



The five participants in Appalachian State University's Symposium on U. S. Foreign Policy in Asia answered newsmen's questions Thursday after a press luncheon held in the ASU cafeteria. Left to right are Frederick W. Flott, a member of the State Department; Dr. Hans G. Morgenthau of the City Uni-

versity of New York; Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer, former U. S. Ambassador to Japan; Dr. Robert E. Clute of the University of Georgia; and Dr. David N. Rowe of Yale University. Local news media as well as three regional television stations attended the press conference with Appalachian officials.

Former Ambassador, Analyst Against Nixon On Cambodia

Former U. S. Ambassador to Japan, Edwin O. Reischauer and political analyst Dr. Hans Morgenthau firmly disagreed with President Nixon's statement of Cambodian policy Thursday night during a symposium on U. S. Foreign Policy in Asia held on the Appalachian State University campus.

"It is pretty difficult for someone who has cawed like a hawk for the past two decades to now coo like a dove," Reischauer said, but he maintained

that he was depressed by the President's taking a step back toward war just when he was moving out.

He stated, "I am not saying that the President has made a mistake with regard to this decision, but I am depressed by the fact that we had to use American ground troops."

"Perhaps," he said, "the President is too easily pushed over into going back to military responses. At least something was happening that would make everybody feel that Vietnam-

ization was no longer a usable fig leaf to cover our nakedness as we withdrew."

The ambassador added that he was even more depressed by the "explanations" the verbiage that accompanied the President's announcements.

Reischauer explained, "Nixon keeps talking about a victory in Vietnam, and every time he says this, he sows himself in more and more to what will have to look like a victory."

"He's going to get into a Johnson-type situation and not be able to go through with his withdrawal," he concluded.

Dr. Morgenthau judged Nixon's address "unpersuasive and unconvincing because of its contradictions."

"I observe first of all that the President," Morgenthau said, "has not mentioned the one event which led to the present crisis. That is the coup d'etat against Prince Sihanouk."

He continued, "If these sanctuaries in Cambodia had been tolerated for the past five years under Sihanouk, why have they now become intolerable. If they threaten the lives of U. S. soldiers, they must have been doing so for the past five years."

"Another inconsistency," Morgenthau said, "is that with widening the war, by embarking on search and destroy missions in a new theater of war, one saves American lives."

"I hope the casualty records released next week will bear out Mr. Nixon's statement," he added.

NO OTHER CHOICE
Another panelist, State Department career officer Frederick W. Flott, differed with the

political scientists. He said that the President had no other choice than to send troops across the Cambodian border.

"The action could have been more restrained," Flott said, "but I am glad that it was not. Now there is no misunderstanding about the seriousness of the issue."

A fourth panelist, Dr. David N. Rowe of the political science faculty at Yale University, said that the Cambodian decision could not be taken by the American people as a surprise.

He said, "I would argue that the President has prepared us gradually for this possibility in every case. He has never given us a blanket promise that he would not take this action."

He concluded, "We should have suspected that the road to Vietnamization would not be a smooth one."

Dr. Robert Clute, a political science professor at the University of Georgia, moderated the panel.

The panel discussion of the President's address concluded a day-long symposium during which the five speakers gave their individual views on the United States' Asian policy and involvement.

An audience in excess of 1,000 attended the 13-hour forum in Appalachian's Broome-Kirk Gymnasium. Classes on the campus were dismissed for the day.

Dr. Reischauer Says Cambodia Not A Vietnam

Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer, who served as the United States Ambassador to Japan from 1961 to 1966, said last week at Appalachian State University that the United States will not have a Vietnam-type involvement in Cambodia.

"The American people and the American Congress have very generally turned away from this type of approach to our Asian problems," he said.

Speaking as one of five prominent political scientists in a Symposium on U. S. Foreign Policy in Asia staged on the campus Wednesday, Reischauer maintained that President Nixon and his advisors are deeply interested in trying to get us out of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Anticipating Nixon's remarks to the nation that night, the Ambassador said, "I hope the President has a very strong resolve about beyond which lines he will not go. But I can imagine him taking a very perilous course of saying I will have a little involvement because, given the situation and the strength of the Saigon forces, we could clear out these communist bases in Cambodia and thereby really relieve pressure on Vietnam."

Reischauer and the other participants listened as Nixon's message to the nation was piped into Broome Kirk Gymnasium and then commented on the President's policy.

Evaluation Team Visits Schools

An evaluation team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was here last week to take a look at the elementary schools of Watauga County.

The county schools became affiliated with the Southern Association, the highest accrediting agency in the South, in July of 1967. It then submitted self-study plans leading to an evaluation for accreditation.

The team met Wednesday afternoon, April 29, at Watauga High School and spent the following day divided among the

various schools. The result of their look-see will be learned this December, according to Swanson Richards, Superintendent of Schools.

