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TV and Economics

Educational television, not dependent on commercial income for its existence, seems to be getting off the ground in pretty fair shape, as does commercial television in larger centers. But commercial television in smaller areas, particularly those which already are receiving TV from nearby larger centers, has had quite a struggle getting into the black.

Three new educational outlets went on the air last month—in Seattle (KCTS), Munford, Ala. (WEDM) and Chapel Hill, N.C. (WUNC). They bring the total educational TV stations in the nation to 11. Not a great number, but when it is figured that such stations must be subsidized by tax money, directly or indirectly, the showing is respectable.

Commercial television is an expensive business, both in installation and operation. It is small wonder that many a preliminary permit has been allowed to lapse, after prospective operators have looked at the books of some of the marginal existing operations.

Salem's three commercial channels remain inactive. (VHF 3 and UHF 24 and 66). Lawrence Harvey once had a permit for Channel 24 but let it die. Radio KSLM holds authorization for Channel 3, as a result of KGAE's withdrawing its application for the same channel, but Portland's KPTV has protested the grant and the matter still is before the FCC. If and when final authorization is given, KSLM then will have to determine whether actual installation and operation is feasible in this area. The other channel, 66, has been applied for by no one.

With KOIN-TV (VHF Channel 6) and KPTV (UHF Channel 27) already serving the Salem area, and with Eugene's KVAL (VHF Channel 13) being received acceptably in parts of it, northern Oregon can hardly be called hampered in TV facilities. Both NBC and CBS programs are available, and with another Portland station (KLOR Channel 12) scheduled on the air with ABC and Dumont programs in March (provided existing protests are lifted by that time), the field seems further taken care of.

Tree Farming Gains

The United States, so often charged with dissipating its natural wealth, is showing its foresight and good sense in the ever-growing program of tree farming.

Latest statistics show land owners in 36 states participating in the program. Texas, Washington, Oregon and Arkansas, in that order, top the list, each with more than 3,000,000 acres in well-managed, crop-producing woodlands. Proper care, selective logging and full utilization of scientific controls led to a harvest exceeding \$700 million from the nation's 33,692,965 acres in the program last year. The entire acreage is on the tax rolls.

Particularly encouraging is the wide ac-

ceptance of the plan in states where acreages are relatively small. Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and some of the other commonwealths not regarded as particularly forested have almost as many individual participants as Texas and more than the western states.

The program began in Washington 14 years ago and its progress has been rapid. It not only pays off in cash, but its value as a national heritage is inestimable.

Look Who's Martyr Now

Having established editorially, as one of our writers did yesterday, that the mother-housewife of today is both overworked and underappreciated, let's take a look at her counterpart, the common house spouse, i.e., husband.

It is not the husband's fault he no longer always rules the roost with an iron hand. Just chalk it up to progress. Consider for a moment the changes that have occurred in the life of the man, pardon the expression, "head of the family."

Until a few generations ago family survival meant tearing a livelihood from the soil. With women tied down by childbearing and household duties, there was no one to question man's position as provider. What's more, children were economic assets, not just tax deductions. They could do chores and work in the fields.

Now, children are financial liabilities, bless 'em. Father has to provide them with bikes, memberships in clubs, music and dancing lessons, and fancy toys to take care of their leisure time and prevent complexes. What happened to the chores? Science erased most of them and the ones left in urban areas are largely helping mother, not father.

Mother has been getting more help from science, too. Most of the 2,500 items at a recent housewares show in Chicago are designed to let Mother have more time to be- come learned and as pretty as the girl on the magazine cover.

Nowadays Father doesn't always have to pay for Mama's mechanical marvels (along with his power tools and power lawnmower). Mother often joins him in the world of business to help foot the bills. This is oftentimes a big help if not an economic necessity, but it further complicates Father's life. Whereas he once was able to impose his name as synonymous with the human race, Man now has a competitor as well as a partner.

