Resentment Of Zone Is Root Of Trouble

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is written by a United Press International correspondent who lived for 15 years in Panama and now is assigned to the UPI bureau in Tokyo.

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For more than 50 years Americans and Panamanians on the Isthmus of Panama have coexisted side by side, intermarrying and attending each other's schools.

On the surface it has been one of the friendliest and most unique relations between any two peoples anywhere.

But because of the very nature of their close relationship, each side has fought to maintain its identity.

This has given rise to undercurrents of resentment and hostility which have nothing to do with Castro or Communism in Latin America.

Technically, the Panamanians have been the landlords and the Americans the tenants. But many Panamanians feel the role has been reversed to some extent.

The United States paid Panama $10 million for the Canal Zone when the canal was completed in 1914. Since then it has paid an annual rental of $1.93 million.

Many Panamanians feel these are piddling sums and that the United States should pay far more. Others feel the zone and the canal itself should be turned over to Panama.

But they know this is unlikely to happen, at least not for many years.

U. S. Controls Shipping

The waterway allows the U.S. to control the bulk of shipping between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. In war its value is immeasurable.

Meanwhile, what the Panamanians resent most is that they have no real control over the Canal Zone, though it is technically Panamanian soil.

Within the Canal Zone live thousands of Americans, many with deep roots in Panama. Some are second generation zonians. They consider the zone their only home and, by implication, American soil.

In recent years, Americans in the zone have been given a heady taste of self-government, through civic councils and other measures. This has served to bind them closer to the land. Many fiercely oppose any measures which would give Panama any control over the zone.

They are quick to point out that the canal was built with American blood and sweat.

Get Along Well

Yet, for all the precariousness of the situation, both sides have gotten along remarkably well.

There are no man-made barries between the 10-mile wide Canal Zone and Panama. Panamanians are free to enter the zone and zone residents are free to enter Panama.

Yet there is smoldering resentment among the Panamanians.

Many feel that once they enter the zone they become second class citizens, barred from theaters, commissaries and clubhouses.

They resent the fact that they have to have Canal Zone drivers' licenses to drive through the canal zone.

Above all they resent the sharp contrast in the living standards of the zone residents and the average Panamanian.

Tax Agency Income Up

SALEM (UPI) — State Tax Commission collections for the first half of the current fiscal year totaled $48,387,425, an increase of $2,833,144 over receipts for the first half of fiscal 1962-63, the commission reported Friday.

The revenue receipts matched estimates made earlier by the commission.

Revenues of $47,817,483 from personal and corporation excise and income taxpayers accounted for all but $91,678 of the increase, and represented a gain of 6.1 per cent over the first half of the 1962-63 fiscal year.

Personal income tax payments totaled $43,877,569 an increase of 6.7 per cent over the first six months of 1962-63.

Other revenue sources for the six month period:

Corporate excise and income, $3,939,914; amusement device, $51,594; Eastern Oregon severance, $202,084; electric cooperative $2,496; forest products $298,575; private car Co., $10,384, rural telephone exchange, $4,809.

BIRTHS

Douglas Community Hospital

PHILLIPS — To Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips 1651 SE Hamilton, Roseburg, Jan. 2, a daughter, Susan Gae; weight 7 pounds 3¾ ounces.

JACKSON — To Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson, 651 Neuner Drive, Roseburg, Jan. 2, a son, Matthew David; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

WELCH — To Mr. and Mrs. Verlie Welch, Idleyld Rt., Box 118, Roseburg, Jan. 3, a son, Michael Dean; weight 10 pounds 2 ounces.

BROWN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, 157 Club St., Roseburg, Jan. 4, a son, David Lawrence; weight 6 pounds ½ ounce.

SCOLLON — To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scollon, Box 32, Tenmile, Jan. 4, a daughter, Lori Joan; weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

JOHNSTON — To Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, P.O. Box 36, Oakland, Jan. 6, a daughter, Brenda Lea; weight 7 pounds 5¼ ounces.

JAMES — To Mr. and Mrs. John James, Star Rt., Box 195, Winston, Jan. 7, a son, Charles Randall; weight 7 pounds 15¾ ounces.

Tenmile Folks Make Trip To Grants Pass

By MRS. WALTER COATS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roth and family of Tenmile drove to Grants Pass on Sunday to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Phoenix, and daughter, Josephine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lester Coats of Coos Bay called at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. L. Godfrey, recently. The Coats were returning from Medford where they had been visiting their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Byron and daughter, Becky, of Tulelake, Calif., and Mrs. Norma Mackey of Cottage Grove called at the home of Mrs. Lillian Bushnell during the holidays. Mrs. Bushnell spent New Years at the home of her uncle, Charles Wilson, in Winston.

Camas Valley Family Has Vacation In South

By MRS. DAVE THRUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dahl and daughter, Nadine, of Camas Valley, accompanied by their other daughters, Sandy of Ashland and Janice of Eugene, spent an enjoyable two weeks in Arizona. They stayed one night at Wickenberg, and from there went north of Phoenix to Pleasant Lake where they spent several days. They left their house trailer at Verda Camp in Verda Valley and from there went to the Natural Bridge in Mogollon Rims and near Flagstaff they saw the Petrified Forest. After the first week Janice took a bus back to Eugene and the rest of the family continued their vacation at Death Valley. They toured several old Indian ruins including Montezuma Castle, Montezuma Wells and Walnut Canyon, and also saw the Painted Desert.

Mrs. Wilmer White, her mother, Mrs. Ralph Richter, and Mrs. White's daughter, Mrs. Eddie Nichols, and daughter, Linda, spent one day the past week in Eugene.

The following college students spent the holidays with their parents: Bill Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Brown, from OTI in Klamath Falls; Helen Kirkendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkendall, and Sandy Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dahl, from Southern Oregon College in Ashland; and Judy Dancer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dancer, from Link's Business College in Boise, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bibow and son, Carl, from Corvallis spent the past two weeks with Mrs. Bibow's mother, Mrs. Wilmer White. The Bibows are attending Oregon State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Rijk VanDePol and daughters, Pricilla and Susie, have returned home after spending the past two weeks vacationing in California. They went to the home of Mrs. VanDePol's sister, Mrs. John Keydenier, in San Jose and stayed one night. Another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Crain of Los Angeles, met them there and took them on to Los Angeles. They visited numerous relatives in Glendora. They toured Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Pacific Ocean Park and many other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fite and children, Charles and Debbie, and Mrs. Fite's brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Junior Williams and two children from Medford, spent the past two weeks visiting in Oklahoma. They saw Mrs. Fite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and a brother, Gene Williams, and Fite's brother, J. T. Fite, and his two children in Oklahoma City. In Wilburton they visited Fite's mother, Mrs Gertie Fite. They also visited numerous other relatives and friends. Mrs. Fite's sister and family came from Bertram, Tex., to be with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welch and son, Kyle, spent the holidays in Medford with Welch's mother, Mrs. Hilda Welch, and Mrs. Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ogden.

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