

Authority on Inter-American Relations Speaks in Medford

"If United States needed a slogan it would be 'Look southward, Uncle,' the Americas need one another."

So stated Edward Tomlinson, feature writer for the Washington, D.C., Daily News and one of the nation's authorities on inter-American affairs, before the Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club last night at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Prior to his talk Benjamin Franklin, Topeka, Kan., president of Knife and Fork Club International, greeted the members.

Franklin brought the greetings of the more than 300 clubs throughout the country. He mentioned that this was his second visit to the valley, and stressed the importance of early selection of speakers. He mentioned that many of the better speeches are made by persons many have never heard of before.

Claim to Knowledge
In commenting on Central and South America, Tomlinson said that his only claim to knowledge of the peoples of the countries to the south was that he had been exposed to them over a period of 30 years.

He compared the various Latin countries in size to states of the U. S., concluding that these 20 countries cover a vast area of the globe.

Persons are constantly amazed at the size of Russia, he said, but added, Russia is mainly in the cold regions of the world. Latin America has all climates of the world, lying from the North Temperate zone to the Antarctic. He said that no crop is being grown that can't be grown somewhere in Latin America.

Population Increasing
The 175,000,000 population of those countries is increasing much more rapidly than in the Orient, Tomlinson explained, with a prediction that they will exceed 500 million by the year 2000.

The speaker reviewed the history of the various countries, describing them as a melting pot of many nationalities. He mentioned that it is the cosmopolitan part of the world, each country contributing to the total.

Many of the countries have advanced economically, Tomlinson explained. Brazil previously imported all of its jute needed for coffee bean bags, now within a five-year period, they produce it themselves along the banks of the Amazon. He also mentioned that the countries were now industrializing, processing the ores they previously sold raw, and discovering new minerals.

With the advent of industrialization which makes the countries more important to the U.S., the demand by residents of those countries for consumer goods has also increased. Tomlinson mentioned that many U. S. companies have built plants in Latin America to supply goods for the local population.

U. S. Not Alone
"The United States is not alone in the setting up of plants and factories in these countries," the speaker stressed. "While the United States was still rebuilding Europe after World War II other countries had started on this program in countries to the south."

The United States is up against the biggest competition of all times, including Communist competition which trades for propaganda, he said.

The speaker mentioned that in the political field in Latin America 10 powerful dictators have risen to power since World War II. Of these, eight have been overthrown in bloody rebellions.

Tomlinson reviewed the history of these countries, older than the United States, telling how the first settlers represented the Spanish crown which was both law and religion. During the early days countries could not trade with each other due to rules of the crown, he continued.

Because of the strict rulings it took a long time for the residents to find freedom of thought. In their attempts to set up free institutions, Tomlinson said, the government still falls into the hands of the wrong kind of people.

Reviews Background
He cited the rule of Juan Peron of Argentina which was overthrown after 12 years. He reviewed the dictator's background through his military training in Italy and Germany in early World War II when Mussolini and Hitler were at the height of their power.

He described Fidel Castro

RUN, DON'T WALK
Bandjarmasin, Boreno—Djuhandi Kusomi, 19, who just completed a two-year walking tour through Indonesia, told newsmen the biggest problem during his trek was girls.

"So many girls kept falling in love with me," the youth said. "I was worried how I could return their love while on the trip."

as a despotic adventurer, who, if he is not a Communist, is doing all the things they would like for him to do.

Tomlinson told of incidents during the past 12 years, where Castro has tried to embarrass the United States and how he bragged to the press in 1948 of the number of buildings he personally had burned in Bogota, Colombia, during the revolt there when 3,000 persons were killed.

Has No Plan
The journalist stressed that Castro does not know what he will do next, he has no plan of government, and no knowl-

edge of economy. He called the Cuban premier a fanatic saying that he may not know what he is doing, but those around him, especially his brother, Raul, his foreign minister and land reform director, do know what they want.

The speaker added that the Communist governments have spent more than two million dollars on propaganda in Cuba in recent months. In commenting on the cultural exchange program between the U. S. and Communist countries, Tomlinson said, that Communist countries

have been doing this for years before the United States thought of it. He stated that in foreign countries the troops are greeted by the heads of state and are given the "red carpet treatment" during their tour.

He added that "we are doing our propaganda clumsily." The speaker concluded that the Western nations are making progress in the Latin American countries politically and economically.

