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Time for a New Act

When New York's last variety-and-picture house throws out the stage show in favor of the double feature, it seems that vaudeville at last is officially dead. Then along comes a Toyko dispatch saying that this guy Hirohito is still wowing them over there with an acrobatic clown act.

His performance doesn't sound like much. He takes a fan in his toes and fans himself. He swims in the rain, holding an open umbrella in one hand. (Presumably he can do the same trick when it isn't raining.) The story doesn't say what he does for an encore—maybe he writes under water.

Anyway, as we said, it doesn't sound like much of an act. We guess that what keeps him going is good press-agency and a soft-hearted management.

Used to be that Hirohito's publicity was pretty extravagant. For several years, he was billed as being descended from some god or goddess. The yokels believed it, too.

Then one thing and another kicked the props from under this sort of promotion. So whoever is handling his publicity decided to build him up as a sort of simple-minded man of the people. He is "a man of few accomplishments and hobbies," says his latest press release, but "these few are unique." He's now advertised as being courageous and democratic, an emperor whose ambition is to live in the folksy manner of British royalty.

Hirohito is living up to his press-agency and acting his part, on and off the stage. For one who used to demand and get star billing, he's very easy to get along with these days. His present spot in the show is just dandy. The pay is fine. He has no complaint about his dressing room.

The soft-hearted management seems to be taken in by all this. Hirohito is stealing the show from the star act that the management is trying to build up, but the bosses don't cut him down to size. He keeps on getting a lot of publicity. As a result, he seems to be cheered as loudly by some audiences as he was when his divinity build-up was at its height.

While all this has been going on, one of Hirohito's old bosses, fellow name of Tojo, has been having a little trouble in court. He is being tried on a charge of trying to put Hirohito's present management out of business by violent strong-arm methods. And it is clear from Tojo's testimony that Hirohito isn't quite the clown and dope that he is now said to be.

In fact, it is clear—if Tojo is telling the truth—that Hirohito was fronting for the Tojo outfit and that, far from being a dope, he knew everything that was going on—in advance. There is also a strong suspicion that, when the present bosses stop running the show and checking the box office personally, Hirohito may try to bring the old management in again.

For that reason, it seems odd to note that the American management in Japan seems to go as completely for Hirohito's clown act as the audiences do. Perhaps their main concern is to keep the audience happy.

His past history and present popularity show that he can be a serious trouble-maker. So we wonder why the American bosses

don't retire him to some actor's home and put in one of their own acts to replace him.

Progress—in Triplicate

To get an automobile driver's license in Shanghai, it is now necessary to present 14 photographs and fill out three forms. The formality of taking a driver's test, however, is omitted.

This should go far to dispel the notion that China is a backward nation. The latest Shanghai gesture offers abundant proof that the Chinese are perfectly at home in the most advanced methods of modern, enlightened bureaucracy.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY PETER EDSON
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Third Winter for the DP's

WASHINGTON—Jan. 26—This is the third winter since the end of the war, and still the problem of what to do with some 850,000 displaced persons who can never go home has not been licked. What's worse, it will be another three to five winters before the problem can be cleared up. Half are women and children. Four out of five are Christians. One in five is Jewish.

These DP's are now located, roughly, 650,000 in Germany, 100,000 in Austria and 100,000 in Italy. They are kept in DP camps. They cost the U. S. nearly \$150 million last year, in food, shelter, clothing and protection. As the U. S. takes over the costs of British zones in Germany and Austria this year, the cost may go to \$250 million. Obviously, the cheapest and best thing to do, is to help resettle them.

They want another chance. On only two things do they appear to be adamant. They will not return to the now-Communist dominated countries from which they came, for fear of persecution. They will not work to help rebuild Germany, the country which under Hitler took them from their homes and enslaved them for war labor.

The plight of these people is due for another American airing in coming months as Congress takes up two bills intended to admit up to 400,000 as U. S. immigrants during the next four years. Congressman William G. Stratton (R., Ill.) has proposed that 100,000 displaced persons be admitted to this country every year for the next four years. Hearings on this bill were completed last summer. But the measure is now bottled up in a House Judiciary sub-committee under Congressman Frank Fellows (R., Me.).

