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SCONA Speaker Says

Economic Growth 'Slow' In Africa

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Only slow economic growth is being seen in Africa, a professor of the Department of Sociology at Columbia University told delegates to A&M's 15th Student Conference on National Affairs Thursday night.

There are two ways for nations to develop — in an open market or a closed one," Dr. Immanuel Wallerstein said, "and neither has been too successful in Africa."

Wallerstein said the open market or "conservative" approach

is designed to get private business to invest private capital.

"This has caused political and cultural strain on the African leaders, who view this approach as neo-colonialism," he added.

It has also allowed a few to get an increase of wealth while not touching the mass of people economically, Wallerstein said.

"Because of the economic squeeze on the peasants, it became an essential problem as to who got what few jobs were available," he commented.

He added that the conservative path has led to severe instabil-

ity of the state.

The second approach Wallerstein mentioned was the stopping of the outflow of money and the raising of import taxes, or the "radical" method.

"The radical path just doesn't work," he said.

This policy puts pressure on the key elements of the ruling regime, according to Wallerstein.

"This radical policy upset the newly-developed middle class because it meant a curtailment of political activity, and it stopped the inflow of luxury goods," Wallerstein commented.

Wallerstein said that independence created many political problems for Africans.

He said that secessionist tendencies in countries were there because of the division across geographical and ethnic grounds.

"The single party system emerged to hold the nations together," Wallerstein said.

He added that no state has been able to solve the problem in the gap of income and government expenditures.

"The middle class assumed that the government would help them obtain larger incomes, expanded facilities for education and in

general make life more pleasant," Wallerstein remarked.

The rural elements wanted more schools and more jobs, he said.

He said that, unfortunately, the limited income of the nations did not allow them to meet all of these new demands brought on by independence.

The two most important changes given to Africa by colonial powers, according to Wallerstein, were a map and an incorporation of countries into a national unit.

"These new territories, or colonies, became more important than the previously existing political entities," Wallerstein said.

This caused a change in the power structure, and from this development a new middle class society, according to Wallerstein.

"There was a pressure exerted by colonial forces to get the people to urbanize and to weaken the tradition power—the tribal chiefs," he added.

Colonial rule was a time of great disorder and there was a growing national movement rooted in the mass of people, Wallerstein said.

Colonial powers granted independence to Africa for many practical reasons, he said.

"They (colonial powers) granted Africa independence," Wallerstein said, "but kept very important cultural and economic ties with them."

SCONA XV Tonight

Roundtable Session — 1:30-5 p. m.

"Africa and World Affairs"

Open Forum — 8 p. m. MSC Ballroom

—Arthur N. L. Wina
Paul S. Slawson
All Roundtable Chairmen

Saturday

Roundtable Sessions — 8-9:45 a. m. MSC

"African-American Relations"

Plenary Session — 11 a. m. MSC Ballroom

Round-Up Speaker

—His Excellency Ebenezer Moses Debrah

WEATHER

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Wind Southerly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 75, low 38.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Wind Southerly 10 to 12 m.p.h. High 72, low 43.

African Nations Recognize Development Need: Murphy

Pam Troby
Battalion Staff Writer

All African nations have come to recognize the need for industrial development, a vice president of the African-American Institute said here Thursday.

E. Jefferson Murphy, moderator of the economics panel at the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs, said that there are five basic requisites for industrial development: a system of policies, laws and procedures that facilitate industrial development; possession of natural resources; available markets; an adequate labor supply; and capital or mon-

national Telephone and Telegraph, and Arthur Wina, former Minister of Finance of Zambia, were also on the panel.

Slawson said that industries such as copper mining and other low technology industries exist in Africa, but that ITT is trying to introduce electronic manufacturing.

"The challenge is to find Africans who can take over and run the companies," he said.

"ITT has five major objectives: to grow as the country grows; to establish a local base; to look for profits; to find a market for large equipment such as earth satellite ground stations; and to find some primary commodities that can be marketed in the United States," Slawson said.