More people are voting in these countries than before, he said. During the last elec-

tion in Mexico twice as many voted as in previous elections while in Brazil the turn-out tripled. Women are important, too, he said except in Paraguay. Women are holding public offices and are serving as supreme court judges, senators and similar posts. Women are a powerful part of politics in the southern countries, he said.

The Latin American countries are still the most important countries in the world to the United States. The U.S. is doing more business with them than all other countries of the world combined. For

once the U. S. is now buying more from them than they are selling. The seven billion dollars worth of trade that the Latin American countries do is needed by the U. S. more today than ever before.

Following Tomlinson's talk a question and answer period was held.

The speaker was introduced by Archie C. Pierce, president of the local club. Other guests at the speakers table were Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Goldy, Mrs. Pierce, and Franklin. Introduced were 31 new members in the club and guests.

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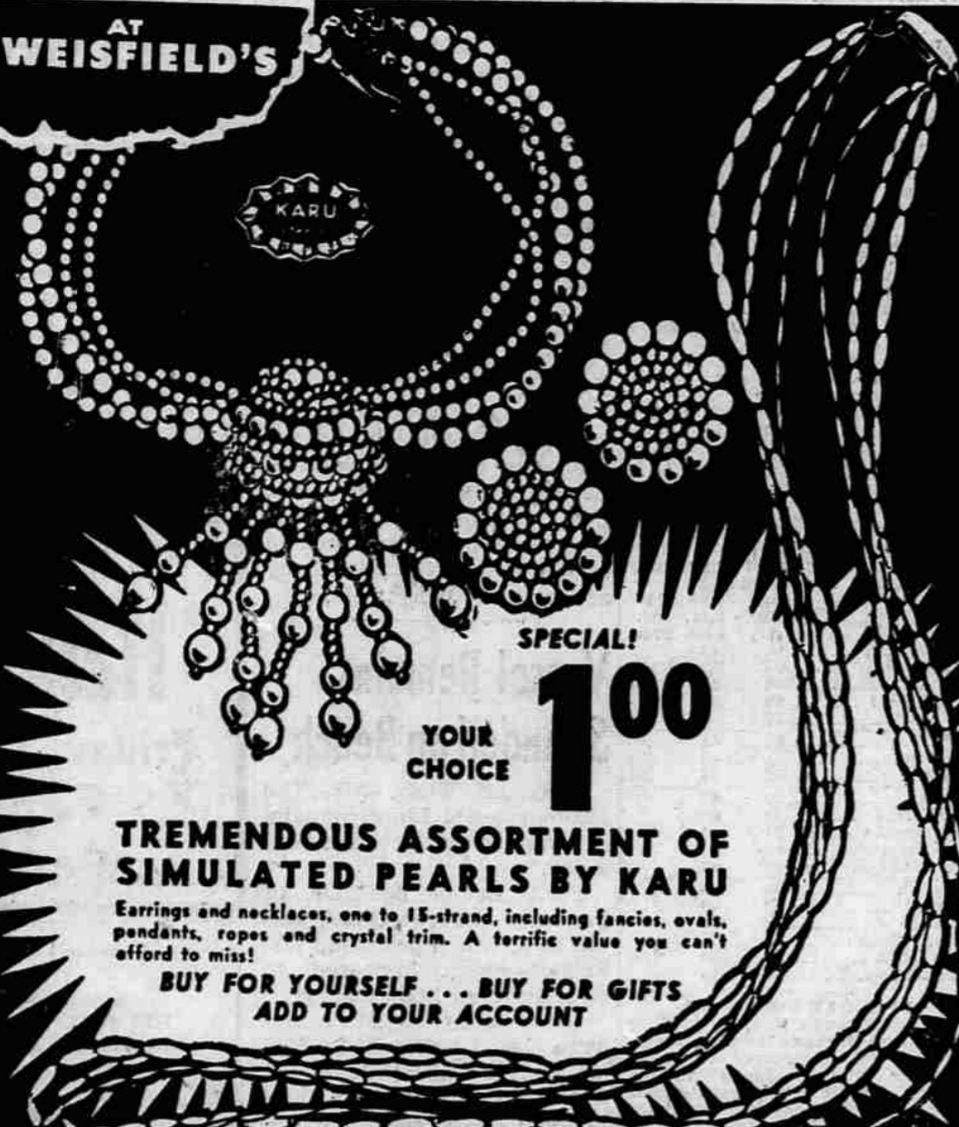
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