

CHINESE OFFICIAL VISITS

Industrial Safety in Oregon Studied for Use on Formosa

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The Republic of China some day will use industrial safety measures employed in Oregon factories and plants.

Yen-Ti Lu, a native Formosan, will wind up his survey of Willamette Valley industry this week as guest of the U.S. Department of Labor.

WILL PREPARE CODES

Sent here for a five-month tour by the China Production Center, Lu will have the job of setting up worker safety codes all over Formosa. He has had that job for the past four years in the planning division of the Taiwan Power Co.

He will pick up ideas also at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Little Rock, Ark., West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

For example, Thursday he was impressed by the "most complete" fire protection afforded at the Willamette Plywood Corp. The trouble with some of the equipment is that it would be too costly for Formosan business, he noted.

Oregon's safety achievements and worker compensation program have made the state the object of many foreign visitors.

RAPID GROWTH NOTED

Lu made a strong point out of his country's rapid industrial growth and need for more electricity. Flow of refugees from

Communist China has laden the island with 10,000,000 population on 13,000 square miles.

That would be seven times the Oregon population on one-seventh the land area. And what is more, only the western coast of Formosa is flat enough to accommodate. The interior is mountainous, Lu pointed out.

There are 2,157,000 acres in farms and 5,629,000 in forests, with the lumbering industry giving Formosa something in common with Oregon.

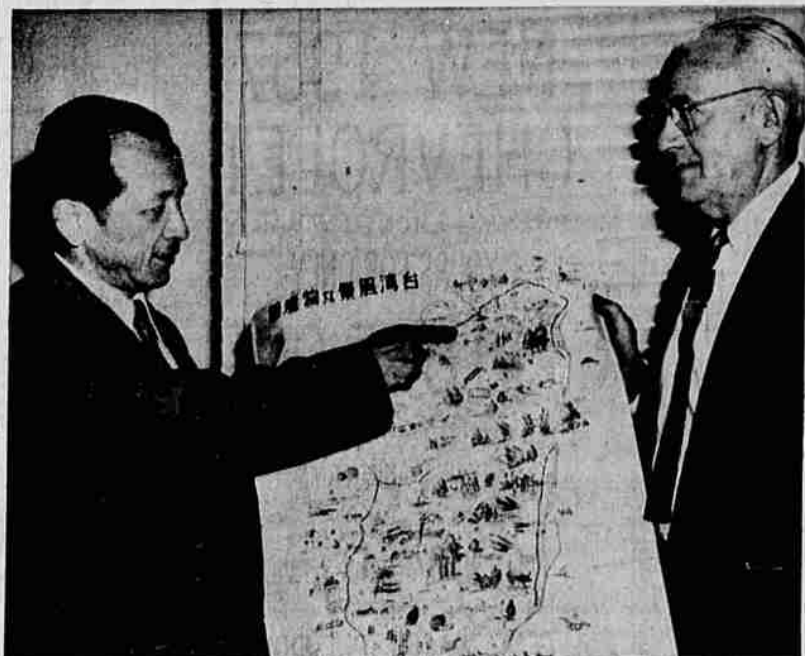
NEW DAMS NEEDED

Electrical power needs required starting two new dams, with American assistance, which will more than double capacity over what it was before the first five-year plan, Lu said.

Industrial production, trying to keep up with growing population, surpassed farm production value for the first time in 1955.

Wages of the average Formosan, though, are typical of the Orient, the visitor observed. A worker would have to work all day to earn the value of a chicken. "In America, you perhaps could earn a chicken in 15 minutes or half an hour," Lu commented.

Formosa, Oregon Have Things in Common



Inspecting a map of Formosa are Yen-Ti Lu (left) of the Taiwan Power Co., and G. S. Kallenbaugh, director of the Oregon Accident Prevention Division of the Industrial Accident Commission. Lu has been inspecting safety measures used in Oregon industry and will take his ideas back to his native land. (Capital Journal Photo)

Firemen Balk Cyanide Fumes

PORTLAND (AP) — A menacing fire was controlled here Thursday before it could release deadly cyanide fumes in an industrial area of the southwest district.

Fifteen firemen were overcome temporarily by smoke and fumes in the battle. All went back to their jobs after receiving oxygen. The fumes were from lacquer and acetate stored at the Wexler Junk and Warehouse Co., 1951 S.W. Front Ave.

Also stored there were four dozen cans of cyanide, but the flames were controlled before any of the cans broke.

Fire Marshal Dale Gilman estimated damage at \$25,000, but the owner, Simon Wexler, said it would total \$140,000.

Young Democrats Convene Friday

ALBANY (AP) — Oregon Young Democrats will open their annual convention here Friday night with committee meetings.

Saturday afternoon the delegates will hear talks by Ernest J. Swigert, president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, and A. F. Hartung, president of the International Woodworkers of America. Gov. Holmes will speak at night.

