

'Four Guys,' One From Salem, To Aid Natives in Indochina

By RUSSELL BIERAUGEL, Staff Writer, The Statesman (Picture on Page 1.)

"We're just four guys who think the natives of Indochina should be shown how Americans live and we are young and egotistical enough to think we can carry it off."

That, in a nutshell, is the reason Dr. Thomas A. Dooley and

three young friends, one of them from Salem, are going to spend the winter in Laos, a kingdom in Northwest Indochina, living with native tribes, treating their diseases, showing them Disney movies and feeding them American canned and packaged food.

Young Dr. Dooley, who introduces himself simply as "Tom Dooley," is rushing today from

an energetic 30-hour visit in Salem to a dinner engagement with actor-producer Kirk Douglas this evening in Hollywood, Calif.

Shepard to Join Mission

Here, he visited Salem's Dennis Shepard, who will be a member of the four-man mission to the mountains between Communist China and coveted Thailand.

His date with Douglas will decide whether the actor and the doctor can come to terms on filming of Dooley's best-selling book "Deliver Us From Evil," of his experiences as a Navy medical officer in Viet Nam in 1954-55. The issue is not money, although a good price would be accepted gratefully to aid financing of the expedition. The actor wants to jazz up the story a little with some fictitious excitement and an important role for an interesting female figure.

"He probably thinks it would add interest for the public," volunteered Shepard.

"Well, if I would," laughed Dooley. "There's no doubt about it. But I am not going to give an inch."

Other Questions

If the actor and the doctor can agree on the story, there are other questions to be decided. Douglas wants the tall, handsome doctor with a slight St. Louis drawl in his soft voice to portray himself in the movie. That is out, Dooley said firmly, because taking the role or even staying with the company to advise during the entire filming would mean that he could not spend the full moon-free season, September to April, in the villages. The mountain roads are impassable about six months during the summer, he explained.

Dooley's "Operation Laos" was conceived while he was the only doctor at Hai Phong Evacuation Center while 800,000 North Vietnamese fled Communist aggression.

His assistants, Shepard, Norman Baker of New Hampshire and Peter Kenney of Texas, were selected from among "hundreds" of corpsmen he knew in the Navy as best suited to make friends with the natives while giving them a true impression of Americans, Dooley said.

He pointed to Shepard's embroidered vest and the "hot rod" at the curb as examples of possessions of an "ordinary, energetic young American." The men are all mentioned in the book which recently was condensed in Readers Digest magazine and read into the Congressional Record. Shepard is 24 and the other two are younger. All were with Dooley at Hai Phong.

Shepard may be an "ordinary American," but his aim is high. A premedical student at Oregon State College, and technician at Salem General Hospital, he plans to enter University of Oregon Medical School on his return from Laos. His wife, the former Maurine (Chick) Nichols, plans to remain in Salem while he is gone.

The "corpsmen" are to meet Dooley, who will go on ahead, in Saigon about Sept. 1. They will return in about a year, Dooley said.

The mission is under the auspices of International Rescue Committee, to avoid taxes, although it receives no funds from the group, Dooley said.

Medicine Donated

Several large manufacturers have donated medicine and equipment, and food has been given by the U.S. Navy and Meals for Millions Foundation, he said. Money comes from sale of "Deliver Us From Evil," a Research Corporation of New York City grant, lectures by Dooley, and individual contributions.

The group will spend about three weeks, with each tribe, pitching their tents in the village or as near as possible, and return to the capital, Vientiane, for new supplies after each visit.

They will work closely with the friendly Laos officials, seeking to strengthen allegiance to the government and to promote the popularity of the Laotian Public Health Department among the tribes, Dooley said.

Dooley, 29 and unmarried, plans to continue writing as well as entering private practice on his return from Laos, but he hopes his "mission" will be the forerunner of many similar private expeditions to the area.

Man's Body Pulled From Car in River

EUGENE — The body of an Oakridge man, Edwin E. Tatom Jr., about 30, was recovered early Saturday from an automobile that plunged into the north fork of the Willamette River one mile north of Westfir.

A Westfir logger, Bob Burns, discovered the car at 3:30 a.m. in six feet of water at the bottom of a 90-foot embankment. The parking lights were on.

Sheriff's officers said it was not determined whether Tatom was the only occupant. The mill pond of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. immediately downstream was drained to further search efforts.

Governor Smith, Other State Chiefs Back Eisenhower

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Gov. Elmo E. Smith of Oregon and three other Western governors and their wives are weekend guests at the month-long civic Fiesta del Pacifico.