The team comprised personnel from the State Department of Public Instruction, college personnel, superintendents, supervisors, principals and teachers.

Their chairman was Dr. John Bridgman, director of the Advancement School in Winston-Salem.

The chairman of the central committee was Dr. Paul Buchanan of Jackson County. This committee included Miss Madeline Tripp, Miss Marie Halwood, Dr. Arnold Hoffman, Miss Nedra Mitchell and Marvin Johnson, State Department of Public Instruction; and Dr. Dick Robinson of Appalachian State.

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Minor Accident On East King Last Saturday

A minor accident occurred in downtown Boone about 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

Officer Zane Tester reported \$300 damage to the front end of a 1963 Plymouth driven by Erma L. Jones, 26, of 205 Mary St., Johnson City, Tenn., and charged the driver with following too closely.

The Plymouth hit a car driven by Susan Caldwell Isley, 16, and owned by Charles Lee Isley Jr., of Boone. Damage to the back end of the vehicle was put at \$200.

The accident was on East King Street near Grand Boulevard. Miss Isley told the officer a car pulled out in front of her, forcing her to stop.

Mrs. Jones, who was hospitalized for treatment, reported that she was unable to stop.

Camps Topic At Legion Meeting

Summer camps for children will be the topic of Robert Lord of Appalachian State University when he addresses the Friday night meeting of the American Legion.

New officers will be elected and delegates will be selected to attend the District meeting May 17 at Granite Falls.

The time for the meeting in the Legion Hut in Boone will be 7:30 and the Auxiliary will convene at the same time.



BEAR-BITTEN BEAR—Sweet little miss Maxie the Bear is as concerned as anyone in the nation over the dangers of the environment. Maxie was bitten by a larger bear before mother Mildred could come to the rescue at Grandfather Mountain. The tiny cub has 32 stitches and a cast designed to mend the broken bones that lead to four of the five toes on one foot. Twin cub sister Mild was unharmed. (Hugh Morton photo)

Republicans Slate Ticket

County Commissioners Win; Hayes For Sheriff

Holshouser Is Winner; Vote Fairly Light

Voting in Saturday's Primary was exceptionally light in Watauga County's 18 precincts. But election officials were predicting that in view of the fact that the Democrats posed no local ticket their choice was between Fred Hedrick and Harry C. Martin for Judge of Court of Appeals.

The big vote went to James E. Holshouser Jr., who pulled 1,370 votes (unofficial) in his bid for the State House of Representatives, 44th House District. Wataugas shared six votes with Wood Hal Young and 101 with Mack S. Isaacs, the two Avery county Republicans who opposed Holshouser.

In the Republican primary for Sheriff, Ralph Hayes won a clear majority with 773 votes. Second high was Turner Storie with 380 and Howard Poindexter received 248 votes.

In the County Commissioner race, Perry Greene, chairman of the incumbent Commission, garnered 990 votes. His fellow commissioners, Gene Wilson and Kenneth Wilcox, got 886 and 836 respectively.

Fourth vote-getter was Jim Cole with 529; then Randal Foster with 349; David Bingham with 270; Bob Moore with 187; and R. K. Dorsey with 151 votes.

These four had expressed interest in greater county economy prior to the primary election. Bingham felt taxes should be lowered and Dorsey felt the proposed county jail would be too big and costly.

The clear majority of the incumbents was established by Dayton Winebarger, chairman of the Board of Elections, and Stacy Eggers Jr., member, according to a formula contained in the North Carolina election laws.

The votes for candidates for the Commission were totaled, then divided by three (number of positions to be filled) and then by two.

To have a clear majority, a candidate would have to have at least 696.3 votes. The lowest total cast in establishing the incumbents for an election bid in November was 836.

Local Democrats who voted the state ticket for Judge of Court of Appeals cast 56 votes for R. A. (Fred) Hedrick and 154 for Harry C. Martin.

OTHER PRIMARIES
In the May primary two years ago 10 candidates for Watauga County Board of Education were elected for the first time on a non-partisan basis.

The original slate of 19 narrowed to 18 before the election and voters cast the largest number for James Marsh. This vote was 2,655.

In the Republican Commissioners race, Perry Greene received 1,164 votes with Kenneth Wilcox getting 858 as second-high man.

Other races voted that year were the State Democratic and Republican races, also District Court Judge and 25th Democratic and Republican races, also District Court Judge and 25th District State Senator.

Four years ago, the May primary was held on the 28th. Both parties presented ballots at that time, including nominees for the then-partisan Board of Education.

The biggest vote cast by the Democrats was 2,024 for Commission candidate Dr. Len D. Hagaman. The top vote in the Republican primary was 849 for John H. Holler, a candidate for the school board and now chairman of the board.



