

'Anything Would Be Better'—In Middle East

By Gretchen Sides
The most important question in the Middle East today is under whose auspices the coming inevitable change is going to take place, Prof. Yahya Aramjani, a native of Iran, told several University classes Friday.

"Change is the byword. The people of the Middle East believe anything would be better than today," the professor from Mclester College in St. Paul said.

This is why, Aramjani said, some experts on the Middle East say the people will follow anyone who is sincere, that they will follow anyone who is a leader.

This could explain some of Nasser's appeal since Nasser is a strong leader, Aramjani added.

"Every Arab and Turk has four problems—what to keep and what to reject of the past and what to keep and what to reject of the Western civilization."

This confusion and great desire for change are part of the nationalism of the Middle East, he said.

Another ingredient of their nationalism is extreme pride in their past.

"The weight of history is upon the shoulders of the people of the Middle East."

And it is not so much that they are proud of the past but that they want to forget the present. It is extremely frustrating to them, Aramjani said.

"They have a great inferiority complex." When three or four Arabs of Persians are together they complain of how bad the situation in their country is but they are haughty and belligerent to foreigners in order to cover up this feeling, he explained.

The Middle East is like a house with four wings, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Egypt. The other countries form the central patio, Aramjani said.

Each wing has an entrance to the central patio but Turkey and Iran have doors to other resources, he added. But in Saudi Arabia and in Egypt both countries have always expanded to the north.

"And it is almost an axiom, that any power which has had control of the center part has conquered Saudi Arabia and Egypt."

"Nasser knows enough of history to realize this. And he feels that if anybody is

going to rule it should be him," Prof. Aramjani said.

Referring to Israel, which he said was not a problem to the Turks or to Iran, Aramjani said that the rest of the middle eastern people feel that Europe made the Arabs pay for what Europe did to the Jews.

"Nearly one million Arabs are homeless," he said. The refugees have the right to go back to their land or to be compensated

for it but Israel doesn't accept this, Aramjani said.

Aramjani, who is director of the Middle East Area Studies program for four Minnesota colleges, spoke on KUON-TV.

He served as a liaison officer between the American army and the Persian government during World War II.

Recently Dr. Aramjani traveled in Iran for a year's study and last summer he traveled in Russia.



OUTSTANDING THETA SIG of the year, Sharon McDonald, receives a certificate from Dr. William Hall, director of the University School of Journalism. At right is Mrs. Lois Wille of the Chicago Daily News, guest speaker at the annual Matrix Banquet held Saturday.

Cornhusker Editor Is Chosen Again, Top Theta Sigma Phi

Spring Day Chairmen Needed

Rules Talked Over At Chairmen Meet

Each organization desiring to participate in the 1959 Spring Day celebration must appoint a house Spring Day chairman.

These chairmen will meet for the first time on April 13 to discuss the rules and participating conditions of the competition. At these meetings, all awards will be explained along with several changes in this year's program.

Spring Day is scheduled for May 1, beginning at 1 p.m. The administration has dismissed afternoon classes for the occasion.

Present plans call for a Spring Day barbecue after the games.

The winners of each competition will be announced as soon as they are known as usual, said Bob Paine, competition chairman of Spring Day. However, Paine said, this year all trophies will be awarded at the intermission of the Union-sponsored street dance to be held in the evening.

Last year several trophies were stolen during the excitement of the Spring Day events.

Japan Subject Of Econ Talk

Dr. George Kleiner, University of Illinois professor of Economics, will speak at a seminar 3 p.m. today in 212 Social Sciences.

Kleiner, who has just returned from a year's teaching at the Imperial University in Tokyo, will discuss "Japan's Economic Growth and Her Balance of International Payments."

Officers Installed By Towne Club

New Towne Club officers have been installed.

Joan Schultz is president. Other new officers are:

Mary Stastny, vice president; Colleen Wouff, secretary; Arlene Cook, treasurer; Pat O'Dell, social chairman; Rosalie Jacobs, activities chairman; and Linda Mueck, historian.

For the second consecutive year, an editor of the Cornhusker has been named outstanding member of Theta Sigma Phi.

Sharon McDonald, senior in Teachers, was announced Saturday as the Outstanding Theta Sig at the group's annual Matrix Banquet. Last year's winner was Beverly Buck Pollock, who edited the 1957-58 Cornhusker.