"We have tried to adopt and accept local priorities, but poor roads and communications systems, political and economic instability and cultural attitudes don't help," he added.

"Private investors and government must play a partnership role in industrial development," Wina said.

"Foreign capital, initiative and know how have been indispensable," he added, "but many bilateral agreements have had too many provisions to them."

"Loans can be put to the best use when they are channeled through international organizations such as the World Bank because that removes many claims made on African governments," Wina said.

Taste-In Set For Sunday In Student Center

Gourmet foods will be served to A&M faculty and students Sunday during the open house taste-in sponsored by the Host and Fashion Committee of the Memorial Student Center.

Two prominent local chefs, Robert Tapley, owner of the Texas Restaurant, and Fred Dollar, director of food services, will serve some of their specialties in the Birch Room of the MSC from 8 to 10 p. m., according to Mrs. Dale Torgerson, chairman.

Franklin Simon, proprietor of Franklin Simon's Liquor Store, and James Pye, research assistant at the Data Processing Center, will answer questions about wines, she said.

Members of the committee, she added, will wear hostess gowns provided by Beverley Braley, but students should dress informally.

Czech Professor To Speak Monday

Dr. Vaclav Hunacek, Czechoslovakian professor in Texas 10 months as a language consultant to the Texas Education Agency, will speak Monday to the Texas A&M Czech Club.

The 7 p. m. presentation on Czechoslovakia in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room will be open to all interested persons, announced Dr. Jack A. Dabbs, Modern Languages Department head.

Hunacek was recommended for the TEA consultancy by Dr. John M. Skrivaneck of the A&M department, who interviewed applicants during a year study in Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Hunacek, 37, teaches language at Charles University in Prague, the oldest university in Central Europe. Skrivaneck worked at the institution during his research trip.

Dr. Hunacek was sent to the U.S. by the Czech Ministry of Education and is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education.

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TALKING IT OVER

Delegates to the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs take a break and exchange opinions informally during one of Thursday's roundtable discussions in the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Jim Berry)

'7 Carry, 12 Drag'

SCONA Roundtable Score

By George Scott
Battalion Staff Writer

There was the folding of arms; the stirring of coffee provided by conference officials; the interesting talk of a very few; and the unimpressive looks of a "silent majority."

Seven talked, four participated and 12 sat back and "soaked up" the dialogue.

What's this?

Supposedly a roundtable dis-

cussion at A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs.

"Some of you haven't been talking in these discussions and I don't want to embarrass anyone by having to call on them

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to participate," Dr. Alan Waters, co-chairman of the panel, told delegates of one of the panels.

Despite the pleas of the discussion leaders, very few students

did actively participate in the talk about Africa's economic problems.

One notable exception was a junior government major from Boston University.

"It's time for this country to become altruistic. Africa needs capital; let's give to them without political strings," Paul Haley said.

Haley disagrees with SCONA's (See SCONA, page 2)

Civilians Elect Olson VP On Alexander's Resignation

By Dave Mayes
Battalion Editor

The Civilian Student Council Thursday elected junior Mark Olson first vice president after David Alexander resigned from the office for academic reasons.

Olson, president of Moore Hall, defeated council secretary Bill Scherle in an 11-8 vote of council members.

Alexander told the civilian student governing body that resigning his position was "the hardest thing I've had to do in my life."

With a show of reluctance that nearly resulted in a refusal to act on his request, the council accepted Alexander's resignation and proceeded to elect his replacement.

In earlier business, the council authorized president Larry Schilhab to draft a critical letter to Humble Oil Co., sponsor of the Humbled Radio Network football broadcasts.

Introducing the subject, Schilhab said that he and others have noted that the Humble announcers covering Aggie football games "have a bad habit" of referring to all the A&M students as "cadets."

"There are quite a few of us who believe that this is an injustice to our sector, and we share the feeling that we ought to let them (announcers) know that there is a body of civilian students at A&M."