Once homes were planned with one room for Father's Office with a big rolltop desk. Even Mother was not allowed to roll back the lid. There were "papers" inside which no one but Father understood, and as long as he kept paying the bills no one cared. Now, when a home is planned, a desk is part of the kitchen; and the office, which was later converted to a den, has had to make way for the family room.

Somewhat, modern society has come to think of Daddy as a dunderhead. Comedy shows on radio and television almost invariably portray Papa as incapable of running his own life. The children and even Mother can't watch such goings on in radio and TV without suspecting their pater familias of needing a little help, too.

Although all this "progress" has made man a harried creature, he still retains some of his natural pride. He knows his wife spends most of the family paycheck, but he also knows that come income tax time she gives the records to him to sweat over. She is the unquestioned czarina of the kitchen, but with any problem more serious than a blown fuse she gladly lets him take over. What's more, for all the nostalgia about the "good old days" of man's supremacy, he wouldn't for the world give up the help and companionship of a person he has accepted as his intellectual equal.

But the braggart who once said "it's a man's world" has lost his case.—J.W.S.

Indonesia Commies Weak, But Nation Still Likely to Fall to Reds Once Thailand Goes



By JOSEPH ALSOP

JAKARTA, Indonesia—Here in Thailand, just as much as in Thailand, the political tidal wave started by the Communist victory in Indo-China is the great future danger.

It is striking that this should be so. Thailand is both a small country and uncomfortably close to the source of trouble. Indonesia, in contrast, is one of the world's great nations, with a devoutly Moslem population of 80 million. And the tepid seas that lap these rich green islands protect Indonesia from the direct military menace to which Thailand may soon be exposed.

All the same, it is almost certain that this superb Indonesian archipelago will be added to the expanding Communist empire in Asia, if Thailand is allowed to fall. In the absence of anything like a serious Western or Indian policy for South Asia, the Communists can afford to take their time in Indonesia. But soon or late, the Communist wave of the future will reach these shores unless it is quickly halted on the Asian mainland.

This is true, moreover, although Indonesian communism is inherently weak. Back in 1948, on the Day of Madureh, the famous Musso and other seasoned Indonesia Communists tried to seize the leadership of Free Indonesia from President Sukarno and his collaborators of that period. As a result, the whole Indonesian Communist high command was briskly executed.

Under its new and untried chief, Aidit, who has not even had hard Moscow training, the Party has been slow to recover from the Madureh setback. It has made some headway in the labor unions in Jakarta and other big towns. But as yet it has

no support among the great mass of peasants who are Indonesia's backbone. And the armed services and police are still sternly anti-Communist.

In these circumstances, it would be suicidal for the Party to try to take power now or in the near future, before there has been a great change of political climate. So the present Communist line in Indonesia is not to take power. It is to isolate Indonesia internationally and to soften up Indonesia internally.

The attacks on President Sukarno and the present government of Prime Minister Ali Sastroamidjojo, as being "pro-Communist," have been exaggerated and unfair. But it must be said in honesty that a difficult internal political situation has caused Sukarno and the Ali Government to fall in, perhaps unconsciously, with the Communist line.

The tragedy of free Indonesia is that the great quintet who led this country to freedom—Sukarno, Hatta, Sutan Sjahrir, Hatta, and the Sultan of Jogja—did not remain united after freedom was attained. If they had stuck together, Indonesia today would already be fulfilling Indonesia's enormous promise.

Instead, unfortunately, a wide breach opened between the pre-eminent figure of the quintet, President Sukarno, and the Masjumi and Socialist parties to which all the others belonged.

The Masjumi is the Muslim party, with the largest popular support. To balance the Masjumi and the Socialists, therefore, the Nationalist party which predominates in the Ali government needed the help of the Indonesian Communists. And this was the political arrangement to which President Sukarno gave his blessing when the Ali Cabinet was formed.



