

Whitney Predicts Launching of Red's Sputnik



Jo Marie and Anne talk with Whitney.

It is extremely unique that on the Eve of the 40th Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, the Lecture Series of Salem College had for its speaker an Associated Press expert on Russia. Thomas P. Whitney, whose lecture topic was the "Outlook of Russian and United States Relations," is the Associated Press Foreign News Analyst who said, "It would not be surprising if the Soviet Union succeeded in shooting into space the first artificial satellite." Today these prophetic words have come true and have influenced a dominating part of our American policies.

Thomas P. Whitney has specialized in Soviet affairs for twenty years. His prime interest, since he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude* in three years from Amherst College in 1937, has been of Russia. He studied the Russian language at the University of California, and spent three years of advanced studies of Russian and Eastern European History at the Graduate History School of Columbia University.

In September, 1941 he joined the offices of the Strategic Services as a specialist in intelligence analysis of the Soviet Economy. In 1944, he became Chief of the Economic Section of the U. S. Embassy in Moscow. He remained in Moscow for nine years. From 1947-53, he was a staff correspondent of Associated Press in Moscow. Since 1953 he has been writing and interpreting Soviet and general world affairs at the Foreign desk of the Associated Press in New York.

My cohort, Anne Fordham, and I were fortunate to have an early morning interview with Mr. Whitney at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. We found him still an alert and smiling personality, even though he'd been traveling since early morning. Sitting in the middle of the room relaxed and at ease, he answered the many questions put to him by the *Journal-Sentinel* staff writer and the *Salemite* representatives.

This interview was mainly aimed at the historical background of the Bolshevik Revolution; Russia's advancement in fields of education and economy; its dealings with the people and their ideas in response to their Communistic government.

Mr. Whitney has made only a few trips to the South and seemed to regret not being able to spend more time here during his trips. His home is now in New York. He is married to a Russian woman who accompanied him back to America. During his lecture he pleasantly expounded how interesting and sometimes more than interesting it was to see his wife's reactions to the American way of life.

Mr. Whitney, who is an extremely friendly person with the neatness and crew-cut of the American man, had dinner here at Salem. Afterwards he was escorted by students, faculty, and town people to the Friendship Rooms of Strong for after-dinner coffee, that was sponsored by the International Relations Club. The atmosphere at this coffee-hour was of informal talking, and Mr. Whitney spoke of some of his personal experiences in Russia.

Because of these personal experiences with the Russians, the lecture which he delivered after the coffee was unusually enlightening. He gave his opinion of the state of affairs between Zhukov and Krushev and their effect on the United States and a possible World War III.

In part of his lecture, he took his audience on a trip to Russia. This trip was to show the extreme progressiveness and extreme backwardness of Russia. A commercial jet airliner, Sputnik, a giant atom-smashing machine, and a nuclear ship used in cutting through the ice of the Baltic Sea and the Arctic Ocean are representative of the progressiveness of Russia. An only paved road, thatched roofs, amateur T. V. stations of little voltage, villages with dirt roads, and log cabins compose the extreme contrasts of the country.

In this backwardness of Russia lies the key to Soviet understanding. Even though Russia has advanced greatly in the scientific fields, we have always to remember that there is a great deal of undeveloped potentiality and backward customs—which leaves much to be desired.

—Jo Marie Smith

This Week... I Heard

Around about . . . this week . . .

I heard the Chorale Ensemble practicing Appalachian Christmas Carols for their tour in New York the first weekend in December. I heard Lynne Hamrick and Gerry McIlroy perfecting their solos for TV debuts on "Look Up and Live."

I heard squeals of congratulations directed at Babcock Dormitory residents Libby Pittard, Sweetheart of the Kappa Sig. fraternity at Davidson, and Esther Adams, recent recipient of a Kappa Sig. pin.

I heard Dr. Welch's voice penetrating the halls of third floor main hall "now let's take up Erasmus"

I heard the student council discussing the cut system . . . and I thought that the objection that unlimited cuts would be weakening to Salem students academically was not a valid one. I asked myself, "Has the administration confused us with Salem Academy? Don't we come to college to learn to make choices and decisions? Can we ever attain maturity if we are sheltered and protected all our lives?"

