

Library Staff Prepares

Summer Reading List

HUMANITIES READING ROOM

Mehta, Ved, Face to Face, Walking the Indian Streets, Fly and the Fly-Bottle. Educated at Pomona College, Harvard, and Oxford, this native of India, in his late twenties, has turned from autobiography to a study of British intellectual life since World War II. Mehta's first book, Face to Face, gives the reader insight into the United States as seen by a perceptive analyst. Walking the Indian Streets is an entertaining, beautifully written account of the author's summer in India after ten years in the West. Mehta describes the problems facing himself and his homeland, both caught between their Eastern heritage and Western influence. In his most recent book, Fly and the

Fly-Bottle, Mehta conducts two parallel quests. The first is to find out what is going on inside the heads of British philosophers, such as Bertrand Russell and Richard Hare, and to find out what kind of people, in human terms, they are. The second quest is to do the same thing about present-day British historians such as H. R. Trevor-Roper, E. H. Carr, and Arnold Toynbee. Mehta conducts his study of British historians in terms of the insoluble problem of the nature of history. These three books indicate the stature of one of the New Yorker's most imposing staff members.

Gilbert, Felix, TO THE FAREWELL ADDRESS. Professor of history at Bryn Mawr College, Felix Gilbert discusses the events and

ideas which shaped the foreign policy of the early United States and led to President Washington's Farewell Address. This work places Washington's political testament in its original context, which differs greatly from that assigned by many Twentieth Century isolationists. "Because the Farewell Address comprises various aspects of American political thinking," writes Dr. Gilbert, "it reaches beyond any period limited in time and reveals the basic issue of the American attitude toward foreign policy: the tension between idealism and realism."

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Books in Other Libraries Chambers, Helen G. Clothing Selection: Fashion, Figure, Fabrics. Agriculture Library. "An introductory text, but its comprehensive coverage, up-to-date-ness, glossaries, illustrations, and bibliography enhance its interest." Denny, Grace, Fabrics. Agriculture Library. "Basically an illustrated dictionary with terms clearly and fully defined, plus identification tests for fibers and fabrics, merchandise complaints, legislation, test equipment, trade names, and references."

Bear Firman E. EARTH, THE STUFF OF LIFE. Agriculture Library. "The soil (and everything in it) and its two-way relationship with man and society, for conservation-minded readers, agriculturists, resource people, as well as all alert city dwellers generally."

Frsenkel-Conrat, Heinz, Design and Function of the Threshold of Life. Agriculture Library. "Plant, animal, and bacterial viruses and their chemistry, their history, and their probable future, illustrated with sharp photographs and good diagrams. Written for the educated layman."

American Assembly, Outer Space. Law Library "Space flight, space research, space use, looked at from peaceful, military, economic, legal, political and social points of view by a panel of distinguished scholars."

Williams Is Not Yet 'Broadway'—But Close

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L. Williams' new comedy, "A Sword For Hippolytus." "Never before produced, the play was described by the director as "a brilliant and fanciful comedy, gay and sardonic by turns." Of the author, he said, "George Williams is one of the most promising among today's younger playwrights."

The director—Dr. Joseph Baldwin, professor of Speech and Dramatic Art at the University of Nebraska, author of plays published by Samuel French, Inc., New York, and the Dramatic Publishing Co., Chicago; winner of national playwriting contests sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University and by the Birmingham, Alabama, Festival of Arts.

The playwright—George L. Williams, not yet a "Broadway" name, but close. Two of his one-act plays have been produced off-Broadway in the Seven Arts Theatre of New York. The titles were "Snugs" and "The Cave."

Perhaps a more significant success was the selection of his play "Smorling Gru" as the best play in a contest sponsored by the American Playwrights' Theatre and produced professionally in Hollywood in 1960.

Williams' first published play, "Snipe Hunt," will appear this autumn in the magazine First Stage.

The titles of his plays indicate something of Williams' fanciful wit, Baldwin points out, and the same quality is

found in "Sword for Hippolytus," which makes a sophisticated comedy out of the tragic legend of Phaedra and Hippolytus which furnished material for the best of classic and enoclassic writers of tragedy.

