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Russian Election Speeches

Let's don't let Russian election speeches fool us.

Headlines interpreting the pre-election oratory in Moscow as meaning that Russia is now ready to talk peace are just playing into the communists' hands. Moscow's so-called peace drive is another offensive cold-war maneuver, nothing more.

Malenkov, the very powerful head of the communist party in Russia and a possible successor to Stalin in the event of the latter's death, said the Soviet government "is faithful to the cause of universal peace, will not abandon further efforts directed at insuring peace, and is ready to be an active participant in all honest plans, measures and activities to avert a new war and preserve the peace of the whole world." Speeches by the other top Russian leaders were in the same vein, with variations such as Molotov's yak-yak about the U. S.'s "non-existent" hydrogen bomb.

Somehow, the speakers manage to sound quite amenable. They give the impression that Russia is perfectly willing to meet America halfway, but that the U. S. is holding off. Actually, both nations have said they are willing to take part in peace talks but neither wants to make the first move. So, there is a stalemate.

The situation, therefore, is very useful to the Russian propagandists. They tell the Soviet voters and the world that the Kremlin wants peace but that U. S. warmongers are blocking efforts to secure peace. And some Americans are falling for the same line. They're demanding that President Truman ring up Stalin on the telephone and arrange a date. Chances are the tete-a-tete would end in a stalemate, too, because no U. S.-Russian agreement on atomic weapons control and peace treaties of Germany, Austria, Japan is in sight. Meanwhile, Russia is engaged in an armament building program which overshadows the combined program of all the Atlantic Pact nations put together.

C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times analyzes the communist peace drive as follows: "The fundamental purpose of the propagandized peace offensive is to try to reduce western strength, delay its defensive recuperation and lessen its political stability. Moscow is using the word 'peace' as a synonym for trouble, just as it uses the word 'democracy' as a synonym for dictatorship. The 'peace offensive' will be directly responsible for organized riots, provocations and bloodshed this spring in France and Italy."

Let us guard against letting the "peace offensive" be responsible for confusion and disunity in America.

Too Little, Too Late

Editorial cartoonists have had a lot of fun with the tug-of-war between Chiang Kai-shek and Li Tsung-jen over the presidency of China. But the situation isn't funny. It's tragic. It's a latter-day example of too little, too late.

When the Chinese people repudiated their long-time hero and white hope, Chiang, Li Tsung-jen rode into office on his platform that it was possible to make an honorable peace with the communists. Chiang had refused to appease, had refused to make the liberal reforms the people demanded—and the people and much of his army deserted him and turned to Li. Li ended up in Peiping, under Communist Leader Mao's iron fist. He got out, however, pleading a stomach ailment which required a trip to a New York hospital.

Meanwhile, Chiang, headquartered on Formosa, has stiffened his resistance. At a time when it appeared that all was lost, Chiang has risen once more to the leadership that formerly won him the respect of the world. Morale in his armed forces seems to have improved; his navy and air force are doing considerable damage to communist-held ports. He withstood an attempt by Red troops to establish a beachhead on Hainan and he's going to try to hold his last stronghold, Formosa, at all costs.

Most important of all, Chiang, upon deposing Li and resuming the presidency, has at long last put some real liberals and reformers into key positions, the New York Times reports. This is what the Chinese people have wanted all along. If only Chiang—while he still had the support of his people and of his most powerful friend, the U. S.—had done that long ago; if only he had, long ago, made the reforms he promised and kept his followers loyal, China might not now be a satellite of Russia. It is a case of too little, too late.

As Li, speaking in great bitterness, put it, "The Chinese communists were able to come to

China Communists Work to Simplify Wedding Rites as Part of Program to Scrap Traditions

By James D. White
AP Foreign News Analyst

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12—(AP)—The Chinese communists are moving in on another old Chinese custom and turning it into a sounding board for their ideas. This is the wedding, normally a lavish affair. Now, according to a Chinese report, the ceremony looks like a political discussion interrupted by marriage rites.

In the old China, weddings, along with funerals, were regarded as so important that the family would impoverish itself if necessary to uphold family prestige.

paper in a report of a recent Shanghai ceremony.

Guests brought no gifts, but paid a few cents for tea and cakes. There was no wedding feast, nor any "drinking, jesting and jostling."

The printed invitations outlined a program of discussions, on these topics:

Criticism of the old style wedding.

Appraisal of the new.

Is marriage a burden? How is the full meaning of marriage realized? Plans and hopes of the bride and groom.

There were no firecrackers, no brass band, no closed sedan chair in which the bride once was carried to the ceremony.

