

Lowell Thomas Reports Tibet Awaits Red Wave Over Asia

Lowell Thomas, news commentator and world-traveler, reported today that only 10,000 Tibetan troops, armed with obsolete weapons, stand behind the towering Himalayan mountains ready to protect Tibet against the Chinese Reds' drive for control of Asia.

Writing in Collier's of his recent trip to the fabulous land of the Lamas—the last theocracy on earth—Thomas reported that Tibet fears and hates Communism and is hurriedly mobilizing another 100,000 troops to meet the Red wave.

At the same time, Thomas denied charges by the New Times, official organ of the Kremlin, that he and his son Lowell, Jr., had been sent to Tibet by the U.S. government "to try to tear that country away from China and turn it into an Anglo-American colony."

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," he wrote in the first of a six-part Collier's series entitled, "Out Of This World—A Journey to Lhasa." "I did not have any consultation whatever with officials in Washington before leaving."

"The whole affair was about as private as a fish bowl. Frequent recordings describing our journey into and over the Himalayas, and the interviews we had with the officials we encountered, went out both by long wave and short wave, over a vast radio network. There was nothing secret about any part of our journey."

In Lhasa, sacred capital of Tibet commanded by all-powerful Buddhist monks, Communism is the number one theme of conversation.

"The Communists have a number of reasons for wanting Tibet," Thomas reported. "First, it would give them control of the capital of the Central Asian Buddhist world."

"But still more important, it would give them a 1,300-mile frontier with India—and India

holds the key to virtual domination of the entire continent of Asia.

"Then there is the matter of Tibet's mineral wealth, the possibility of uranium."

Thomas pointed out that Soviet Russia is extending a chain of air bases down through Central Asia toward Tibet, and that a modern military highway is being constructed through Chinese Red territory to the Tibetan border.

Illustrating the Thomas saga in the first Collier's article are 13 color photographs of the trip into Lhasa, including an extremely rare one of the 15-year-old-Dalai Lama, Tibet's god king. When the young ruler turns 18, he will assume absolute power over 4,000,000 people in the last completely feudal land in the world.

The Thomas mule caravan reached Lhasa last August after the radio commentator received an invitation from the Dalai Lama to visit the hermit realm. He and his son became the seventh and eighth U.S. citizen ever to reach the forbidden city. On the way back Thomas, Sr., was thrown by a horse and suffered a shattered hip. It took 16 days to carry him to safety.

In Tibet, Thomas found the natives cordial to him but suspicious of foreigners in general, desiring to have as little as possible to do with the outside world.

The Lamas think that they alone, of all the peoples on earth, are not slaves to the gadgets and whirling wheels of the industrial



Search Planes Await Takeoff Orders—Part of the 50-plane fleet based at the Great Falls, Mont., air force base await takeoff orders in the largest aerial search-rescue mission in American air force history. A "very weak" and unidentified radio signal was reported heard over Smith River, 132 miles northwest of Fort Nelson, B. C. The signal revived hope that some of the 44 persons aboard the lost army C-54 transport may still be alive. (AP Wirephoto.)

Beth Taylor Wants Wedding Just Like Those in the Movies

Hollywood, Feb. 3 (AP)—The organ started humming "Here Comes the Bride."

Elizabeth Taylor clutched the arm of her father, smoothed the front of her wedding gown and paced down the church aisle to take a husband—for a movie, of course.

"Well, I finally made it," giggled the young star, who had two widely-publicized near-misses at matrimony.

The wedding (to Don Taylor) is the climax of the picture, "father of the bride." Actually, it is the second film wedding for Elizabeth, who married Robert Taylor in "The Conspirator." But that one wasn't as fancy.

"This is how I want my wedding to be," she remarked, gazing at the flower-bedecked church which may be described as Beverly Hills Gothic. There were six ushers in cutaways and six bridesmaids in frilly gowns.

"I think every girl wants to have a big, formal wedding," she said. "It's the greatest moment of her life."

"I think there's something sneaky about elopements. When people steal off to get married, they make it seem as though they're doing something wrong."

When is her real wedding to take place? I mentioned printed statements that she would not marry for a few years, but would devote the time to a career.

"I never said that," she corrected. "It would be silly for anyone to say when they thought they'd get married. How can you tell?"

"A girl gets married when she falls in love and when a man asks for her hand. That's when it will

happen to me."

