

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### FULL USE OF THE SOCIETY

Yorio Yagi  
Junior member, E.S.S.

It is regrettable to say that E.S.S. activities are in a position tied up these days. E.S.S. is by no means a social club just to gather and chat together. What it may be in the future is everyone's guess, but we should try to make one rosy.

When I became a member of the E.S.S. it was still young in its history under the new system and was full of active vigor. And so were some 50 members. The warm air these days reminds me of those good old days, when in a family way we carried out the daily activities of our very own, when at parents-like missionaries we enjoyed Bible classes even

three evenings a week, when on holidays we used to gather to have training courses. It was members that wanted to make and join activities of their own accord and brought up the society for themselves. We did not seem to have any nominal member as we do now.

Recently I notice with joy that some members are to study themselves independent of the society, I am unable to be content with it though.

Because cooperation, mutual understanding, friendship, these are the motto of our society. Therefore, I appeal to the fellow-members not to blame the committee for the stagnation of the day as they are inclined to, but to come and join their own activities to make full use of them which committee always plans to provide.

### "Seeing is Beliving"

Osamu Horie  
Sophomore member E.S.S.

It is the greatest regret for me, who have spent most of my life in Korea, to consider about the misunderstanding which exists between Japanese and Korean people. This misunderstanding comes from the fact that the Japanese judge Korea by its people in Japan who chiefly consist of disorderly and uneducated laborers. But I must say it is misleading to

judge the real Koreans in their mother land only from their laborers in Japan. If you get an opportunity to talk with an intelligent Korean, you will be surprised to know how well he is educated. If you get an opportunity to visit the Korean capital, I am sure you will be fascinated by so many beautiful ladies in the palace garden who are dressed in elegant, tasteful and traditional Korean clothes. If you get an opportunity to visit the old capitals, surely you will be overwhelmed by the astonishing statues and other fine arts.

"Seeing is believing." Try to get a chance to enjoy the Korean culture as well as its nature then, on your departure, you will find yourself an admirer of Korea and its fine arts.

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## LETTER TO THE READERS

Today E.S.S. celebrates the 49th birthday. It has made progress by all member's good team-work, step by step. Looking back upon the last year, we had often reorganizations — with the unification of the Old System English Speaking Society and the New System English Study Society, and also with the unification of all branches of the individual E.S.S. These marked a great step forward, and it became such a wonderful, large club as it is. We must celebrate the

happy birthday and at the same time thank for their endeavours many people who brought such a success as we have today. Our E.S.S. has significance of not only speaking English but also making friends.

We, editors of the E. S. S. Times, have done to make good papers, but it is difficult for us to edit our own papers. — on the finance and our poor experience to edit. Please send your advice to us to make our papers better.

(INOUE)

### "I feel difficulty"

Kunio Sakai  
Freshman member, E.S.S.

As I am interested in speaking English, I became a member of this club when I entered this university.

I feel it more difficult to speak English than before. But, since I am a Japanese, it is natural that I could not speak it so fluently as the English people do.

It is not impossible, however, for us to make progress, at least to some degree, if we try hard and use English expressions in our everyday conversation.

When we are accustomed to written-English expressions, we are apt to use them in

conversation. But, the truth is that we will simply be surprised to find that much easier expressions are actually used in daily conversation when we learn "colloquial" English.

By this I do not mean to minimize the importance of the study of written English. Rather, I say that we should put as much emphasis on spoken English.

After six years of studying English, I still can not make myself understood perfectly and I regard it as a shame.

We must have opportunities for becoming more acquainted with spoken English.

And I hope that E.S.S. will give us more such chances.

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## My Hearty Congratulations!

By Mr. Narao Natsumoto

Editor (Kobe), the English Mainichi

It is indeed a great honor and privilege for me to extend my hearty congratulations on this auspicious 49th anniversary of the establishment of the Kobe University E.S.S.

