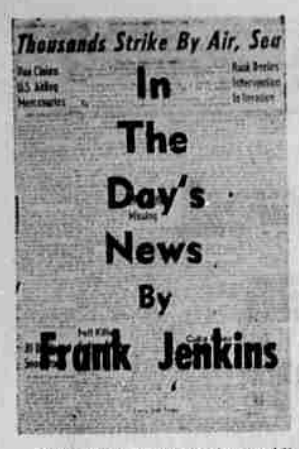

Hong Kong is one of the world's most interesting spots. Its population is officially reported to be 99.1 per cent Chinese. Which means that out of each 100 of its permanent population (tourists excluded) 99 are Chinamen.

And yet—

Hong Kong is practically 100 per cent free enterprise. Of its thousands of little shops, practically all are privately owned and privately operated. The same is true of its industries—from little one - room workshops to its relatively few large factories. There is no communist industry in Hong Kong.

Does that mean that the Chinese people are fundamentally anti-communist?

Not necessarily.

The greater part of these Hong Kong Chinese are recent comers. At least three-fourths of them have come in the last few years — the years since communism swept the Chinese mainland. The Hong Kong Chinese are of two kinds—the rich and the poor. The rich saw communism coming and got out of China early, bringing their wealth with them. A lot of the poor are still coming, crossing the Bamboo Curtain as refugees whenever the opportunity presents itself.

So what has been happening in Hong Kong could mean that the Chinese who can't take communism, who are willing to risk their lives to get away from it, are GETTING OUT while those willing to take whatever comes, including communism, are remaining in China. Time will tell.

The big mystery is why Red China permits this 100 per cent free enterprise pin point on the map of Southeast Asia to go on flourishing.

How are WE doing in Southeast Asia?

How are our foreign aid policies working out?

Are we gaining or losing?

No Johnny-come-lately — and especially no casual tourist — can be expected to know. But one meets interesting people. One such is an American officer who has been working with our foreign aid people for the past two and a half years. He isn't too optimistic.

Thailand, he says, is our only ally in Southeast Asia. It has a tough, competent government — a benevolent despotism that knows its people aren't ready yet for self government, and meanwhile is giving them what they need. Thailand, he adds wants no truck with communism, and will fight at the drop of a hat to retain its freedom.

Laos, he thinks, is gone. Vietnam, the present hot spot, is probably gone. The heck of it, he says, is that neither cares a hoot what happens. All they want is to be left in their house by the side of the road to watch the world go by. They accept American foreign aid and they accept Russian foreign aid—and don't care whose aid it is.

But, he adds, if we get out, the communists will move in and take over ALL of Southeast Asia. So, he supposes, we'll have to hang on.

Sanitation, he thinks, is the big problem down in these parts — and little wonder, he adds. The rivers are vast sewers. They are used as washtubs, as bathtubs, as public toilets—AND as reservoirs for domestic water supply, including drinking water and water for cooking.

As a result of this total lack of sanitation 19 out of each 25 babies born DIE before reaching the age of five. With proper sanitation, he says, 20 out of 25 of them could LIVE.

But, he goes on, our idea of aiding these people is to build modern paved highways, power dams and such—all of which the people of Southeast Asia are not yet ready for.

And—

He says with a shrug—

The Russians put it all over us as propagandists. We spray the jungle roads with weed killers to open them up so we can't be ambushed so readily, and the communists spread the word that we are killing off all the vegetation so that the people will starve. When there is too much rain or too little of it, the commies spread the tale that American nuclear testing is causing it. We send a helicopter into the jungle to bring out some poor devil to the hospital, and the commies tell the natives we are taking him away for torture.

And so on. The dickens of it, he says, is that the people BELIEVE it.

This man isn't a cynic. He isn't a disgruntled worker who is peeved with his job. He concedes that we probably have a bear by the tail in Southeast Asia and must hang on or the consequences will be serious.

