

Education Reviewed By SOC Professor

Ashland — "Though the concept is not new, the need for comparative education is becoming more and more imperative," according to Dr. Anthony E. DeSoto, Southern Oregon college assistant professor of foreign languages in reporting on the National Conference on Comparative Education, at the University of California, last week end.

Approximately 600 professors representing Latin America, Western Europe, Asia, Africa, United States, and Canada attended the conference, which was sponsored by a number of nationally known educators and educational organizations.

Among those representing the sponsoring organizations were Dr. Howard E. Wilson, dean of the school of education, UCLA; Dr. Paul Hanna, Stanford university; Dr. Gerald Reed, Kent State university; Dr. Oliver J. Caldwell of the U.S. office of education who delivered the keynote address, and officials from the Ford Foundation, UNESCO, U.S. office of education, International Cooperation Administration and United Press International.

"By Comparative Education," Dr. DeSoto explained it is to be understood as an attempt to establish an interrelation of international knowledge by a comparative study of methods and techniques across national boundaries on specific fields of endeavor.

Dr. DeSoto said that present day political international developments have made people realize they have to be increasingly dependent on other human beings, and, what is

worse, that within a few years the whole of the human race will be within the range of the artillery fire of the rest of the human race.

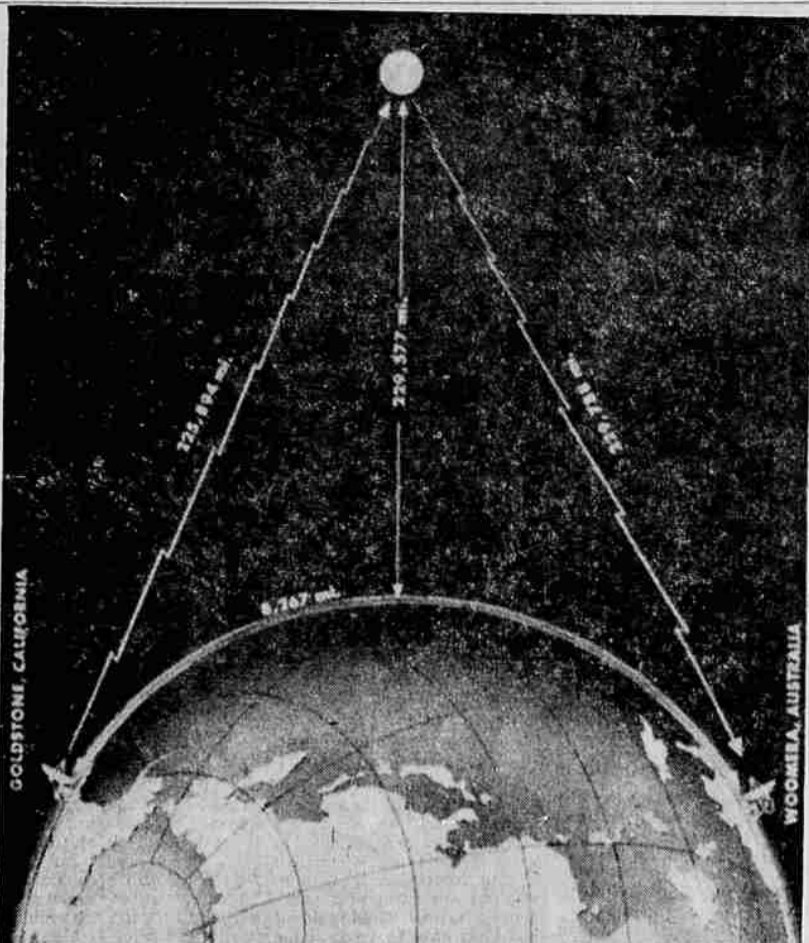
Because of this frightening development, isolation has become obsolete and national policies must be reshaped, international goals reviewed and relations at home and abroad with other human beings, regardless of race, color or nationality must be re-evaluated.

The world can no longer adhere to the old concept of "Educate the best and shoot the rest." Nor can it cling to the goal of universal mediocrity. Education is now and will have to be used as an instrument of U.S. national and international policies.

"Through research across national lines, joint studies with other peoples in the world, in short, through education, we will achieve our democratic ideals," Dr. DeSoto noted. "In this attempt at world wide communication between countries, the language factor is great. Languages must no longer be a barrier separating the various people, one from the other, where a basic togetherness must exist."

Universal education by comparative means will become the foundation of a stable society if the minds of the young people are strengthened.

Dr. DeSoto pointed out that in many ways, the year 1961 would go down in history as an important year in education because of the advances in achieving comparative education — an educational enterprise designed to reach beyond national frontiers.



VOICE VIA MOON — This is a diagram showing the voice transmission via the moon from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goldstone tracking station in California to the Deep Space Instrumentation facility at Woomera, Australia. This system of transmission was used Friday as Dr. Hugh L. Dyrden, deputy administrator of NASA held a convention with the Honorable Alan Hulme, minister for supply of Australia. (UPI Telephoto)

Social Security Law Changes Reduce Amount Of Work, Manager Says

"Changes in the social security law have reduced the amount of work needed to qualify for benefits," according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office.

"For benefits to be paid to an individual or his family when he reaches retirement age, dies, or becomes disabled, he must have worked under social security for a certain length of time," Jacobson said.

Just how long a person must work depends upon their date of birth, or when the payment of survivors or disability benefits is involved, upon the date of death, or onset of disability.

Can Become Insured

"Under the new law," he pointed out, "many people can become insured for the payment of retirement or survivors benefits more quickly." Many older people who did not work for the length of time required under the old law will now be eligible for payments.

Anyone who was told in the past that they did not have enough work under social security to qualify should get in touch with the social security office to see if they are eligible under this change in the law, Jacobson said.

"As an example, anyone who reaches retirement age (65 for men and 62 for women) this year will need to have no more than 3 1/2 years of work. Until the change in the law, a person of this age would

Memorial Service Set for Vets Group

A memorial service for members of Medford Barracks and Auxiliary, Veterans of World War I, who have died during the past five years will be held at a dinner-meeting starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Twenty members of the organization have died during the five years the local chapter has been organized.

In addition to memorial services, the group also will observe its fifth anniversary during the evening.

The local barracks has averaged about 100 members

per year since it was organized, with the highest membership being 170 last year. All members are urged to attend the event Wednesday at the Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett st., Medford.

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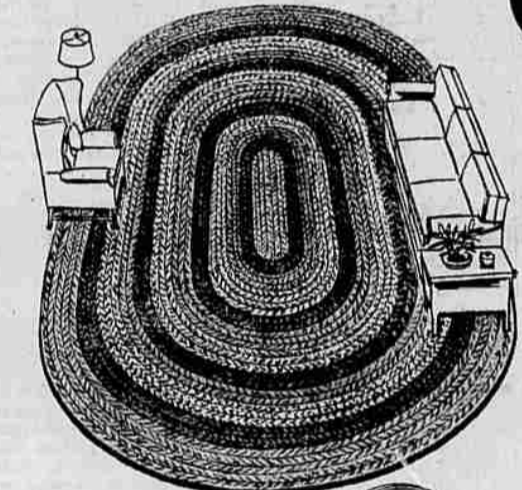
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