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Bonquets for Baldock

R. H. Baldock has received many honors during his 40 years of service to the state but praise from his own profession surely must mean the most.

In his position as state highway engineer he is adviser and expeditor for highway problems for the state highway commission and the state board of control. Baldock has had more say about highway development in Oregon than any other individual. He studies a problem with great care, makes up his own mind as to the best possible solution, and then sticks to his decisions. But he is also able and willing to discuss his ideas and plans, whether he is talking to a reporter or to a governor.

In Salem, Baldock's name is a synonym for one-way streets, for the one-way grid system now in effect is part of the once-controversial "Baldock plan." Once they had a chance to get used to new traffic patterns, Salem drivers gave the Baldock plan a rousing vote of approval at the last election. This was another vindication of the foresight of a man who was convinced, "way back in Model-T days, that the automobile was here to stay.

Certainly he merits the Engineer-of-the-Year Award which is to be presented to him this week by the Professional Engineers of Oregon. Both they and Mr. Baldock are to be congratulated.

They're Doing the Mambo?

It is not too clear just what Costa Rica and Nicaragua are doing. Whatever it is, Dick and Pat Nixon and Mitt Eisenhower must feel like the fellow who sings, "They were doing the mambo while I just stood around."

The Nixons and the president's trouble-shooting brother were scheduled to make a leisurely good-neighbor tour of Central America, including Costa Rica and Nicaragua, next month. Right now, though, it sounds as though the two neighbors down there are squabbling in the back yard and probably won't have time to welcome friendly visitors at the front door, unless they happen to come bringing arms aid.

This illustrates one difficulty with trying to maintain cordial relations with our revolt-prone Latin cousins; you can never be sure from one day to the next who's going to be "at home" or whether they're bidding you to "open house" or "open fire."

The United Fund, highly successful in its first year of operation in Salem, appears off to a fine start again. With campaign chairman Elmer Berglund as new president, the good work begun by retiring president Otto Wilson should be carried on most capably and the city assured of the continued benefits it is deriving from its enthusiastic cooperation in UF's initial year.

Peoples of Free Southwest Asia Have Historical Reasons for Opposing China

By JOSEPH ALSOP

BANGKOK, Thailand—Here in Bangkok, it is easy to summarize the plot of the grand future drama of South Asia. Will world communism be able to cross the Great Divide that separates the Chinese Communists and their Viet Minh allies from the rest of this strategically vital region? Or will the Communist advance be halted at this natural border line?



Joseph Alsop

These are the questions that have to be answered, in quite large part by American policy. The answers will determine the future, not of Thailand only, but of the whole trend of history in our times. But before anything else, the nature of this Great Divide in South Asia has to be understood.

In brief, the Vietnamese, who inhabit the coast of Indochina, can properly be regarded as southern Chinese. In language and in race, they differ less from the Cantonese across the border than the Cantonese differ from the people of Peking. Their culture, from the most ancient times, has always been imported from China. And for more than two millennia they have usually been either subjects or tributaries of Peking.

Thus the Viet Minh conquest of the Vietnamese states of Indochina, Tonkin, Annam, and Cochina in the South, may be regarded as a flowing back of Chinese power into regions where Chinese power has always predominated.

The other nations of South Asia—the two other Indochinese states, Laos and Cambodia, this rich and smiling country of Thailand, Burma, Malaya and Indonesia have an altogether different character. Chinese imperialism has often in the past been felt by these peoples, as it is being felt today. But the culture of all these nations is basically Indian, imported at different times reaching back into the remote past, beginning perhaps with the missionaries

that the Emperor Asoka sent to all quarters of the world to spread the holy word of Gautama Buddha.

The peoples of all these nations also differ from the subjects of the Viet Minh in another important way. They not only lack close racial links with the Chinese. They also have good reasons for being bitterly anti-Chinese.

The history of the Thai people begins 2,000 years ago, for instance, in central China. Thence the expanding Chinese pushed their first into South China. And again, about a millennium later they were driven out of South China by another wave of Chinese expansion into this fertile valley of central Thailand.

The frontier that runs along the Chinese border, and down the borders between the Vietnamese states and Laos and Cambodia, is thus a major dividing line in every possible sense. India's Prime Minister Nehru recognized this, and also emphasized India's cultural contribution, on his famous visit to Ho Chi Minh.

Nehru told Ho Chi Minh, in effect, that the Viet Minh victory on the Chinese side of the great South Asian divide was natural and acceptable to India. He added, however, that India would take it very ill indeed if there was a further push into the culturally Indian area—into Laos and Cambodia, for instance.

Ho Chi Minh's degree of respect for Nehru's warning is indicated by the violent Viet Minh push that is now going on in Laos. All the same, world communism has now reached the line where it is no longer possible to exploit the famous colonial issue—for the Laotians and Cambodians hate the Vietnamese much more than they hate the French. And world communism in this part of the world is more generally regarded as a Chinese product, which sets the other peoples of South Asia naturally against it.