The reds claim to have given women equal status with men under law. If they have actually been able to do this, their

efforts to bring wedding costs down into the realm of common sense may fare better than those of the nationalists.

In any case they obviously hope to use the whole thing to implant their ideas firmly in the minds of young people.

Stripping the wedding ceremony of its trappings is another part of a quiet campaign the reds are waging to undermine the old Chinese family system. For the past century, after enduring tens of centuries, this system has been weakening in the face of western ideas of personal liberty and equality. Through women's and youth movements, and through peasant politics, the reds have made huge new inroads against the ideas of the old China. They hope, naturally, to make Chinese answerable to communist leadership above everything else.

Recipe for Well Cooked End Tables

By Henry McLemore
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

March 12—I've always been the wishy-washy type. I bow to the will of others. Consequently I have dyspepsia.

It all comes from being forced to eat food that everyone else likes except me. All of my life I have been asked to take a little taste of something that someone else has mixed up to his own liking. The funny thing is—I know what they mean.

For instance—I like grits with good old rat cheese melted on top of it—and it has been whispered around my home that I force this concoction down the throats of even New England guests (who have never heard of hominy grits—with or without rat cheese).

On the other hand, I have had things forced down my throat simply because a relative, friend or enemy has said, "Have a taste of this the way I have doctored it up." At the moment we have a house guest who likes Worcestershire sauce and mashed potatoes and insists that I take nibbles of it so that I will acquire his gourmet's taste for this particular dish. It seems to me that a guest is going just a little bit too far when he force-feeds his host.

The first person who insisted that I take a bite of what he liked was my father. He happened to be crazy about carrots. I've always considered carrots inferior fare for rabbits, much less for men. But Poppa made me eat them. I can hear him now: "Henry, have just a bite of this."

I would say, "Poppa, I don't like carrots."

Poppa would say, "But you do."

So I ate carrots. After all, when you are nine years of age you are too young to run away from home, you haven't saved enough money to retire, and being the sort of child I was no one would take me in. And even if a relative took me in like, say, Uncle Orville, what do you think I'd get for lunch—carrots.

Now that I am a grown man I eat only what I like. If I choose a squirrel ear with red-eye gravy—that's for me. Weighing one hundred and seventy pounds—and healthy—I eat only what I want to eat. If I elect to eat a dictionary with Sauce Bernaise I don't think any man on earth has a right to question my taste.

My virtues are few. Venus de Milo can name them on either hand. But one virtue I have—I don't try to force food down someone else's throat. The fact that I like end tables in wine does not mean everybody likes end tables in wine—so why should they eat them? Incidentally, if you would like to have my recipe for end tables here it is:

Take a four or five pound end table and marinate it overnight in a mixture composed of stamp collections (I hate 'em) and a sauce made of old match-box covers. Take an ax and split the end tables into splinters and cook them until well done over a low flame, preferably a low flame supplied by a forest fire. When you have eaten the end table you join a most select group. Mighty few people have ever eaten an end table prepared in this manner. Almost everyone has eaten an end table cooked in the usual manner, which calls for chicken stock, stockings and chicken, and the heart of a redwood tree. That's easy.

So why don't you all come to my house—all four readers of mine—and eat what you like. Nobody will ask you to have something you don't care for. But I'll give you a slow tip—you had better like turnip greens and ham hock—otherwise you'll be able to go home for half fare you'll be so accented.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Our problem is two-fold, gentlemen... we must try to understand our foreign policy... and we must try to understand it ourselves..."

3 Oregon Industries Account For 66% of Jobless Payments

Oregon's three leading heavy industries—all somewhat seasonal in nature—accounted for more than 66 per cent of all payments made to unemployed workers during January and February, the state unemployment compensation commission has reported.

Of 378,381 checks issued to those covered by the state's unemployment law, 257,106 went to those in lumbering, food processing and construction. In amount the proportion was even higher with \$5,529,229 out of \$8,323,555 going to this group. The average weekly check for these industries was \$21.89 as compared with \$20.67 for others.

Lumber and logging workers received the lion's share of the compensation, taking 46 per cent in February and 43 per cent in January. Outside of the Portland area, they accounted for more than 56 per cent of all checks issued last month. In the last two weeks of the cold spell, 26,755 and 25,067 checks respectively were sent to those affected by the woods layoffs. Three out of every five checks issued in the Eugene area went to the lumber and logging group, while Toledo and Lebanon led all with a ratio of around four in five.

Benefits Exhausted
Of the 133,000 covered workers who filed claims since last July, more than 17,000 have exhausted their benefits for the current year which ends June 30 next. This more than doubles the number who had drawn maximum compensation a year ago. Approximately 390,000 workers earned sufficient wages with covered firms in 1948 (base year) to be eligible for benefits during the 1949-50 benefit year. Earnings in 1949 will be the basis of payments during the year starting July 1, 1950.

