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Maintain Trade with China

A recent action by a group of west coast Chinese is a small-scale counterpart of the general American attitude toward China today.

The San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, with business interests linked to the prosperity of China, is campaigning to cut local ties with the Chiang government and establish trade relations with the Chinese communists.

The chamber called for return to China of two Chiang Kai-shek government leaders to face trial, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. These two, T. V. Soong and H. H. Kung, each onetime premier and director of China's national economy, are now in the United States. The Chinatown group wants them returned to China to be charged with "corruption and causing the downfall of the Nationalist government through financial manipulations and establishment of monopolistic business practices that throttled free enterprise."

In effect, that is about the same way the United States as a whole feels: Americans are burned up that the Nationalist regime they supported with dollars and supplies failed to come out on top. They are sorry for the underdog but they are particularly angry at those who caused his plight through corruption, inefficiency, mismanaged bureaucracy. Though it seems unlikely the U.S. will send political refugees like Soong and Kung back into the hands of the communists, popular sympathy for the Kuomintang will probably be shortlived.

Americans who have invested millions in China are now willing to make friends, or at least come to businesslike terms, with the victorious communists. The Chinese need the oil, equipment and skills that the West can provide and will have to keep trade channels open to get them.

There's another, less cynical angle: Maintaining the flow of trade would better serve the Nationalist cause than simply abandoning China as a cold-war loss. Trade and communication between the Far East and the United States will discourage erection of a new wall around China, and as long as this new iron curtain is lifted there is the chance that the communists will not be able to dominate China completely.

Navajo Uranium

Lo! the poor Indian—he's not so poor, after all.

There has been quite a fuss over the plight of the Navajo Indians. Reports, some no doubt accurate, were circulated about how sadly the Great White Father had neglected his southwestern charges. The Indians were starving, their children went around illiterate and ragged and sick, their sheep were snatched away by the government with nothing in return.

Meanwhile, as one writer put it, nature kept her tongue in cheek.

This year it comes out that the 65,000 miserable Navajos have been going hungry in a gold-mine, or, rather, they've been making clay pots out of uranium. The metal that makes atom bombs was recently discovered on the Navajo reservations and now five open-pit uranium mines are in operation there. They produce 200 tons a day and 30 other mines have been spotted.

It's probably too early to tell, but the discovery of uranium to the Navajos may mean what oil meant for the Oklahoma red men. Some day—and it cannot come too soon—the United States' most primitive and least regarded native Americans may be speaking English, sending their children to good public schools, and given

the right to—unless the whites repeat their spoliatic.

Bank Debits in Salem

Salem's gain in bank debits of seven per cent for the first five months of 1949 puts it at the head of the list in the Pacific northwest. The gain for May was 14 per cent.

However, the figures are inflated because of some duplication in deposits of state funds. The Ladd & Bush-Salem branch of the United States National bank is currently the state depository. But since about the first of January the state tax commission and the state liquor control commission have been depositing in the Salem branch of the First National and then the state treasurer has made a transfer by check to the U. S. National. This duplicates the debiting of these large sums. Commencing July 1, the First National bank will be the depository and presumably the transferring will not be continued.

Even taking off the total of this duplication, Salem's showing will be creditable. Business activity here is pretty well diversified and stable and hence is well sustained. We can't be an isolated island of prosperity in a general slump; but Salem will not suffer the acute dips that come to communities dependent on a single mercantile industry.

Robeson and the USSR

Paul Robeson becomes ecstatic in praise of Soviet Russia. In a contribution to Komsomol Pravda, the youth communist publication, he wrote of Russia as his "second motherland," and said his impression of it when he first visited the country in 1934 was that "there is a country where a man can breathe easily and freely." He felt he could raise his head high and sing songs "with all my soul."

One sees in this the bursting of resentment over the discrimination he and his race had felt in America. All the accumulated bitterness flowed out. Russia claims to have abolished race discrimination and so Robeson hailed it as a "second motherland."

Not all negroes feel that way, despite the suffering they have experienced here. That was indicated when there was prompt rejection of the declaration of one communist negro that members of his race would not fight for the United States in a possible war with Russia.

We need not worry about Robeson—he is still bitter against the status quo in America and quite sympathetic to Russia. What we ought to do in this country is to deal more justly with minority groups, particularly the negroes who have long been cast in an inferior role—and kept there.

