

Hard Working Chinese Amaze Yank With Grin

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A B-29 Base, Northwest China (UP)—"How do you like China?" I asked a BI aircraft mechanic who has been in the land of lotus blossoms nearly two years.

"Well, Bub," he said, "I've been away from the States so long I plum forgot what home looks like, but compared to India this here's paradise."

"I got plenty gripes about China if you got a couple of hours to hear 'em, but the people are friendly and cheerful and hard-working and they don't kow-tow every time you come walkin' down the street like they do on the other side of 'The Hump'."

'O.K.' Is Byword

"They do a lot of damn fool chattering it seems to me like and they're runnin' this 'ting hao' (O. K.) business in the ground, but for my money the Chinese are all-right folks."

"Now you take that soldier there. He's got a rifle and a quilted uniform that makes him look like a bed that took a notion to get up and start walkin' around but he ain't wearin' no socks under them grass sandals and it's cold-ern blue blazes right now. I can see you appreciate that or else you been drinkin' this jingbao juice because your nose's reddern 'Tolo's face."

"But no matter how cold it gets that gaurd is always grinnin' and 'ting hao-ing' all over the place. I seen him do a couple of pretty bad things but I figure it's his job to make these coolies behave and I don't intend to interfere. When one of 'em takes it in his head to run from the gaurd he knows how to use that bayonet just enough in the right places to keep him runnin' until he's tired himself out."

It seems to me like the Chinese are bound to be the hardest workin' people on earth because I don't see how it'd be possible to put in any more time than they do. Them coolies swarmin' all over that airstrip do everything by hand, includin' breakin' up the rocks and sortin' out the gravel but they get the job done with a grin.

Farmers Thrifty

"You see farmers pushin' live hogs to market on a wheelbarrow so they don't lose any weight. They push them hogs a long way, maybe 30 mile, and I figure it must take three or four days, and then maybe the same time comin' back, just to have a couple of slices of bacon."

Talk about farmers! If I ran my farm like these Chinese there wouldn't be enough uncultivated ground left to have a small fish fry on.

"By now you probably got a pretty good idea that me and the Chinese ain't got any shootin' differences and we ain't. But when I said this place's paradise I had a couple of 'buts' to throw in."

In the first place some ignorant schoolteacher told me China's in the Orient and the Orient's hot. This here part of China must have seceded from the Orient because if there's a colder place anywhere I don't believe it and I sure's hell don't wanna be there.

PX Rations Scarce

"China's been at the end of the supply line a long time now and I guess she'll stay there awhile longer. Aside from three cartons of cigarettes and one can of juice and soap and toothpaste we don't get much in the way of PX rations any month. I ain't seen a bottle of beer in three months and when I get back over 'The Hump' I'm gonna make up for them three months and I'll fill myself up with another three month's reserve just in case."

The social life over here ain't gonna wear no man out before his time. You might say it's confined to movies and bull sessions and the bull sessions are mainly confined to one subject but I wouldn't hardly say they're monotonous.

If you got any kinda eye for pretty girls you can see some of these here Chinese are nibe to look at. But you gotta be careful, though, or they'll get you in trouble, but if you just shop around long enough you can find yourself a nice one, maybe.

Hey, U.P., you better hadn't quote me. There's one thing about the States I haven't forgotten and that a sweet little girl back home and I don't want her gettin' any wrong ideas about the Orient like I did."

Boy on Relief Mission Hurt In Cart Crash

Returning to his home after delivering a bundle of clothing to the salvage depot for the Russian relief, Lloyd Lee Goodman, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmut E. Goodman, 154 East Revere street, narrowly escaped serious injury when a small cart he was coasting in collided with an automobile at the corner of Portland avenue and Hill street. The car was driven by John Edward Borden of Carroll Acres.

Chief of Police Ken C. Gulick, and State Officer Glenn Ray, who investigated, said that it was miraculous the boy received only shock and bruises. The boy was taken to his home, after he told officers he had been to the salvage depot and was coasting down the hill when his cart crashed into Borden's machine.

Salary Increases Asked for County

A bill introduced in the state house of representatives this past week by Representative William Niskanen provides for a salary increase for most Deschutes county officials, according to United Press information from Salem. The measure is house bill 353, and it would provide for the following salary changes:

County judge, from \$2100 to \$2400; clerk, from \$2200 to \$2400; sheriff, from \$2500 to \$2700; assessor, from \$2400 to \$2500; school superintendent, from \$2000 to \$2300; treasurer, from \$2000 to \$2100.