Friday night, the governors agreed at a press conference that President Eisenhower would be renominated by acclamation at the Republican national convention in San Francisco next month.

Attending the conference were Smith, Gov. Robert E. Smylie, Idaho, Gov. Charles N. Russell, Nevada, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, California, and Gov. Samuel W. King, Hawaii.

No-Rain Indian Dance Halted By Thunderstorm

WARREN, R.I. — Members of the Warren Indian band (none, incidentally, Indians) went out Saturday and performed an Indian ceremonial no-rain dance, seeking good weather for Sunday's once-postponed New England drum corps festival here.

They had just about concluded the dance when the skies darkened and the band was drenched by a sudden thunderstorm.

There will be no no-rain dance preceding Sunday's festival.

Power Line Badly Burns Bly Woman

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — A power pole crossarm plunged to the ground near Bly Saturday afternoon, dropping a high tension line on a rancher's wife. She was badly burned.

Attendants at Klamath Valley Hospital here said Mrs. Laura Martin, 45, was in critical condition with second and third degree burns.

Her husband, J. Martin, gave sheriff's officers this account of what happened:

Lightning from an electrical storm Friday night apparently left the wooden crossarm smoldering. Embers dropped to the ground and started a grass fire on the Martin ranch, 45 miles east of here. When the blaze flared up Saturday afternoon, the Martins soaked burlap sacks in water and ran to extinguish the fire.

As Mrs. Martin stood beneath the power line, the cross arm broke off and draped the hot wire over the woman. Martin managed to pull her away, unconscious, and she was taken to the hospital. He was not injured.

FBI Mixes Sexes In Suspect Capture



INDIANAPOLIS—Nobility was more surprised than FBI agents who arrested "James Waddell," above, on car theft and forgery charges, that they found their 146-pound prisoner was a woman, Shirley Jean Waddell, 25. (AP Wirephoto.)

INDIANAPOLIS — FBI agents thought they got their man after an eight-month search, but he turned out to be a woman.

Leonard Blaylock, agent-in-charge here, said the FBI learned only after her arrest Friday that the crew-cut youth with horn-rimmed glasses sought for forgery and auto theft was Shirley Jean Waddell, 25, originally of Cincinnati.

"We hadn't the slightest idea she was a woman," Blaylock said. "Nobody did."

He said the 5-foot-4, 146-pound Miss Waddell had posed as a man, using the name James M. Waddell, since last October.

She was charged last November with transporting a stolen car from Miami, Fla., to St. Louis after renting it with a forged check. An attempt to sell it to an Indianapolis dealer Thursday led to her arrest, Blaylock said.

The FBI said Miss Waddell probably would be removed to Miami under a federal warrant for arraignment there.

Sightless Man's Seeing Eye Dog Becomes Blind

LOS ANGELES — For 13 years Jeanne, a German shepherd seeing eye dog, has led sightless H. P. Trusty, a design engineer, to and from his business appointments. Then Jeanne went blind.

"She was crowding against me, instead of leading me," Trusty explained Friday as he wiped a tear from his eye. "I had sensed that it was coming. Then, when she lost her sight she seemed twice as close to me as she had ever been before."

"I took her to our veterinary. He put her to sleep."

Douglas Off To Explore Arctic Area

SEATTLE — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas flew north to Alaska Saturday to explore one of the isolated and little-visited areas of the Arctic wilderness.

The much-traveled associate justice and Mrs. Douglas left for Fairbanks on a Pan American World Airways plane. Sunday they will fly to Ft. Yukon on the Arctic Circle and then go by chartered plane to a spot in the Brooks Range, northeast of Ft. Yukon.

"We are going to meet Dr. Olaf Murie somewhere in the Brooks Range and stay with him a week or 10 days until he comes out," the vacationing jurist said. "Our pilot will know where to find him, probably on some gravel bar."

The 67-year-old Dr. Murie, of Moose, Wyo., is a zoologist and president of the Wilderness Society, a privately-financed group dedicated to preserving public lands in their natural state. The trip into the Arctic of which he is a member is financed by the New York Zoological Society.