Lobbying—Pro and Con—Is Heavy
Shortly before Congress recessed last July, Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.), six other Republicans and two Democrats introduced another DP bill. It would admit to the U. S. during the next four years any person who could qualify under the U. S. immigration laws.

The lobby in support of these bills and the lobbies against lowering the present U. S. immigration barriers have both been heavy. Much of the opposition comes from misunderstanding and misrepresentation of the issues involved.

Whether the Stratton or the Ferguson bill is finally adopted by Congress, or whatever compromise may be agreed on, the fate of only half of the 850,000 European DP's will be settled. The other half of the problem must be handled ultimately by the UN International Refugee Organization. IRO is largely an American idea. When it was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 1946, the deal was that IRO would not come into being until its constitution was ratified by 15 nations.

Until that time, a Provisional Commission of the International Refugee Organization—PCIRO—was to take over the DP relief work from UNRRA. PCIRO set up headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland.

Operation To End In The Red
There is little that PCIRO can do, however, until more countries pay up their share of the operating costs and ratify the IRO constitution. In the past year only 12 governments have acted. They are Australia, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Iceland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, United Kingdom and U. S.

These countries have provided three-fourths, or \$115 million out of the \$155 million budget considered the minimum necessary to care for and resettle the refugees. The U. S. share was \$71 million this year, will be the same next year. Present indications are that PCIRO will end its first year of operations next July 1 about \$7 million in the red. This points up the unavailability of UN commitments.

Nine other countries have signed their intention of coming in, but haven't formally ratified. They are the Argentine, Panama, Bolivia, Brazil, Honduras, Liberia, Argentina, Peru, and the Philippine Islands.

In the meantime, the Preparatory Commission—PCIRO—is doing what little it can. General Executive Secretary of PCIRO is an American, William Hallam Tuck. His principal effort has been to get UN members to accept proportionate quotas of refugees they'll admit.

To date some 17 countries have agreed to take 300,000 DP's. Actually, they have taken only 112,000 in the past 10 months. The U. S. has taken 25,000 under regular immigration quotas. But Congress will have to act before this country can take more.

Married Student Veterans Spend Twice Their Allowances

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—The average married student veteran spends almost twice as much to stay in school as is allotted him under the GI Bill of Rights and the single student exceeds his allowance by almost 65 per cent, a survey showed.

The study was conducted by a committee of the American Council on Education and financed by the Disabled American Veterans. It involved interviews with scientifically selected cross-section of student veterans at schools across the nation.

Students Questioned
Interviewers directed by Ralph J. Strom, former Veterans Administration official, asked student vets questions ranging from the amount they paid for rent to what they thought of their instructors.

The DAV is expected to place results of the survey before a congressional committee investigating the status of student veterans. The DAV has joined other veterans' groups in urging legislation providing higher college subsistence allowances for ex-servicemen.

Average Expenses
The first results of the nationwide survey were released by Dean E. G. Williamson of the

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Soil Program Growth Noted

A general speeding up of the soil conservation program in Oregon—including the organization of the Linn-Lane and Siuslaw Soil Conservation districts—was noted Monday in the annual report of Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Dr. Bennett's report announced the amount of conservation work on the land was double the 1945 figure and exceeded 1946 by about 25 per cent.

Total Acreage
He said 20 million acres received complete conservation treatment last year, "despite the lack of personnel for giving full aid to all the farmer-operated soil conservation districts requesting technical assistance."

A national-wide increase of \$4.90 in per acre income on farms under the program was credited to the conservation practices.

Work Done

Farmers on Oregon's 24 districts applied 48,740 acres in crop residue, 10,480 acres in approved crop rotations, 7975 acres in irrigation improvements and nearly 10,000 acres were drained, according to Sam L. Sloan, state conservationist.

Early in 1947 organization of the Linn-Lane and Siuslaw districts was completed. The Siuslaw district covers 117,600 acres, there are 94,850 acres in the other.

It is estimated that rats destroy about four per cent of the U.S. grain and cereal crop.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Board Makes Plans For AAUW Reception Late in February

The February 26 reception for foreign students on the University of Oregon campus was discussed Thursday evening at the board meeting of Eugene Branch, American Association of University Women, which met at the home of Mrs. Carl Webb, branch president.

The reception will be held at Gerlinger Hall, with husbands or wives together with husbands of members invited to attend. Recent Graduates group will have charge of arrangements.