To support a request for \$18,000,000 more federal funds to rehabilitate the federal barge lines, a congressman cites how competition from the lines has forced railroads to reduce their freight rates. Yes, and look at the plight of the roads, as indicated by the price of railroad stocks.

Steelworkers are going after another pay raise, but probably with little hope of getting one. Maybe their economists will shift their line of argument from "meeting the cost of living" to "providing purchasing power" to avert a depression. But wage increases do not come in a receding market.

As the hearing on operations of the atomic energy commission drag on, it looks as though they would come a Hickenlooper.

Beware of the New Menace—Television!

By Henry McLemore
NEW YORK, June 15—Television is here to stay. There's no doubt about that.

But are the television actors and actresses here to stay?

It is my opinion that they will all be cooked to death by the blinding lights needed for television. I was on television the other night (if you missed it, drop to your knees and thank Providence for giving you such a break). When I came out of the studio, a man walked up to me, splashed some Worcestershire sauce on me, and started carving me.

"What in the world are you doing, man?" I asked as he sliced off a nice outside cut of McLemore.

He fell back a few paces, blinked in utter amazement, and started running down the hall crying as he went, "That's the first roast beef I ever saw that could talk. Get me out of here."

I went to the nearest mirror and took a look at myself. The man was completely justified. All I needed was a sprig of parsley back of one ear and a little Yorkshire pudding on my shoulders to double for a roast



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IT SEEMS TO ME

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smooth surface, the highway is an inviting one to travel. The kinks begin at the top of Canyon creek, however, and that section I understand is next in line for reconstruction. Highway 99 is heavily traveled, especially in the Eugene area, and on the old narrow portion south of Eugene speed must be accommodated to the volume of traffic.

The loop trip to the coast is a "must" when one has guests from other parts as we have had this week. From Corvallis to Newport there are six miles of dusty traveled road. On 101, road work is under way at Agate Beach and Delake, but the stretches are short.

How many have driven south of Waldport and Yachats to Cook's Chasm, just south of Cape Perpetua? This is one of the most interesting spots on the Oregon coast. Tuesday, the ocean put on a special performance for our party: Spouting horns in the clefts of the basalt, and geyser sprays. A strong wind drove big combers onto the shore and over the rocks.

The summit section of the Salmon river cutoff is being widened, which will help the week-end beach motorists greatly by giving an outside lane for slow-moving vehicles. This plan works very well on the rebuilt hill sections of No. 99.

Not all the bad road is in Oregon. The highway from Walla Walla to Spokane is badly broken up and when I drove through the Palouse country Memorial day week and I saw no signs that road repairing was getting under way. I don't believe any of the highways I have traveled lately, however, is as bad as the Kingwood Heights road in Salem. You do need good brakes to travel that stretch without shaking your dentures loose.

The tourist season is starting. California licenses still predominate among foreign cars. Accommodations are abundant and of good quality. The weather has been excellent for touring and it seems safe to predict that Oregon will have a good tourist season. But take it easy when you motor; the roads in many places will not permit high speeds.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"One thing about business dropping off, Snodgrass... so have the 'drop dead' notes in the suggestion box..."

best any Englishman would admire.

I had literally been cooked by the lights. For half an hour I had been exposed to lamps whose candle power must equal that of the sun when the sun is trying to show off. I had freckles on me as big as serving plates and must have looked to the audience, more like a sizzling platter than a human being.

If you are at all ugly looking, the way I am, don't ever accept an offer to go on television. Reports are still coming in on the way I looked on the magic screen. A gentleman from Texarkana, Arkansas, called 'the station, Pola, aged 11, and Bear, aged 9, had run out the door when I first appeared on the set and had not yet been located.

"Pola and Bear are very dear to me and my wife," he said. "And we do not like to think of them, two small children, alone in this world, haunted by the memory of McLemore's face. Actually, my wife does not even know that Pola and Bear have disappeared because the faint when McLemore first made his appearance."

From Portland, Oregon, a man wrote in to ask if I were alive or dead when I made my first television appearance. "I have made a sizable wage that Mr. McLemore came right to the studio after being washed up from the sea. If I am not correct, then I will have to admit that it's possible for a man with a green face, black eyes, no ears, and a nose that resembles a bottle cap, to make a personal appearance. Please let me know as soon as possible if the apparition I saw was a man or a zombie."

