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Strength of Reds In Japan Believed To Be Weakening

(The United Press manager for Japan reports in the following dispatch that communism is going downhill there; that Gen. Douglas MacArthur appears to be winning the cold war against followers of Josef Stalin.)

By Earnest Hoherecht
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)
 Tokyo, March 16 (UP)—Communist strength seems to be on the wane in Japan.
 Many persons believe that so-called demands for trial of Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal mean that the Russians are "writing off" Japan as a lost cause.
 The demands certainly cost both Russia and the communist party in Japan much of the progress they had made with Japanese masses.
 Communist-led strikes and several cases of violence attributed to communists have still further alienated the orderly-minded Japanese.

Party Headed Downhill
 Qualified observers, including many top officials in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, believe the Japanese communist party is headed downhill after attracting some popular support following Japan's surrender.

The party was outlawed and went underground in the 1920's. The government made a determined effort to stamp it out altogether March 15, 1928, when it rounded up and imprisoned more than 1,000 communists. The anniversary of that date was an occasion for party commemoration.
 With the end of the war, MacArthur liberated the imprisoned communists along with all other political prisoners.

The communist party now has the same rights as any other political party in Japan. It will be permitted to continue its legal existence so long as its members obey the laws of the land.
Would Outlaw Party
 Premier Shigeru Yoshida on several occasions had indicated a desire to outlaw the communist party. But he has made no formal demands for it and the diet (parliament) has taken no action.
 The party claims a membership of about 90,000 in Japan. Well-informed observers believe the true figure is nearer 180,000. Communists hold 35 of the 466 seats in the national house of representatives.

In the last election, communist candidates polled about 2,380,000 votes. About half were believed cast by communist party members or sympathizers. The rest were believed to have been "protest votes" against the government parties.

The party is headed by Kyuehi Tokuda, who was imprisoned in the 1928 roundup and spent 18 years behind bars.
 Sanzo Nozaka, the No. 2 communist in Japan, escaped to China at the time of the 1928 affair. He returned to Japan a hero after the war ended.

Receives Criticism
 The communist recently criticized him for his "too easy" tactics in Japan. He bowed to criticism, but said his behavior had been influenced by "circumstances," obviously the American occupation.

Nozaka addressed a meeting recently marking the 22nd anniversary of the 1928 roundup. More than 2,500 packed the hall to hear him deliver a speech typical of the communist line in Japanese these days.

He accused the United States of plotting world war III and warned Japan against permitting America to colonize the country or keep military bases here after the peace treaty is signed.
 Nozaka was careful never to name the United States as "the aggressor" who threatened Japan's future and world peace. But he told his listeners, "You know who I mean." They obviously did, for he painted a glowing picture of Russia as Japan's best friend.

Speaker Not Molested
 No police bothered Nozaka as he spoke. As a matter of fact, only a handful of police was present.

MacArthur believes the great masses of Japanese are unmoved by communist propaganda and fully comprehend the threat of the movement. He thinks the Japanese people like democracy and will stand as an effective bulwark to the advance of communism.

Operating somewhat more quietly than in the past, Japanese communists are concentrating now on what they call "an enlightenment campaign." It includes numerous rallies, lectures and night school courses, in which the Russian language is among the major subjects.
 The communists are trying to capitalize on the active assistance they give the unemployed in Japan. They help the jobless to get either relief or government aid.

Son of Slave, 101; Celebration Held

Carbondale, Ill., March 16 (UP)—The Rev. James E. Smith, son of a slave, celebrated his 101st birthday today with his 37-year-old wife and six children who range in age from five to 16.
 "If I had not been a Christian," Smith said, "I would not have lived so long."

OUT ON THE FARM

By Ila S. Grant

March 16—Somewhat grudgingly, the Chief admits that the utility room isn't half bad, now that most of the work is done.
 I think it's the most cheerful room in the house. The bright yellow walls look like concentrated sunlight, and the wallpaper on the ceiling and end wall, hung under protest and with much muttering, adds just the right touch. The pattern is tiny off-red stylized tulips, with green leaves, in snowflake-shaped groups of four.

The dark green cotton, for a ruffle around the window in the back door, is all cut and folded, ready for the stitching. Ruffled windows are as much the fashion as short haircuts, and I certainly intend to be in style, in both departments.

There are a number of ways of fashioning these ruffles and attaching them to the windows, but the technique employed by one of my neighbors seems plenty sharp, and for the benefit of anyone whose windows are still ruffless, here's the straight dope.