Reports from group chairmen were heard. Creative writing group will present a radio program March 23, at which work of the group will be featured.

Dates for the two-day general AAUW meeting at Lakeview, Oregon were announced as April 22 and 23.

Mrs. W. S. Love reported on her meeting in Portland with Dr. Althea K. Hottel, AAUW national president.

Members were reminded that meeting for AAUW, Eugene Branch, will be held jointly with the League of Women Voters Monday evening at the Community Center.

Dr. Leona Tyler, associate professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, will address the groups on "The Challenge of the Atomic Age."

State Officer Talks To Woodmen Circle

Springfield Grove 43 of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle met with Mrs. Nina Gray Thursday. Mrs. James Duval presided over the meeting and the group heard Mrs. Zaida Kinsley Puckett, national regional committee woman and state manager of Oregon for the circle, discuss Welfare Club activities.

New members initiated were Mrs. Chester Grant and Miss Joan Doreen Hicks. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Maggie J. Davis and Mrs. Gray. The group will meet with Mrs. Duval Thursday. Her address is 2465 Paramount Drive.

Woodmen Circle Juniors Lodge 15 met Saturday to celebrate for all those having birthdays in January.

MEETING SLATED BY COUNTY AGENT

A meeting preliminary to a county slipcover workshop will be held all day Friday in the Fourth Club building on the county fairgrounds, Miss Jane Rieth, assistant home demonstration agent, has announced.

The meeting is for those who plan to attend the workshop. Materials, colors, and methods of measurement will be discussed. There also will be a demonstration on repair of inner-spring cushions. Registration for the workshops will continue at the home demonstration office until Friday. The meeting at the fairgrounds will start at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning and continue most of the day.

LEAGUE TO MEET

League of Women Voters and Eugene Branch, American Association of University Women will meet Monday evening in the Community Center for dessert at seven-thirty o'clock. Dr. Leona Tyler will be guest speaker.

SHOWER GIVEN

DEXTER—Mrs. Asa Tilton and Miss Alice Pederson were co-hostesses to a bridal shower for Mrs. Marie Pederson Nelson, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson was married in early December.

WSSC TO MEET

Womens Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday at one-thirty o'clock in the chapel of First Methodist Church. This is the annual pledge service and a program has been planned.

FINALLY GETS PRESENT
SALEM—(AP)—A businessman here has finally received his high school graduation present, lost 20 years ago in Galesburg, Ill.

Celebration Honors Couples New Home

The combination of a birthday and the first day in their new home was occasion for celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McKay, Coburg Road, January 22. It was Mr. McKay's birthday.

The home was officially opened by radio station KUGN's Farm Home program Thursday morning. After the program Mrs. McKay served breakfast to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCready, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Fletcher, and Miss Jerry Arnold.

The McKay children and their families attending the surprise birthday party were Mr. and Mrs. Miles McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Dean McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Malos, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Freadrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hags, and Mrs. Eugene Moore of Tacoma.

Recipe

Baked Shoulder Lamb Chops
4 shoulder lamb chops
Cracker stuffing
4 peaches
Whole cloves
Parsley
Pamfry chops on one side for 5 minutes. Remove to baking dish. Let cool and spread with cracker stuffing on cooked side. Bake in a 375 degree oven for half hour or until dressing is nicely browned. In same dish bake the four peaches each stuck with cloves. Serve garnished with parsley.

City Club Discusses Work of Painters

During the meeting of the Art Section of the Eugene City Club Thursday six artists were discussed by members of the group.

Mrs. George Getting presented the art of the French Impressionist, Paul Cezanne and she also exhibited print pictures of his work. "The Ash Can School of 1908" was given by Mrs. G. Germain; Mrs. Herbert Smeed gave her talk on Robert Henri; Mrs. H. B. Page presented John Sloan; Mrs. Hugh Hampton gave an outline on Arthur Davis; Mrs. Martin Durbin discussed George Luks.

New stamp prints received from the New York Metropolitan Art Galleries were presented by Mrs. Ernest W. Ames. The prints were the "Book of Hours" from the Duc de Berry calendar five hundred years ago.

FOUR-H SEWING CLUB TAKES NAME

Santa Clara Four-H Sewing club held its first meeting recently, and named the group the "Stitch and Chatter" club.