Under provisions of the bill, county commissioners would get \$100 monthly flat, instead of \$5 a day not to exceed \$100 monthly.

Adjustment Recommended. Adjustment of the salaries of Deschutes county officials was recommended by the budget advisory committee, and in most instances the increases proposed in house bill 353 conform with the recommendations. Adjustments recommended by the budget advisory committee follow:

Sheriff, \$2500 (present salary) to \$2700; assessor, no change from the present \$2400 salary; clerk, no change from the present \$2200 salary; judge, from \$2100 to \$2400; superintendent of schools, \$2000 to \$2200; treasurer, no change from the present \$2000 salary; commissioners, no change from the present \$2400, for two commissioners, this to be paid \$100 per month in lieu of per diem.

Justice Included

An earlier bill introduced in Salem provides for the increase of the salary of justice of peace from \$1200 to \$1500. The budget committee made no recommendation for an increase for this office.

Members of the budget committee recommending the salary adjustments were the late George Aitken of Sisters, M. A. Lynch of Redmond and Glenn B. Thomas of Bend.

Small Dairymen Win Recognition

Salem, Ore., Feb. 12 (UP)—Protests of small dairymen against compulsory pasteurization of milk will be recognized in a proposed compromise over controversial issues between the department of agriculture and public health department, it was learned today.

The conference between agriculture and health officials was held after a hearing on a proposal to revamp the state board of public health and set up joint cooperation and enforcement with the department of agriculture.

Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health director, said lack of equipment available to small dairymen led to the move to abandon the suggestion to require pasteurization. Adequate safeguards will be placed on dairying operations, he said, to protect the public.

It was understood the compromise called for the state board of health to retain all inspection operations involving hotels, restaurants and other eating places, and the department of agriculture would direct and enforce laws dealing with agricultural production and distribution.

SHOTS ARE REPORTED

Promiscuous shooting of a rifle in her neighborhood today had been reported to Bend police by Mrs. A. Bechen, 901 East Eighth street, who said that one of the shots narrowly missed her while she was standing in her yard.

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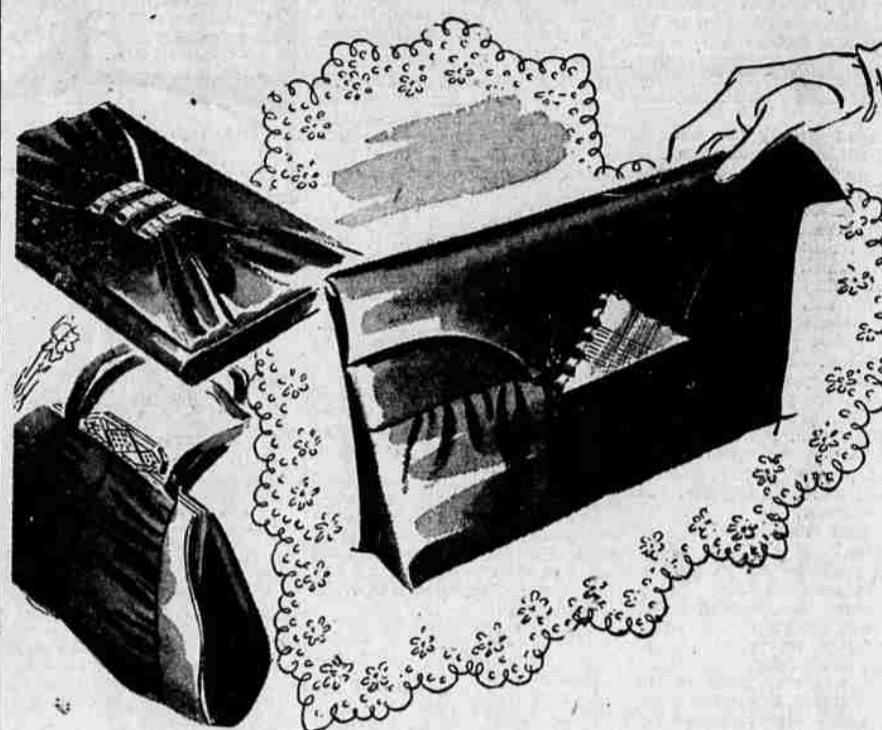


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