The ruffles are made in four pieces—one for each side, top and bottom. A casing is stitched down the center of folded material, to hold elastic. This makes a double ruffle—one extending over the glass and one over the window frames. Ruffling is accomplished by inserting the elastic. For laundering, the elastic is

removed and the ruffles are simply long strips, which simplifies ironing.
 To figure the amount of material for ruffles, allow slightly more than twice the width of the finished ruffle, and at least twice the length—three times if you're flush. When the material for your ruffles is in four strips of the proper length, fold lengthwise and press lightly, to determine the exact center. Fold one side over, not quite to the center, leaving slightly more than half the width of the elastic. Turn other edge up 1/2 inch and bring over past center, basting in place over raw edge. Stitch down top edge, and make second row of stitching to allow plenty of room for elastic.

Cut strips of elastic two or three inches short of the required length, so that it will hold ruffles taut. Sew "potholder" rings on each end of the strips of elastic. Insert in ruffles, and attach to the windows with cup hooks at the four corners. Adjust the gathers evenly, and allow extra fullness at the corners to cover the hardware.

ARMY KEEPS CLEAN

Fort Lewis, Wash. (UP)—The local army post laundry announced that since it began operation in 1941, it has handled approximately 212,840,000 pounds.

Britain May Get One Billion Eggs

Washington, March 16 (UP)—The government was reported ready today to sell more than 1,000,000,000 of its price support eggs to Britain at prices averaging less than 13 cents a dozen.

Informants said U. S. and British negotiators were close to agreement on the multi-million dollar deal, probably the biggest egg transaction in world history. The eggs—which have been de-shelled and dried into powder—are part of Uncle Sam's vast "surplus" food hoard. The eggs were taken off the market in 1948 and 1949 to hold up farm prices.

The big problem has been how to get rid of them without pushing down domestic prices. The department has about \$1.30 a pound invested in egg powder. That is equivalent to about 43 cents a dozen.

Sale Price Low
 If the deal with Britain is completed, informants said, the sale price is expected to be less than 40 cents a pound (equivalent to 13 cents a dozen.)

Actually, the transaction would return less than that amount to the treasury. A portion of the money the British would use would be supplied by the economic cooperation administration

H. C. Ballantyne Services Held

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Niswonger-Winslow chapel for Heber Charles Ballantyne, 79, who died Sunday morning after an illness. He was a native of Ogden, Utah, and had been a resident of Bend for 30 years.

Elders Johnson, Alvin Atkinson and E. L. Hale, of the Latter Day Saints church, officiated at the services. Mrs. E. M. Bucknum was at the organ. Pallbearers were L. E. Devereaux Jr., Ronald Gallagher, Norman Ballantyne, Ronald Ballantyne, Jack Ballantyne and Joe Ballantyne. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Ballantyne was employed for many years by Brooks-Scanlon, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Adaline, a daughter, Mrs. L. E. Devereaux, Bend, and six sons including Ray, of Madras, and Kenneth and Douglas of Prineville. There are also 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

under the Marshall aid program. Some reports said Britain was expected to take 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds of egg powder. The U. S. government now holds about 85,000,000 pounds of egg powder.

Chemicals of the bromfluorocarbon group are effective fire extinguishers.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)
THIRTY YEARS AGO
 (March 16, 1920)
 Craig Coyner and Ruth F. Caldwell were married here yesterday. Rev. J. E. Purdy pronounced the marriage service. Mrs. Coyner is a member of a pioneer Bend family. Coyner recently returned to Bend from service in the army.

Ten thousand dollars had been subscribed up until noon today, to finance the Deschutes county fair in event it is obtained for Bend. Three inches of snow fell in Bend last night and this morning. William P. Downing has announced that he plans construction of a \$35,000 building on Bond street, between the Carmody cigar store and the Myers building.

THREE RUSSIANS DIE
 East Gary, Ind., March 16 (UP)—Three Russian immigrants found shot to death in a farm shanty were victims of a double murder and suicide, police said today.

Investigating officers said they had determined that Paul Shuman, 50, killed his nephew, Ignatz Garashenok, and an employe, Fred Droza, 60, before taking his own life.

Typhoid fever patients are made free from symptoms in from three to five days with chloromycetin, one of the new so-called antibiotic medicines.

BREATHING TIME IN THE TAX PARADE

Yesterday was the deadline for filing federal returns on 1949 income and for paying anything remaining unpaid on the tax levied against that income. The bulk of the individual's tax had probably been collected currently as a withholding from his salary or wage. The employer had been required to make this deduction in computing the amount of each pay check and, as a result, the amount received was likely to be regarded by the recipient as his actual pay. It was easy to forget that government was getting the difference, that the employer was paying the full amount and that the employer, in addition, was saddled with the cost of making the collection.

Perhaps there had been other income to which the withholding could not be applied. If this were foreseeable, the filing of an estimate had been required and, on the basis of this estimate, more taxes, which also had to be paid currently. If the estimate had not been large enough, there was a residue to taxes to be paid this year and the individual was given until yesterday to pay it. His accounting of taxable income and taxes for 1949 was also due. Besides, there was his estimate of income and taxes for 1950, and there was his payment of one-fourth of that part of the estimate in excess of withholdings. Yesterday marked the time limit for all these reports and payments.