Speaker at the banquet, which drew a sell-out crowd of 150 Nebraska newspapermen and students, was Lois Wille of the Chicago News.

Presentations were made to winners of a yearly contest to pick the Woman Journalist of the Year in both the daily and weekly fields.

Nancy Benjamin Ray of the Lincoln Star was awarded a plaque as the Woman Journalist of the Year in the Daily Division. Mrs. Lila Thomas of the Keith County News took the honors in the weekly field.

Miss McDonald, Outstanding Theta Sig of the Year, is vice president of that organization. She is member of Mortar Board, Pi Lambda Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In making the presentation of a plaque to Miss McDonald, Dr. William Hall, director of the school of Journalism, praised women students of the school.

Parade Miss Is Possible

Navy Cadets Need 'Capacity'

NROTC students who must participate in an "official capacity" in the Ivy Day celebration will be excused from marching with the Navy unit in the Centennial parade May 2.

Capt. J. R. Hansen, head of the Nebraska unit, said, "We will decide each case on an individual basis. We are not going to interfere in any part of the Ivy Day program."

Several students raised the question of conflicting schedules requiring them to participate in Ivy Day and the parade at the same time.

According to Maj. F. T. Bockoven of the Army ROTC unit, the army men are participating on a volunteer basis and thus there is no problem of schedules.

The NROTC Battalion was informed earlier that all midshipmen "would march" in the parade.

Vo-Ag Judging Begins Thursday

The forty-first annual Vo-Ag Judging Contest will be held at the Ag Campus starting Thursday.

Future Farmers of America students from 141 Nebraska high schools will participate in the event.

Faculty members in various departments will conduct the contests.

'Checker' Gone; So Is Prof's Tie

"You'll have to forgive me for coming to class half-dressed."

Robert Sakal, associate professor of history, stood before his 8 o'clock class, his white shirt neatly buttoned at the collar, a necktie conspicuously missing.

"I've heard of this happening to people," he continued.

"You see, my wife is out of town this week, and there was nobody to check me as I left."

Red Cross Asks Liaison Help

The Red Cross College Unit has asked all living units and organized houses on campus to elect a person to serve as a liaison between the group and the Red Cross Board.

Each person would be responsible for keeping a list including house talent, persons with First Aid and Water Safety Instructors certificates and persons owning cars who would volunteer to drive for Red Cross.

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Adminy to Pull All Cards, Back Door Hustling Out

—Campaign Forecast: Hot— Council Opens Filings Today

Filings for Student Council college representatives open today, thus preparing the way for what promises to be a more heated campaign than the campus has seen recently.

Action by the Council March 18 lifted some of the restrictions from campaigns, allowing more publicity by candidates.

Requirements
Requirements for applicants are as follows:
Candidate must have completed at least one semester at the University and be in his second, third, fourth or fifth semester at the time of filing.

He must be a bona fide member of the college he wishes to represent.
He shall have a minimum

Regular University rules shall govern in determining a candidate's eligibility.
Applications may be picked up at the office of the Dean of Student Affairs at the Administration Building.
The filing will continue throughout the week, ending Saturday noon.

Apportionments
The apportionments of representatives from the eight colleges are the same as last year with the exception of Arts and Science College and Law College.

This year, Law College has one representative; last year it was not represented. Arts and Sciences added one more representative this year, bringing the total to three persons.

Teachers College may have three (at least one man and one woman); Business Administration and Architecture, three; Agriculture, two (one man and one woman); Pharmacy College, one. Of the three representatives from Arts and Sciences, at least one must be a woman and one a man.

Games Workers
Spring Day workers are needed to assist with Spring Day games, according to Bob Paine, competition chairman.

Application blanks may be picked up this week in the Union lobby.

This spring the familiar early morning lines waiting outside the M and N building and the eager students hustling in through the back door will be missing.

No one except the administration will pull cards.

The revised registration system which provides that the registrar's office will pull cards for all students on the basis of class priority will go into effect for the first time this spring.

Order
Cards will be pulled according to hours earned as of Feb. 2, 1959, and the order in which worksheets are received.

The new plan was worked out by the Student Council registration committee and the registrar's office.
Students will see their advisors, as usual between May 4 and May 15. After this, the change begins.

Cards Pulled
Following advisor appointments, students will take their worksheets to the Registrar's office, room 208 Administration, where the cards will be pulled for them.

