

## Dr. O. K. Rice Going To Paris

Dr. O. K. Rice, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Douglas Attack, his research assistant, will attend a conference on "Phase Transitions" in Paris, June 2-9.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Societe de Chimie Physique and the Commission on Thermodynamics of the International Union of Physics.

Dr. Rice will read a paper on "Critical Phenomena in the Cyclohexane-Aniline System."

## 'Voluntary Association,' Says Cashmore

# New Idea In Commonwealth

by Grady Elmore

A new idea of voluntary association has come into the makeup of the British Commonwealth, Dick Cashmore told the audience of the last YMCA Supper-Forum on World Understanding Monday night in Lenoir Hall.

Cashmore, graduate of Cambridge University; Miss Doris Lee, lecturer in mathematics at the University of London; Paul Somerville, graduate student from Alberta, Canada, and Parsu Amersey, graduate student from India, comprised the forum's panel of experts. Topic of their discussion was "The British Commonwealth."

A description of the Commonwealth, its formation, its ties, its advantages, the situation in South Africa, and a comparison between the federal governments of Canada and the United States were among the matters discussed at the forum.

"The Commonwealth is composed of 600 million people and covers one-fourth of the land area of the world," Cashmore said in his introduction. "It presents a complicated picture of racial,

religious, and geographical differentiation."

"Trade and the flag built the empire," he pointed out. "The flag represents nationalism, conquest, and war." The American Revolution was responsible for the idea of eventual independence for England's colonial possessions, according to Cashmore. "Now colonies are developed through the goals of self-support and self-government to final independence," he said.

This new idea has led to an entirely different Commonwealth; a Commonwealth of free nations in voluntary association, instead of the old British Empire of nations bound by British law, now exists. "The symbol of the crown is the only link remaining," Cashmore said.

Canadian student Somerville discussed the advantages of the association. "Whereas individual nations are small voices, this association makes the member nations more powerful," he said. Another advantage is the common citizenship privilege among the Commonwealth nations, according to Somerville.

Miss Lee commented that this "greater family" relationship first evidenced itself during the last war. She said the English people feel a kinship to the people of the other Commonwealth members.

Amersey, of India emphasized that these countries were free both in theory and practice. As an example he pointed out that India did not sign the Japanese Peace Treaty recently although the other Commonwealth countries did.

During the question period which followed the panel members' brief talks, Somerville was asked if he thought the United States would be better off if it had remained under England in the 13-colonies arrangement.

"The American Revolution was a very practical demonstration of the need for independence," he said, then smiled. "But it was an unfortunate incident."

England's power to intervene in the South African situation was defined by Cashmore in response to a question from the floor. "We have no power except the pressure of public opinion," he said. "We can yell, but we can't do much about it."

Replying to another query, Amersey explained why Burma would not remain in the Commonwealth after that country became independent. "They were exploited, I believe, then cast off" he said. He also called attention to the fact that Burma did

not have enough mature politicians.

Somerville compared the federal government of his native Canada with that of the United States, in answer to another question.

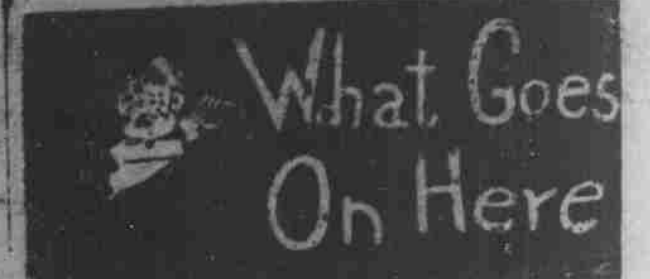
"Whereas in the United States certain powers were given by the Constitution to the federal government and all others were delegated to the states, in Canada certain powers were given to the provinces and all others were in the hands of the federal government," he said. "This made a strong central government in Canada."

The tendency has been for both nations to approach a medium, he continued. "Whereas your states have given more power to the central government over the years, the provinces of Canada have become more powerful."

Asked about the British position towards a united Europe, Dick Cashmore told the audience that England has not looked toward Europe. "The English haven't been too lazy to learn the European languages as some have said," he remarked. "The orientation is elsewhere, towards the Commonwealth nations."

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