Harbor Dredging Jobs Announced

PORTLAND (AP) — Two allocations to aid small boats in Oregon depth of 12 feet, is about three miles from the ocean.

The other project, for \$103,000, involves dredging a 10-foot channel in the east entrance of Columbia Slough, north of Portland.

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2 OF 3 RETURN

Yanks End Stay With Cuba Rebs

HAVANA (AP) — Two American teen-age boys are back with their families at the Guantanamo Naval Base after nearly three months in the mountains of southeast Cuba with guerrillas fighting the forces of President Fulgencio Batista.

A third Navy son stayed in the Sierra Maestra Mountains with the rebel band led by Fidel Castro the returning boys reported.

Those who came back were Victor J. Buehman, 17, son of Cmdr. Joseph Buehman of Coronado, Calif., and Michael L. Garvey, 15, son of Chief Aviator Mechanic John Joseph Garvey of Watertown, Mass.

14 'GIVE IN'

Only France Holds Off Use of Suez

LONDON (AP) — Bowing to the inevitable, 14 of the 15 nations in the Suez Canal Users' Assn. are ready to let their shippers use the Egyptian waterway again.

Only France held out at a SCUA meeting here last night. The French said they find it impossible "in present circumstances to recommend the use of the canal to member states."

The other 14 nations indicated they had no power to keep private shipping out of the canal. They made plain their ships probably will begin using the Suez soon.

The association, which Western nations formed last summer in an effort to bring Egyptian President Nasser to terms by unified action, agreed its members could resume freedom of action with regard to the canal.

The SCUA nations previously had advised their shippers to avoid using the waterway until they could see Nasser's plan for its operation. The plan, announced last week, calls for Egyptian operation of the canal, arbitration of disputes, unrestricted use of the canal in accordance with the 1888 Constantinople Convention, no more than 1 percent a year increase in canal tolls, cooperation between Egypt and the shippers (though SCUA was not mentioned specifically) and dedication of 25 percent of the canal's income to improvements.

764,000 Get GI Training

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 764,000 veterans are enrolled in training under the Korean GI Bill, the Veterans Administration said today.

The VA said the figure will be even higher after all spring enrollment reports have been received. The previous high of 783,000 Korean veterans in training was reached last fall, the agency said.

More than half of the veterans in training under the bill are attending colleges and universities. The Korean veterans program continues until 1965.

Hood River Man Logging Victim

HOOD RIVER (AP) — A logging accident near the Wasco-Hood River County line killed Howard Busching, Hood River, Thursday. Busching, an employee of the Willis Bros. Logging Co., was hit on the head by a falling tree.

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Os West Rips Into Move to Abolish Board

PORTLAND (AP) — Former governor Os West, under whose administration the state Board of Control was established, said Thursday that the bill to abolish the board is "nothing but cheap, assinine politics."

The Democratic sponsored bill would transfer authority over the state's institutions to a director appointed by the Governor. The measure was advocated by Democratic Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

West, also a Democrat, said: "The bill reflects the caliber and character of his honor. And if there is a God in heaven it (the bill) will find its death in the Senate."

West said the board was established to prevent abuses of patients in state institutions.

Mother Honored for Devotion To Deaf Mute Foster Child

CHICAGO (AP) — A young mother, whose love in raising a foster son, who was deaf, unable to speak, and believed mentally retarded, was honored yesterday for the "miracle of her achievement."

Ten years ago Mrs. Ann LaVine heard a radio plea for foster homes. She was 25 and the mother of two young sons but she offered a home for another child, preferably a girl.

She got instead a 5-year-old boy, deaf and mute. Mrs. LaVine said she believed almost immediately the child was not deaf.

"He seemed to hear me when I called," she said. "He'd perk up and look around."

Gradually, over the years, she taught him to talk.

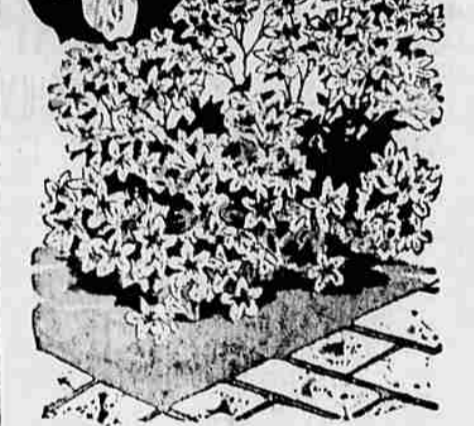
"I'd take him around the house," Mrs. LaVine said, "pointing out many things, calling them by name—the way you would with an infant."

Her devotion to her foster son began to pay off. Soon he was able to quit the special classes he attended and enroll in a regular school. He showed a notable

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