It reminds me of the fact that your E.S.S. came into existence in the year when your beloved Prof. Roy Smith came to Japan to devote his life for the noble cause of educating the younger generation of Japan, who shoulder the future destiny of the Island Empire.

This year's anniversary is of especial significance in view of the recent effectuation of Peace Treaty enabling Japan to return to the family of nations after a long trying period of hostilities and occupation.

It will doubtlessly enhance the importance of studying foreign tongues, especially English language as lingua franca, for mutual understanding and international peace.

Like Prof. Smith whom I admire, I personally like you, students, because you are sincere, honest and straight forward and full of spirit to forge ahead.

Your E.S.S. is perhaps the oldest organization of its kind in Japan. It is especially significant in that yours is the society of students, by students and for students.

I should say that E.S.S. is also the abbreviation for Ever Service to Society! My advice to you all is: "Imbue with the E.S.S. spirit and forge ahead!"

## Your work is worth respect

Mr. Y. Isao  
ESS, Osaka University

It is with great honor that I send my congratulations on the 49th anniversary of your E.S.S. The energetic activities your club has shown are worth respect.

The ultimate end of studying English is nothing but the enrichment of our life. And so far as we don't forget not to spend too much time for it, it is one of the best ways of enriching and ennobling our student life, I believe.

I sincerely hope that your club will keep up good work and be more and more prosperous.

## What language learning means to us

Dr. Clefton Brooke McIntosh  
Now visiting professor  
at Osaka Gaidai

I have a friend whose balanced appreciation of the significance of the most delicate events in world affairs has long evoked my respect and admiration. Sometime ago I had the pleasure of visiting in his home. Browsing in his library, I found that his family regularly subscribed to intellectual magazines from five countries besides their own. Here in large part, I realized, lay the explanation of the well rounded approach which my friend had in his analyses of world affairs. He had grown up in an atmosphere where all facets of a problem were carefully considered and thoughtful conclusions drawn.

It has been said that the proper study of mankind is man. I might paraphrase that statement to say that the proper study of a man is through his language. Language learning is not merely the development of a specialized skill; but more important still, it is a key that unlocks the door to the innermost chamber of another's intellectual processes. In fact, Talleyrand's observation on the purpose of language might be revised to say that the extent of one's knowledge of a man's language bears a direct ratio to one's ability to understand that man.

Through language too we are ushered into the literature of a people where we can learn of the aspirations and longings of that people and see a mirror held up to the history of their national lives.

In studying a language, should we not be sensible in our approach? Few will deny that the living world of today is of primary importance to us. Then let us be methodical and emphasize the living language and build on from there to a knowledge of the art of literary expression. Let us not build a sky-scraper roof first-it is frightfully difficult. Rather let us build solidly from the ground up and then when we at last reach the roof garden we can drink deeply of the view, because of accomplishment and he knowledge that our foundation is a firm one.

## The story of creation

When we began to create the E.S.S. after the war, the student body was a desolate waste, with darkness covering Sumiyoshi campus and tempetuous wind raging over Rokko Heights.

Then a group of students resolved, "Let there be English meetings!" And so they were; and we found them good. Autumn came, and spring, the first year.

Slump set in and then some wisely said, "Let us have nicer meetings with other college E.S.S.!" And so we enjoyed. Autumn came, and spring, the second year.

Then we were eager to hold an International conference. And so we overcame innumerable difficulties to realize it.

My intention of writing apres guerre E.S.S., in celebration of the long history of 49 years will be more than explained by my favorite English,

"All the past we leave behind, We bebouch upon a newer mightier world, varied world, Fresh and strong world we seize, world of labor and the march,

Pioneers! O pioneers!"

Naomichi Korenori  
Chief, Public Relations  
E.S.S.

## Congratulations!!

Mr. Tadayoshi Noda.  
ESS, Kobe College  
of Commerce.

In commemorating the 49th anniversary of your E.S.S. we here say congratulatory to you all.

And at the same time, we heartily hope for the development of your splendid work.

