

Hoover Denies Any Effort To Stifle Debate Freedom

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—John Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation director, says the FBI "would never engage in any activity which might result in stifling academic freedom."

Hoover so declared in a letter to Bob Lawrence, editor of the University of New Mexico Lobo, school newspaper.

The subject of this year's national collegiate debate is whether the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China. The Lobo had quoted Dr. Wayne C. Eubank, president of Tau Kappa Alpha, honorary debating fraternity, as saying college debaters had been warned they may have their names included in FBI "raw files" for upholding the question in debates.

"I can assure you that the FBI has no interest whatsoever in college debates as such," Hoover wrote in the letter to be published today in the Lobo. "We would never engage in any activity which

might result in stifling academic freedom."

Hoover said "I was indeed surprised to see this story. I do wish you would have communicated with me first because it leaves the false impression that the FBI is desirous of obtaining the names of persons debating this question."

"This certainly is not true," Eubank told a reporter that Rep. Robeson (D-Va.) had written a letter to a Duke University debater on the subject.

"Robeson made no mention of the FBI," Eubank said, "but he asked for the names of those on the National Debating Council and the member of the Duke University faculty responsible for the debating team."

Eubank said Robeson wrote a Duke debater:

"I certainly hope you will not undertake to debate the positive position of this subject as quotations from your statements may embarrass you for the rest of your life."

Eubank termed Robeson's letter "an abridgment of free speech by a man sworn to defend the Constitution, a document guaranteeing our freedoms."

In a television broadcast Nov. 23, the Democratic congressman said the letter was written primarily through an interest in the student and he termed the resulting controversy a tempest in a teapot.

There was no attempt at intimidation or implied threat in the letter, Robeson added.

A secondary purpose of the letter, he continued, was to find out in view of this country's fixed position on Red China, who had selected the debate topic and why.

Eubank, read Hoover's letter to Lawrence, said:

"Mr. Hoover's declaration indicates that he has a very clear conception of the functions of debates and discussions in our colleges and universities. It is the type of statement that any thinking citizen would expect from his high office."

"I trust that Mr. Hoover's statement will allay any fears students may have regarding debating the affirmative side of the proposition."



NYLE DuFRESNE HALLMAN — organist from Portland was presented in recital at Peace Memorial Church December 7. This was the second in a series of organ concerts to be presented by the Klamath Falls Chapter, American Guild of Organists. With Mrs. Hallman is the Rev. D. L. Proett, also an accomplished musician. — Photo by Miller-Williams

Organ Concert Heard In KF

Nyle DuFresne Hallman, talented Portland organist, delighted an appreciative audience at Peace Memorial Church, December 7, with a versatile repertoire ranging from Handel's Suite from Water Music consisting of 20 movements through the mystic and religious Chorale in A Minor.

Her brilliant performance and interpretation of the "Baroque" and modern music with equal facility and understanding and her technical assurance and musical sense, combined to bring an enjoyable experience to her listeners.

Mrs. Hallman plays entirely from memory and the Klamath Falls Chapter of the guild was fortunate in presenting her to a Klamath Falls audience.

The program she presented follows: Suite from Water Music, Handel; Sheep May Safely Graze, Bach; Toccata in D Minor (Doria), Bach; The Fifers, Dandrieu; My Heart Is Filled With Longing, Brahms; Chorale in A Minor, Franck; The Nativity, Langlais.

Toccata on Vom Himmel Hoch, Edmundson; Greensleeves, Purvis; Divertimento, Viere; The Fountain, Delmarter and Toccata (Gothic Suite) Boellmann.

Other concerts will be presented during the coming months. Attendance is by membership card only but memberships are still available.

Postal Workers Facing Charges

PORTLAND (AP)—Two temporary postal workers, employed for the Christmas rush, were accused Monday of pocketing mail.

They are George P. Scanlon, 29, accused of taking an envelope containing \$2, and Paul S. Reeves, 37, accused of taking one containing a fountain pen. Both are from Portland.

They waived preliminary hearing and were released on recognizance.

Inactive USAF Reservists Issued Deadline Warning

Commissions of Air Force reserve officers not active in some phase of the air reserve program by January 1, 1955, may be revoked, according to information received by the 2644th Air Reserve Center at Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington.

4-H NEWS

OLENE DAIRY CLUB AND OLENE BUCKAROOS
The Olene Dairy Club and the Olene Buckaroos met December 4 at the home of Alvin, Ruth and Donald Born.

Officers for the Olene Dairy Club were elected as follows: president, Elliott West; vice-president, Peter Reiling; secretary, Ruth Born; song leader and yell leader, Marlee Breithaupt; news reporter, Alvin Born.

Officers for the Olene Buckaroos were also appointed. They are: president, Jimmy Chapman; vice-president, Lee Fieg; song and yell leader, Snarl West; treasurer, Bobby Chapman.

Dick Reiling is to give a report on the background of the Guernsey stock and Bobby Chapman is to report on the background of the Hereford stock.

Rex High, who has been a 4-H club leader for nearly 20 years, will be our leader again this year, for which we are all thankful.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Born.

The next meeting will be held January 9 at the home of Lilia Ritter.

SANTA CLAUS

GOEHSHEIM, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army shot Santa Claus here Monday—with blanks. En route to town, the local Santa blundered into an Army field maneuver, tripped and rolled down a bank. A sentinel heard the commotion and fired a blank. Other soldiers blazed away with blanks, too. The din was hideous. Santa hitched up his stomach padding and fled.

THE CATTY COOKERS

The meeting was called to order by Virginia Thomas, our leader. The purpose was to find the name of our club and to elect officers.

There are six members in our club so it wasn't hard to give everyone an office. We elected Virgie Schmoce, president; Mary Lynn Ralph, vice president; Deanna Brown, secretary; Kathleen Turner, yell leader; Isbell Sapiens, song leader and Carol Holl, news reporter.

We decided to call our club "The Catty Cookers."

SACRED HEART NOTEBOOK

By BEATRICE WALSH
Chalking up their third loss of the season, the Trojans were defeated by the Henley Hornets 52 to 35 Friday night. The Trojans were victorious again, winning their game 26 to 12. Bonanza's Antlers will tangle with the Trojans December 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Bonanza.

Madrigals will go caroling Sunday evening. They will also sing for the Neighbors of Woodcraft December 19, and for the Klamath Club December 23.

Final performance of the Marian Assembly was given yesterday evening for the Catholic Daughters. It was a combined effort to celebrate the end of the Marian Year and the approach of Christmas. The entire cast was given a treat by the Sisters following the program.

Tax System Said Needing Changes

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's tax system penalizes the man with a high income, the manager of an investment firm said Monday.

Robert M. Hall, associated with Blyth & Co., told the Portland Chamber of Commerce that as a result, Oregon has not been able to compete successfully with Washington for new industry.

Hall, chairman of the chamber's taxation committee, recommended a sales tax.

DELEGATION
TOKYO (AP)—An 18-member delegation was selected Tuesday to collect the bodies of Japanese war dead in South Pacific Islands.

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group who still have not become active in the program on January 1, 1955, will be considered for separation from the service.

The new reserve officers personnel act of 1954 has discontinued the "year of grace." It will not be offered in the future, the center has been informed.

Any Air Force Reservist wishing information about the local Air Reserve Unit, Flight B, 9417 Air Reserve Squadron, may call T. B. Snowhill at 7822 after 6 p.m.

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