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Dean Sotiriou gave the prayer, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and was our program speaker this morning. There were no guests today.

Two of our members who the Optimist International Convention in Albuquerque had the pleasure of attending were Bob Hugo and Frank Middleton. Curt Jefferies attended the Convention and then set sail for San Diego, California, less than 25 miles from Tijuana, Mexico. John Young also attended the Convention and came back Tuesday morning. Frank was all bedecked with pins from other Optimist Clubs, as well as one from our own club. The projection is that there will be about 160,000 Optimists in this and other countries by the end of this year and possibly 200,000 by the end of the 1900's. One of the major subjects up for consideration this year was whether women should be permitted to join Optimist Clubs as members, an issue which many men's service clubs are considering. A delegate, an attorney and Optimist Club member from California, opined that as long as an Optimist Club maintains a set of standards for initiation for club members, it would not have to allow women in an Optimist Club. Most women probably wouldn't be interested in joining anyway. They already have their church circles, the YWCA, the PTSA, their kids activities and who knows what else that holds their interest. Just think of all the commotion such a move would make. We, and other clubs that only permit male members, are dwindling. Moving to another subject the Opt. Int. Convent. in Albuq. was attended by about 3,600 members from our country and other countries. Some of the attendees had been to 35 International Optimist Coventions. The Colo.—Wyo. District was well represented by 85 members. The sites for the next three OPT. INT. CONVENTS. are Charlotte, Quebec, and Reno. The girl who won the Essay contest delivered it first in French and then in English.

Calendar Of Events -

June 30 - Channel 31 Telethon for March of Dimes

July 5 - Golf at Hyland Hills (see Doug Gill) 10:00 AM

July 19 - Annual Picnic and Swim Party at Hampden Heights

Aug 17 - Annual Paintathon

July 24 - Meeting of the '85-'86 Board of Directors at Tom Mauro's house to begin planning of Citizenship Program

June 30 - Meeting at Tom Mauro's house to plan the costumes to be worn at the Costume / Cocktail Party at Colo.-Wyo. Opt. Dist. Conven. on August 16 (Party from 6:30 to 7:30 PM)

August 4 - Counting laps at the Celebrity Leukemia Swimathon

Jackpot Winners - Bill Swigert and Larry Stevenson.

Bob Finkelmeier introduced club member <u>Dean Sotiriou</u> as our guest speaker. Dean was born in Greece and his topic for today was Greek-American Relations. Dean is a professor at the University of Denver in its College of Business. Although, or maybe because, Prime Minister George Papadopoulos was educated at the Harvard College of Business, the relations between Greece and the United States aren't the

best, considering the fact that Turkey, the military rival of Greece throughout history receives much more from the United States in terms of military hardware and established bases than does Greece, which at the present time is very pro-Arab. Dean (his given name at birth was Constantine) says that Greece has 17 different political parties - the outside Communist party generally attracts 10% of the vote; inside Communist party - 2.%; 46% of the vote usually leans to the left; and the balance (42%) are part of a pro-democracy ideology that presently is pro-U.S. Greece has only one legislative body - the Junta. It has a suffering economy with 11% unemployment and 18% inflation, and a negative foreign trade balance. Sending 40 F-16s and 40 Mustangs to Turkey, while maintaining only four small bases in Greece, doesn't particularly endear the Greeks to the Americans, nor are we loved in other parts of Europe as a whole. Well, I think the Western European nations, by in large, have a short fuse and a short memory. They didn't make too many complaints when British and American forces landed on Omaha Beach under the direction of a future President of the United States. They take our tourist dollar, contribute to the United Nations almost nothing and love to hate Americans. Maybe they can't remember who stopped the Soviets' western advance after World War II or would rather be governed by the benevolent Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics. Maybe they would like to reimburse the United States for the cost of rebuilding their bombed-out cities. Anti-America is the state not only of other nations, but, through terrorism, the state of the art in world reality, any thug who can put together a few sticks of dynamite or take our people hostage can get together with like-minded people and hold the most powerful nation in the world at bay. 'nough said. If you weren't here today, you were in the majority of our club membership and missed a great one from the master, Arch Jefferies: "If Russia would attack Turkey from the rear, would Greece help?"

Thank you, Dean, for leading us in the recitation of the Creed.

Programs Ahead -

July 5 Takin' Care of Business (club business, that is)

July 12 (7) - Water Alternatives of the Future

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