Junior Division worksheets will be sent by the advisor to the college counselor, then to

the Junior Division Office which will process the worksheets and send them to the Registrar's office.

Seniors and juniors should turn their worksheets in to the registrar's between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., May 18; sophomores, May 19; freshman, May 20. Late worksheets will be accepted May 21.

Late
After May 21 students must wait until June 8 to register for the summer sessions, and September 9 for the fall semester.

Alternative courses should be listed according to preference (except for seniors with no alternatives) so that the registrar's office can pull those cards if necessary.

Students who know their work schedule should so indicate on the worksheet, giving name, address, and telephone of employer so that consideration may be given and the employer consulted.

Similarly, intercollegiate athletes should indicate time involved. This will be checked with the athletic office.

Top Regent Is Fined

Swanson Admits Drunk Driving

Clarence E. Swanson, president of the Board of Regents, Saturday was fined \$100 and had his driving privileges suspended for six months after pleading guilty to a charge of drunk driving.

Swanson, 61, of 2633 So. 24th, appeared in Lincoln Municipal Court on a charge arising from a Wednesday night incident in which his car was involved in a collision with a taxi.

Swanson, who also is president of Howland-Swanson, earlier had been booked on an open charge.

—Prep Debate Tournament—

'Colleagues' Scan Files, Judges Scrawl Criticism

By John Hoerner
Four-bit words like "demagoguery" and "pedagogy" were mingled with technical jargon as debaters from 22 high schools met in the annual State Tournament this week end.

Attentive judges scrawled comments concerning "clash" and the "trap" as the oratorical high schoolers discussed.

"Resolved: that we should adopt the essential features of the British system of education."

Various rounds filled 25 rooms of Social Science Friday afternoon as the week-end meet got underway. Each team had the chance to debate both the affirmative and negative sides of the question during the preliminary rounds.

'Colleagues'
In a regulation debate round the teams consist of two members each who refer to each other tenderly as "my colleague."

One team takes the affirmative and the other the negative. The first affirmative talks for 10 minutes and then the first negative takes up the challenge. The second af-

firmative and then the second negative follow.

Following this contest each team member is given five minutes in which to refute the arguments of the opposing team.

Sometimes the presentation of evidence pro and con is fired so thick and fast that one might think it was a mass card reading contest.

The debater's cards which reside in his precious file box give ready information to support or deny whatever is appropriate at the time. Magazines both popular and scholarly seem to be the main source of material.

The affirmative debaters brought out many startling statistics about "frill" courses in fishing, etc. One school, it was reported, gave a full credit course in "just plain living."

One survey pointed out by the affirmative showed that 18 per cent of the students in one high school didn't know the number of months in a year.

U.S. Leading?
The negatives fired back with evidence that the U.S. was leading the world. Education is not for the scientists

and the mathematicians, they maintained.

We need a well balanced populace, not a bunch of "scientific supermen," they said.

Also attacked by the negative was the British system of testing students at the age of 11 and then placing them into three classes for education. "Sheep, goats and dogs, one debater called it.

The judges, University debaters, listened carefully to the arguments before writing decisions and ratings of the team members.

Judges Pencil
Judges penciled notes ranging from casual correction to caustic criticism as remarks such as "read the qualifications for the quote first" and "you pace like a hungry lion" were seen.

The winning team, Lincoln Southeast, received a trophy from the Nebraska High School Activities Association, sponsors of the tourney.

A chance to attend the national debate tournament in Miami also went to the winners.

Prof. Donald Olson, University debate director, was in charge of the tournament arrangements.

Manuscripts are now being accepted for the May issue of "Scrip," according to editor Steve Schultz.

Undergraduates wishing to submit manuscripts may leave them in the envelope outside office 205, Andrews, or at the Phi Kappa Psi house in care of Schultz. They should be received by today.

"As usual we are interested in any kind of student writing," Schultz said.

"We would particularly like to see something of a type we have never published before, such as play scripts or art criticism," he said.



TOM COOPER, Lincoln Southeast debater, expresses himself on pros and cons of U.S. and British educational systems at the Nebraska High School Debate Tournament held at the University Friday. Cooper and teammate Suzy Moffitt won first place in the contest for their high school. The trophy was the third straight championship for Southeast and the right to compete in the national championships at Miami went with it. Cooper and Moffitt won seven out of eight rounds.