Added information: on the 27th of this month, Miss Taylor turns 18, a highly marriagable age.

Oh yes, about the wedding gown. Being inexperienced on such matters, I checked with the designer, Helen Rose.

"It is made of white satin and lace with pearls," she reported. "It is a traditional type, but we tried to give it an up-to-date style, since it is worn in Elizabeth's big scene of the picture."

"The neckline plunges, but because it is a church wedding, the bare spaces are covered with lace."

Elizabeth's long-suffering father in the film is Spencer Tracy. The wedding is supposed to cost him \$10,000.

I mentioned a recent conversation with Robert Young, who has four daughters in real life. Young said after he marries off the four, he'll be ready to move into the motion picture country home, the industry's charity institution.

"Let's see," Figured Tracy, "at \$10,000 a wedding, that'll cost him \$40,000. I figure Young has about a million dollars, so that'll leave him with a mere \$960,000."

"Yes, he'll move into the country home, all right—he'll buy it!"

Pick 12 U. S. Creative Artists Whose Work Will Live

New York, Feb. 3—The National Institute of Arts and Letters announced today the election of 12 new members to the exclusive group of creative artists whose works are judged most likely to achieve a permanent place in American culture.

The election brings the membership to 241. It is limited to 250.

The new members are: In Music: Percy Grainger, of White Plains, N.Y., pianist and composer known especially for his arrangement of English folk songs. A native of Australia, he has been an American citizen since 1918.

In Literature: John Mason Brown, of Stonington, Conn., a native of Louisville, Ky., noted for theatre criticism and his books on his war experiences.

Salem High Youth's Sculpture Places

Liberty, Feb. 3—Roy Bloom is one of the winners of the classic sculpture figure of the fourth regional scholastic art exhibition contest.

There were 3357 entries received in the 25 art classifications, by pupils of 65 high schools.

The judges have narrowed this down to 1300, which will be on display to the public. These exhibits will be on display at the Meier and Frank auditorium from Feb. 6 to Feb. 18.

The 180 gold key winners will be sent to the national competition at Pittsburgh. Student winners at the national competition will receive cash awards or scholarships.

Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bloom, 4475 Liberty road and is a junior at the Salem high school.

Woodburn—Approximately a ton of waste paper was collected by Cubmaster Ralph Pickering in connection with the Woodburn Cub Scout waste paper and scrap metal drive. Another pickup is scheduled for this Saturday, February 4, and anyone having material for the drive is asked to call Pickering at Blue 252.

Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd, of New York City, librettist of such musical successes as "The Desert Song," "Show Boat," and "South Pacific."

John Richard Hersey, of Green Farms, Conn., author of "Hiroshima" and "A Bell for Adano." Thomas Mann, German-born novelist, of Pacific Palisades, Calif., author of "The Magic Mountain," "Joseph and His Brothers," among others.

Ogden Nash, of Baltimore, Md., humorous versifier.

Robert Penn Warren, of Minneapolis, a native of Guthrie, Ky., novelist, author of "All The King's Men" and others.

William Carlos Williams, of Rutherford, N.J., physician and poet.

In Art: Donal Hord of San Diego, Calif., a native of Prentice, Mich., Sculptor.

William F. Lamb, New York City, architect, who designed the Empire State building among other works.

Oronzio Maldarelli, New York City, a native of Italy, sculptor whose work is in the post office building at Washington and St. Patrick's cathedral, New York.

Andrew Wyeth, Chadds Ford, Pa., painter and illustrator.

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If Atomic Bombs Ever Fall in This Country—Hold Your Breath

Los Angeles, Feb. 3 (AP)—If atomic bombs ever fall in this country—brother hold your breath.

Running around like "crazy" only makes it worse. Exertion adds to the supply of oxygen in your body and oxygen apparently intensifies the effect of the death-dealing rays thrown out in an atomic explosion.

That's the word from the Atomic Energy Commission's West Coast conference, now underway at the University of California at Los Angeles. It came in the form of a report yesterday by Dr. L. R. Bennett of U.C.L.A.

Tests with plants, rats and mice disclosed protection resulting from cutting down the supply of oxygen.

Rats breathing 5 percent oxygen and 95 percent nitrogen survived twice as much radiation as those breathing the normal ratio of 20 percent oxygen and 80 percent nitrogen, the report said.