Thus in theory it should not be impossible to halt world communism's onward march at the Great Divide of South Asia. But there are, unfortunately,

some three practical difficulties of great magnitude.

First, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, the three countries most immediately threatened, are all soft and easily penetrable or at least easy to bully. Thailand, for instance, is an easy going Asian nation, in which the old forms of Asian society have utterly broken down. An amiable, money loving junta now rules Thailand as a sort of benevolent police state. But there is no unity between government and people, little enough unity within the government and people, little enough unity within the government itself, and no visible national power to make a long, hard, grim effort of resistance.

Second, the keys to the Thai position are the even weaker nations, Laos and Cambodia, Cambodia being absolutely vital. The French naturally attached Laos and Cambodia to the rest of Indochina, transportwise and in every other way. Thus if either Cambodia or Laos is to be saved, a major, urgent and coordinated effort is needed, to render these two countries independent of Saigon and Hanoi, and to reorient their communications, economies and everything else towards Thailand. No such effort is being made.

Third, and most important, all three of these countries are now liable to fall before mere military menaces, as Jericho's walls fell to Joshua's trumpet. The only safeguard against this is to give these countries an ironclad Western guarantee with such strong teeth in it that they will feel there is no danger of attack. And the Thais and Cambodians are quite astute enough to see that SEATO as at present constituted is the emptiest sort of fraud and fake.

The first of the three difficulties can only be surmounted by time. The two other difficulties could now be surmounted, and perhaps disaster might thus be averted, by wise American policy. But alas, at the moment, there does not seem to be any American policy in this area, except to float, to drift, to talk big, and to hope for the best.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"... Maybe interest in survival will pick up after income tax time ..."

Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1945

Nelson A. Rockefeller, assistant secretary of state, was selected by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "nation's outstanding young man" of 1944.

Senator Earl T. Newby, Jackson County, poured pearls into the legislative fruit basket. Rep. E. Riddell Lage, Hood River, served well-polished apples and Sen. P. J. Stadelman passed out apples from the Dalles.

Father Alcun, Heibe OSB, recalled from Mexico where he had been doing educational work for the past two years, was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart church in Portland.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1920

The Oregon State Highway commission awarded the contract for the construction of the Bogie river bridge on the Roosevelt (Oregon Coast) highway, to Mercer-Fraser company, Eureka, Calif. The bid was \$568,181.

Dr. Norman Kendall Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem for the past four years, submitted his resignation to the official board, after careful consideration to accept a call to the pastorate at Alhambra, Calif.

Silverton golfers didn't let 12 inches of snow interfere with their fun on the fairways. The Silverton golfers staged a match in the snow using red tennis balls for the "golf" balls.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1915

Italy was again visited by an earthquake of wide extent, which according to the late report had resulted in the death of 12,000 persons and injury to 20,000 more in the towns and villages destroyed.

District attorney E. R. Ringo received a telegram stating that his grandfather, James T. Ringo, had died in Plattsmouth, Neb. Mr. Ringo was 88 years of age and the oldest Mason in Nebraska.

The Safety Valve

ADULT DELINQUENTS

To the Editor:

I often wonder about the word "delinquency"! Whenever it is mentioned it most always refers to the younger set. Is an adult ever delinquent or is he or she above that status?

I believe that if parents would stop being delinquent the child wouldn't have to go through this stage which affects their full lives.

The marriage vows "to love and hold" include the children in the marriage. So let us get back to ground level; we don't have to ask ourselves who is at fault—let's tell ourselves. This kidding has to stop soon for everybody's own good.

Get back to the old fashioned way of telling the children and not have them tell you. Make a home for the family, and to start that someone has to be home; that means you, Mother. And Dad, your job doesn't end when you come home from work; it is just beginning.

Most of us are adult delinquents and until we change our way we will continue to have juvenile delinquency.

ED. SHAUN,
Salem, Ore.

Doesn't Regret Demise
To the Editor:

Your reprint under "Editorial Comment" dated Dec. 23 from the Coos Bay Times was brought to my attention recently. As a

STAR ON CRUISE
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Actor James Stewart and his wife, Gloria, boarded the President Cleveland Wednesday for a cruise of the Orient, including Honolulu, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

Tax Facts

Your Federal Income Tax

Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.

What difference does it make whether you take a federal income tax deduction before or after determining your adjusted gross income? Plenty.

Certain deductions can be taken before you arrive at your adjusted gross income, from which you can still deduct 10% as a standard deduction instead of itemizing any other deductions.

For example, a business man can deduct his reasonable and necessary expenses for travel that keeps him away from his home city overnight before arriving at his adjusted gross income. So can an employee when traveling for his employer. This was true under the old law and remains in effect.