But he isn't very happy over the way things are going. One meets many others like him down in this part of the world.

EDITORIAL PAGE

OUR TIMBER SUPPLY

By Charles V. Stanton

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, was quite positive, when I had a most interesting conversation with him recently, that the volume of timber now sold by the U. S. Forest Service under the allowable cut program will not be materially reduced. While the Forest Service, he reports, has prepared a large scale recreational program, he doesn't expect that the volume of timber available for commercial uses will be greatly altered.

I wish I could be as certain.

It is my fear that many things can enter into the allowable cut pattern and that we could be seriously damaged.

Many years ago the late V. V. Harpham, long supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, predicted the time would come when the Forest Service would be placed under extreme pressure to sell timber in excess of the sustained yield pattern—at that time a fairly new concept of timber management.

The Forest Service, being subject to Congressional and Executive action, he told me, can only follow instructions. When the timber industry became pressed for logs, Harpham predicted, strong pressures would be applied to politicians, to the Forest Service, to the President, and others, to break the principle that the Forest Service should sell timber on a basis designed to maintain a perpetual capacity.

Operators Pushing

When a person talks with operators he finds the majority voicing agreement with the sustained yield policy.

Immediately, however, one realizes that there's a vast difference between the operator's definition of sustained yield and that of the Forest Service.

Operators are pushing for every stick of timber they can get off the National Forests. And they are correct, I believe, in demanding that the Forest Service make available every possible log. If, however, the ideas expressed by some of the operators, with whom I have had opportunity to talk, were to be granted, it wouldn't be long until our National Forests were as bare as is some of our logged-off land.

It is easily observed that there is a strong campaign to break down public confidence in the Forest Service. Utterances by some of the operators, representatives of associations, and others seem designed to destroy the prestige of this organization and to create suspicion in the minds of the public.

Is this a prelude to a stronger campaign to work through Congress and the President to render impotent a weakened Forest Service?

Watch your daily papers and note the way in which industry representatives are "panning" the Forest Service at every opportunity! I must admit that I favor the Forest Service and the sustained yield principle and that I'm suspicious of what seems to me to be an effort to impair the effectiveness of forest management.

Recreation Is Threat

But, to my mind, there is another threat, and one of more immediate concern, and that is the recreational demand.

It must be admitted that the Forest Service is a slow, oversized bureau, which is hamstrung with a vast quantity of red tape, detail, minutiae, trivia. Every act must go through "channels." As a result, any action by the Forest Service usually is far behind current demand.

Right now the demand is for recreational facility. The rapid growth of population makes the need for recreational area immediately imperative.

The Forest Service has a recreational plan. It has designed a policy. It has, in effect, zoned the National Forests for usage purposes. Next comes a study of areas, an assignment of priorities, a program of development, and approval at all levels. Under current practice we may expect the program to reach the stage of execution sometime. But that "sometime" probably will not conform to the demand for immediate action.

But we have many very effective sports clubs, with thousands of votes, who want the whole Cascade Range set aside for recreation, including wilderness areas that would stop all timber removal. The National Park Service proposes to take over large acreages now controlled by the Forest Service. The Department of Interior recently set up a new bureau to deal with the problem of recreation. It could compete for land.

If too much of our forest is diverted to recreation, our communities will be seriously hurt from the economic standpoint. A lot of jobs will be lost.

I hope Stone is correct in his belief that our supply of timber for industrial purposes will not be materially hurt. I only wish I could be as confident.

Hal Boyle

Easter Church Attendance Was Early England Hazard

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

A survey showed the average college student spends $2,500 a year —including his education costs. Parents supply 64 per cent, and 36 per cent comes from loans, scholarships and his own earnings.

Truck drivers rely on more than coffee breaks to keep awake on long hauls. They sing, whiff smelling salts, and suck lemons.

