



DR. NEAL RIEMER, associate professor of political science, adds his views at the U.C.A. conference on religion and public education held last night at the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

Middle Eastern Understanding Given as Aim by DeNovo

Few Americans understand the culture and foreign policy of the Middle East, said Dr. John A. DeNovo, associate professor of American history, who is writing a history of American relations with the crisis-ridden area from 1900 to 1939.

DeNovo has tentatively titled his book "American Interests and Policies in the Middle East: 1900 to 1939." He started the book two years ago and is working on it this summer under a grant from the Social Science Research Council.

DeNovo believes that our national lack of knowledge is a barrier to the formation of intelligent public opinion needed to support American foreign policy.

"As a nation we are behind in our homework about the Middle East," DeNovo said. He said that although the region is a vital stake in the cold war, its history and culture are taught in almost no American high schools and few colleges and universities.

He advocated strengthening of existing graduate research centers and an increase in basic social science research in Middle East studies. Diplomats and journalists working in the Middle East should have special training for that area, he said.

The general public can learn about the Middle East through an increase in newspaper and magazine articles, books and radio and television programs about the region, DeNovo said.

The American interests in the Middle East go back at least 100 years, he related—and private American technical assistance to the Middle East dates back to 1830, when American experts advised the Turkish Navy. The discovery of oil in the Middle East gave America a major economic stake in the area between the two world wars, he said.

DeNovo said the United States must take the gamble of a long-range program of accelerated economic aid to the Middle East to help combat its poverty.

Military efforts, such as extending NATO to include Greece and Turkey and the establishment of the Baghdad Pact and the Eisenhower Doctrine, are not the complete answer, he said. In fact, he considers the Baghdad Pact a failure and the Eisenhower Doctrine ineffective.

"Arabs do not respond to the notion of protecting western democracy against Red expansion," DeNovo said. "They never have known political democracy of the western variety. The Arabs feel that the United States does not understand them or the strong force of Arab nationalism."

DeNovo said that government and private capital should be used to develop an economic aid program. Other countries and the Middle Eastern nations themselves should cooperate in the venture, he said.

Grad Receives Prize

A paper prepared by Ronald P. Gehman, of Conestoga, who received his bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering at the University last month, was awarded first prize in the national competition sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.



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Program to Begin For Steelworkers

By JANET DURSTINE

Steelworkers will be looking into their jobs, their responsibility to the community, leadership skills and their own thinking in a 5-week Steelworkers Institute which will begin Monday on campus.

The institute is divided into five 1-week sessions. About 150 men are expected to attend each session.

The institute, which will begin its 14th year at the University, is the oldest and largest in the country. About 25 other institutions in the country have similar programs.

An individual may attend the institute for four years, taking a different course of study each year. The first-year program is "The Steelworker and His Job," which covers local union administration, labor history and grievance administration.

The second-year program, "The Steelworker as a Citizen," covers citizenship responsibilities on local, state and national levels, legislative and political issues and community affairs.

The third-year program, "The Challenge of Leadership," includes training in effective speaking and writing and discussion leadership relating to committee meetings. The men participating in the third-year program publish an institute newsletter.

The fourth-year program, given only the first two weeks, is "The Steelworker and the World of Ideas." In this program, the men study literature and philosophy, in order to analyze their own thinking processes and ideas.

According to Helmut J. Golatz, assistant professor of industrial relations and director of the institute, the fourth-year program is still in the experimental stage.

Participants come from all nine steelworker districts in Pennsylvania, and some come from West Virginia, Maryland and Ohio. The local union elects the participants and generally pays room, board,

tuition and time lost from work. Those who attend are usually local union presidents, office members of the grievance committees and shop stewards.

Classes are held in the morning and early afternoon, recreation and optional workshops in the late afternoon and optional sessions in the evening.

The institute is sponsored by the Department of Labor Education, Dr. Eugene Myers, associate professor of economics, is chairman of the first-year program; H. C. Harlan of the American Foundation for Continuing Education, the second-year program; Dr. Harold J. O'Brien, associate professor of speech, the third-year program; and Dr. Arthur O. Lewis, associate professor of English literature, the fourth-year program.

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