Officers of the club are: Jackie Milford, president; Joan Rainville, vice-president; Marilyn Reasman, secretary; Vivian Carmickle. Other members are Georgia Cates, Donna Kingsley, Dorothy Stafford, Gretchen and Mary Ann Milford. The club's first project was to make a needle holder. The next meeting is to be Jan. 29.

REEDSPORT WEDDING IS SUNDAY EVENT

REEDSPORT—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Annis was the scene of the wedding at two o'clock Sunday of Miss Marnie Golden to Rae Nash, of Coos Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Bresler, brother-in-law and sister of Miss Golden, were attendants. The Rev. Marvin D. Skidmore of the Baptist Church officiated.

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Parents to Witness State Health Tests In Demonstration

Eugene High School Parent-Teacher Association announces a special meeting for Tuesday evening, to be held at eight o'clock at the school. This group does not meet every month, but only at stated intervals through the school year when some special program is planned.

The meeting Tuesday has been planned as a demonstration of the health program adopted by the state education system, which is followed by all high schools in Oregon. Ray Hendricks, athletic coach at University High School and a member of the state committee on this program will give an explanatory talk, and there will be a demonstration on the gymnasium floor, by both boys and girls, of tests required under the system. Miss Florence Beardsley of Salem, another member of the state committee, also will be present. Parents will be permitted to ask questions.

Eugene High School teachers who will assist with the program are Mrs. Walter Banks, Mrs. Mabel DeVoss and Duane Mellon. Dr. Madeline Marx, school physician, also will attend. There will be a musical program in addition to the health demonstration.

Foreign Brides Elect Officers

Foreign Brides Club held election of officers at an evening meeting, Friday at the Community Center. New president of the club is Mrs. William Kingsley, succeeding Mrs. Frank Hickenbottom. Other officers are Mrs. Wilburn McFarland, vice president; Mrs. Ronald Hanson, recording secretary; Mrs. James White, treasurer, and Mrs. William Hixson, corresponding secretary.

Twenty members attended the no-hostess gathering. It was decided to have a Valentine party, February 14, the Valentine to be announced. There also was discussion concerning having alternate meetings in the evenings, so that employed members may attend.

CARDS PLAYED AT MEETING

Bridge and pinocle were played at the meeting of the United Commercial Travelers Auxiliary in the Osburn Hotel Thursday. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Loy Rowling, Mrs. G. E. Bahr, Mrs. Arthur Olson, and Mrs. W. H. Rasor. Honors for bridge went to Mrs. E. Vedder, and Mrs. J. H. Sieberts. Pinocle honors were taken by Mrs. K. R. Allan and Mrs. Frank Walker.

The February meeting will be with Mrs. Frank Walker, River Road.

WOMAN PAGE

SHOWER FOR BRIDE
BELLFOUNTAIN—Mrs. Ronald Haight, (Nada Roberts) was honored at a miscellaneous bridal shower, held recently at the Bell-fountain School kitchen. Nearly a score of women were present for the event.

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Book Club Reviews Work of Cousin

Two books by Norman Cousins, "By-Standers are not Innocent," and excerpts from "Modern Man Eugene City Club by Mrs. A. F. is Obsolete," were reviewed recently for the Book Section of the Holmer.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Virgil Gowdy and Miss Mary Mallett. Honor guest was Mrs. G. Crokes of Lucas, South Dakota.

The club will meet February 2 with Mrs. Harry M. Lichty, 1035 Jefferson Street, and she will be assisted by Mrs. Frances G. Pear-viewing is "Trelawney," a man's son. The book scheduled for re-life, by Margaret Armstrong. The review will be given by Mrs. Reivinus Breen.

ANNOUNCEMENT COMES FROM FORMER RESIDENTS

REEDSPORT—Lt. Col. and Mrs. G. W. Sargent, of the Kyushu Military Government Region, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Doris Ann, to Lt. Jefferson Capps, U. S. Army in Kyushu, Japan, December 12. Lt. and Mrs. Capps at present are en route to the United States. The Sargents formerly lived at Florence and Eugene.

HOSPITAL SCHOOL ADMITS CHILDREN

The recently-opened Oregon Hospital School, solely for the care of children does not admit adults and previously reported, as Miss Blanche Markham, president. The Hospital will admit adults.

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