

Peiping Still One Of Most Beautiful Cities In World, Says British Correspondent

Editor's Note—Lois Mitchison, British newspaper writer, took a two-month tour of Red China. This story, written for the Associated Press, was forwarded through Hong Kong.

By LOIS MITCHISON

PEIPING (AP)—Peiping is still one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

You come in by train under great grey walls into the station. You drive to your hotel past the Gate of Heavenly Peace, the red walls of the old imperial city, the yellow-tiled roofs and marble bridges of the imperial palace, the Five Dragon Pavilion, the Buddhist pagoda, the Altar of Earth and the Temple of Heaven, the Mongol round city of the Pei Hai, the temple of Confucius, the red-pillared pavilions, the crumbling courtyards, the ancient tombs of the Ming and Ching dynasties.

You still can see the old city as it was built, box within box. First the main city walls, split by enormous gate towers. Then the red imperial walls and finally the imperial palace, the inner city once forbidden to all except the old Chinese imperial court.

Now the ancient city displays the habitations of the newest China, tailored by Communists.

New high buildings break the old Peiping skyline. Two stark concrete hotels sit in the center of the city. Many-story office buildings crowned with green tile roofs loom over the twin lakes and their delicate bridge of white-carved marble.

Still shrouded in scaffolding, a tower rises in front of the Tien Mein, the Gate of Heavenly Peace which opens on the Forbidden City. It blocks the famous vista from the imperial throne through the palace and city gates of Peiping. Besides the tower a giant crane broods, symbol of Red China's industrial bent.

The tower is dedicated to the new state's "labor heroes."

The Gate of Heavenly Peace, facing on Peiping's biggest square, displays two enormous banners—"Long Live the People's Republic of China" and "Long Live the Union of World People!"

As you cross the stone causeway to the Temple of Heaven—most sacred building of the old Chinese empire—you see a large map of Formosa and the slogan: "Taiwan Formosa is Chinese land. The Chinese people must liberate Taiwan."

Other slogans flank the temple entrance.

Everywhere are banners: "Produce hard!" "Develop labor emulation!"

Another symbol lies to the north side of the Temple of Heaven. It is the city execution ground.

Clergyman Turns Psychiatrist With Notable Success

By RENE J. CAPPON

PARSONS, Kan. (AP)—A tall, gentle-voiced clergyman from North Dakota is spending his first Lent in an unusual new offshoot of the ministry—as a psychiatric chaplain.

The Rev. Mr. Sigurd Peterson, a native of Kenmare, N.D., in the Middle West for some 20 years, the most recent in Racine, Wis., but he said today he found his present job "the most satisfying of my life."

He serves as full-time chaplain at the Parsons State Training School for Mentally Retarded Children. He is a Lutheran.

In preparation for the task, he took a rigorous nine-month course in psychiatry at a Topeka, Kan., hospital. He is convinced religion has much common ground with that branch of medicine.

At the Parsons hospital, which does some pioneer work in the field of mental retardation, the chaplaincy is on an equal basis with other clinical services.

Nearly 500 mentally handicapped children and young people between 6 and 21 are at Parsons.

The minister's religious message is painstakingly adapted to the children's limited understanding, as well as to their individual needs.

Emotion, Simple Faith

Consequently, it is short on theology and abstract notions, long on emotion and simple faith.

"I stress God's love," he said. "The youngsters have very great emotional needs, and I find them profoundly responsive to this aspect of religion."

"One of the things religion has to say to these children is that they are significant in spite of their handicap—that they count equally in God's sight."

The chaplain conducts two services each Sunday morning, one for teen-agers and one for younger children. A priest says Mass for the Catholic youngsters.

Wednesday night there is a service in the form of hymn singing and Bible stories illustrated with slides.

Psychiatrists Pleased

The hospital's psychiatrists are pleased with the way the chaplain's religious work—which also includes a huge schedule of personal counseling— dovetails with their own therapy. This aims at resolving a child's emotional conflicts, developing his mentality as far as possible, and creating a personality adjusted to its handicap.

His work with the mentally handicapped, the minister said, "has tremendously broadened my understanding of people. If I should undertake another pastorate, I think I'd be twice as good a pastor as before."

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Painting Looked Better Upside Down, Says Artist

CLEVELAND (AP)—The artist's signature is upside down, but the winning painting at the Chicago Art Institute's annual exhibition is hanging right side up.

"It's hanging the way I wanted it to hang," said the artist, 28-year-old Miss Anna P. Baker of Cleveland.

Two students laughed when they noticed the upside-down signature on Miss Baker's "High Frequency Ping," which copied the show's top prize of \$1,500, her first big award.

"When I started painting it, I signed it the second day," explained the young artist. "I painted on it for nearly a year, and as it progressed I decided it looked better the other way around. The other way there was a big area that gives it a certain amount of depth, and I didn't want that."

A spokesman for the institute, unaware of the depth question, said it didn't much matter which way the painting was hung—it looked good either way. They decided which way was up, because contestants had been instructed to label their entries in the upper left hand corner on the back.

