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THE DEAN RETURNS

Senor, Signor, Sahib, Dean Shirley recently returned to Syracuse from India where he attended the Annual World Forestry Congress sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN. The first stop on the trip to India was Madrid where he visited the Forestry College and Forest Research Institute, where says the Dean are some of the most beautiful buildings dedicated to the study of forestry he has ever seen. The Forestry School there has 150 carefully selected and brilliant students and the curriculum extends over five years. Foresters in Spain are called mountain engineers as so much of the work is for erosion control. Oaks are not only raised for their cork, but also for acorns; and willow limbs are used as livestock fodder. Dean Shirley attended a meeting of the Spanish Forest Society, an organization which parallels our American Society of Foresters. He also met with Julio Molleda, a P&F grad who is now employed by the Spanish Industrial Institute and is helping in establishing three new pulp mills.

The second stop was Rome, where he visited the FAO offices and met Oscar Fugalli, a Ute grad employed by the FAO. Also while in Italy Dean Shirley visited the Italian Forestry College located at Florence, which is a four year college enrolling about 120 students, 2/3rds of whom have scholarships.

Istanbul (not Constantinople) was the third stop and proved to be quite different from other cities. The Turkish Forestry School numbers about 200 students, who receive pay for their four years in school. (The editor discussed the possibility of incorporating this idea at our College.) Three Turkish foresters who were at our College for a while, Edip Osturk, Sadi Binay, and Hasan Solin, met the Dean in Istanbul.

After stops in Beirut, Karachi, and New Delhi, the Dean arrived at Dehra Dun, the site of the Congress and also the location of the Indian Forestry School and Forest Research Institute at the base of the majestic and beautiful Himalayas. The first five days were consumed by excursions to various areas of forestry significance, one of which was deep in the Himalayas. The Congress itself was in session from December 11 to 22, discussing the role and place of forested areas in the general economy and economic development of a country. English and French were the official languages of the conference. Nine people from the U.S. were there, including Ronald Lenner '52 who used his leave from the Army to attend the Congress. He was financed by hiring himself out as a courier. Dean Shirley said that there was a great interest shown on the subject of forestry education. Malhotora, Venkatas, and Karamchandani, grads of the College, served as guides and entertainers for the Dean during his stay in India.

It may sound that the Dean did nothing, saw nothing, and heard nothing but forestry, but he considers his trip a great success and a most informative one.
At the meeting last Monday it was decided that a new and better organized bulletin board for the lounge will replace the present unsightly and disorderly one. A traditions committee was suggested to act as leader in school spirit and would be responsible for organizing clubs, maintain the Club bulletin board, and list and encourage existing traditions.

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

This school took place at Lake Placid from Dec 28 to 31. Paul Vandyke was the director and Ron LeBeau (previously of the class '55) was second in charge. Chuck Ward served as an instructor and guide and four other foresters were there including Jerry Klein and Herb White.

In the Adirondacks over the vacation, but not at the Mountaineering School were Chuck Mahoney, Ron Love, Bob Steinholtz, Paul Foster, and Eric Cronkite who all went climbing.

Prof Hieberg will be home in two weeks after several months in Europe

Prof. Jerry Kovalcik would like to have several recruits for a college debate team. A State University debate tournament will be held in April or May and it would be fine to have our college enter a pair of teams. The question for debate is "Resolved, that the U.S. should extend diplomatic recognition to Communist China."

"There are many capable fellows here," says Kovalcik. "I hope that several will come in to see me at 118 Bray within a few days."

Our sympathy to William Orcutt, whose father passed away over Christmas vacation

St. Regis Paper Company is offering a scholarship of $800 for each of two years to be awarded to an outstanding junior in General Forestry. Each scholarship winner will be offered employment during the internship summer on some forestry project. All interested sophomores see the registrar for details.

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"...Christmas vacation is an island of respite in the long swim across the hazardous waters of the academic year. It is a pleasant and happy respite... etc, etc." *

* From the last issue of KNOT:OLE by Dean Jahn.