I heard Clarice Long accepting her third date to Davidson Homecoming . . .

I heard Miss Sampson screaming at Miss Roberts across the bridge table, "You're never supposed to trump your partner's trick!" I heard the other two members of the permanent foursome, Mrs. Chatham and Mrs. Patterson, campus bridge authorities and Goren's disciples, patiently explaining that third in hand plays as high as she can.

I heard Hila Moore's unorthodox, but powerful volleyball serve vibrating against the gym wall.

I heard a study group thrashing out the pros and cons of the nominating committee, and I wondered again why the seniors are in a better position to know the capabilities of underclassmen—especially when they have to flip through the annual every time a sophomore, freshman or junior's name come up for consideration. I wondered if nominating from the floor would be too confusing and time consuming. I wondered if a better representation from each class to the nominating committee would make Salem students feel that they had a larger part in nominating their leaders.

I heard Mr. Stevens' hardy laugh as he viewed the comical antics of Mary Jo Wynne at play practice.

I heard the AA council suggesting a bridge tournament.

I heard the IRS council organizing their final plans for the Christmas Dance . . . and I wondered who I would ask . . .

I heard Dr. Gramley is a grandfather. Congratulations!

—Margaret MacQueen

NSA Head Visits Salem

Kay Wallace, Campus International Administrator for the United States National Student Association, was a guest on Salem's campus last Friday. She talked with various student leaders and Mrs. Heidbreder about our foreign student and international program.

Three areas that Kay stressed were: making the American student aware of the world in which he lives and the responsibilities which will confront him; interpreting the overseas work of the USNSA to member campuses and acquainting them with the world student community; assisting in the integration, in the non-mechanical sense, in the campus or collegiate community of the students from abroad in a manner facilitating a meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences.

Kay also told of the USNSA's activities; aiding student governments in solving present problems and developing new concerns. This organization with some 320 members represents 800,000 students. The USNSA provides ideas for our campus in response to expressed campus needs.

Calendar

- Saturday, November 16—
Salem-Davidson Day
Duke-Clemson
Wake Forest-Virginia
- Sunday, November 17—
6:30 Vespers, Little Chapel, program by the Moravian Student Fellowship
Movies:
Carolina "The Joker Is Wild," with Frank Sinatra, Mitzi Gaynor, Jeanne Crain
- Monday, November 18—
8:00 Morning Chapel
1:45 Day Student Meeting
4:45 Volleyball Practice
5:00 Student Government
6:30 "Y" Cabinet

Dinner Given For Faculty

On Tuesday afternoon at a quarter to five, Mrs. Snow's Home Management girls entertained Mrs. Gramley, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Meigs, Dr. Hixson, and Mrs. Lovett at a formal dinner.

Ten girls in the class planned and served the meal. The appetizer, a pineapple mint cup, was followed by a salad with sour cream dressing. The main course included roast beef, asparagus with white sauce, a sweet potato casserole, and hot biscuits. For dessert, the guests were served cafe frappe, which is a dish made with sweetened coffee frozen to a mush and topped with whipped cream.

Although the girls will have other guests throughout the year, this was the only formal dinner they will give.

- 6:30 Bermuda Party, Old Salem Reception Center
- 7:30 Humanities Club
- Tuesday, November 19—
1:45 N. S. A., Mary Curtis Wrike
- 6:10 Choral Ensemble leaves to sing for the Music Study Club of Danville, Va.
- 4:45 Volleyball Practice
- 6:30 I. R. S.
- 8:30 Civic Music, "Cavalcade of Song"
- Wednesday, November 20—
8:00 Morning Chapel
4:45 Volleyball Practice
- 6:30 A. A.
- 7:30 Salemite
- 8:30 "Twelfth Night," Pierrettes
- Thursday, November 21—
7:15 Communion
1:45 Paul Pegram Quartet
4:45 Volleyball Practice
8:30 "Twelfth Night," Pierrettes
- Movies:
Carolina "Noah's Ark"
Winston "Around the World in 80 Days"
- Friday, November 22—
8:00 Morning Chapel
4:45 Volleyball Practice

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