Williams maintains and even heightens the legendary quality of the story, and creates a delightful fantasy in which love, not death, triumphs.

Born in West Virginia, Williams now teaches English and Speech at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, Connecticut.

His first play, "In These Few Hours," was produced by the local theatre group of Man, West Virginia, in 1940. After a year's study of Drama in Cincinnati, he became an infantryman, served with the 70th and 86th Divisions in Europe and the Philippines. While he was on desert maneuvers in Death Valley, California, Army Special Services produced his musical revue "Bugle in the Dark."

He joined the student playwrights' group at the State University of Iowa, where he first met the director now staging his latest play, who was also a student in the same group. Williams' play "Threshold of Pain" was produced at Iowa in 1948, and given credit as a creative thesis.

Besides authoring musicals, long plays, and one-acts, Williams has also ventured into fiction. Two of his short stories, "The Cave," and "The Mountain," were published in The Transylvanian in 1953.

Shriver Describes Corps As 'Biggest Idea of Times'

By JOHN KESSEL

Pride in Nebraskans for their part in Peace Corps activities was acknowledged Thursday when R. Sargent Shriver, national director, spoke before University luncheon and convocation audiences.

"Eight Nebraska University graduates are now abroad carrying on our work as part of a statewide contingent of 46," Shriver said. "With 15 more in training at the present time, this is a healthy sign of your state's interest in the world at large."

Sixty-four American universities, from Hawaii to Puerto Rico, are enrolled in the Corps plan, he added, and with two-thirds of the world's young people "colored, oppressed and hungry, the Peace Corps will help put us where we belong—in the midst of the majority of the world. In this way we can express and demonstrate the importance of human dignity." Our participation, he added, gives American the chance to take part in the biggest idea of our times.

The American dream of aiding the world's oppressed has been reflected, Shriver stated, in the recent development of similar programs in 15 countries. One, El Salvador, is inaugurating its "Social Progress Corps," and has sent volunteers to Mexico City to work with American Peace Corps personnel now in training. When the two groups return to San Salvador it will



Shriver

be as a unique two-country demonstration of mutual cooperation.

Shriver, brother-in-law to President John F. Kennedy, also expressed praise for the University's American and Columbian joint effort to develop educational television facilities in South America. The plan will see some three dozen volunteers from the two countries beginning training on the Nebraska campus in August.

"Columbia is paying us a big compliment by allowing us to reach 94 per cent of that country's 16 million people," Shriver said. "This will be an ennobling experience for us; we must place all our energies into helping the Corps to thrive and grow."

He indicated growth of the Corps and its reception in far places has silenced early opposition heard in this coun-

try. "We've been in business 30 months; already we can point to the participation by nearly 8,000 Corps volunteers in the idea of supplying America's diverse talents to developing nations. Five thousand volunteers are now overseas; another 3,000 are presently in training in this country. The average age is about 25, and approximately one-third are women."

Shriver stressed no Corps projects are undertaken in a country unless the host land requests such aid. If the request is found to match America's desires for progress in that country, volunteers are sent, unless a program for the same ends is being carried out there already by others.

In Indonesia, he said, we try to coordinate our work with that of other American projects there now, but characteristically interests of the Peace Corps do not end with economic development. "We do more," he added. "We are there to help develop cultural and social standards as well."

Shriver was asked whether Corps members undertake business and administrative duties in a country. He answered that in Liberia such diverse interests as loan companies and law courts have been established upon request.

United States lawyer volunteers serve as law clerks in Sierra Leone and Nigeria, helping codify the law in those areas of Africa. In some places, where law codes

do not presently exist, requested administrative aid has been given to formulate civil procedure.

When asked what kind of Corps volunteers will be needed in five years, Director Shriver answered, "The same as today's. Skill counts, but so does quality of character."