My wife saw the show and filed suit for divorce before the thing was over. "To think," she told her lawyer, "that I had given 10 of the best years of my life to living with that thing I just saw!"

Naturally, all this made me feel very badly. The chances are that I would have gone out and thrown myself under an on-rushing train had I not stayed around to watch other television shows and seen how other people looked. They looked worse than I did. A beautiful brunette looked like one of Macbeth's witches on the screen. A Barrymore-looking man flickered around on the television set like a baboon in a double-breasted suit. I came away from the studio convinced I was one of the right prettiest things in the world, and I probably will have to hire a secretary to handle my correspondence from lonely heart ladies who fell in love with me over the coaxial cable.

Milton Berle just walked out of the office, but before he left the man they call "Mister Television" said to me, "Lay off my racket, Henry. What with your oil wells and gold mines, you've got enough money without trying to beat a poor fellow like me out of a job."

I said that I would, but public demand will undoubtedly cause me to haunt your living room once again.

In closing, let me ask that if any of you see little Pola and little Bear return them to me, express prepaid, and I will see that they get back to Texarkana.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Do you know who I can get to succeed me?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "algebra?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Juniper, junier, clozier, financier.
4. What does the word "irrevocable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with po that means "born after the death of the father?"

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Do you know whom I can get to succeed me?" 2. Pronounce al-jeh-bra, first as in at, e as in me, second as in ask unstressed, as in day, 3. Junior, 4. Incapable of being revoked; unalterable, "It is an irrevocable law." 5. Posthumous.

By Lichty

New Tax Group Sets Frequent Work Meetings

The newly organized state tax commission Wednesday decided to meet frequently, probably as often as twice a week, for the purpose of disposing of a backlog of tax problems.

On hand are a large number of proposed adjustments involving both property valuations and tax assessments. Chairman Carl Chambers said it was the hope of the commission to dispose of most of the accumulation of tax protests within the next months.

Other members of the commission are Ray Smith, in charge of the state income tax division, and Robert Maclean, head of the assessment and taxation department.

Millmen to Vote On Wage Offer

Members of the Salem Millmen's union, local 1411, will hold a special meeting at the labor temple tonight to consider a 1½ cents per hour wage increase offered by mill employers.

Portland millworkers rejected the offer Tuesday. A union spokesman there said the offer was rejected by a vote of 402 to 0.

Nearly 100 union members in Salem were laid off when union officials and employers could not reach an agreement on a union request last April 25. The union asked a 17½ cents per hour increase. The present scale ranged from \$1.45 to \$1.77½ cents per hour.

The dispute is statewide and involves the Woodworker Employers association. Salem plants involved include Oregon Pulp and Paper company, plant, Keith Brown, Salem Willamette Supply and Reinhold and Lewis.

Births

DOERK—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Doerk, 156A Duncan ave., a son, Wednesday, June 15, at Salem Memorial hospital.

GORMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman, 2488 E. Nob Hill st., a daughter, Wednesday, June 15, at Salem Memorial hospital.

JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. William N. Johnson, 246 S. 17th st., a daughter, Wednesday, June 15, at Salem General hospital.

LENKAU—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lenkau, Independence route 1, a son, Wednesday, June 15, at Salem General hospital.

FISCHER—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Fischer, 1212 Dearborn ave., a daughter, Wednesday, June 15, at Salem General hospital.

Statesman Skygrams Tonight



Weather permitting, "Statesman Skygrams" will be flashed from the Goodyear blimp over the Salem area tonight. Bulletins will be telephoned direct from The Statesman's news room to the blimp's base in Portland, but because of the several hours spread before they can be flashed from the skies they will not necessarily comprise the latest news at the time they appear. The 150-foot blimp "Volunteer," skippered by Capt. R. H. Hobensack, first flashed The Statesman skygrams last year.

Grange Backs CVA Measure

COOS BAY, June 15—(P)—The Oregon State Grange voted unanimously today to endorse the administration's Columbia valley administration bill and press congress for passage this year.

The grangers also called upon congress for another matter—that the Troutdale aluminum plant be moved to another site unless the problem of fluorine fumes can be solved. Farmers have complained the fumes damage their crops and livestock.

The sales tax will come before the convention tomorrow morning. A tax committee will bring a resolution favoring a state sales tax to the convention floor.

Other resolutions, passed by committees but not yet acted upon by the full convention, approve the old age pension law, and condemn the "spoils system" of politics.

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