

# 'It's a Religion' Tour Winner Looks at Europe's Reds

Editor's Note—The Student Life Committee and the YMCA make available a Scholarship for summer travel to an A&M student between his junior and senior year. Dan Davis, winner of the '51 award, visited England, Scotland, France, Holland, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. He was with a group of 23 students traveling under the auspices of the National YM-YWCA.

By DAN DAVIS

"Eight million Americans are in need of mental treatment! Forty percent of American homes have no running water! All books by Mark Twain have been removed from American public libraries, because Mark Twain preaches social justice and social justice is Communist propaganda!"

Ridiculous? Of course. But these lies are typical of the statements that were made at a huge communist rally at Trafalgar Square in downtown London. It was difficult to believe that on such a beautiful Sunday afternoon in London, the capital city of our strongest ally, the communist party was on the march.

FROM THE STEPS of Lord Nelson's monument the party spokesman made ringing denunciations of our country, and had only praise for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"Every year 2,500,000 American workers are killed in industrial accidents because of the speed-up production schedules their capitalistic bosses have forced upon them. That is the type of rearmament program

the United States would force upon England. The aim of the Yankee arms drive is to force war upon Russia, who wants only to be left alone."

So went the Communist line. RATHER PLAIN, ordinary looking individuals hawking propaganda pamphlets circulated in the hostile crowd. Occasionally the sellers barked a sharp answer to the jibes thrown at them. But mostly they just took it.

A young Englishman threatened to poke me on the nose because I bought a pamphlet to see what they had to say. It seemed that the 50,000 registered communists in England weren't making much progress. But they were certainly trying.

In France, where 40 percent of the voters are communists, it was a different story. Almost no teen-aged young people were on the streets of Paris. Our French hosts explained that the communist summer youth camps were underway. It seems that the party takes youngsters out of the city to spend a week in the fresh air, something like our boy scout camps. Except that in addition to the sunshine and exercise, the boys and girls are given a large dose of indoctrination.

IN MANY SIDE streets of Paris were huge posters showing the location of all American bases in Europe demanding, "Amie, Go Home." There seemed to be a wide-spread dislike of Americans in France, and a great deal of communist strength.

We visited Berlin immediately after the

communist youth rally in August. Our German friends took us into East Berlin by the subway system—our first glimpse behind the "Iron Curtain."

WHITE-WASHED telephone poles lined the streets. And from a crosspiece on every pole hung a gigantic flag. Portraits of "Peoples Heroes," 12 feet square, decorated the buildings.

But the thing that haunts the imagination of a traveler from the west are the children. Hard-eyed communist youth leaders marched them through the flag-draped streets in columns of four, pausing here and there to snap pictures of the youngsters against the background of Soviet trappings. Or they halted the group for a short lecture on some point of communist doctrine illustrated by a certain poster.

The children were then conducted through the "House of Soviet Culture" to get a picture of life in Russia and the communist side of the Korean war. Pictures of thousands of surrendering American soldiers and destroyed American tanks and planes were ranged side by side with the victorious North Korean armies and the Chinese "volunteers."

THE PAY-OFF came at the end of the hall. A huge room had been lined with velvet. At the far end was a massive bronze bust of Stalin surrounded by ferns and gold palm leaves. The room looked, as was intended, like a chapel.

This room, deep in the heart of East Berlin, furnished a clue to the nature of communism on the continent. A picture that we in America do not often get.

For communism is not just a political system. It is not just an economic system. It is a religion.

That fact explains in large measure the devotion and zeal with which the communist party member works — why intelligent scientists and government leaders in our own country risk their reputations, their happiness, and their lives to serve the party.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in his forthcoming book "I Was the Witness" has an illuminating paragraph concerning the vision back of the communist faith.

"The communist vision is the vision of Man without God. It is the vision of man's mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of the world. It is the vision of man's liberated mind, by the sole force of its rational intelligence, redirecting man's destiny and reorganizing man's life and the world."

To this end the communists are laboring. The pamphlet distributor in England accepts social rejection as a martyrdom which he is glad to bear for his faith.

THE VISION drives the French communist to strive to dominate his country so that the party can create a new order. It drives the German youth leaders to try to mould the minds of his charges to accept the faith.

As Mr. Chambers points out, the true communist has the power to hold convictions and act upon them. And the faith from which communism springs strikes at the heart of Christian principles, and at the heart of our Western World.

# Communists Cling To Forced Prisoner Repatriation Plan

Munsan, Korea, Feb. 14—(AP)—Communist truce negotiators presented a new prisoner exchange plan today incorporating some Allied ideas but clinging to their own demand for forced repatriation.

The Allies repeatedly have said they won't turn a single prisoner back to the Reds against his will.

The Communists have another new plan. It was drafted for the final clause of a Korean armistice. It will be unveiled Saturday before a full dress session of truce negotiators. The meeting was set for 10 a.m. (8 p.m. Friday EST).

### Three Points

Originally the Communists suggested a three-point recommendation for a high-level post-armistice conference: (1) Withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea; (2) Settlement of the Korean peace,

and (3) Settlement of other Asian problems related to the Korean question.

The U.N. agreed in principle to the first two, but balked at discussing problems other than those directly connected with the Korean war.

The Reds offered to submit a new proposal. Thursday they said it was ready. The Saturday meeting was set when Allied spokesmen said the U.N. delegation would be unable to meet earlier.

Col. George Hickman said he had not had time to read carefully the nine-point Red prisoner exchange plan, but on several points the Communists had "come to our own point of view."