With regard to our main activities, we hold oratorical, conversational and debate contests beside everyday practice of English conversation. To learn English well, we sometimes invite some Americans for lecture meetings. We publish our club's Journal as you are doing.

"Continuous and honest practice makes perfect" is our motto.

## "Toward better understanding among nations"

Prof. Kinsaku Yamada  
Adviser, ESS

The forty-ninth anniversary of our E.S.S. of Kobe University has come. I am happy to celebrate the remarkable progress that has been made in unifying our system. In keeping step with our times, our relations with the other countries in the world have become closer.

There is no doubt that it will contribute much to the world peace for the nations of the world to have a better mutual understanding of one another.

From this point of view I find a great significance in the study of English for us. It is important for us to be well versed in English because it is a world-wide language.

I hope, on this forty-ninth anniversary of the E.S.S. that we will continue to make progress toward better understanding and cooperation among the other nations of the world.

Association with your club  
is our privilege

Miss Fumiko Kimura  
President, ESS,  
Kobe College.

It is a great pleasure to extend our hearty congratulations on the 49th anniversary of your E.S.S.

The high reputation that you are enjoying now must be the dream come true of your forerunners down through this half century of your distinctive history.

We consider it a great privilege to be on intimate terms with such an advanced society as yours. The enthusiasm, the activeness and the steadiness of your society have been most stimulating to us who are now building anew.

We are, at present, forcing our emphasis on the internal completion of our E.S.S. For it is the rock not the sand we wish to build upon.

## BRAND NEW WORD

While "History" is made during the night (as people generallasy), "New words" are continuously created both in broad day time and at midnight (when even grass and trees are sound asleep.)

The fact is that we are not aware of the motion of the huge word-creating machine.

Here are some "brandnew" words and the way they are used from a recent issue of THE NEW YORK TIMES Magazine.

Ball—A drink or a food time. "I'll buy you a ball," or "Let's have a ball."

Bomb—A failure "He laid a bomb the other P.M. on channel 15."

Bounce—To get excited. "They gave her a cancellation and she really bounced."

Carp—A character with a fish face and not an awful lot of brains.

Curve—A dirty trick. "He threw me a curve"—or broke a promise.

Dead—A failure; something or someone to be avoided.

Dig—To understand or to meet. "I dig this music."

"I'll dig you later."

Forno—Anything that is done for nothing, as a benefit or a favor. "He did it for no."

Genius—A guy who has read a book and likes to throw his intellectual weight around.

Head in a bag—A guy who doesn't know what he's doing; also, "head cutoff."

It doesn't hit me—"I don't like it" or "I don't understand it."

Kill—To impress; to win one's favor. "She really killed the people."

The Man—The Government; also, "Uncle Sugar."

Nowhere—A condition of having achieved nothing. "He's nowhere."

Rocking-chair hit—A success which needs no promotion. Thus, a music publisher gets himself a rocking-chair hit.

Romance—The act of buttering up somebody for a favor.

Tear—A dollar dill.



## Editor's Note

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## ARTICLES

## The Mission of the to-be-graduates

By Mr. Hiroshi Torigoye  
Senior member, E. S. S.

Three years and a half have already gone since I tried my Varsity-shaped cap with the leaping heart, and now I am about to get in a brass task to my graduation thesis on one hand, and to formulate my wondering thoughts with ambitions for my future course on the other. At the same time, however, my mind is mingled with the joy that I seem to be matured enough to be able to go out into the world.

I being in the state of maturity, feel that co-incidentally our country has just started to walk on her own foot after taking the six years' long course of the democratic education. But should we take this as a mere co-incidence? In truth, we should take this as an opportune time to reflect ourselves and to get conscious of our mission to the future development of the nation of Japan. Yes, we can not but feel our responsibilities are great; we believe that it is none other than we, to-be-graduating students' who can take the responsibilities in working out a bridge between the old vacuum and the new democratic Japan.