The trouble is, you can't live long in atmosphere that rare. It compares in oxygen content with the air 28,000 feet high.

Flies without extra oxygen sources black out quickly at that altitude. Los Alamos atomic

plant, said small amounts of tritium, or hydrogen 3, have been isolated. Some scientists believe tritium may be the explosive element in the new, super, hydrogen bomb.

Raw materials for uranium and plutonium are scarce. Hydrogen is one of the more common elements. However, Dr. Ronzio indicated, the production of tritium from hydrogen is still in the laboratory stage and very difficult.

Scout Going From Montana

President Truman will greet 12 outstanding Boy Scouts in the White House during Scout week, February 6 to 12, to mark the 40th anniversary of the organization.

A lad from Dillon, Mont., will represent region 11, to which Cascade area council is attached. The honor was acquired by lot. Each council in the region selected a boy and the names were placed in a hat. The one first drawn got the trip.

The Scouts, who will represent the nation's 2,300,000 Scouts, and leaders in ceremonies at the nation's capital, will go to Independence hall in Philadelphia February 9 for ceremonies, where the Liberty bell is enshrined. The Scouts will wind up their trip with a visit to New York, where they will be taken on sight seeing tours, meet notables and visit the national Scout council offices.

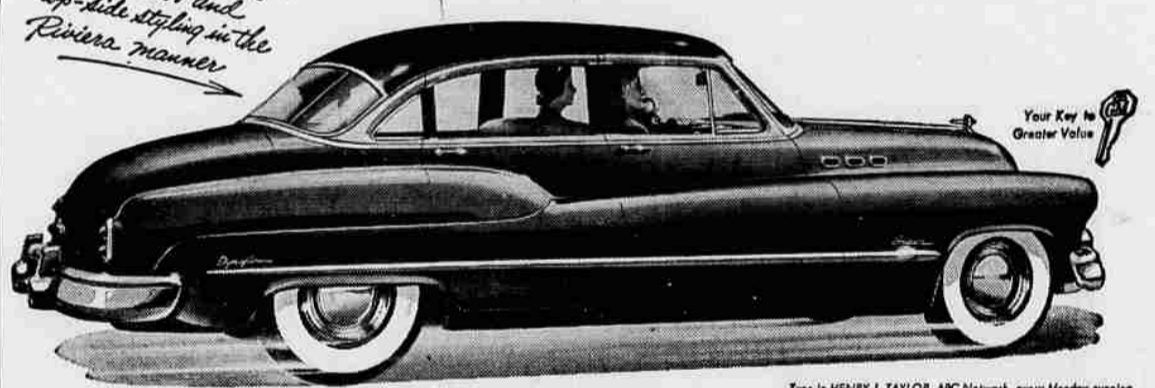
The 40th birthday of scouting will be observed on a nationwide basis and on February 8 the actual anniversary date, all Scouts will have an opportunity to recommit themselves to the Scout oath or promise at 8:15 p. m. in the four time zones.

The theme of the birthday celebration is "Strengthen Liberty."

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HERE'S THE NEW 1950 BUICK SUPER 126, companion body-type to the equally new ROADMASTER 130. Both are shorter than last year's 4-door Sedans—yet 4 inches longer in wheelbase. In both, the difference is used to give you real stretch-out room in the rear seat.

What the boys did here really calls for some medals.

We gave them the job of coming up with something that was bigger inside—for room and comfort—longer in wheelbase—always important to good riding qualities—yet unbulky and easy-handling in over-all dimensions.

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Item three—wheelbases are the longest of our 1950 line. On the SUPER, it is 125 1/2" instead of 121 1/2"—on the ROADMASTER 130, 126 1/2" instead of 126 1/4".

Yet—and here's where the magic comes in—the whole car is shorter over-all. Actually less from bumper to bumper than previous Buicks in these series.

That means easier parking, easier tucking away in family garages, easier maneuvering in crowded traffic.

There are some other things too. An extra rear-quarter window not found in standard 4-door Sedans. A different upperstructure styling that makes this body-type stand out as something pretty special.

Even special names that let you say, "I drive a SUPER 126" or "Mine's a ROADMASTER 130," just by way of being different.

Yes, we think we hit on a happy idea in the "Longfellows," as they're coming to be known. They are not longer, on the outside, but there's a two-way stretch—in width and length—in the rear compartment.

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