Schilhab added that the letter should also point out that "at the same time, of course, we're all Aggies."

Garry Mauro, president of Keathley Hall said the announcers "rubbed him the wrong way" and that they should "let us have

our fair share of glory on the football field."

Howard Perry, director of civilian student activities, cautioned the council to word the letter carefully if they passed it, noting that saying "cadets" could be an unconscious thing with the announcers.

Schilhab was directed to draft and send the letter to Humble by an all but unanimous council vote. Only Van Kinerd, president of Milner Hall voted "no."

Mauro, chairman of the Civilian Week-Weekend Committee reported that the annual civilian event was scheduled for April 20-25. He noted that at present no Town Hall attraction had been scheduled for the Saturday of the week but added that efforts were still being made with the Town Hall committee to secure one.

The council also accepted the resignation of sophomore assistant Roger Miller, who said his recent election to a regional chairmanship of student unions

did not allow him time to do his CSC job justice.

In committee reports Pat Wertheim, chairman of the Civilian Menu Board, noted that \$11,000 could be saved annually if students bused their own trays in Sbis Dining Hall.

A spokesman for the Student Apartment Council said that 300 cans of food for the needy had been collected from student apartment dwellers.

Mary Hanak of University Women told the council that the coeds have organized their own intramural football league. She added that UW's handbook for A&M coeds would soon be ready for distribution.

Mauro reported that between 1,800 and 2,200 civilians worked daily on last month's Bonfire, adding that this was more than the number of corps members who worked. He and other councilmen criticized The Battalion for running pictures of cadets and not civilians working on the Bonfire in the paper's Bonfire issue.

Columbia Geology Professor Here Tuesday in UL Series

Geological and Geophysical phenomena in the continental margins of North America will be the topic for the third presentation Tuesday in A&M's 1969-70 University Lecture Series.

Speaker for the 8 p. m. public presentation in the Memorial Student Center ballroom will be Dr. Charles L. Drake, chairman of Columbia University's Geology

Department and a participant in numerous deep-water research programs.

His lecture is entitled "The Continental Margin of Eastern North America."

Drake joined the Columbia faculty in 1948 after receiving a geological engineering degree from Princeton. He earned his

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Students Here Christmas Told To Live In Dorm 22

A&M students who will be on campus Dec. 20-Jan. 4 should make immediate arrangements with residents of Schumacher Hall (Dorm 22) for use of a room during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

"A signed note of permission from all occupants of the suite he expects to occupy should be turned in by 5 p. m. Friday, Dec. 19," announced housing manager Allan M. Madeley.

All residence halls and dormitories except Schumacher will be closed and locked during the holiday period to conserve utilities and protect student property, Madeley explained.

"There will be no extra charge for students signing to remain on campus during the holidays," he added.

Students who reside in Schumacher and plan to remain in their rooms during the holidays should sign for the room at the Housing Office so they can be located if the need arises.

Madeley said all halls except Schumacher will be closed at 6 p. m. Dec. 19 and unlocked at 1 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 4.

He noted that any student, including permanent occupants, found living in Schumacher during the holidays but unregistered

will be subject to disciplinary action, along with students found in any of the locked halls without permission.

Students remaining on campus will have to make dining arrangements either at the Memorial Student Center, which will go on an abbreviated holiday schedule, or off campus. University dining halls will close after the Dec. 19 evening meal and reopen for breakfast on Monday, Jan. 5, when fall classes resume.

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Ed Rogers, YMCA Cabinet member (left), Monty Goff, cabinet secretary-treasurer, Richard Hodge, senior adviser, and Otway Denny, publicity chairman, address Christmas cards to Aggies serving in Southeast Asia. The Association of Former Students provided names, addresses, cards, envelopes, and stamps for the YMCA's annual project. Card designed is by Dr. James Earl, Cadet Slouch cartoonist.