The word "Easter" comes from "Eostra," a pagan goddess of spring who, according to legend, delighted children by changing her pet bird into a rabbit. Today coloring eggs is a worldwide custom.

Going to church on Easter had its hazards in medieval England. Choir members often tossed eggs back and forth while singing hymns.

Never before has the American housewife been able to buy more efficient stoves—and more foods that don't need cooking.

Diamonds come in such shades as pale yellow, coffee brown, red, pink, green, blue and black.

"The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong —but that's the way to bet"—Damon Runyon.

Visitors often wonder aloud whether Manhattan Island will ever sink from the weight of its skyscrapers. Actually, they sometimes make it lighter. Example, the new Time and Life Building weighs 200,000 tons, but the rock excavated for its foundation weighed 215,000 tons.

The scales at the U.S. Mint are so fine they can weigh a pencil mark on a piece of paper.

Oscar Homolka tells about the bride who was worried about dishpan hands—so she bought a pair of rubber gloves for her husband.

The U.S. Patent Office issues some 40,000 patents each year, or about one for every 4,500 Americans.

Some psychologists believe women laugh more than men. Well, why not? They have men to laugh at.

It was Ben Hecht who observed, "Any views are unimportant, if they are held about women by a man past 40."

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James Marlow

Despite Years Of Disaster Red Chinese Still Defiant

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Red Chinese leadership has openly acknowledged what was generally known: that it jumped too far too fast and fell on its face.

There is no comfort for the West in this. There is not even a small sign the Communists are weakened or endangered.

In Premier Chou En-lai's report of calamities there is no whine for pity. It seems clear the Chinese Communists will press the people's noses to the grindstone even harder.

If the West or Russia expected three years of disaster to soften Red China's attitude toward either of them, they guessed wrong. The Red Chinese are still defiant, still belligerent, still unbending.

Chou in a report to the highly secret session of the National People's Congress admitted that Red China has suffered both natural calamities and a messed-up economy for the past three years.

The China mainland underwent severe food shortages in recent years and had to import wheat but Chou indicated this means the Chinese must work even harder.

The people's communes, set up under Chou, Mao Tze-tung and other Red Chinese leaders, have been severely criticized in the West on several grounds — that they demoralized Chinese family life, had reduced the Chinese to a harsher peasantry than they ever had had, and that Mao and his friends had far overextended themselves.

There are indications in Chou's report that the leadership thinks it may have made some mistakes in handling the communes. But the report shows no thought of abandoning them, just improving them.

A resolution approved by the congress suggests that there will be some changes in the communes but the emphasis will be on even greater effort to produce food to meet China's needs.

Some concessions may be made to give the masses some of the necessities of living.

The resolution, involving a 10-point program, spoke of rational arrangement of production in light and heavy industry so that an increase of daily necessities can be realized.

Yet, almost immediately afterward, this same resolution calls for getting a lot of people out of the cities and back to the farms to turn out food.

There was no sign of even a little change in Red China's foreign policy. Its venom, outlined in Chou's report, was still aimed at the West, particularly against American "imperialism."

This has been the unvarying Red Chinese theme, repeated through the years, and with increasing pain to the Russians whose Premier Khrushchev tried his new line of "peaceful coexistence."

Anyone who remembers the iron will and discipline of the Red Chinese leaders — between the time Chiang Kai-shek drove them into isolation in China's northwest corner in the 1920s and the time they returned in 1949 to drive him to Formosa—could not realistically have expected any softening just because they ran into some setbacks while trying too hard.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

It's A Stage Of Life!

DEAR ABBY: I am a waitress, 22, and unmarried. A fat, bald man who must be 50 eats breakfast here every morning. I wait on him in the same pleasant way I wait on others. He has asked me for dates several times, but I have turned him down. Last week he left a $5 tip under his plate. His breakfast was $1.25. I tried to give it back to him the next morning, but he wouldn't take it. He did the same thing again this morning. I feel foolish accepting a $5 tip for nothing. My boss says to keep it. I feel so guilty. What should I do?