Pay rolls of about 18,000 firms covered by the unemployment law were slightly higher the

fourth quarter of 1949 than for the same period a year before, but the total of nearly \$950,000,000 last year failed to equal the record \$973,102,458 officially reported for 1948. A decline of nearly 19 per cent in the lumber and logging all-time high of \$272,957,062 in 1948 was mainly responsible for the difference between the two periods—but either year's total was more than four times the average for 1937-39.

Wages Higher
Wages paid in the wood products industry alone were higher than all payments for any year before 1941, when the wartime shipbuilding program started.

Three of the larger counties, Marion, Douglas and Deschutes, showed slight gains in payrolls for the first nine months of 1949 as compared with the same period a year earlier. Several smaller counties also reported more wage payments, but most sections of the state were slightly behind 1948 figures.

Multnomah Declines
Multnomah county, after exceeding previous marks during the first half of 1949, declined about \$4,000,000 in the third quarter to chalk up a smaller total up to September 30. Contributions from employers during the first quarter of 1950 on payrolls for the fourth quarter of 1949, were expected to total about \$2,500,000, about \$1,000,000 less than was collected during the previous three months.

Collections during the second quarter may decline to a new low since before the war. By the end of the fiscal year June 30, unemployment reserves may drop below \$70,000,000 for the first time since early 1947.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We plan on spending the week in the mountains."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Moscow"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Bazaar, battalion, basinet, blamable.
4. What does the word "inconsistent" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pu that means "pertaining to the lungs"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We plan to spend the week." 2. Pronounce mos-co, first e as in moss, second o as in on, accent first syllable. 3. Battalion. 4. Not agreeing with itself or something else; contradictory. "Wisdom and virtue are far from being inconsistent with politeness and good humor."—Addison. 5. Pulmonary.

As a dancer she earns \$111 weekly unless lifted off by ground, even a teeny bit, by another performer. Being lifted pays more—\$137.50 a week. It's a standing beef of dancers that show girls receive still more when, Gerry says, "all they have to do is stand there and look pretty." As a showgirl she has been paid \$175 a week. She grossed about \$4,000 last year. Her dues in the actors' and extras' guilds total \$8.50 per quarter.

"Right today," Gerry would advise other girls, "if you want to make a living you shouldn't get into pictures. They're not making the lavish musicals they did. But," she concedes, "it's fun to work in pictures."

Wolves are no problem for a smart working girl, Gerry reports, especially if it's known she has a boy friend. Hers is a stunt man. Her best friends are members of the crew. A cameraman once had two stars sit farther apart in a close-up—so Gerry, in a row of extras behind them, could be seen.

New Chinese Cabinet Skips Li's Faction

By Spencer Moosa
TAIPEI, Formosa, March 12—(AP)—A new cabinet representing all Chinese nationalist elements with the notable exception of Vice President Li Tsung-jen's faction was formed today to face the uncertain wartime future.

Top nationalist figures firmly declined comment on Li's outburst in New York against President Chiang Kai-shek.

Li said in an Associated Press interview Saturday that Chiang's regime was "rotten to the core" and predicted both it and the communists eventually would be overthrown.

Pressed to explain his reticence, one member of Chiang's staff replied:

"It would be undignified to get involved in a trans-Pacific catfight with Li. Besides, that would only play into his hands."

Li became acting president in January 1949, when Chiang "retired." Chiang resumed the presidency 11 days ago over Li's protest.

Li has been in New York since December for medical treatment. His latest diatribe against Chiang has convinced most people on this nationalist island redoubt. Instead, they believe, he will endeavor to lead his movement from the United States until he considers the time ripe to move to some neutral place, such as Hong Kong. Hopes for U.S. Support

Some Taipei quarters think Li hopes to get American support as leader of a third force that would bid for power if the reds ever show signs of internal collapse.

Li claims to have touched off underground activities that are causing the reds trouble in the Canton area. Chiang staff members refused to be drawn into any discussion of this.

(Reports from Hong Kong today said the communists were preparing to fire Gen. Yen Chien-ying as mayor of Canton and governor of Kwangtung province.)

Increased Opposition
Independent Chinese papers in Hong Kong said the politburo was disaffected because of increasing Cantonese opposition to red rule. Dispatches in the past week have reported Canton in panic because of nationalist air raids, with Yeh himself fleeing to a safer spot 120 miles north.

