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Trace UW's Contribution To Defense

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The University of Wisconsin's role in national defense was described by LeRoy Luberg at the UW Alumni Founder's Day banquet last night.

Assistant to President E. B. Fred, Luberg was the guest speaker at the annual event held at Oage Thomson's and attended by 75 alumni and their guests.

A former officer in the OSS and presently a lieutenant colonel and intelligence officer in the 84th Reserve Division, the speaker discussed the UW contributions to science and engineering and the ROTC and the behind-the-scenes work with intelligence.

According to the National Science Foundation, the Russians have been producing five engineers and scientists to our four, Luberg pointed out.

Training of engineers, scientists and technicians is an important function of the university, where engineering enrollment has increased 20 per cent. Of the 70,000 persons taking UW correspondence courses, many will become technicians and many are members of the Armed Forces, he added.

High PhD Rating

The UW grants the third highest number of PhDs of any such institution in the nation.

"Only time will tell if we match or exceed the Russians in the quality of our technical training," Luberg commented.

OSS (Office of Strategic Services) work was described by the former member of this agency. This agency has now been consolidated by Walter Bedell Smith with other intelligence groups into the Central Intelligence Agency.

He described some of his personal experiences in OSS and pointed out that intelligence work is not all "cloak and dag-

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who identified an important tapestry and geographer who knew the coastline of Japan performed important services for OSS.

"The CIA was right in its prediction of what would happen in Indo-China," Luberg said. "Today's question is Formosa. We hope they have the right answer to this one."

Many recruits for these vital intelligence services come from undergraduate volunteers at the University, which helps train people for government careers, he continued.

Behind the scenes at the University are many experts who worked with OSS and have helped the CIA. Such men include Dr. Ira Baldwin, a bacteriologist, and Dr. Farrington Daniels, an expert on nuclear fission.

Plays Important Role

"Thus the University has an important role in preparing trained personnel for their part in what we hope will be the prevention of war," Luberg pointed out.

He explained that the University budget is currently being prepared for consideration by the legislature. Cuts of \$700,000 were made by the governor and his staff recently, and on Feb. 22, the university will present its budget to the legislature's joint finance committee. Part of the budget will go for expansion to meet the needs of the future when children currently crowding grade schools reach college age.

Raymond Holton, president of the Alumni introduced the speaker. Mrs. Jean Hawkins, vice president, was in charge of the dinner arrangements. George Molinaro, Kenosha assemblyman, and Ed Gibson, Madison, Wisconsin Alumni Association field director, were special guests.

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