TIPPED TOO HIGH

DEAR TIPPED: The old codger is trying to butter you up. Tell him that you have no intention of dating him (if you really haven't) and excessive tipping won't help. If that doesn't slow him down, pocket the money and forget it.

DEAR ABBY: I have three married children, but I hate the term "IN-LAW" and I never call them my "sons-in-law" or my "daughter-in-law." Yet I cannot call them my "son" or "daughter" because it gets too confusing. How can I avoid the "in-law" part when I introduce them to people?

"MOTHER MARY"

DEAR MOTHER: You can say, "This is Susie—she is married to my son, Jim."

DEAR ABBY: I am at the end of my rope trying to get rid of a certain man. I never really encouraged him. I only dated him a few times because he was so persistent, and now he won't leave me alone. He phones me every night, and almost every day he sends me one of those crazy cards just to let me know he "loves" me. The worse I treat him, the better he likes it. How do I shake him once and for all? He is beginning to give me the creeps already.

OVER 21

DEAR OVER: Tell him in plain language that you do not want to take up any more of his time, and please to stop calling and sending cards. Don't be afraid of "hurting" him. A man who thrives on abuse and keeps coming back for more is too insensitive to get the message.

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Today and Tomorrow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 17

Buckeroos, beginners pattern dances, at the barn, 8 p.m.

Roseburg Kiwanis Club, Umpqua Hotel Civic Room, noon.

Glide Kiwanis Club, 7:30 p.m.

Associated Volunteers card party, Veterans Hospital recreation building music room, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Army Reserve, 1614 W. Harvard, 8-10 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, basement of Pacific Building, 8 p.m. For information call OR 3-6629.

Boots and Calico, pattern dance lessons and workshop, Winston Community Hall, 8-10 p.m. For information write PO Box 104 or call OR 3-3436. Ward Cummings caller.

Sutherlin Girls Drill team, practice, East Grade School playground. For information write Box 262, Rt. 1, Sutherlin. New members welcome.

Roseburg Duplicate Bridge Club, Umpqua Hotel, 7:15 p.m. This is an open club and all bridge players are welcome. Anyone needing a partner for the play is asked to call OR 3-4566.

American Legion, Umpqua Post 16, dinner 7 p.m. at Seventh-day Adventist auditorium. Turkey furnished by post. Women to bring pie or salad. Bring table service.

Melrose Grange, Grange Hall, 8 p.m.

Job's Daughters, Bethel 8, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

South Umpqua Archer's shoot, Riddle warehouse, 7 p.m.

Sto-kart Cart Club, 7:30 p.m. Pacific Chainsaw. Everyone welcome.

Woodmen Circle Workbasket, 7:30 p.m.

Garden Department meeting of Roseburg Woman's Club, clubhouse, 10 a.m.

Roseburg Art Association.

Rainbow Garden Clubs field trip.

Missionary Society of Melrose Community Church, business meeting 10 a.m.

Oregon League of Seniors, Canyonville IOOF Hall, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Roseburg Road Runners Motorcycle Club, Beckwith's Motorcycle Shop, Harvard Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Air Force Reserve, 1614 W. Harvard Ave., 8 p.m.

Moose Lodge, Moose Hall, 8 p.m.

Doug-Ett's Sheriff's Mounted Patrol, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

Drain Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, noon.

Laurel Lodge 13.

Woman's Home League of the Salvation Army, at the church, 1:30 p.m.

Satan Chauffeurs, at the club, 404 NE Cummins off Diamond Lake Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

Die-Hards, at the clubhouse, 8 p.m.

Umpqua Regional Timing Assn., 494 NE Cummins, 6:30 p.m.

Umpqua Lions Club, Dale's Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

Winston-Dillard Job's Daughters, Douglas School, 7:30 p.m.

MU Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, 8 p.m.

