive to reactions among foreign leaders which could prove beneficial or detrimental, depending upon

their interpretation in this country.

She answered a question about desegregation, saying "every citizen should be treated with equality and justice, and if they are not, we are not living up to our democratic ideals." She said desegregation is not merely a national, but an international issue since the most critical areas of unrest in the world are among the non-white races.

Mrs. Roosevelt said that friendship for this country had been on the decline abroad for some time past because of the "unwise" actions by leaders of the United States. She listed as one of these the giving of arms to Pakistan without realizing the adverse reaction it would have in India.

Talks About Dogs
For the benefit of young reporters representing school papers, Mrs. Roosevelt talked at some length about the pet dogs which have been a part of the Roosevelt household in past years, and said she now has a "Scotty," the scotch terrier having long been a favorite with the late President Roosevelt.

Asked how a young person should go about choosing a political party, Mrs. Roosevelt said they should study the records of both parties and then make a choice. She said such a study would show that the Democratic party has been responsible for more social legislation for the general good of the people than the Republican party, and that the most of this legislation had never been rescinded by the Republicans.

Mrs. Roosevelt was asked about the Bricker amendment, which is still "active" though once defeated and answered that this amendment, which would make it impossible for the executive to make treaties with foreign countries without first getting the consent of congress, was bad legislation. Mrs. Roosevelt further said that although the amendment had been defeated, in a sense Senator Bricker, its author, had been successful in that he had aroused sentiment against treaties to such an extent that it had been virtually impossible to negotiate one since.

The Kelly living room represented an interesting sight during the press conference. The floor was covered with lengths of electric cord for the operation of a movie sound camera and tape recorders, powerful lights were set up and three news cameramen were taking pictures. Several reporters also made notes.

Mrs. Roosevelt left before

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noon for Oakland, Calif., where she spoke last night at a meeting of a United Nations association, and she then returned east by air in order to introduce Adlai Stevenson at a dinner to

Society

Governor Proclaims Day, Week

Salem — In accordance with Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks' national proclamation declaring April 22-28 National Secretaries week, with April 25 designated as National Secretaries day, Governor Elmo Smith in conjunction signed a proclamation to observe National Secretaries Week in Oregon, April 22-28. The week honors the Oregon secretary for her contributions to the business world.

On hand for the proclamation's signing were Miss Dorothy Anderson, Portland, past-President of the Oregon chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International), the world's largest association for women in one profession.

Mrs. Kay Thomas, Medford, president, announced that the National Secretaries association has selected as its theme for the week, "Better Secretaries Mean Better Business," and indicated that there would be no place on the Association's busy agenda for the orchids-for-the-secretary, candy-for-the-Girl-Friday type of observance. Nationally and locally through its more than 370 chapters throughout the country, the association is observing the week by highlighting educational projects, for which it has gained national recognition, career day talks to secretarial students of high schools, colleges and business schools on secretaryship and the skills and abilities demanded of today's secretary. They also invited secretarial students to spend a day in their offices to observe the functioning of a modern office and the secretary's vital role as a member of management's team.

In observance of the week, Rogue River chapter has planned a secretaries workshop to be held Saturday, April 28, at Southern Oregon college. An afternoon's program of talks by business and professional men and women will be climaxed by a dinner at the Elks club in Ashland.

Plan Dance

A square dance will be held at the YMCA Thursday, April 26, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. with Doug Fosbury as caller.

All dancers are invited to attend, and coffee will be served.

Events Announced By Girls' League

Girls' League week at Medford High school started Monday with "Ozark Antics" as its theme. Activities are being held throughout the entire week under the supervision of Miss Nellie Rawlings, league president, and Mrs. Grace Berg, dean of girls.

An inaugural Girls' league meeting was held Monday, and Tuesday an all-school picnic was held. Today is set aside for slack day, April 26 is the mother-daughter tea and style show. On April 27, a new event called "hat and shirt day" will end the week's activities.

Outstanding service awards and delegates to Girl's State will be announced at Thursday's tea. The annual art exhibit will be open to public inspection throughout the week.

Chairmen for the committees are Miss Lee Stark and Miss Peggy Lydiard, invitations: Miss Susan Brill and Mrs. Hocker-Smith, tea; Miss Meredith Foote, programs; Miss Vicki Robertson and Miss Nancy Walstead, fashion show; Miss Jane Bash, publicity; Miss Jane Barker, tea decorations; Miss Sandra Cooper, ushers; Miss Lina Smith and Miss Myrna Calloway, clean-up.

Xi Mu Chapter To Meet Tonight

Xi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will conduct a regular meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Roy Stein, 518 Barnes avenue. Mrs. Russell Budreau will present the program.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was presented with international honorary membership in Beta Sigma Phi during a short ceremony at the Roosevelt Memorial dinner Monday evening. Mrs. Jonathan Middleton gave the condensed ritual awarding Mrs. Roosevelt the scroll and sorority insignia pins. Attending from exemplar chapter were Mrs. J. Edgar Moir, Mrs. Claude Ramsey, Mrs. Steve Saimons, Miss Anna L. May, Mrs. William Prentiss, Miss Adabee Sellen, Mrs. Verl Walker and Mrs. Nick DeWitt.

Women of the Moose Plan Business Session

Women of the Moose will hold a business meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Moose hall, 11 South Newtown street. The homemaking committee, of which Mrs. Elroy Harth is chairman, will take charge of refreshments.

Fraternity Meeting Set for Week End

Curt Holzgang, member of Theta Chi fraternity at the University of Oregon, will be among those attending a Region 9 conclave of the group Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28. The conclave is being held in conjunction with the fraternity's 100th anniversary, and will draw delegates from chapters in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

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