It may not be too much to say that the former political leaders of Japan are not fully qualified to establish an ideal democratic society in this part of the world. In fact, these days, they seem to go in an adverse manner, as being seen in our daily news. The outstanding example may be seen with their ridiculous endeavours of passing in the present diet the Subversive Activities Preventing Bill and of disimproving the labor laws without any consideration of the public opinion against them. Also in other poli-

cies of the government, we can even perceive some reaction to the democracy itself, which journalists are calling "Reverse Course." This fact is quite sufficient to show incapability they are as the leader of a democratic country.

Seeing these, we are much worried and feel that it is on our shoulders that heavy responsibilities rest to bring our country on the proper course of her development.

We young people are naturally endowed with the three virtues; the ambitious passion, the sense of justice, and the scientific attitude of mind.

However, in the course of time even these youngsters are soon to lose their virtues and become subject to the uncreative customs and traditions in the past. We shouldn't be like this! Even for a moment we shouldn't forget our virtuous spirits.

On one hand, we must try the proper analysis and the constant criticism to the society we live and seek for something new and put it into practice for the improvement of our society. On the other hand, we should not hesitate, if needed, to attempt all possible means to break away such old customs and traditions as interfere the proper development of the nation.

We, of course, shall confront various difficulties in our way of trials, but it is our endorsed mission that we must surmount any kind of hardships and obstacles.

Have the dream! and utilize in full manner our scientific knowledge and experiences which we have gotten during our school life for the realization of the dream. This is the mission of the students who are about to go out in the world before long.

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## THIS I HAVE FELT

By Mr. Hiroh Takemura  
Senior Member, Economics Club, ESS

—from his 1500-word essay "My Cradle land"—

THE MEMBERS have overflowed and gone away. Misunderstanding, prejudice and partisanship among the members have led the society to a disharmony like an orchestra without conductor.

DEBT HAS been piled up because of the unskillful adjustment between programs and financial capacity.

THE VERY nature of club activities which places them next to the curriculum proper in university life means that the club officers, who must pack their overwhelming duties into their extra-curricular hours, find themselves doomed to a bed rest as their only escape from the pressure and tension of their offices.

ONE OF the most outstanding features prevailing through the ins and outs of our society's history is the solid basis of brotherhood, the seed of which was sowed mainly by daily practice and the efforts of officers.

SHORTAGE OF excellent leaders has harassed many organizations. This "fatal wound" results from the officers' ignorance of the importance of leadership-training and from the members' shilly-shally attitude in training themselves for leadership.

THE GENERAL feeling is that an exclusively arranged car takes members to a desired

place as soon as they have their names entered in the membership list. Consequently they rely on the society too much. E.S.S. is not the cream of society, but the "drillground" which imposes stern constraint.

SOME MEMBERS are sitting in arm-chairs, enjoying all the benefits conferred on them by more energetic clubmates.

They presumptuously vow that their chief concern is the attainment of the immediate objective in the society. The fundamental mistake made by these smug ones is the ignorance of the fact that they are "members of the club."

SOME CONSCIENTIOUS members invent a pretty good excuse for shying away from club works when they are called upon to perform. "I have neither experience nor ability. Who can have experience without crossing this bridge between the unexperienced word and the experienced one."

THOSE WHO give time for the benefit of others do more than those who give money. Mutual assistance and service is the vital basis for a society. With this spirit, our club will be blessed for ever.

THE RAISON d'être of our club lies in the breeding of excellent English students, the deepening of affinity between members and in promoting

and strengthening of the international amity. We must not try to "bally hoo" the society to the "outside world." Foolish endeavors to attempt a big-scale demonstration should rather be directed toward "daily drill" of members. Both the officers and the members must devote attention to making the club a good drill ground for the whole membership.