The employee was at a disadvantage, however, when deducting other expenses in connection with his work. These could not be treated the same way unless they were reimbursed by his employer (in which case, the reimbursement would be counted as income).

Otherwise, he could only deduct such expenses among his itemized deductions. If he used the 10% standard deduction he would lose them entirely.

Transportation Expenses
The new law allows the employee to deduct before determining adjusted gross income all his transportation expenses in connection with his employer's business. These include fares, automobile expenses, and (if in connection with overnight travel) meals and lodging.

Employee's expenses other than these can only be deducted if the standard deduction or tax table is not used. The expense of commuting between home and place of work is not deductible at all.

An "outside salesman" (one who usually works away from his employer's place of business) can deduct all his business expenses before arriving at adjusted gross income, just as if he were in business for himself.

Automobile Deductions
To deduct automobile expenses in connection with business travel you should first add up the total cost of maintaining your car, including depreciation, gasoline, oil, repairs, garage rent, etc. Divide this total by the number of miles you drove in 1954 to find the average cost per mile, then multiply this by the number of miles you drove your car for business travel only. This will give you the amount you should deduct for business use of your car.

Even if you don't use your car for business, there are still some deductions you can take if you don't use the standard deduction or tax table. For example, state and local sales taxes on purchases of car, auto registration fee, state gasoline tax, and losses from an accident not due to your "willful negligence" and not covered by insurance.

Home Owner Deductions
If you purchased a home during 1954 you probably agreed with the previous owner on a schedule of adjustments for taxes, insurance, water rates, and similar items. Under the old law you were not allowed to deduct any of the property tax if it was a lien on the seller at the time of sale.

The new law says: You and the previous owner can deduct this tax in proportion to the number of days of the property tax year that each of you held the property—whether or not you agreed to apportion the tax. You are considered to have paid your share of the tax when you bought the home. This applies to any other real estate you may have purchased.

Other deductions for a home

Jersey Club to Meet at Woodburn

The Marion County Jersey Cattle Club will hold its January meeting Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. New Davis in West Woodburn. A no-host dinner will be held at noon, followed by the business meeting.

First plans for the Marion County Spring Show which will be held at Salem on May 28, will be made, and plans discussed for the county club's part in the entertainment of the National Jersey Club which meets at Salem in June.

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Actor Fired For Dunking Co-Worker

SAUSALITO, Calif. (UP)—Movie bad boy Robert Mitchum was fired Wednesday from the picture "Blood Alley" for dunking a 250-pound co-worker in the icy waters of San Francisco Bay.

His dismissal came after he refused to apologize for "creating disagreements among the production staff" and after he was first given an opportunity to resign from the cast.

The firing was announced by Bob Fellows, co-producer with actor John Wayne of the Warner Bros. movie. It followed a closed door 45-minute session between Fellows this morning after receiving a letter from "Blood Alley" director William Wellman citing yesterday's dunking and other "disagreements" between Mitchum and the production staff.

To boost the sale of Christmas seals public speaking students visited several clubs during the month of December. Students presenting speeches were Arlene Bishop to the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, the South Salem Lions Auxiliary, the Baker P.T.A. and the Baker Parents Club.

Charles Miller spoke to the Richmond P.T.A. and Salem Lions Club. Kathy Deeney to the Dental Auxiliary and the North Salem Kiwanis, Bob Griffin to Rebekah Lodge and Optimist Club.

Judy Keller to the Washingtons Mother's Club and Rosedale Parents Club. Jone Lytle to the Marion Health and County Association and the Hoover P.T.A.

Ridgely Miller, Chamber of Commerce; John Anderson, Paper Makers; Carole Robinson, Morningside P.T.A.; Eric Neite, Englewood P.T.A.

Beverly Shields, B.P.W. Club; Marilyn Walls, McKinley Mothers' Club; Gail Watson, Eagles Auxiliary; Karen Hall, Hi-Y Mothers; Verne Halliday, Golden Age Club; Kay Salter, Four Corners Mothers Club; Ruth Mainwaring, Tri-Y Mothers Club and Janice Bishop, South Salem Lions Auxiliary.

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH
Leslie Junior High School students who wish to run for a student body office for the second semester of school have taken out election petitions.

Petitions were issued January 4 and are due to be turned in January 18. Twenty-five petitions have been turned in to date. Before a petition can pass through the office it must contain at least 50 signatures of students.

Offices may be held by the following grades: President, ninth grade; Vice-president, ninth grade; Secretary, eighth grade; Treasurer, ninth grade; Sergeant-at-Arms, ninth grade and Song Queens and Yell Kings by either eighth or ninth grade students.

Primary elections are to be held the 24th of January and final elections the 31st.

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