What kind of person qualifies for service in the Peace Corps? "We have jobs for any American citizen over the age of 18," Shriver said. "We want people, first, but we're looking for a certain kind of individual—he must be able to subordinate himself to the diet and customs of the culture of the host country. He may be a carpenter, physical education specialist, or a nurse, but spirit for the work comes first with us, and then the skill."

Shriver pointed out Corps policy forbids accepting any assignments requiring Americans to be bosses. "Even though we may be more skilled, we take positions subordinate to foreign personnel."

"We sent 25 registered nurses to Tanganyika. On their own, the girls elected to discard their white uniforms and wear instead their student trainee uniforms."

"They noticed outdated and questionable medical practices almost at once but, instead of ordering immediate technique improvements, they carefully worked instead to bring up standards casually. This kind of thing takes more time, but we feel it makes us more effective and successful in the long run."

"Obsolete farm tools were in use at another location. We don't, however, make it a practice to dazzle underdeveloped farmers with a full array of new equipment, for we reason that after we leave we want the local people to be able to carry on with what workers where they are and work to take them a step or two further. That will demonstrate material success for them, which is our goal."

He said Peace Corps volunteers often are in an area where other outsiders are working. "In Tunisia our people are cooperating with Soviet satellite diesel tractor technicians operating American construction equipment. The same is true in Indonesia with teachers."

Then, with comment that drew applause, Shriver said, "Frankly, I like that. I like the idea of our putting our dedication, our zeal, our honesty and energy against communism. If you want to help, we are inviting you to go in there and show undeclared people the true intentions and face of the American people."



SOON TO BE COMPLETED—The University's new Pound and Cather dormitories.

Nebr. Begins Econ. Council

A blue-ribbon group of Nebraska leaders gave an enthusiastic go-ahead last Wednesday to the formation of a State Council on Economic Education, aimed at ridding the state of its "appalling economic illiteracy."

Meeting at the University of Nebraska, 76 Nebraskans elected Dean Charles S. Miller of the College of Business Administration as temporary chairman of a steering committee.

The committee, whose members will be named later this month, was given the responsibility of outlining by-laws and selecting a slate of officers.

The Council is expected to work actively with the University's newly reorganized Bureau of Business Research in assisting educators in preparing teachers and instituting courses on economics in the primary and secondary schools.

Pound, Cather Dorms Are Nearly Completed

By ANN SHUMAN

The Twin Towers dormitories will be completed by September in time for rush week, according to William C. Harper, director of University Services.

Both the Cather and Pound dorms are almost filled now, Dean of Women Helen Snyder said. There may even be freshmen on one or two of the floors of the new dorms. The Women's Residence Halls will be all freshmen, she said.

The estimated enrollment of new students is over 3,000, she said. The present enrollment now in mid-July is more than that of mid-August last year.

Because of the large number of students coming to the University, men will still be housed in the Capitol Hotel as well as in Selleck and the new Cather dorm.

Boys will probably be in Cather for at least two years, Harper said, until a new men's dorm can be completed.

The plan is now, he said, to get a contract for a residence hall for men opposite the Nebraska Hall parking lot on 17th Street.

September, 1965 is the present plan for the completion of that dorm, he said.

The building would have approximately the same 900 person capacity that the Twin Towers has, he said. However, the building will not be like the Towers.

Each room in the Twin Towers is 10 X 17 feet plus closet space. There is roughly

190 sq. ft. of space in the rooms, Harper said.

"Each room, we feel, has very satisfactory closets," he said, "with three or four feet of space."

The rooms also contain built-in desks and dressers with shelves and bookcases above the desks. At either end of the desks are medicine cabinets with mirrors, he explained.

Each room has two windows which can easily be washed from the inside. The windows are designed so that each person will have a window on his side of the room.

Other features of the dormitories include a lounge on each floor and a washing machine and dryer on each floor.

The central building between Cather and Pound includes the dining area, two recreation areas, a music room and a laundry and dry cleaning room for linen and laundry to send out.

The dining area will be used by everyone in both new dorms and in the Women's Residence Halls. Two seating areas, two cafeteria lines and a moving tray line for used dishes will be included in the facilities, said Harper.

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