

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Snyape

Some months ago I told about the discovery of dawn redwoods in the heart of China.

So it might seem, but such is not the case as will be discovered by reading the latest pamphlet report of the Condon lectures.

In an earlier epoch, theocene, Oregon's forests had been of more tropical character, with tree like ferns and palms.

Conservative Baptist Meet Set in Salem

Salem First Baptist church will be host to the Oregon Baptist Conservative conference Tuesday and Wednesday.

Most of the churches are of the "disfranchised" group whose delegations were refused seats at last November's Oregon Baptist state convention in Portland.

Addresses will be given by Dr. Edward B. Hart, pastor of First Baptist church, Corvallis.

The provisional counseling committee is headed by the Rev. Kenneth Tobias of Bend.

Dean Acheson Takes Oath

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 - (AP) Graying, mustached Dean Acheson, 55-year-old lawyer and diplomat, became secretary of state in a solemn White House ceremony today.

Mr. Truman himself was reported as saying that if living standards in Asiatic countries could be raised 2 per cent U.S. production could not catch up with demand for 100 years.

Animal Crackers



"Wow! He just placed an order for a full length mirror!"

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Chiang Kai-Shek Retires as Leader of Chinese

Plan to Divorce Welfare from Liquor Fund Finds Supporters

Truck License System Reduces Revenue 30%

Despite a 12 per cent gain in 1948 motor vehicle registrations, revenues from license transactions were 30 per cent below the previous year.

U.S. Troops, Czech Guards Trade Fire

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 21 - (AP) - U. S. troops and Czechoslovak guards were disclosed today to have exchanged fire in a frontier incident.

Madras Likes Idea of Dam On Deschutes

MADRAS, Jan. 21 - (AP) - This town appeared today to like the idea of a new \$12,000,000 hydroelectric plant on the Deschutes river near here.

Resolution Calls For Indonesian Liberty by July '50

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 21 - (AP) A watered down resolution calling for Indonesian independence by July 1, 1950, was placed before the security council today by the United States and three other countries.

Two Maids and Their Snowman



Salem's every-other-day snowstorms provide new fun for the kids - every time the snowflakes fly.

Move for Peace in Prospect

By Harold K. Mills NANKING, Saturday, Jan. 22 - (AP) - President Chiang Kai-Shek retired from his historic role as China's leader yesterday and his successor reportedly agreed to send peace delegates to meet the communists.

Vice President Li Tsung-Jen, thrust into leadership of stricken China when Chiang relinquished his 22-year command of the government, was in constant consultation with his top advisers.

When Chiang flew away from Nanking late yesterday he left behind a statement so ambiguous that officials of his crumbling regime held it up until midnight.

As finally released, the official translation in English said: "With the hope that hostilities may be brought to an end and the people's suffering relieved, I have decided to retire."

As for Jan. 21, Vice President Li Tsung-Jen will exercise the duties and powers of president.

Wishes for Lasting Peace The text of nearly 400 words continued with a review of Chiang's devotion to the government and wishes for a lasting peace.

Asked whether a surrender deal might now be tried with the ascendant communists or what would happen next, one high official replied: "Frankly, we don't know. It all depends on what we are able to do now."

No Sooner Fired No sooner had Vice President Li taken over than he accepted the resignation of T. V. Soong, Chiang Kai-Shek's millionaire brother-in-law, as governor of Kwangtung province.

Soong was reported leaving immediately by air to proceed to the United States.

Shanghai, Saturday, Jan. 22 - (AP) - This great commercial city, whose firm support two decades ago helped establish Chiang Kai-Shek as China's leader, today took a "retirement" with complete calm.

The fact that Chiang long since had lost the support of public opinion was proved in Shanghai's general apathy regarding his retirement - whether it be temporary or final.

County Court Cool To Plan Delaying Changes in Laws

A stop-gap proposal from Assistant Attorney General Rex Kimmel which would postpone for at least two years the deadline on state laws dealing with counties of 100,000 population or over received a cool reception Friday from Marion county court.

The measure would specify that such bills, which are based on population figures, be amended to provide that the population figures for 1940 federal census be used.

The court, however, felt that two years' respite might be more desirable than helpful, and the laws would still require changes.

