

LETTERS

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Wildlife Rally

On April 7th, Mobilization for Animals, an international animal rights coalition, along with more than 400 other groups, will join forces in a daylong mass rally for wildlife. These rallies will take place in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. The rallies will be to ban the use of the steel-jaw leghold traps and also the mass slaughter of wildlife in "predator control" programs.

The steel-jaw leghold trap is cruel and barbaric. If people must continue to hunt, and I question the necessity of it altogether, it can be done in a more humane way.

The leghold trap catches the animal with such force that bones break. The animal often chews off a leg in an attempt to get away or gnaws his teeth on the jawbone trying to free himself. Trapped animals suffer for days and weeks . . . until the mighty trapper comes along and clubs or kicks the animal to death.

In addition to the extreme cruelty of leghold traps, these devices are also non-selective. . . . The Department of the Interior reported that 70 percent of all animals trapped are not "target animals," but are called "trash" animals by the trappers. These are songbirds, eagles, all types of wildlife, pregnant animals, mother animals and their young. Every year more dogs and cats are trapped. . . . Traps have been found in local parks in Eugene, by the Willamette River, and in backyards. Anyone, any age, can buy a trap.

The leghold trap is totally unnecessary. More than 60 countries have banned its use. . . . This trap has been used virtually unchanged in the U.S. since 1840. It is time for a change.

Write to your senators and representatives urging them to ban the trap.

—Soshannah Thiel

Letter From China

... At the airport [in Peking] we are met by Mr. Wu and Mr. Long, both from Fujian Province. "We have come from the provincial government of Fujian to greet you," Mr. Long stated. Continuing, he said, "As this is the first delegation from Oregon to visit Fujian, we attach great significance to your visit. Peking is also new to us, much like Washington, DC, to Oregonians."

Mr. Long then introduced Ms. Lee Ou of China Travel Service, Peking Branch, and Mr. Mao, tour guide and driver of Bus. No. 206 for our two days in Peking.

Ms. Lee began by welcoming us, then stated "for me no politics or business, only guiding." On the 1/2-hour journey to the Great Wall Hotel, China's newest and a show-piece joint venture with American business, we take note of the straight tree-lined streets. March 12 we are told, is tree-planting day and everyone plants four trees in Peking, mostly willows, locusts, poplars and some pine.

"There are eight million people in Peking. Do you know how many bicycles there are in Peking?" Without pausing, Ms. Lee answered her own question, "There are about three million, and tomorrow," she promised, "you will see them all."

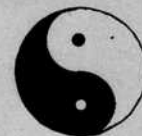
On our first day in Peking we awoke to a clear, brisk (32° low) morning. What we saw was one of the most intensive construction efforts on earth. Peking is booming with construction. Looking west from the Great Wall Hotel I can see no less than 20 large construction cranes on the horizon. There are hundreds of multi-stored buildings, mostly apartments under construction. . . .

As we observed the city and its people we saw colors. No longer is China a nation who dresses only in black and blue. Pink, red and green jackets, handbags and scarves illustrate visually China's maturing post-revolution attitude. Children are especially colorfully dressed. Billboards advertise consumer goods like sewing machines, TV sets and radios. The Chinese are obviously healthy and robust, yet the single bunch of greens tied on the back of a bike signals that life means frugality in China.

There is a plastic revolution in northern Chinese agriculture. The Cloche, long tube-like plastic greenhouses, enable year-round agriculture even in northern China. . . .

Along the grand canal, the 1,000-mile canal from Peking to Su-jou near Shanghai, we pass a Peking duck farm ("your dinner tomorrow night" observes Ms. Lee). We also see algae dippers on innertubes and old men sitting by the canal with their bird cages enjoying the spring sun.

At the Great Wall we join a stream of Chinese and foreign tourists in a 1/2-hour hike to a high point on the 2,400-year-old structure for a commanding view of the edifice which symbolizes more than any other feature the country known as the Middle Kingdom.



At the vast Tian An Men Square (Gate of Heavenly Peace), an area which can accommodate 500,000 people on national days of celebration, we mingle with a crowd of Chinese watching an old man fly a 100-foot long dragon kite. Bob Edwards, KVAL television cameraman, taped the spectacle and treats the children to a playback on his video recorder. His partner, Mark Hass, has learned to say, "I am an American TV reporter" in Chinese to the delight of the crowds drawn to the camera which Edwards points freely in all directions.

Once every week tens of thousands of Chinese wait in line for hours in Tian An Men Square to visit the mausoleum which holds the body of Mao Tse Tung. . . .

Several times in Peking we are exuberantly told of President Reagan's April visit. Nancy Reagan's "Pennies for Pandas" is news in the China Daily newspaper. March 27 is our last night in Peking. . . . Ahead lies our much anticipated visit to Fujian

—Jerry Rust

Lane County Commissioner



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Women, Politics and Latin America is the title of a Search class offered by the Council for Human Rights in Latin America through the University of Oregon, Spring quarter, 1984.

The class will feature a series of films and lectures presented by political specialists from Latin America and the United States including third world women expert Jill Gay from the Washington, D.C. based Institute for Policy Studies; Chilean exile now living in Mexico Gabriela Videla; State Senators Jeanette Hamby and Margie

Hendricksen; and Congressman Weaver staff aide, Gail Shibley.

The idea of the course was inspired by the Third World Women's Project sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies, the U.N.-initiated International year of the Woman, and the Oregon women's tours to Nicaragua.

The first class will be held at the Council for Human Rights in Latin America, 1236 Kincaid, April 9 (Monday), 7-9 pm. For more information, contact Deborah Romerein at 484-5867.

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