

Sixty People to Attend Pacific Assembly at UO

Eugene - Sixty persons, prominent in the six North-western states in such fields as industry, labor, government, education, and communications, will be brought together late this fall by the University of Oregon for a four-day series of discussions.

The broad topic of "the federal government and higher education" will be discussed by the leaders, who are meeting through the cooperation of the university and the American Assembly in a Pacific Northwest assembly.

Plan of the assembly is that the participants from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming, will meet in small panel discussion groups of 20 for three days. They will exchange ideas and opinions on the role of government in education, which has become a vital issue in the 1960s. Federal aid to higher education, and grants will be among the discussion subjects.

Approve Report
The participants will gather for a plenary session on the fourth day and will approve a report of findings and recommendations.

Dates announced for the Pacific Northwest assembly are Dec. 1 through 4. Materials and information on the assembly topic will be sent to all participants prior to the meeting dates.

Dr. William C. Jones, acting president of the university, will be chairman of the assembly meetings. Executive director will be Dr. Kenneth Scott Wood, professor of speech. Plans for the meetings have been formulated by a faculty committee which includes President Jones, Wood, and Dean Harry Alpert of the graduate school, Dean Robert D. Clark of the college of liberal arts, Dean Paul B. Jacobson of the school of education, and James M. Shea, director of public services and development.

The American Assembly, of which the Pacific Northwest assembly is a regional session, was founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1950 when he was president of Columbia university. It is a national, nonpartisan, educational organization which regularly holds national, regional, state and local meetings. It also publishes books on vital topics.

The final and approved report of the Pacific Northwest assembly will be published and circulated by the University of Oregon.

College Hazing Carryover From Primitive Rites

Washington - (Science Service) - When college students haze the incoming freshmen by shaving their heads or spray-painting them, or when members of a fraternal organization make the initiate walk down Main st. in girl's clothing, they are reenacting rites performed by primitive peoples for hundreds of years.

Puberty rites, initiating the young boy or girl into manhood or womanhood, are very widespread among primitive people, and some groups have secret societies with initiation ceremonies as bizarre as college hazing customs that college boys of today can think up.

Many of the primitive initiation rites include symbolic death for the initiate so that they can be "reborn" into adult life, a symbolism common to many Christian sects. And occasionally the symbolic death is so realistic, among primitive tribes, that the initiate does not survive.

Violence Against Victims
Among the native tribes of Africa, similar violence is sometimes directed, not against initiates, but against victims who have provoked the ire of members of a secret fraternity. The Leopard Men in Africa, like the Ku Klux Klan in the United States, strike in the dark against their victims.

The Leopard Men wear leopard-skin cloaks and make false leopard imprints in the earth to leave the impression that real leopards have seized the victims. With claw-like knives they mutilate and lacerate the flesh of their victims.

In some areas of Africa, the Leopard and other secret fraternities have been reduced to more sociable activities. It is reported, but it was as recently as April, 1945, that the police were making arrests in an attempt to break up the deadly activity of the Lion Men and Lion Women in Tanganyika, Kenya.

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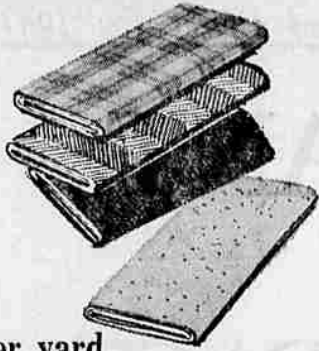
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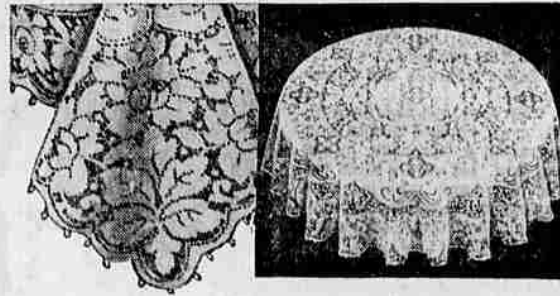
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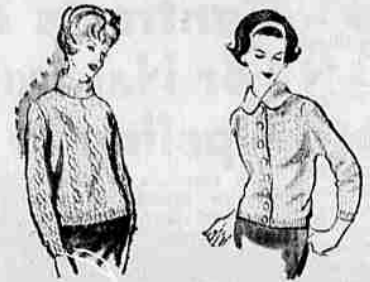
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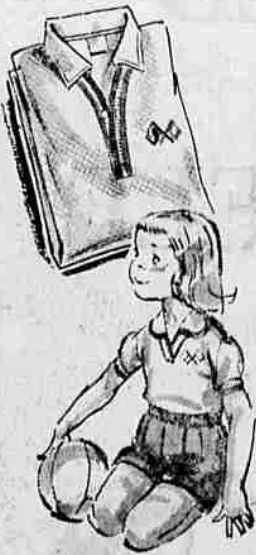
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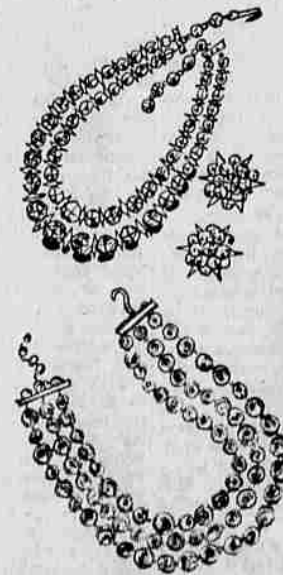
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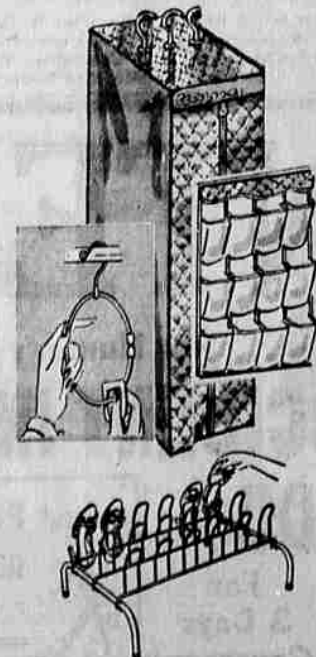
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