



"If you're gonna take up pipe smoking, maybe you'd better get one with a shorter stem!"

Scientist Predicts Nuclear Curbing

A breakthrough in the East-West deadlock on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons may be imminent, an internationally noted nuclear scientist said here recently.

Dr. G. R. Keepin, who recently returned to his post at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory after serving two years with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, expressed this opinion during a banquet talk before delegates to a "Coupled Reactor Kinetics" national conference at Texas A&M University.

Speaking on "International Cooperation and the Control of Nuclear Energy," Dr. Keepin said negotiations at the 18-member Disarmament Committee meeting this spring could result in some form of international treaty, perhaps curbing the sale or transfer of nuclear weapons across international boundaries.

"Even the achievement of such a seemingly limited agreement would, in fact, be highly significant and could well mark the beginning of a new era of expanding East-West understanding and cooperation in arms control and disarmament," Dr. Keepin declared.

He said little progress in the area of non-proliferation has been made thus far simply because the diversion of nuclear materials from peaceful to military uses has not really been a pressing problem. In the past, he noted, there have not been sufficient quantities of material available for large-scale diversion.

"But now, with the coming

worldwide proliferation of nuclear power, and its natural result, the proliferation of sensitive nuclear materials, the situation has changed drastically," Dr. Keepin noted.

"We are now in an interim period between the time when plutonium was peculiarly the province of government, because of its important military value, and a time — only three years away — when plutonium will be 'just another commercial commodity.'"

This statement was in reference to the Private Ownership of Special Nuclear Materials Act which Congress passed in 1964 and goes into effect in 1970.

"The coming widespread availability of nuclear materials will pose many new safety and security problems," the speaker pointed out. "Some recent developments have indeed intensified official concern about future illicit and black market traffic in nuclear materials or devices."

Dr. Keepin outlined the unique role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in nuclear safeguards and control. The IAEA was formed in 1957 as a direct outgrowth of former President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" program. It has grown to a total of 96 member states, representing both East and West, with essentially the same membership as the United Nations.

Dr. Keepin cited President Johnson's recent statement that the U. S. looks on the IAEA's safeguards system as one of the principal instruments for preventing the spread of nuclear weapons.

Soil, Crop Science Dept. Professor Presents Papers At New Orleans

Dr. E. C. Holt, professor of the Soil and Crop Science Department, will present two technical

papers during the annual meeting of the Social Agricultural Workers Association Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in New Orleans.

Aggie Hams Aid Hostage Citizens, Contact Relatives

Relatives of U. S. citizens held hostage in a Managua, Nicaragua, hotel by rival election factions were notified of the situation by Texas A&M ham operators.

Glen Reid of Pasadena and John Beckham of College Station were patching phone calls from A&M personnel in the Dominican Republic when the emergency arose.

A HAM IN California broke their transmissions to inform the Aggies an operator outside Managua needed assistance with calls into Texas.

Reid and Beckham contacted relatives of the hostages in Alvin, San Antonio and Taft to tell them the people held were safe.

The two-day revolution in downtown Nicaragua broke out prior to a national election. Eleven Americans were caught in the city as they left work. They were held in the Grand Hotel. All public communication from Managua was cut off as the Nicaraguan army cordoned off the downtown area.

PRESS REPORTS indicated 10 persons were killed and 100 wounded in the political uprising. No U. S. citizens were casualties and the American embassy negotiated release of the hostages, it was reported.

Aggie Exes

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Buser said that the next directory will be published this year.

THE ORGANIZATION has actually been in existence since 1878 when it was known as the "Ex-Cadet's Association." It was called the "Alumni Association" for a while, and after World War I it was officially named "The Association of Former Students."

"The association was the first agency to lend money to students," Buser said. Since 1942 more than \$1 million has been given to students through a scholarship program called the "Opportunity Award Program."

THE 'BRICK AND MORTAR' organization is a fund raising program through which the association raises money for university projects. Former students make contributions through this program which strives to meet extra needs of the university.

"Brick and Mortar" has been responsible for such things as the Memorial Student Center, the All-Faiths Chapel, Wofford C. Cain olympic swimming pool, and the university golf course.

Since 1942, \$3,500,000 has been raised through this program. BECAUSE IT HAS done so much for the university, the association deserves all the recognition that it has, and will continue, to receive.

Leadership Committee Plans Trip To Houston March 11-12

The Leadership Training Committee of the Memorial Student Center is planning a spring trip to Houston March 11-12.

Dennis Hohman, Leadership chairman, said the trip for student leaders is to "obtain views of culture, business aspects and entertainment."

Thirty-one students and four sponsors will make the trip. The students are corps leaders, student senate members, civilian student leaders, athletes, and M.S.C. counsel and directorate members.

"Two high points will be the Houston Symphony, with Andre Previn conducting, and the Alley Theatre production of 'The Sea Gull,'" Hohman said.

They will visit with the Alley Theatre cast and staff after the performance.

Other probable features of the trip are tours of Jones Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Astrodome. They will have dinner in the Warwick Hotel and the Charcoal Terrace of the Shamrock-Hilton.

On Dec. 20, Hohman and six students traveled to Houston to make arrangements for the spring trip.

"We talked with Eric Hilton of the Shamrock-Hilton and visited the Petroleum Club in the Humble Building," he said. They were able to set up arrangements for the symphony and the Alley Theatre.

Students pay \$15 for the trip but money is solicited from Aggie-exes in Houston to pay for the fees.

Prof Has Article In National Publication

P. D. Weiner, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, is the author of a technical article in the current issue of "Well Servicing," a national publication.

"An Important New Device Developed for Controlling Tubing and Casing Make-up" is the title of the feature in the magazine

of the American Association of Oil Well and Drilling Contractors.

The English word "copper" comes from Kypros, the Greek name for the island of Cyprus. Ancient Cyprus was famed for its ore.

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TV Auditions

Statewide television program to be seen in the Spring of 1967 auditioning for campus talent — vocalists, musicians, groups, dancers, variety acts.

Hour-long program, produced by Corinthian Special Productions and sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, will be produced on-location against campus backgrounds by video tape mobile unit. Performers will be paid a professional fee.

TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. FEB. 7, Room 119, G. Rollie White Coliseum