

AERONAUTICS AND MISSILE FABRICATION CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT JAY L. NELSON--INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE CHARTS THE REQUESTS THAT COME INTO THE COLLEGE FOR TRAINING WHICH WE DO NOT CONDUCT. EACH MONTH HE SUBMITS A RESUME' OF THE INQUIRIES TO ME. REQUESTS FOR TRAINING IN THE AERONAUTICS FIELD FREQUENTLY LEAD ALL THE OTHERS. THE INQUIRY LEADERS LAST MONTH WERE AIRCRAFT MECHANICS, HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT OPERATION, INTERIOR DECORATING, AND DENTAL ASSISTING. THE MOST UNUSUAL REQUEST FOR TRAINING WE RECEIVED WAS FOR POODLE TRIMMING. IT TAKES ALL KINDS TO MAKE A WORLD.

THE COLLEGE AND OUR CO-SPONSORS HAVE SEVERAL OBJECTIVES IN CONDUCTING THIS CONFERENCE. THEY INCLUDE

1. TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE INCREASING NEED FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO PREPARE THEM FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY.
2. TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ^{Sentinel} MISSILE BASE WHICH IS PROPOSED BY THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND FOR OR IN THE SALT LAKE VALLEY.
3. TO INFORM YOU OF THE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A DOZEN EXPERIMENTAL AVIATION TRAINING CENTERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. THESE CENTERS WILL BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. UTAH IS BEING CONSIDERED AS THE LOCATION OF ONE OF THOSE CENTERS, AND UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE WOULD BE A LOGICAL PLACE TO CONDUCT THE TRAINING SINCE THE COLLEGE HAS AN AERONAUTICS BUILDING PROJECTED ON THIS SITE.

WE TRUST YOU WILL HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND INFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE TODAY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMING.

I READ A BEAUTIFUL STORY RECENTLY ABOUT A JAPANESE FARMER. ONE DAY, AS HE WALKED IN HIS FIELDS, HE LOOKED DOWN INTO THE VALLEY AND SAW THE OCEAN BEGIN TO RECEDE. THE GROUND SHOOK. AN EARTHQUAKE! THE FARMER KNEW THAT THE SEA WOULD WITHDRAW, CROUCH LIKE A HUNGRY ANIMAL, THEN ROAR BACK AND ENGULF ALL THE FARMERS IN THE VALLEY BELOW. WITHOUT HESITATION, HE SET FIRE TO HIS BARNS, HIS RICE-RICKS AND HIS FIELDS. THEN HE FURIOUSLY RANG THE TEMPLE BELL. HIS NEIGHBORS IN THE VALLEY RACED UPHILL TO HELP HIM. THEN FROM THE SAFE HILL, THEY LOOKED DOWN, SAW THE SWIRL OF WATERS OVER THE FIELDS THEY HAD JUST FORSAKEN, AND KNEW ITS COST TO THEIR FRIEND. SOME TIME LATER, THE PEOPLE OF THESE RICE-FIELDS STARTED GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO PAY HONOR TO THEIR NEIGHBOR'S SPIRIT WHILE HE STILL WAS ALIVE.

THE POINT OF THIS STORY IS THAT LONG AGO, A MAN SHOWED ENOUGH CONCERN FOR HIS FRIENDS TO INVOLVE HIMSELF, AT HIGH RISK TO HIMSELF AND HIS PERSONAL FORTUNE, IN THEIR CRISIS. I BELIEVE THAT KIND OF SPIRIT STILL DWELLS IN THE HEARTS OF MOST MEN. IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE ACTIONS OF A HUMAN BEING UNDER A GIVEN SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT I BELIEVE I AM STANDING BEFORE MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE REACTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE BELL-RINGER.

ONLY A LITTLE PERSON COULD BELITTLE SUCH ACTION!