Camas Valley Toastmistress Club, Bart's Cafe, 8 p.m.

Winston-Dillard Home Extension Unit, Evergreen Grange, 10 a.m.

Blue Star Mothers, home of Letha Bryan, 527 W. Elm, 10:30 a.m. Sack lunch.

Chapter BI, PEO Sisterhood, home of Catherine Kerr, 2108 W. Foothill Drive, 1:15 p.m.

Women's Overseas Service League, 7:30 p.m. For information call Mrs. E. A. Post, OR 3-8706.

Women's Council Mails Several Mission Boxes

Members of the Women's Council of the Glendale Assembly of God held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Norval Sheppard, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, correspondent.

Mission boxes were packed and mailed to the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Ark., to India and to Alaska. Two boxes were packed for local needs.

Mrs. P. J. Miller had charge of the devotional meeting.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Scripture: John 13: 1-38

This is one of the beautiful chapters of the Bible portraying the care with which Jesus trained his disciples to take over their duties after his crucifixion.

Notice he is concerned right up to the last with the old bugaboo of individual pride. How vulnerable these disciples were to false pride. They were disciples of the Son of God, they might have thought, so they had a right to be heard.

But Jesus brands their hearts with the lesson in humility that is taught in the practice of washing one another's feet. Then he informs them that one of them is to be his betrayer. And Peter, who was known for his quick trigger, is singled out further because Jesus knew he was especially vulnerable.

These incidents should serve to caution each of us about pride in the gospel. Jesus teaches us that we have no cause to be proud of ourselves; even if we consider ourselves good Christians. Our pride must be limited to the thoughtful humble pride of a servant and each of us knows that whether we serve others, or they serve us, our fundamental purpose as brothers in Christ is to serve God Almighty.

To do this we must make ourselves as clean as we can but we must allow the cleansing power of God to come into our lives. For we cannot wash the stain of sinfulness away of our own accord. Christ cleanses, he washes, he purifies. Thank God for an understanding Saviour!

Rev. H. James Jenkins, pastor
First Methodist Church.

Hatfield Wants Feasibility Study For A Two-State Port Authority

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said recently he will propose legislation to the 1963 Oregon legislature for a feasibility study for a bi-state Columbia River port authority.

Hatfield, in remarks at a Propeller Club dinner, said he also was recommending that Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington submit identical legislation to the Washington legislature.

The proposal, Hatfield said, would have the study consider;

A bi-state port authority along the entire river in both states, embracing all counties abutting the river, or

A bi-state port authority on both sides of the Lower Columbia only, or

Individual port authorities within each state embracing the counties of that state which abut the river.

Hatfield said the Pacific Northwest is going to face substantial growth in the future and those in public office have the responsibility to provide plans and programs to meet this growth.

"We need a comprehensive plan to insure the proper and full use of the Columbia River shorelines," Hatfield said

"An overall Columbia River Port Authority would greatly facilitate the planning and development of an integrated series of ports and terminal facilities. . . required to best promote maritime commerce in the Northwest."

Hatfield said such an agency should be non-political. He said it could be either a policy making agency or it could operate terminal facilities.

He urged that such a study be made "before conclusions are reached or convictions established." He said an open minded approach would bring the best results.

Gunman Holds Up Portland Market

PORTLAND (AP) — A downtown Portland food market was robbed of $150 by a gunman Sunday.

Shortly afterward policeman Robert Olson stopped a car that matched one described as the vehicle in which the robber fled. He arrested George T. Schuster, 35, who was booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, assault and robbery, and being drunk on a street. Bail was set at $3,020.

Police said the robber pulled a .38 caliber revolver on James Dale Guy, 25, a clerk in the store, and ordered him to empty contents of the cash register into a bag.

They said that as Olson drove Schuster back toward the store after apprehending him, Schuster jumped from the car and started to run, Olson fired two warning shots and the man stopped.

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