

Cherry Trees Korean, Not Jap; Impressive Rights Confirm Fact



Roberta Rule and Mrs. Kenneth Yoon planting one of the cherry trees.

Last Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock four Korean cherry trees were presented to the American University by the Korean Women's Relief Society of Honolulu in commemoration of the birth of the Provisional government of the Republic of Korea twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Kenneth Yoon, Mr. Warsoon Lee, Miss Frances Nahm, and Mr. Warren Kim, respectively, presented the trees to the university.

Rhee Plants First Tree

The first tree was planted by Dr. Syngman Rhee, president of the provisional government of Korea. The other three trees were planted by Mom Rajawongse Semi Pramoi, minister from Thailand; Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, wife of the former high commissioner to the Philippines; and Mrs. Walter Foote, wife of the United States Consul-General stationed at Batavia. As the trees were being planted Dr. Paul F. Douglass, president of American University, read from the Korean

Declaration of Independence.

Cromwell Speaks

The main speaker of the morning was Mr. James Cromwell, who has visited in Korea and knows much about the people and the country. He spoke particularly of the heroism of the thirty men who twenty-five years ago formulated and published the Korean Declaration of Independence, from which Dr. Douglass read as the trees were planted, and then gave themselves up to the Japanese to be tortured.

During the program folksongs of Korea were sung by Miss Fannie Nehm.

Not Oriental Trees

Dr. Rhee also spoke, emphasizing the fact that these were indeed Korean cherry trees as even the Japanese encyclopedia admits; although when this evidence was submitted to a recognized horticultural society, it was decided to call the trees "Oriental Flowering Cherry Trees". "This", he said, "would be trivial were it not systematic of the manner in which Japanese propaganda influences continue in this great country. You do not know the Jap. We Koreans do. Our murdered men, our mistreated women and children, call out to us." In concluding, he said, nonetheless, "truth, crushed to earth shall rise again."

The women of Korea who attended the impressive ceremony were dressed in native costumes. All were oriental in character, one being particularly beautiful, made of iridescent reds and blues.

Up Come All of the Scallions Out Comes The Poison-Us Ivy Here Comes the AU Onion Queen

American University's traditional Arbor Day begins at 9:00 a. m. on Wednesday, April 14, with Thomas Amatucci heading the program. The clean-up project will be centered around the immediate campus this year.

During the past week, preparations have been made by Amatucci and his five supervising captains for assigning of tasks to each student and faculty member. These captains will distribute the tools and supervise the various projects laid out by Amatucci, it was disclosed yesterday by LeRoy Rinaldi who is substituting for Amatucci during his illness.

Use University Tools

Efforts will be handicapped somewhat this year because the District Park Commission is unable, as in previous years it has, to lend the university the tools requested. However, the tools belonging to the school will be adequate.

Students will be divided into squads, and each squad will have a student and a faculty supervisor. Lists will be posted on Monday naming the members of each squad. The five supervising captains, Eleanor Case, Mary Lou Courtney, Otto Neilson, Albert Noreen, and Paul Weldler will be instructed as to the objectives to be accomplished, and they will, in turn, supervise the details of the general program mapped out by Amatucci.

Free Lunch Served

At noon, a free lunch which will be prepared by five girl students will be served to all the workers at the rear of the Women's Residence Hall.

A representative from each sorority will compete in the onion pulling contest to determine the Onion Queen, who will succeed last year's winner, Betsy Weller.

A public address system will be set up for dancing and the faculty-student football game, which will be the concluding event for the day.

Schedule For Tomorrow

This is the schedule for the Arbor Day program following:

8:30 a. m., distributing of equipment and assigning jobs.

9:00 Crew I in front of WRH to dig up wild onions.

Crew II to clean up faculty parking space.

Crew III to clean up sunken garden.