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Theatre Time Table

ELSINORE
 (Continuous from 1 p.m.)
 "PARTNERS": 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45
 "BEACH COMBERS": 2:35, 5:11, 8:28
 CAPITOL
 (Continuous from 1 p.m.)
 "TRIBUTE TO A BAD MAN": 2:00, 6:27, 10:05
 "STORM FEAR": 1:30, 5:07, 8:28
 NORTH SALEM DRIVE IN
 (Gates open 8:45—Show at Dusk)
 "THE GREATEST SEX," Geo. Naden
 "DESPERATE HOURS," Humphrey Bogart
 HOLLYWOOD
 "MAN IN GREY FLANNEL SUIT": 2:15, 5:38, 9:00

Miss Universe Said Adopted Child in Story

OMAHA — Miss Universe of 1957, Carol Morris of Ottumwa, Iowa, is an adopted child from an Omaha institution, the Omaha World-Herald said in a copyrighted story Saturday night.

The newspaper said it learned the story about the 20-year-old beauty's background while preparing a biography. In giving her background to publicity agents of her movie studio she listed her birthplace as Omaha.

Miss Morris was named Miss Universe at the recent contest at Long Beach, Calif.

The World-Herald said the Rev. La Verne Morris and his wife were serving the Christian Church at Oakland, Iowa, when they sought a child from the children's home here. They lived in Oakland from 1938 to 1941.

The adoption never was a secret among acquaintances in Iowa where the Morris family lived, the newspaper said, and the Rev. and Mrs. Morris told Carol about it several years ago.

The newspaper said it contacted the Morris' and confirmed the report at the hotel where they are staying in Los Angeles.

Roving Horse Returned to Area Home

A runaway horse captured on Salem streets early Saturday morning was back at home Saturday afternoon.

Salem police observed the animal in the 200 block of North Cottage Street about 4:30 a.m. A chase ensued and the horse was caught in the 600 block of Ferry Street.

Officers hitched the horse to a post at a parking lot on Ferry and South Church streets. The mare was removed to Gillespie's auction barn later in the morning and was picked up there by its owner, R. C. Blakely, 665 Cummings Lane.

Dionne Twins Go on Display In Incubator

SPOKANE — The Dionne twins, following the family tradition set by their famous quintuplet cousins, went on display in a hospital incubator Saturday.

The tiny girls, born Wednesday, are the daughters of Herbert D. Dionne, first cousin of the Canadian quint. The sisters weighed less than four pounds at birth.

"I guess I was supposed to have five at once and make my doctor famous," said Mrs. Dionne from her hospital bed. "but I guess I surprised him with twins."

Until Saturday, the twins were known as "A" and "B," but Mrs. Dionne finally decided on the names Cathrine and Christine. The incubator sisters showed normal loss of weight after birth but now have begun to gain and scaled in Saturday at three pounds, one ounce and three pounds one and a half ounce.

The Dionnes now have five children, including two other girls.

The grandfather is Herbert J. Dionne, a Spokane baker who is a brother of Olivia Dionne, father of the quintuplets. His son also works as a baker.

Bones Place Man Age at 20 Million Years

ROME — An American scientist searching for traces of a pre-man said Saturday that bones already found push the beginnings of mankind back "15 to 20 million years"—almost twice the age previously estimated.

Dr. Helmut De Terra of Columbia University, New York, told reporters a section of jawbone has been found, along with bones from the feet and hands of Oreopithecus, the oldest dawn man ever known.

It had been thought from earlier findings that he lived 10 million years ago. Dr. De Terra said additional bones found in an old lignite mine near Pisa place the age of the man-like creature at 15 to 20 million years. New bones are being found weekly.

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Cars Crash Near Silverton

SILVERTON — Two cars received moderate damage in a collision on Highway 213 one-half mile north of here Saturday, state police reported.

Officers listed drivers as Chauncey Blair Bunke, Molalla, and Keith Eddron Sheythe, 475 S. 17th St., Salem. Sheythe was charged with failure to signal for a turn, police said.

No injuries were reported in the 3:45 p.m. mishap.

Train Smashes Car; Young Driver Unhurt

BERKELEY, Calif. — A Santa Fe locomotive smashed Saturday the convertible in which Carol Ann Nord, 15, of El Cerrito was taking a driving lesson.

Trapped in the crushed machine, Carol Ann escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

No injuries were reported in the 3:45 p.m. mishap.

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499th Offer Tops Timber Tract Bids

ROSEBURG — In the year's most spirited bidding, Woodard Lumber Co. of Cottage Grove outlasted two competitors and won a 14,400,000-board-foot timber tract on the day's 499th offer.

Dropping out at the 497th and 498th bids Friday were Bohemia Lumber Co. of Culp Creek and Lilligren Logging Co. of Diston.

Woodard's winning offer was \$709,200 for the Umpqua National Forest timber appraised at \$363,915.

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