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Civil Defense training for MSUO students, faculty and personnel has been recommended by the Disaster Plan Committee.

Dr. Lowell Eklund, associate dean for continuing education and chairman of the committee, explained that the group has been meeting for two months to map a plan of action for the university in the event of a natural or nuclear disaster.

Shelter areas designated by the committee are Oakland Center; basement and bookstore area; library, northeast corner of basement; North and South Foundation Halls, basement of NFH; dormitories, Oakland Center basement; science building, library basement.

Directional signs will be placed on the campus to indicate shelter areas, and an alarm system may be installed. Shelter areas will be equipped with first aid supplies.

Members of the committee, besides Eklund, are Dr. Frederick Obeir, assistant professor of chemistry; George Karas, director, physical plant; Mrs. Margaret Cramer, University nurse; Duncan Sells, Dean of Students; Al Monetta, representing the student body.

Straka Publishes English Histories

Two books and an article are to be published soon by Gerald Straka, assistant professor of history at MSUO.

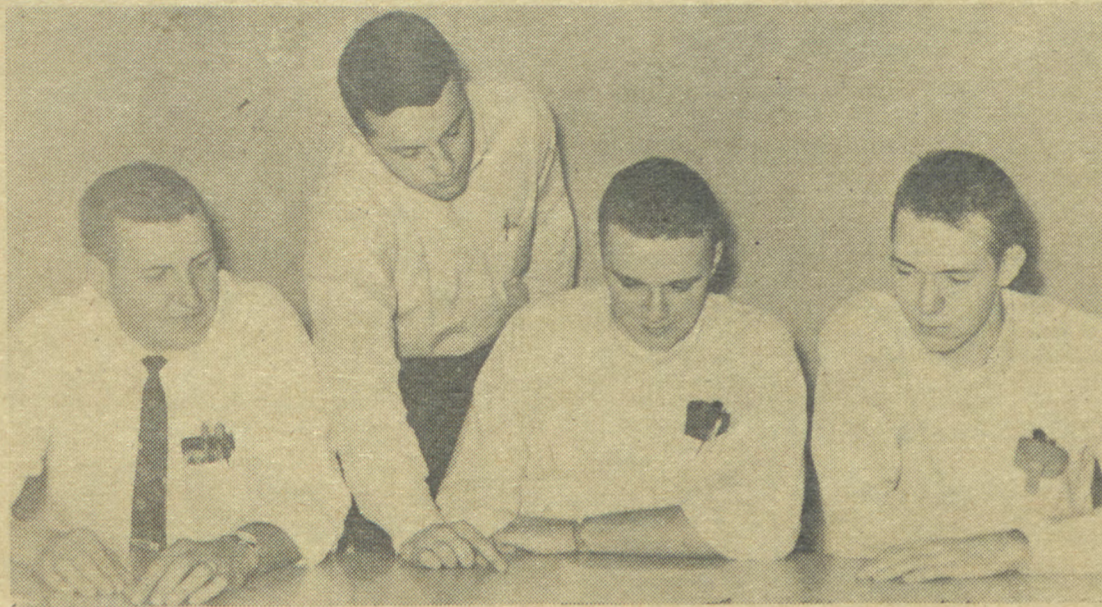
Both books and the article are the result of Straka's doctoral dissertation on the Revolution of 1688. The article, to be published by the "English Historical Review" sometime next year, is titled "The Final Phase of Divine Right Theory in England 1688-1702." In the article Straka analyzes the Divine Right of Kings theory during the last years of the divine right monarchies.

The University of Wisconsin Historical Society will publish Straka's first book in March of 1962. The book, titled "The Anglican Reaction to The Revolution of 1688," deals with the theory that the sole justification for the Revolution of 1688 was John Locke's treatise. Straka, who did 90 per cent of his research in England while on a Fulbright scholarship, found that the divine right philosophies also justified the revolution.

In his research Straka was the first person to use the late Harold Laski's extensive library.

D. C. Heath Company will publish Straka's second book as a part of the paperback series "Problems in European Civilization" sometime in the spring of 1962. In the book titled, "The Revolution of 1688: Whig Triumph or Palace Revolution?" Straka examined various interpretations of the reasons for the Revolution of 1688.