(The independent Hong Kong paper Sing Tao Jih Pao said the reds were calling public meetings at which the Cantonese are invited to voice their complaints.)

(Unconfirmed reports also said the Canton reds had arrested six senior staff members of the French Banque de L'Indochine and one each of the American Caltex Corp. and the British Asiatic Petroleum Co. The charges were "rumor mongering aimed at disturbing public security.")

Whether any Europeans are involved is not known, but the Caltex Hong Kong manager said his country had no Americans in Canton.)

Local Hi-Y, Tri-Y Clubs Schedule Lenten Service

A Lenten service sponsored jointly by the Hi-Y and Tri-Y clubs of Salem will be presented late this month, tentatively March 22.

Carl Creider, membership secretary of Salem YMCA, has been invited to speak on "What the Life of Jesus Should Mean to Hi-Y and Tri-Y Members" at the service.

Joint chairmen Jerry Graves and Marcia Seeber have not yet announced where the service will be held.

Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Robert Ray Ring, Siletz, charged with driving while intoxicated; posted \$250 bail.

Robert Perry Ohlsen, 1135 E. st., charged with operating a gambling house; posted \$350 bail.

Daniel Gene Keldatz, 590 Union st., charged with operating a gambling house; held in lieu of \$350 bail.

Charles Edward Sherman, 835 D st., and Richard Eugene Moore, Portland, charged with frequenting a gambling house; held in lieu of \$250 bail each.

Jay Barnett, 461 N. Church st., Edward Ace Baker, 1430 McCoy st., and Rodney Monroe Province, 397 Tryone ave., charged with frequenting a gambling house; held in lieu of \$250 bail each.

FORMER SENATOR DIES
WASHINGTON, March 12—(AP)—Howard Sutherland, 84, former United States senator and house member from West Virginia, and alien property custodian from 1925 to 1933, died at his home here today.

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Ex-Latin



Irish by ancestry, Colombian by birth and American by naturalization, Carlos Fallon (above) will speak Monday, March 20, to Salem Knife and Fork club.

Latin American Humorist to Address Club

"Misadventures of a Latin American" will be the next topic for Salem Knife and Fork club's entertainment series, with Carlos Fallon as the speaker. The program will be Monday, March 20, at the Marion hotel, according to Dr. D. H. Schulze, club president. Now residing in Washington, D.C., Fallon was formerly an officer in the Colombian navy and then a captain in the U.S. army in World War II.

Known for his quick wit, the speaker is also a strong advocate of hemisphere solidarity. He has recently completed a five-months trade survey in South America.

All Kinds of Weather Noted Across U.S.

By the Associated Press
You could find almost any kind of weather on the nation's week end weather map. The principal exception was a heat wave. This is how the spotty picture looked:

Warm temperatures: The Gulf coast, Florida and much of the south as far west as California desert had Saturday temperatures in the high 70s or low 80s. The southwest cooled considerably Sunday.

Low temperatures: The northern Rockies, northern plains and Minnesota reported early Sunday readings in the sub-zero range, with some upper Minnesota areas as cold as 25 degrees below zero.

Snow: There was a belt of snowfall from the eastern Great Lakes to northern New England Sunday, and another from Colorado across Kansas and Oklahoma.

Rain: It was raincoat weather from the upper Ohio valley across the Appalachians into Virginia.

Sleet and freezing rain: This weather hazard to communications developed in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana Sunday, making highways slick.

Cloudiness: Most of the southeast had a lot of it.

Sunshine: The northern plains and most of the country west of the Rocky mountains as well as large areas of the southern plains had clear skies.

Wind: A blow with an unofficial estimated top velocity of 100 miles an hour kicked up a sandstorm in the Mojave desert of California Saturday. There were high winds in the southern plains area, also, which scattered and bashed a trailer camp at the Spartan Aircraft plant at Tulsa.

Hail: Hailstones accompanied the windstorm in Oklahoma.

Thunderstorms: Local thunder and lightning were reported Sunday in the lower Ohio and central Mississippi valleys.

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Salem School News

By Gilbert Bateson
School Correspondent



McKinley School

The children in Esther Long's first grade presented a play "Mrs. Goose and Her Key" and a program of reading selections from their text books at an assembly for their parents.

McCall to Talk at Phi Delt Dinner

Speaker at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity Founder's day banquet Wednesday night at the Willamette university chapter house will be Thomas Lawson McCall, administrative assistant to the governor.

McCall is also scheduled to address a Founder's day banquet in Portland Friday night. He was president of the University of Oregon Phi Delta Theta chapter and interfraternity board president when in school.

Salem Alumni President Tom Kay has invited all members of the fraternity in the area.

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