Today, if the taxpayer knew what was good for him, the reports and payments have been made, and there is time to take a deep breath and consider just what is going on. The individual, vaguely aware that he was being heavily taxed, may well audit his accounts and discover to his own shocked surprise, just how heavy are the taxes that he is paying, just how much of his income he is being required to turn over to the national government so that the national government may spend it for him. As he does so he will doubtless realize that the income tax is only a part of it, that there are vast numbers of "hidden" taxes on sales of luxuries and necessities, that there are percentages exacted on transportation and communications services and on amusements.

Already he knows about the tax on his tobacco and cigarettes and on alcoholic beverages—these have been going on for years—that he is taxed for the gasoline he burns, the movie he enjoys, the jewelry he purchases. If he goes into the subject at all exhaustively, he will discover that not only are his wife's cosmetics taxed but that the powder used to soothe their baby's chafed skin is subject to levy. Then he may learn, if he does not recall, that there are excises collected from the manufacturer (the ultimate user pays them, of course) on such things as electricity, tires, inner tubes, phonograph records, electric, gas and oil appliances, light bulbs, radio sets, spare parts for automobiles, refrigerators and sporting goods. He may go on and on. There are hundreds of these intently invisible and theoretically painless taxes and most of us pay most of them.

These are not to be confused with the income tax, which in 1949 is estimated to have taken the equivalent of one month's pay from the average taxpayer. They are additional. How much do they come to? The taxpayer will do well to take time out and figure that one. No matter how appalling his findings they will probably be short of the actual.

Even so, he will doubtless arrive speedily at the conclusion that this sort of thing has gone far enough. But our national administration does not agree. It is cooking up more schemes for spending, more socialized services, more encroachments on private enterprise. They will require more and more taxes from more and more people. The taxpayer will pay and pay unless he acts and acts quickly through the national representation that is still at his command.

Four-H Club Girls Guests of Rotary

Special guests at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday noon were Mary Ann Kiesow, Mavis Rowley and Laura Dudley, all members of the local 4-H club program. They were accompanied by Don Benscoter, county 4-H club agent.

Mary Ann gave Rotary members a brief report of her trip to the National 4-H club congress in Chicago last December, which she described as a "wonderful experience." She was awarded the trip for her outstanding garden work and has been in the 4-H for nine years.

Mavis and Laura, ten-year-old members of the Jolly Cookers of the Richardson community, gave Rotarians a demonstration in making four different kinds of milk shakes, using only materials to be found around home. The demonstration was similar to one given by the pair at the state fair last year.

Club Work Discussed

A brief talk on the general program and objectives of 4-H work was also given by Benscoter, who stated that program was striving to halt the trend away from the home through its work with children.

Basic School Fund Distribution Made

Salem, March 16 (UP)—Distribution of the last half of the state basic school fund for the 1949-50 fiscal year was completed Monday when Secretary of state Earl T. Newberry issued warrants totaling \$8,512,442.08 to 1,347 school districts.

The apportionment represented payments to school districts out of state income tax monies, Newberry said.

Distribution by counties included: Crook, \$52,377.52; Deschutes, \$153,844.88; Jefferson, \$35,286.74.

Slump in Polio Cases Reported

Portland, March 16 (UP)—Four new cases of poliomyelitis were reported in Oregon for the week ending March 11, bringing the total for the year to 25, the Oregon state board of health announced today.

The total for a corresponding period last year was 11. The new cases were widely scattered with one each in Clackamas, Jackson, Marion and Washington counties.

Schoolmen Hold Sisters Meeting

Sisters, March 16 (Special)—The Central Oregon Schoolmen's association met at the Sisters gym Wednesday evening. The Sisters PTA served a banquet. There were about 40 members present from Bend, Redmond, Burns, Prineville, Madras and Sisters. After the business meeting the members of the association viewed the new Earl Russel grade school building.

The ladies council of the Sisters Church of Christ met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bert Demaris. Mrs. Loyd Hewitt presided over the meeting. Mrs. Ralph Ziegler gave the missionary report and talked on "The Open Door in Japan" and the great need for missionaries there. During the business meeting it was announced that the ladies council would sponsor a food sale Friday afternoon, April 12, at the Sorenson service station. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. Clarence Sunkler. Those present were: Mrs. Albert Demaris, Mrs. Jack Neel, Mrs. Ralph Ziegler, Mrs. Clifford Dobbins, Mrs. Buster Phillips, Mrs. Archie Brown, Mrs. Harvey Brandon, Mrs. Perit Huntington, Mrs. Jesse Smalley, Mrs. Loyd Hewitt, Mrs. Clarence Sunkler, Clara Sunkler and Mrs. Bert Demaris. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Harvey Brandon with Mrs. Archie Brown as co-hostess.

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