Getting ready to deposit their ballots in the lock box Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens of the Brushy Fork precinct. Behind the table (from left) are Tommy Brooks, Democratic judge; Mrs. Lowell (Patsy) Hodges, Republican judge; and Tom Brooks, registrar. The polls were set up in the maintenance department adjacent to the county Board of Education. (Staff photo)

Sponsors Of Land Week Plan Co. Cleanup Program

BY RACHEL RIVERS

If demand is sufficient, sponsors of Land Week in Watauga County plan to supply white pins for beautification or screening out unsightly areas.

This was confirmed Monday by Keener Smathers, who said People for the Land are "trying

to create some community spirit" for their countywide cleanup program May 16 to 23.

And they hope to involve as many church groups, clubs and other organizations as possible in the effort. Those who are not affiliated with such groups, but who would like to volunteer, are encouraged to call 264-9162 and

leave their name and number this week.

Better still, Smathers says a countywide meeting will begin at 7:30 Thursday (tonight) for discussion of the cleanup program.

"It is impossible for us to contact every interested person," Smathers says, "but we would nevertheless very much value their presence at this meeting and their co-operation."

The meeting will take place upstairs in the Wesley Foundation. This building, is located behind the Boone United Methodist Church, East King Street, Boone.

The effort is being co-ordinated by Miss Rosalea Sexauer, media specialist with the county Board of Education.

Individuals representing the land group's effort, as well as a variety of clubs and organizations, began manning a telephone last week in the hope of getting people to call in. But no calls were received. The phone is a private line donated for the group's use at the Watauga Democrat office.

This week, Smathers says, the tactic will be more to reach out for volunteer help and suggestions. He says they hope a "band-wagon" feeling will develop about Land Week as cleanup time nears.

School Officials Are Named In County

School committeemen and advisory councils for Watauga's schools were officially released last week. The action was taken at the April 13 meeting of the county Board of Education.

Advisory councils, 1970-71, and terms of office per persons are:

Bethel Elementary—Hugh Davis and David Farthing, 1971; Howard Lawrence and Howard Cable, 1972; and Dick Farthing, whose term expires in 1973.

Blowing Rock Elementary—Daniel Klutz and Thomas Wright, 1971; Robert H. Shore Jr. and Lewis Lantz, 1972; and Dr. Ray Graham, 1973.

Cove Creek Elementary—John Herman and Willie Cole, 1971; Orville Foster and Ralph Yates, 1972; and Council Mahn, 1973.

Green Valley Elementary—Willard Norris and Walter Coffey, 1971; Clyde Williams and James L. Penley, 1972; and Carson McNeil, 1973.

Mabel Elementary—Clayton Lawrence and Ivan Younce, 1971; L. C. Oliver Jr. and Han Norris, 1972; and Ronda Greene, 1973.

The committee for Watauga High School is D. Grady Moretz, Mrs. David Farthing and Jaek Henson, 1971; Truman Critchler, Lewis Burkett and Col. Clyde Miller, 1972; and Dr. Gene Reese, Roudolph Greene and Ray Clark, serving until 1973.

Parkway Elementary—Scott Moretz and Clark Miller, 1971; Lyle Cook and Buck Robbins, 1972; and Archie Carroll, 1973.

Valle Crucis Elementary—H. W. Cook and Robert Fox, 1971; Larry Campbell, and Fred Michael, 1972; and Talmadge McGuire, 1973.

School committeemen for Appalachian Elementary are Mrs. Kay Wilson and A. T. Adams, 1971; Hoke Brittain and Mrs. D. T. Brown Jr., 1972; and Glenn Hodges, 1973.

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Governor Scott Proclaims Soil Stewardship Week

Governor Robert W. Scott has proclaimed the week of May 3-10, 1970, as Soil Stewardship Week in North Carolina.

A national annual observance, Soil Stewardship Week has as its theme this year—"Resources and Renewal." Stressing the importance of soil and water, air and forests, fish and wildlife, the Soil Stewardship Week observance calls on all citizens to dedicate themselves to the renewal of resources essential to a quality life.

In commending Soil Stewardship Week to the citizens of the State, Governor Scott said:

"Men of good will everywhere are increasingly devoting their attention to the problems of pollution, desecration and misuse of our land, water, air, and other related natural resources.

Our citizens are entitled to a prosperous economy and a healthy environment; the benefits of which can be fully realized only if we dedicate our energies constantly to a renewal of the natural resources upon which we rely for our well-being.

Responsible stewardship over the resources under our care and management today is our best hope for a bountiful tomorrow."

The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsors Soil Stewardship Week in North Carolina through local district supervisors, ministers, and conservation-minded citizens.