Senate Replaces Three



NEW SENATORS Gerald Lawrence (left), freshman; Tom Kershner (standing) junior, and Bruce Quayle (right) sophomore, meet

with President Hinkel. The three were elected by the Senate to fill vacancies. Their terms expire in the spring.

Shapiro's Altrusa Talk Covers Latin Changes

By Bill Hoke

"If I had to sum up what I have learned about Latin America in one word, that one word would be misery," Samuel Shapiro told an audience at The Greater Birmingham Altrusa Club Nov. 14.

Shapiro, assistant professor of history at MSUO, the last in a series of three lecturers for the club, discussed Latin American problems, their causes and possible solutions.

Citing the three revolutions active in Latin America, Shapiro pointed out in detail how industrialization, the rise of democracy and nationalism effect Latin America today.

Industrialization is a problem in Latin America, Shapiro said, because the natives have no

conception of time, or the eight hour day.

"The U.S. State Department did not see and does not see what is going in Latin America," said Shapiro of the democratic revolution. "The United States," he said, "sent machine guns to ruthless dictators in many of the Latin American countries struggling to achieve independence."

When U.S. visitors go to Latin American countries they are often met with cries of "Yankee Go Home." "This," he said, "is nationalism. Latin Americans are learning they have identity, and they want to be treated as people with identity."

"Add these three revolutions up," Shapiro said, "and you get misery . . . you find a situation comparable to America 100 years ago . . . you find societies unable to meet social change."

Speaking on the Cuban situation, Shapiro criticized not only the past administration when he said "The blackest of the many black marks of the Eisenhower administration was its inability to see social change," but "the incredible ignorance of the ambassadors (Continued on Page 2)

Emblem Design Left To Artist

Five school emblems will be selected by the Student Senate within the next few weeks. The emblems selected will be sent to a professional artist along with a letter from Dr. John Galloway, professor of art, "explaining exactly what we want in the way of an emblem," Paul Allen, student senate vice-president, reported at the November 3 senate meeting.

SAC Chartered

Plans for a merger of the Student Senate and Student Activities Council have been resolved by a permanent charter for SAC. No solution could be reached on a combination or alliance of the two organizations after several weeks of deliberation by the two groups.

The charter defines SAC as an independent campus organization. Until now the council has functioned within the Oakland Center as the Student Center Council. Under the new charter SAC is responsible for all university student activities.

United Christian Fellowship Forms; To Sponsor Talks

"The Fallout Shelter — a Modern Noah's Ark?" is the discussion topic for the first in a series of all-university coffee hours planned by the United Christian Fellowship of MSUO, an interdenominational organization formed recently by MSUO faculty and students and local clergy.

Discussion topics for the four coffee hours, scheduled for Dec. 4 and 11 and Jan. 8 and 15, are designed to complement courses offered at MSUO and to deal with subjects of concern to students, Al Monetta, UCF student chairman, said.

Clergymen from the area will act as moderators for the discussions. The Rev. Lloyd Buss, pastor of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, will moderate the Dec. 4 session.

A discussion of "God's Role in History" is planned for Dec. 11, with the Rev. Robert Hermonson, pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, as moderator. Students will be able to draw on their Western Institutions course as background for discussion, Monetta explained.

Students Study Chinese Here

By Lauree Webb

An opportunity to learn literary Chinese has attracted 10 MSUO Juniors.

In response to the interest shown during a discussion of the Chinese language and its effect on China's literary history in a regular session of his Area Studies course, Dr. Charles O. Hucker offered to help any students who wanted to learn to read the language.

The group is presently studying the "Hsiao Ching" or "Classic of Filial Piety," which explains the proper attitude and conduct of children toward their parents. The book has been attributed to the author-

ship of Confucius but has more recently been ascribed to his disciples in the third century B.C.

Students are learning to read the "Hsiao Ching" by the inductive method. They are presented with the Chinese text and a glossary of the English equivalents of each character before translating.