### LET'S FOLLOW IN HIS WAKE! IN MEMORIA Dr.

NITOBE (1862-1933)

by Prof. T. Isaka  
Kobe University

To many of our younger readers of "E.S.S. Times", the name of Inazo Nitobe may not be so familiar as to those who are rather advanced in years. The older generations are easily reminded of Dr. Nitobe as the author of numerous works written in Japanese and in English. His genial personality coupled with fine scholarship and culture never failed to leave an indelible impression upon those who came in contact with him. As educationist, scholar, Under Secretary General of the League of Nations, Member of the House of Peers etc., he covered such a large and many-side field of activity. Dr. Einstein, Madame Curie, Prof. Gilbert Murray and Prof. Henri Bergson, to mention just a few, were those with whom Dr. Nitobe worked together at Geneva as director of the Section of the International Bureaux, and also as League liaison officer of the International Committee of Intellectual Cooperation. Toward the end of his 71 years career, he also did so much as chairman of the Institute of Pacific Relations on several occasions both here and abroad.

There is no space, however, for me to dwell on each of those phases of his activity in detail. The only thing to which I wish to draw your attention is the noble public spirit and the international-mindedness which actuated Dr. Nitobe to work on every occasion with a devotion of the whole man for the good not only of his own country but also of the whole world. It was he indeed who taught me to live the Ideal in the Actual, however humble and seemingly insignificant this life of ours may seem. Every one of us, once awakened to the noble ideals of humanity, should dedicate his whole self to the service of his fellow men. To me it is a joy for ever to remember the good doctor, so may it be with you who are destined to succeed him in spirit, to say the least, if not in deed.

## "LANGUAGE CLUB IS"

## ORIGIN OF ESS

—Mr. Takahata  
1909 Graduate of Kobe College of Commerce.

We had the Language Club, and members did more than you are doing today—a 1909 graduate of the Kobe College of Commerce told THE ESS TIMES recently.

Mr. Seichi Takahata, now president of Nissho & Co. LTD, was a member of the Language Club, "origin" of the English Study Society. This is how the Club was doing half a century ago, as told by Mr. Takahata.

In this club there were four divisions, English, French, Ger-

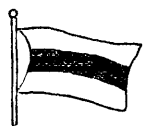
man, and Chinese. In his university days, the English group was composed of twenty to thirty members. Annually it held English contests at Sanko Club in the evening in which participants used to recite passages from dramas by Shakespeare or deliver speeches in English. Mr. Smith came to our college after we graduated.

Then this reporter asked for his advice to the members in honor of the 49th Anniversary. Answered Mr. Takahata "Be always Ambitious. Don't be discouraged come what may. And find your way through the world." I want you all to be men of high common sense and high morality.

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Mr. Yasukazu Niwa  
President, ESS, Kobe University.

The happiest thing I have experienced during my seven years of top management of cultural activities is that I have been able to associate with so many "excellent" people whom otherwise I could not have the opportunity of seeing. It is important for us to

keep in close contact with when we end to carry out our "perpetual" activities.

Generally, the more we get those people, the more difficulties we are likely to meet in the field of public relations.

I was greatly pleased the other day when I heard a ju-

nior "diplomat" of our E.S.S. remark that we must go to see or write to those excellent people lest we should lose our precious friends. This is exactly we should do.

Now we have finished a great task of cultivating our successors even in "this sense" for the future of our society.

I shall retire from the office of president of E.S.S., Kobe University on the day of general assembly, celebrating the society's 49th anniversary—with deep emotion beyond description.

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## EDITORIAL SPEAKING

### "WHEN WE LOOK BEFORE AND AFTER"

It was on July 2 three years ago that the English Speaking Society of the Kobe University (new system) was born.

If we are tradition-minded, we must find the other 50-year predecessor—the Language Club of the Kobe College of Commerce (ancestor of the English Speaking Society of the Kobe University of Commerce.)

Last September, the two English clubs (of new and old system) were united.

Generally, a healthy and progressive society requires both control and individual and group initiative; without the former there is anarchy; without the latter, there is stagnation. Our society, fortunately, has done away with either of the two evils, to which any organization is liable with the lapse of time.