IT SEEMS TO ME

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system. Aldermen are tied right in with the organization. Graft enters when aldermen and district political leaders are identical or where they affiliate and get control of local police organization.

Just now the Tribune is publishing a series of stories about payoffs in the policy rackets. Survivors of the Al Capone gang shifted into control of policy numbers business and today's papers tell how a South Side "business man" serves as the key figure in the police protection system which benefits certain politicians and police some half a million dollars a year. The city council has a crime commission which is interested in the disclosures, also the federal district attorney is probing into the racket. But as long as the old patronage system survives and ward aldermen linked with the party organization control patronage and determine city hall policies it will be hard for honest enforcement officials to rid the city of the stranglehold the lords of the underworld have on vice and gambling, using as they do the old methods of gangsters to wipe out competition and intimidate informants.

Side by side on the front page of the Tribune this morning are this local story and another story descriptive of how Nevada has legalized gambling and easy divorce and makes them a source of wealth and revenue. We in the West are quite familiar with what goes on in Reno and Las Vegas. Their famed casinos with high-priced entertainment stars (Marlene Dietrich at \$30,000 a week and now Liberace at a reported \$50,000 a week) are attractions in themselves and of course the lure of hitting the jackpot entices thousands to try the slot machines or the roulette wheels or the dice. While the Trib's story credits Nevada's gambling with being operated "on the square" it adds "the odds are so definitely against the customers that Nevada is now

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 20, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Jackson were receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hastorf of San Francisco and Mrs. H. M. Jackson of Sacramento, formerly of Salem.

Gen. Chou En-Lai, one of the Chinese communist big three, arrived in Chungking from Yenan, reportedly bearing a communist reply to Chungking government's undivulged proposals for settling the communist question.

Brig. Gen. William C. Dunckel, former artillery commander of Camp Adair's Timberwolf division, was among 22 brigadier generals nominated as temporary major generals by President Roosevelt.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 20, 1930

A sudden blizzard whooping across the Dakota prairies, halted the eastward flight of the Army Arctic patrol, forcing the 16 pursuit ships which left Miles City, Mont., to land three miles east of Beach, N. D.

Capt. Frank D. Geddes, rated as one of the best football players in the U. S. Marine Corps, was appointed to the staff of assistant aides at the White House. He saw active service in France.

The total fire loss in Oregon for 1929, outside of Portland, was estimated at \$3,834,717, in a report by Clare A. Lee, State Insurance Commissioner.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 20, 1915

The former Hamburg-American line steamer Dacia, under digging out of green velvet a bonanza greater than the gold and silver yielded by its fabled Comstock lode. From the Nevada report it looks as though the birthrate on suckers has increased greatly in recent years, too.

Words Won't Stop Reds In Tachens

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The Red Chinese attack on the Tachens Islands is a carefully planned and well-developed part of policy. It is not likely to be shaken by anything the West can do or say.

Last year, during all the shooting around Quemoy, well-informed Chinese Nationalists kept pointing their fingers away from that island at the mouth of Amoy Harbor and directly opposite Formosa, and toward the Tachens 200 miles farther north.

While the Reds were making noises around Quemoy, their real military concentrations were being made opposite the Tachens. They have two important reasons for the current attack on the Tachens entirely aside from the attainment of new military positions.

They have promised the Chinese people to regain Formosa, which they cannot attempt now because the United States 7th Fleet stands across the way and Peiping, like everybody else, wants to risk no general war now.

Regiment of Formosa became a Chinese creed long before the Communist Conquest of the mainland, and provides a chord which can be struck among those people who have not maintained their loyalty toward long-gone Chiang Kai-Shek. It is important to the Reds to make a show about keeping their promise.

Even more important to a regime which is perfectly capable of ignoring popular opinion if it wishes, is the psychological effect on Asia of another defeat handed to the anti-Communist forces.