It asked District Attorney E. O. Stadler, jr., to proceed with the task of preparing new bills at the present legislative session to alter laws referring to counties with 100,000 population or more.

Israel, Egypt Hold Showdown Talk

RHODES, Jan. 21 - (AP) - Acting U.N. Mediator Ralph C. Bunche brought the heads of the Egyptian and Israeli delegations together tonight for a show-down on the armistice talks.

His action indicated that a break one way or another may be expected shortly in the negotiations which have stalled in a dispute over final demarcation of Israeli-Egypt boundaries.

Acting President of China



NEW YORK, Jan. 21 - Li Tsung-jen (above), vice president of China, became acting president today following Chiang Kai-shek's departure from Nanking.

2 Men Found Alive in Wreckage of Airliner

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 21 - (AP) - Two men were found alive today in the crumpled wreckage of an Alaska Airlines DC-3 transport plane and rescue crews said a third might still be living.

Six persons were aboard the craft when it piled into a hillside on the Kenai peninsula last night.

Man Burned in Launch Blast

ASTORIA, Jan. 21 - (AP) - A launch exploded here today, seriously injuring a boatman who was plummeted into an ice-packed river fluming in gasoline.

The blast blew the cabin completely off the \$15,000 launch Arrow No. 2; seared the paint from an adjoining launch; broke distant windows; and resounded throughout Astoria.

Revolt Seen in North Korea

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 21 - (AP) - The information minister of south Korea said today he had reliable reports that an army revolt against the north Korean communist regime had been in progress for two days at the border town of Haeju.

The minister, Kim Don Sun, said fires were observed and gunfire broke out the night of January 19 and were continuing. Haeju is near the west coast just north of the 38th parallel which separates the American - sponsored southern republic from the Soviet - sponsored northern government.

U.S., Britain Ready To Grant Status to Israel, Arab State

LONDON, Jan. 21 - (AP) - Informal sources said tonight Britain is ready to recognize the Jewish state of Israel and the United States to recognize Arab Trans-Jordan.

Such a move, intended to ease middle east tension over the Palestine situation, involves a major revision of British policy. It would be a minor shift by the United States.

U. S. government officials in Washington said the United States is likely to recognize Trans-Jordan next week at the same time full (de jure) recognition is given Israel. They said, however, there was no British - American bargaining involved.

6 Inches Blankets Portland

Salem Shakes Off 2-Inch Covering

More snow and colder temperatures was the forecast for the Salem area Saturday after the city had successfully sloughed off a two-inch snowfall Thursday night and Friday.

Most of the night's intermittent snowfall was gone from streets and unprotected areas by late afternoon Friday with some patches still clinging in shaded spots.

Meanwhile the whole northwest area from Seattle to Grants Pass was counting up the inches of snow which fell in the winter's worst storm.

Oregon state's highway commission was urging everyone to hold travel to a minimum as ice and snow-packed roads made highways hazardous.

Some pupils in Salem schools got an unexpected vacation when buses did not run Friday morning because of slippery roads.

The lack of transportation was announced over area radio stations but apparently few heard it.

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Morse Aids in Fight for T-H Law Hearings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 - (AP) - A drive by Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) to ram a Taft-Hartley repeal bill through the senate labor committee without hearings appeared today to be running out of gas.

Pepper himself stayed in the fight and he claimed some support in the committee.

But two of his democratic colleagues in that group came out for hearings on the repeal. They and the five republican members who want hearings constitute a majority of the 13-man committee.

Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah), the committee chairman, told reporters the labor unit would not "dare" to skip hearings.

And Senator Hill (D-La.), another member, predicted that the committee will arrange for limited hearings at a meeting Monday. Hill said he will support a motion by Senator Morse (R-Ore.) to start them next week and wind up by March 1.

(In a telegram to the Statesman Friday night, Morse said final action will be taken on his motion at a special meeting of the committee Monday. "My motion provides that the committee should plan to spend the month of March in drafting a bill based on facts, evidences and recommendations presented at the hearings," he said.)

Cherry Fete Set July 14-16

Salem Cherryland Festival association's directors Friday tentatively dated this summer's festival for July 14-15-16.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip, and rows for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.