Because of the difficulty and the necessity of daily repetition the class will not hear conversational Chinese. They are, however, learning the names of the characters in Mandarin dialect.

Students receive no credit for the course.

NSF To Finance Study Conference

Michigan State University Oakland has been awarded a \$28,630 Federal grant by the National Science Foundation to improve undergraduate science programs.

The grant will finance a three-day conference at Meadow Brook Hall in May, at which leading scientists and science education experts will formulate a science course for liberal arts students.

According to NSF Deputy Director Dr. Harry C. Kelly, the purpose of the grant is to help MSUO develop a new kind of science course for science and non-science majors. "This trailblazing grant is the first of its kind . . . the college problem today is how to integrate the teaching of sciences," Kelly stated.

In commenting on the grant, Chancellor Varner said, "It is almost commonplace today for the articulate to bemoan the illiteracy of the scientist in the humanities, and vice versa. Both conditions must be remedied."

The grant grew out of MSUO's request for help in seeking out the best ideas for creating a two-semester science-mathematics sequence to round out its required liberal art program.

In advance of the conference, Dr. Robert Hoopes, professor of English and assistant to the chancellor for university planning, will look at existing efforts in science education for the non-science major and prepare a descriptive synthesis of them.

Kelly stated the project would help determine the role of science in liberal arts education "We look upon this grant as an effort to give us at NSF guidance in developing activities and policies in pursuit of the goal of better science education," Kelly said.

Stanley Quartet Performs Nov. 30

A program of classical music will be presented by the University of Michigan Stanley Quartet in a Lecture-Concert Series performance Thursday, Nov. 30 on the MSUO campus.

Named after the late Albert A. Stanley, first dean of the UM School of Music, the quartet has presented concerts at colleges and universities throughout the East and Midwest, and at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The quartet was established in 1949.

Members of the group, all UM faculty, are Gilbert Ross, violin; Gustave Rosseels, violin; Robert Courte, viola; Jerome Jelinek, cello.

The program will be presented in the Oakland Center at 8:15 p.m. There is no admission fee for members of the university community. Lecture-Concert Series subscribers will be admitted with a series ticket. For others, admission is \$1.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

From early in the evening until early in the morning, eight one thousand watt flood-lights flood the new Kresge Library. This is indeed an impressive sight. Tourists and passers-by on Walton and Pontiac Roads, as well as teenagers parked atop Bald Mountain, are duly impressed with this ostentatious show of electrical extravagance.

That MSUO looks better at night than in the daytime will be attested to by any of the night students, upon seeing the campus in the afternoon for the first time. Those who wondered about the absence of

"spartan simplicity" amidst the carnival atmosphere of the blue-lit parking lots and the flood-lit Library realized for the first time that it is truly present in the yellow bricked and unimaginative though functional buildings.

My criticism is not of the architecture of MSUO buildings, nor of advisability of the advisability of lighting the parking lots. It is of the electricity wasted in flooding a Library with light, while those 50 watt florescent tubes in the men's dorm are turned off at ten o'clock, "to conserve electricity."

Respectfully yours,
James T. Isler

Shapiro Tells Latin Views To Club

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we have sent to Latin America for so many years." Shapiro feels that the Kennedy administration has remedied the ambassadorial situation "by the appointment of some better qualified men." Shapiro feels that ambassadors should not be sent to any foreign country unless they can speak the native language. He cited a former U.S. ambassador who spent 11 years in a Latin American country and could only speak one word when he left — "amigo."

Having visited and traveled in Cuba, Shapiro speaks with authority "on the greatest of blunderings — the Cuban Invasion. We have the burden of 1200 men on our heads . . . we sent 1200 men to be slaughtered by 350,000 of Castro's militia."

During a 45 minute question and answer period Shapiro was asked to suggest solutions to the Latin American problem. we must stop sending guns and tanks and planes to Latin American dictators. We must make very sure that our 20 billion dollars for the Alliance for Progress are spent wisely, and we must respect the people of Latin America. If we could do in Latin America what we did in Europe, we wouldn't have to worry about communism in Latin America," Shapiro concluded.

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