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'Fabulous' Is the Word

The new Broadmoor International Center is a fabulous work of architecture. Its lofty ceilings and attractive appointments make it the show place of the Pikes Peak Region, one which should attract many thousands of new visitors to the area each year. And, although the center is not yet completed, its usefulness as a meeting place for large groups such as attended the Winter Night Club Tuesday night, is beyond compare in this part of the country. There may be larger meeting places in the United States, but it is doubtful that you will find one more attractive.

Equally as fabulous was the address given Tuesday night by the Free Press columnist Drew Pearson. Like most newspapermen, Pearson is much more forceful in his writing than in speaking, and many of the points he brought out in his address were summarized from the text of his columns. However, his discussion of world problems and situations was loaded with dynamite and punctuated with facts. Much of the time Pearson dwelled upon the subject of his current series of columns which appear daily on editorial page of The Free Press and in other newspapers throughout the country, including The Denver Post. This discussion deals with the Central Intelligence Agency, an organization which Pearson said Tuesday night is supposed to be composed of "pros" who failed miserably in their conduct of the recent ill-fated invasion of Cuba. Pearson pointed out, as he has many times in his column, that the invasion failure and the role which the CIA played in it, has caused much embarrassment to the United States. He also noted that the CIA, unlike other U. S. Government agencies, does not have to keep a record of "checks and balances." In fact, Pearson said, the CIA

keeps few, if any, records, including a list of the names of its employees.

The columnist was well-prepared for his address. He had his facts at hand and he answered all questions without hesitation. When asked why he did not consider France a "good" ally to this country, Pearson said it is because De Gaulle is an extremely difficult man to get along with. "FDR and Harry Truman found that out, Eisenhower found it out and now President Kennedy is finding it out," Pearson declared. Pearson spoke in a relaxed, confident manner. His remarks were frank and open; he did not beat around the bush and hold back anything which might offend those present. He writes in the same manner, although his written prose is somewhat more biting than his spoken words. At any rate, the 800-odd men who came to hear him heard what they had expected; the facts about the world situation.

We could not talk of the Winter Night Club meeting Tuesday night, without mentioning the excellent service the more than 800 diners received. Employees of the Broadmoor International Center who served the fine dinner are to be commended for their speed and efficiency. Despite the large crowd, all of the diners were fed and most of the dishes and silver cleared off the tables during one hour. These courteous men and women seldom receive the credit due them and it was the consensus of the club members and their guests that they are due much after Tuesday night's "performance." Not to be forgotten are the chefs, who served up a meal fit for a king and his court, consisting of shrimp "Louie," relishes, roast prime ribs of Beef au Jus, parsley potato, string beans, lettuce salad, Broadmoor dressing, Neopolitan ice cream, cakes and coffee.