Why? We find the solution in the "Attraction," which has been combining good leaders, cooperative members and opportune advisers. By "Attraction" we mean our "Common purpose," or the "contribution to world peace by mutual understanding among peoples through an international language."

We hope that our E. S. S. which is a society of the members, by the members and for the members, shall not perish as long as the Mars does not kiss away the Earth by the ever-renewed control of leaders, and by the incessant initiative of members, and by the parental help of advisers. (YAMAMOTO)

## AS E. S. S. CELEBRATES 49TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION ARE COMING IN.

Half a century less one year ago, there was the Language Club in the Kobe College of Economics. Fresh and full of vigor, the organization was carrying out activities in a democratic way. The Language Club was the combined organization of students who were interested in English, German, French and Chinese.

Today, the English Study Society of the Kobe University, descendant of the Language Club, is as prosperous.

E.S.S. has developed into the largest cultural organization in the Kobe University, with members totalling well over one hundred and fifty.

Here are messages of congratulation on this 49th anniversary from the people who are interested in this club.

"ESS and I began our careers 49 years ago"

Prof. Roy Smith  
Adviser, ESS

The English Study Society of Kobe University has had a long and illustrious career, though under a variety of names. Forty nine years is a long period, and I congratulate the Society upon this remarkable accomplishment.

Throughout this long period it has been the E. S. S. that has kept alive and active the interest in English study. From this Society there has gone into the outside world a continuous stream of young men well versed in the English Language.

The E.S.S. and I began our careers in Japan the same year, so I feel a particular interest and a special reason to extend to the Society my hearty congratulations.

"UNITY IS THE KEY"

Mrs. Hope McIntosh  
Adviser, E S S

As the E.S.S. of Kobe University approaches the halfcentury mark in its long history, I feel deeply grateful for the privilege of being able to convey to you, the members, my most sincere admiration and respect for the high level of intellectual activity and interest you have achieved in your organization. The thoroughness and diligence with which you approach the problem of mastering English deserves the highest respect.

During my brief association with you, I have been most favorably impressed by the unusual vitality of your society which safely harbors many differing shades of opinion without being torn apart by internal conflicts. A society which is democratic must achieve unity through the creative use of diversity. Let me offer the hope that the E. S. S. will continue during the years to come to be a strongly united organization which will continue to protect and provide for a wide range of differences.

Mr. Ralph J. Blake



by Mr. Korenori

"I thought I was in America."

Prof. Mistuo Yamagishi  
Adviser, ESS

The other day when I entered the room of the University, I found many boys and girls discussing some subject, round the big table. They were speaking in English—perfect accent, mellow intonation, clear enunciation. I thought that possibly I was in America. I gazed at them one by one. To my surprise, they were not Americans, but Japanese. They were the ESS students of Kobe University. Their wonderful command of English carried me to America by the wings of illusion.

The earnest attitude of these students to study English and to cooperate each other can not be too highly praised. On this happy occasion of the anniversary of the ESS, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the members of our Society.

## INTERVIEW

### THE ESS TIMES MEETS AMERICAN COUNSUL-GENERAL AT KOBE "I AM A GUEST IN JAPAN" — Mr. BLAKE

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I am a guest in Japan, and so I do not say anything (critical) about what Japanese people are doing—Mr. Ralph J. Blake, American Consul-General at Kobe told THE ESS TIMES recently.

Mr. Blake himself ushered Mr. Korenori (our Public Relations official, who served as cameraman for this occasion) and this reporter into his office on the afternoon of May 26. During the fifteen-minute interview, the Consul-General wore an incessant broad smile and answered questions with an I-am-a-guest-in-Japan politeness.

Our impressions are that Mr. Blake is the sort of gentleman you like to talk with and live with.

### LANGUAGES

This refined diplomat is also expert with languages.

"I know Japanese, French, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian," Mr. Blake said. He slightly shook his head when this reporter suggested that he might regard Russian as the toughest of the five languages he knows.