While holding out against voluntary repatriation the Communists did agree to let Red Cross teams operate in prisoner of war

camps after an armistice is signed. Staff officers discussing truce supervision made little progress.

A U.N. spokesman said some minor differences were ironed out.

Col. Don Darrow said an agreement was reached on the five islands below Parallel 38 off Western Korean the Allies will hold after an armistice. U.N. troops will be withdrawn from all other coastal islands.

Neither side had anything new to offer on troop rotation or ports of entry. The U.N. held out for the rotation of 40,000 men a month and inspection at seven ports of entry on either side.

"I got the impression they (the Reds) were holding out to see if we had something new or they weren't interested in making any progress," Darrow said.

# Warren Takes Issue With Senator Taft

New York, Feb. 13—(AP)—California Gov. Earl Warren took issue tonight with a proposal by Ohio Sen. Robert A. Taft that the United States arm Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa for an invasion of Communist-held territory.

"I don't see how we can just arm 800,000 soldiers and send them to conquer China unless we are prepared to follow through and finish the job for them if they failed," Warren said on a Columbia Broadcasting System television program.

Taft, like Warren, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, told a Lincoln Day audience in Seattle last night that American arms and training should be speeded to Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-Shek on Formosa.

Warren in his remarks tonight said he disagreed with Taft on this point. Otherwise Warren confined his remarks largely to a discussion of domestic matters.

If he were to be elected president, Warren said, he would not repeat any of the New Deal or Fair Deal welfare programs, such as workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance.

His only criticism of them, he said, was in their administration and in their centralization in Washington.

A questioner on the program told Warren that some eastern Republicans had accused the California governor of being "a left-winger or a socialist."

Warren replied that he was a "socialist in no sense of the word—I have an abomination for socialism."

Warren said his critics were "unable to distinguish between socialism and social progress."

The California governor then said he was "in no sense critical of the purposes" of much of the Democratic administration's social welfare legislation.

But, he said, the states have been bypassed in the administration of this legislation and too much "power" has been concentrated in Washington.

Warren was asked specifically if he would carry on Fair Deal programs in this respect but "would be a better housekeeper," and the governor replied in the affirmative.

Warren then added that there were no Fair Deal social welfare programs "in recent years that I would repeal."

Earlier today in another television appearance here, Warren said that a balanced budget was one of his main objects if elected because "inflation is the silent partner of Communism."



# Singing Cadets Entertain at Horse Meeting

The Singing Cadets were honored with an unusual accompanist Tuesday night when they performed for the Quarter Horse Association's meeting in the MSC. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Gearhart, known as Morley and Gearhart piano team, played the accompaniment to that popular spiritual "Dry Bones." Mr. Gearhart wrote the arrangement for Fred Waring who has since had it published.

The vocal group gave a concert in Port Arthur for the Thomas Jefferson High School last weekend. After the program the students were entertained at a dance.

Sunday, the group sang at the morning services of the First Methodist Church. After the services, they were guests of the church for the noon meal. Following the luncheon they left for Prairie View A&M College. There they broadcast a 30 minute program over KLEE, Houston, and sang a 30 minute program for the assembled students.

Further plans for out-of-town concerts this spring include a tour on March 13-16, to Abilene, Brownwood, Denton and McKinney.

# Smalltown Publishers To Meet Here 23rd

Solving the mechanical problems of Texas newspaper publishers will be the purpose of the Third Annual Texas Newspaper Clinic to be held Feb. 23 in the MSC.

Co-Sponsored by the A&M department of journalism and the Texas Press Association, this year's conference will discuss how newspaper profits can be stretched and costs squeezed by more efficient pressroom operation.

Some 100 to Attend. An estimated attendance of over 100 Texas newspaper publishers and their employees will present their problems before a panel of experts who will discuss the best solutions to each problem.

Panel members during the discussion Pressroom Operation include Albert Ladyman, of the Miehe Press for Texas; Frank Tucker, acting manager, A&M College Press; and Don Norton, publisher of the Conroe Courier.

Conference Moderator. Acting as conference moderator will be Leroy Brewington, nationally recognized graphic arts authority and director of printing at Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. He is also widely known for his weekly column in Publisher's Auxiliary.

For the morning discussion on linestacking machines, panel members will include L. F. Byus, linotype expert, Mack Goode, A&M College Press, and Addison Buck-

ner, co-publisher of the San Marcos Record.

Profits Created. Although last year, gross profits of Texas newspapers were greater than ever before, net incomes were considerably below last year's level. According to Texas newspaper publishers, this is mainly due to increased mechanical costs.

After answering the publisher's questions in the morning session, the panel members will put their answers into practice by demonstrating the solutions in the A&M Press in the afternoon.

Harrington To Speak. Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the college, will give the welcome at the noon luncheon. The response will be by Brad Smith, president of the Texas Publishers Association.

Jack Gale, United Press' specialist on news transmission, will discuss "The pros and Cons of Teletypesetting" during the afternoon luncheon hour. The teletypewriter is a comparatively new development in the journalism field.

In the present method, the copy is clipped from the teletype machine and then taken to the linotype operator where it is set by hand on the linotype. When the teletypewriter is used, a perforated tape is fed directly to the linotype, where the news is automatically set.

# Vet Med Department Receives Five Mares

Five thoroughbred mares have been given to the department of veterinary medicine and surgery, A. A. Lenert, head of the department, announced today. The donor is Bud Burmester of Fort Worth.

"The addition of these animals to our clinical department will prove to be very valuable in instructional work in sterility," Dr. Lenert says.

# The Battalion

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