

Special Interview:

Air Speaker Tells Value Of NU's Education Plans

The program of air age education at the University is one of the finest in the United States, according to Dr. John Furbay, director of air world education for Trans World Airlines.

In a special interview, Dr. Furbay pointed out that the field of air education through the schools more or less began at the University.

"Education for living in the air age," was how he termed the purpose of the Air Age Workshop presently being held here.

"It is extremely important from a curriculum point of view," he said, "because this air age hits every point of the curriculum."

He described his job at TWA as one of training American employees who would be sent to foreign posts in one of 26 countries.

He explained that he taught them, not aeronautics, but culture of their countries with the idea of adjustment to an overseas job. This includes teaching them how to

superise national employees of their particular country.

The other part of his job, Dr. Furbay explained is one of educating the public about what aviation is and its importance.

This, he said, is done mainly through the school, and consists of developing an understanding of the role of the airplane in global geography, world trade, and international relations.

Asked about Russian air power, Furbay said: "Although Russia has some very modern jet military planes, if one looks at the whole picture Russia is about 20 years behind the US."

Pointing out some of the ways in which the U.S. is superior, he explained that Russia has no international air lines, no four engine passenger planes and no appreciable number of pilots with intercontinental flying experience.

Another example of U.S. superiority is the fact that almost all the Russian airports still have grass runways, he said.

"The United States is far superior in total air power, but this shouldn't cause any let up in our efforts to keep it that way," he said.

"The best way to keep peace between the United States and Russia is for us to keep our air superiority," he explained.

In his afternoon address, Dr. Furbay discussed the role of transportation in the history of civilization.

"This history," he explained "has been in three great phases, of man's conquering the world of space . . . the ship, the wheel and finally the wing, or airplane."

"Under the 4,000 years in which the ship was the main means of transportation only 10 per cent of the world was civilized."

"The road and rails spread civilization to another 25 per cent of the world's surface."

Thus, when the airplane was first invented, only 35 per cent of the world was civilized, Dr. Furbay said.

Since that time, he explained, the airplane has opened up almost all of the remaining 65 percent of the world.

"With this has come the greatest social transition the world has ever known," Furbay said, "and it is in this world of changing relations, that air education has become so important."



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To Leave July 12

Miss Shari Lewis, the vivacious, well-proportioned brunette, who recently won the Nebraska Miss Universe contest, will leave July 12 for Los Angeles, Calif. where she will compete in the national contest. Judged on her beauty, poise and personality, Miss Lewis won over 18 other contestants at McCook.

Square Dance Fun Roundup Starts Today

Square dance enthusiasts, both veterans and beginners, will gather at the University Thursday and Friday for the annual Square Dance Fun Roundup.

The four sessions will be free and open to the public. Instruction will be given in fundamentals, simple dances and calling techniques.

The dance sessions will be held at the Union Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday; from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Friday, and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. each evening.

The program is being sponsored by the department of physical education for women in cooperation with the Nebraska Folk and Square Dance Association.

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Statesman To Discuss U.N.'s Work

Frank Porter Graham, outstanding educator and statesman, will be guest speaker at the World Affairs Preview Monday.

He will discuss "The United Nations: Its Work and Its Hope in the Atomic Age" at 2 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Graham has served as United Nations representative for India and Pakistan since June, 1951. During the previous year he was defense manpower administrator in the U. S. Department of Labor.

During 1949 and 1950, he served as U.S. senator from North Carolina.

Graham was president of the University of North Carolina from 1930 to 1949. During this period, he was the first chairman of the board of the Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Research. He was the United States' representative on the United Nations committee of good offices in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute from 1947 to 1948.

'War, Hunger Key To Future'

The nation which has the answer to fear of war and fear of hunger will have the world in its lap, John H. Furbay told a University convocation audience Friday.

"Every one of us is a soldier in this cold war, helping shape opinions and influencing the minds of men and those who do the best job will be running the world 25 years from now," he said. "That is why we must have faith in our United Nations, exploit our government's Point Four relief program overseas, fight hate with Christian love, and educate those we will have to lead."

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New High: Placement Division Finds Acute Lack Of Teachers

The need for teachers is more acute than ever according to the record of the University Teacher Placement Division.

Although three months remain in the division's calendar year, the number of requests for teachers has already exceeded last year's total by nearly 2000.

From September until June 1, approximately 19,300 requests for teachers were filed with the division. Last year's total was 8700.

Dr. Wesley Meierhenry, co-ordinator of the division, explained that the need for teachers is acute since the number of both new and experienced teachers registered with the division has remained at about 1000 for each of the last 30 years.

The number of requests, he said, rose slowly to about 3000 in 1951. Since then the totals have shot rapidly upward.

This is a typical situation in the placement office. The superintendent of one of Nebraska's larger school systems recently came in and said, "I'm still looking for a Phys. Ed. man—and Spanish."

The personnel specialist just shook his head and said, "We don't have any."

Meierhenry said the state's

larger school systems are feeling the need as well as the small schools.

"It's everybody's problem," he said.

Areas in which the shortage is most critical include music, commercial arts, home economics and almost all of the specialized skills. There also is a great need for men trained to teach in elementary schools.

One of the chief problems faced by Nebraska schools, Meierhenry said, is that other states are attracting University-trained teachers by offering starting salaries as much as \$1,000 above those offered by the average Nebraska school.

For example, one beginning teacher will be paid \$4,200 in California. Another will earn \$4,500 while his wife, also a new teacher, will be paid \$3,600 in a school in Illinois.

The average salary in Nebraska for a beginning teacher is about \$3,200.

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