The Reds have been producing such defeats off and on ever since the way — in China, Tibet, North Vietnam — and now on the way to Formosa. They produce two effects in Asiatic thinking. One comes through the demonstration of power, something that is highly respected throughout the area and which even directly affected Orientals have long trained themselves to submit or coexist.

The other is the infliction of "loss of face" on anti-Communist forces. Most of Asia now relishes that, and Chiang Kai-Shek, never liked, now represents the long-resented West.

Indochina did much to offset the gains made by Western determination in Korea.

President Eisenhower, of course, in suggesting United Nations action to obtain a cease-fire in the Far East, is following a definite American policy of trying to keep all issues in the broad field of international interest rather than have this country appear in the guise of going it alone, which has happened frequently because of British softness toward Red China. It also is designed to employ world moral force, as was done in Korea after the United States decided to intervene.

Children of 2 Crooners 'Romancing'

MELBOURNE, Australia (UP)—Crooner Frank Sinatra disclosed Wednesday there is a teen-age romance between his 14-year-old daughter, Nancy, and Bing Crosby's 16-year-old youngest son, Lindsay.

Sinatra said Crosby telephoned him about a month ago and told him "Lindsay is going around the house with sheep's eyes smitten with your daughter, Nancy."

"We're just hoping that you'll keep working so that there'll be something for Lindsay to hang on to if there's a merger," Sinatra quoted Crosby.

Sinatra said "Lindsay has been visiting Nancy quite a lot. I tease Nancy about it. She gets kind of shy and says 'Oh Daddy, don't ask me about things like that.'"

Nancy is with her father in Australia but he refused to let report interview her.

Sinatra said that in their telephone conversation Crosby "didn't say hello or anything. He just said: 'What are your plans, Frank? Do you intend to keep on singing and squawking into that microphone of yours for 10 or 15 years or so?'"

"I said, sure, Mr. Crosby, why do you ask?" The crooner said. He said Crosby then told him about the romance.

There were 4,060,000 babies born in the United States in 1954, setting a new record.

A-Sub Back In Port After First Trials

GROTON, Conn. (UP)—The world's first atomic-powered submarine returned to port Wednesday from her maiden voyage.

The USS Nautilus, in which man first rode the atom, did not submerge during the history-making tests started Monday. However, the Navy said surface tests proved satisfactory.

The vessel's skipper, Cmdr. Eugene T. Wilkinson, Tuesday asked for permission to take her under after reporting he was pleased with the craft's performance.

However, Adm. Frank T. Watkins, Atlantic Fleet submarine commander, said to return with the Nautilus before nightfall today as scheduled, without submerging. It was expected that the submergence will be made during a second voyage scheduled for Thursday.

The exact location of the Nautilus, which is well guarded by other vessels, is being kept secret. However, it is believed the submarine is being kept in Long Island Sound and has yet to nose her way into open ocean.

It was expected that the trials would last at least a week before any extensive trip is planned.

The 55 million dollar Nautilus is capable of traveling around the world without surfacing.

Started in 1946, it was thought the Nautilus would take 10 years to complete. But science conquered one problem after another in such fashion that former President Truman, who officiated at the keel-laying ceremonies in 1952, called it "miraculous."

The atomic engine of the Nautilus alone cost an estimated 29 million dollars. It was built at Arco, Idaho, and installed in the hull of the Nautilus at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., here.

With just a few pounds of uranium as its fuel, the atomic engine in the Nautilus could take the craft around the world in 29 days while remaining under water — and even stay under much longer if the crew could stand it.

\$124,054 Given to Shrine Hospital

CORVALLIS (UP)—Approximately \$124,054 has been turned over to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland from funds raised during the past nine years by the Shrine-sponsored Trek to Mary's Peak.

L. E. Darlington, Corvallis, president of the trek foundation, said the annual outing to the highest peak in the coast range is held each August. Linn, Benton, Polk and Lincoln County Shriners compose the foundation.

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