"No, it isn't," this American diplomat declared, "Japanese is the most difficult language I have ever studied—Very difficult."

The next question was, what

English dictionary he would recommend if he were a professor of English.

Mr. Blake's answer was clear and prompt:

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. It is small, concise, but complete.

"When you study a foreign language," Mr. Blake revealed his secret," study it under a teacher whose mother tongue it is. Study a foreign language with the least possible aid of your mother tongue."

He took Japanese lessons from a Japanese tutor at the American Embassy in Tokyo from 1937 to 1941.

### BOOKS & GOLF

A tall and robust man, Mr. Blake is a good golfer, and likes walking very much. This American Consul-General also likes to spend his time quietly in reading—for example, "The Memoirs of The Second World War" by Winston Churchill.

### UNCLE ABE AND THE BIBLE

"What is your principle of life and what is your watch-word?" was our next question.

"Follow Abraham Lincoln is my principle of life," Mr. Blake continued, "and my watch-word is: Do unto others as you would be done by."

Then, Mr. Blake said that he "holds in the highest esteem those who founded our country, America."

### SUSI

"What Japanese dishes do you like?" we asked. "Oh, I like tempura, sukiyaki and susi—I especially like tempura," his eyes twinkled mirthfully behind his black-brimmed glasses as he talked of his favorite dishes.

Mr. Blake then highly praised Kobe beef:

Yes, it tastes wonderful.

### IF I WERE 21?

"What would you be doing if you were twenty-one years old?" was our question.

Answered this diplomat: I would be studying to enter the foreign service of my country. The promptness with which Mr. Blake gave his answer was the indication that he does not feel the slightest regret over his choice of occupation that many middle-aged people often do feel.

### TO PROSPECTIVE DIPLOMATS

THE ESS TIMES asked Mr. Blake for his advice to undergraduates who have the ambition of entering into the diplomatic world.

Here is his advice: Study economics, political science and international relations in general. Economics is very, very important—he placed much emphasis on the word "economics." For a diplomat, languages are as important, Mr. Blake continued, especially English and

## PEN AND INK

Dr. George H. Gallup, America's foremost opinion expert, once complained that "On many subjects, particularly those dealing with foreign affairs, the public often reveal an amazing lack of interest and knowledge." As an example he disclosed that after months of discussion of the European Recovery Program, "one-half of the voters say

French.

### PACHINKO? I AM A GUEST IN JAPAN

At the end of this interview, the following question and answer took place between Mr. Blake and this reporter.

Q: What do you think of PACHINKO?

A: I know that it is in "crazy" swing in Japan these days. There is a similar game in the United States. Pin-ball, as we call it, "was" very popular but now it isn't. I am a guest in Japan, and so I don't want to say anything on what Japanese people are doing.

This is a brief personal history of Mr. Ralph J. Blake Born in Oregon, Graduated from school of foreign service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. in 1929 Entered American Foreign Service the same year, and has served with American Embassies in Mexico, China, Japan (1937-41), Australia, Spain, and Japan (since 1950.)

that they have not heard or read about it," and "only one person of every six who says he had heard about the Marshall Plan really has a fairly good conception of it.

"However this kind of public opinion rules the world for better or for worse to a great degree.

In 1943, when Franklin Roosevelt shamelessly rewarded the Tommany politician "Ed" Flynn with the nomination of minister to Australia, a scandalized public, usually indifferent to such a plan passing, compelled a withdrawal of the appointment. Australia, then defended by American boys and Japanese invasion, was much too vital to be used as a political football, besides, many citizen confused Mr. Flynn with the actor of the same name, whose alleged amours were enlivened the headlines of a prurient press.

Still, in our century, foreign affairs have become interlocked with domestic affairs and this cannot be understood without fair interest and knowledge of that. Blessed is the public who is continually interested in public affairs, domestic and foreign: for he shall be called the peacemaker through good opinion. (Jacque de Y.Y.)