Hats Off To Cap; It's Back Again

NEW YORK (AP)—Hats off to the cap, men—it's back again. And in high style too.

This ancient form of head covering, worn for centuries in one form or another, had all but followed the handmade nickel cigar into oblivion.

A nifty new type of cap, called the "Ivy League" because of its first popularity on Ivy League college campuses, turned the trick.

This one is a nat, trim, jaunty little item which doesn't overhang in the back or drape over the sides. It has a single-piece top and short visor. It fits snugly over the top of the head. Manufacturers are doing headstands of delight over its success.

"Business is going up terrifically," said a spokesman for one large concern today.

"It's one of the biggest changes in the hat business in years," said Bernard L. Salsky, president of the Giant Hat Corp. of America.

"Our guess, based on present sales, is that it will be one of the most important developments in the men's apparel industry since President Eisenhower decided to wear a Homberg instead of a silk topper at his inauguration."

Spectacular Fire Hits Mental Hospital Building

FULTON, Mo. (AP)—A spectacular fire destroyed most of the 105-year old administration building at the state mental hospital here early Thursday, doing millions of dollars worth of damage.

Seven hundred and twenty patients were evacuated from patient wings, parts of which also went up in flames.

Miss Ronda Farris, a staff member who lived in the administration building, suffered a cut or burn on one foot, but there were no reports of other injuries.



WHAT'S THREE YEARS, ANYWAY?—Records at Tulalip Indian Reservation near Marysville, Wash., say Mrs. Ruth Shelton is 101 years old, but she insists "I'm not that old." So she celebrated her 98th birthday, claiming it's a woman's privilege to "fudge a little" on her age. That weird-looking totem pole at the right was carved by her late husband, Chief William Shelton of the Snohomish tribe.



LET'S SEE, WHAT'LL WE WEAR?—Actress Rita Gam (right) and Mrs. Jay Kanter ponder fashions in Mrs. Kanter's New York apartment. They have been invited as attendants at Grace Kelly's wedding in Monaco in April. Rita and Grace have been friends since Miss Kelly's modeling and TV acting days in New York. Mrs. Kanter is the daughter of Barney Balaban, head of Paramount Pictures.

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Douglas Co. Folks Attend Grants Pass Opening

Several Douglas County business men were in Grants Pass this week, attending the open-house of the newly-remodeled Western Auto Supply Co. store owned by former Roseburg resident Phil Borgman.

Borgman purchased the store last October.

Driving down for the three-day opening which closes Saturday were Sandy McBride, Sutherland; Bob Hall, Myrtle Creek; Stacy Johnson, Drain; and Harold Glover, Roseburg.

Oakland Chapter 91 Holds Regular Meeting

Oakland Chapter 91 held its regular meeting recently at the hall with Worthy Matron Helen Stuve and Worthy Patron Lyle Stuve presiding.

Plans were discussed in regard to the district convention which is to be held in April. Emory Tilley and Edna Bidwell were appointed to the next decorating committee.

The Stellar Club will meet Monday March 19 at the home of Mrs. Nadine Stearns at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Ada McCall as co-hostess.

Fourth Grade Students Give Program For PTA

Parents and friends attending the regular meeting of the Days Creek PTA which was held recently, were entertained by Mrs. Gayle Oke-nek's fourth grade students. Highlights of the program was a play-let to a record of "Alice In Wonderland," by Nila Garboden and Johnny Hoskins.

A sextette composed of Jay Seymour, Jimmy Patton, Larry Yoder, Tommy Nimsic, Tommy Tison and Martin Lee sang a spiritual. A solo was sung by Jimmy Patton and Larry Yoder said a poem. The program was announced by Tommy Tison, and included two dances by the class.

During the business meeting, President Claud Howard urged all those present to be sure they were registered to vote before the school consolidation vote, scheduled for July 13. The room count was won by the fourth grade.

ALLEN REAPPOINTED

SALEM (AP)—Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, was reappointed by Gov. Smith Thursday to a four-year term on the State Board of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Austrian Prince, Age 56, Dies Of Heart Attack

BREGENZ, Austria (AP)—Prince Ernest Ruediger von Starhemberg, 56, wealthy leader of Austria's pre-war Heimwehr, died of a heart attack Thursday.

"He was stricken during a walk at a sanatorium."

The Heimwehr, a Fascist-type national guard, was a power in Austria before Hitler incorporated this country into Germany in 1938. But the Germans had no use for Starhemberg. He fled the country at the outbreak of World War II. He returned in 1955 from years of exile in Argentina.

TO USE TELESCOPE

PORTLAND (AP)—Biologists are going to use a telescope to try to keep up with fish counting at the Willamette Falls fishway at Oregon City.

High water at times prevents men from reaching the counting station there. So a 20-power telescope will be mounted on a tripod on the roof of a paper mill at West Linn for use of fish counters, the Oregon Fish Commission said.

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