

EDITORIAL

China's Role In World Peace

In the race against time to save western Europe from the perils of communism it is possible that insufficient attention is being given to one of the most fertile fields for the spread of this menace to democracy and freedom. That field is China, where the spread of communism has been rapid in recent years and where conditions are still such as to lend encouragement to further envelopment of the Chinese people unless drastic measures are taken to combat the insidious propaganda fostered by the Kremlin.

Speaking to the breakfast assembly of the National Editorial Association in Chicago November 23, Dr. Chen Chang-lok, consul general, Chinese Republic, gave a graphic picture of conditions in his country today. His subject was "Trend of Political Developments in China." His discussion had to do with communism, for there is little in a political sense in his country today that does not involve communism.

Dr. Chang-lok did not spare the American-British-French members of the Allied combine for their lack of action at a time when stern measures could have helped most effectively in opposing communism. Pleas for assistance were met with a showing of indifference by the chief exponents of democracy, with the United States making a belated and none too effective effort after Russian activities were well underway.

Russia, quick to size up the situation, stepped in and volunteered aid. To get the job started off right, from the Russian point of view, the wildest communist propagandist, General Borodin, was transferred from the United States to China, and we have Dr. Chang-lok's word for it that Borodin is nothing if not thorough.

The eminent Chinese statesman said that communism thrives only where there is hunger and want—want such as is evident on every hand in China today. Promises of a better, easier life are easier to make to a man who knows nothing of the comforts such as we in America accept as our every-day portion, and Borodin wasted no time in getting into action among the peasants. The pattern followed is to call upon a half-starved farmer and tell him that the rich are living off of his toil and sweat—that they are not entitled to their riches and that he is justified in taking what is rightfully his. This is followed by placing a gun in his hands and telling him to join his neighbors in going out and getting what belongs to him. A tired, underfed man has no time for recreation, even reading, and the promise of acquiring an easier living by the simple but somewhat doubtful lawful process of hijacking is a sales talk against which the average Chinese farmer or laborer has little resistance. The result of this campaign directed by Borodin and his satellites has been to create an army of more than one million Chinese soldiers, although the communist promises of plenty by dividing with the rich have failed to fill the empty stomachs and to give clothing and shelter to the masses of Chinese people.

Dr. Chang-lok did not minimize the gravity of the situation in western Europe, for he realizes that so long as there is hunger and want in any country there is fertile soil for the communists, but it is his belief that Asia with its more than one billion people and civil strife underway in China and India is the area offering the greatest danger to civilization. It would require but a spark to set all Asia aflame, he thinks, and what has happened heretofore will look like nothing

more than preliminary engagements to what will occur in attempting to quench the conflagration. His solution, for the present at least, is a stabilized China, a China able to sustain its industries, feed, clothe and house its people. Although the Chinese are a patient people, Dr. Chang-lok fears their patience has been worn thin and it will require prompt and substantial aid if the communist march is to be stopped.

Same Old Story

Taxpayers of District No. 1, Heppner, followed the usual routine and remained away from the school meeting held Monday afternoon at the city hall to vote on the matter of consolidation of four adjoining school districts with District No. 1. Fourteen votes were cast, all in favor of consolidation. This writer knows of one group of some 20 eligible voters who were reminded about the election less than two hours before the meeting opened. Some of the number turned out and voted but the majority of them stayed away.

In view of this and numerous preceding elections in which little interest has been displayed in school affairs, is it any wonder that teachers have had to seek financial relief on bended knee, or that we find our school boards and other officials wrestling with building and maintenance problems?

We close our places of business on afternoons as a token of support to the high school athletic program. That is easy to do because there is entertainment and excitement. But no one thinks of taking five minutes off to go and vote for something of vital importance to the maintenance and upbuilding of the school system. We can take a day off, if necessary, to go up and have it out with the superintendent and teachers if Willie or Mary gets caught in mischief or fails to be put at the head of the class, but we can't take an hour off to attend a school meeting and do our duty as patrons and taxpayers.

Fourteen votes, all in favor of consolidation with the four districts whose petitions had been certified by the district boundary board, is a small percentage of the qualified voters of the district. It shows a definite lack of interest in our educational system, even if sufficient to assure the other districts that No. 1 is for consolidation.

Youth Center Justified

Attendance by more than fifty high school students at the initial youth center party at the civic building is proof that efforts put forth to date to provide a gathering place for the young people have been fully justified. Those responsible for the movement would have been gratified if no more than 12 or 15 young people had turned out.

If the cooperative spirit in evidence Sunday afternoon is followed throughout the school year there is no reason why more ample facilities can not be provided at the center. Good behavior will prove a valuable asset to the students and will lighten the burden of those aiding them in carrying out the program.

This is but the beginning of an experiment which we hope will be given a thorough trial before the public mind is made up one way or the other. If given a fair trial we are sure it will prove a valuable asset to the community and will establish the fact that a youth center is a possibility in a town the size of Heppner.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times December 6, 1917

The marriage of Miss Sybil Hager of this city and Hugh Bran of Bend was solemnized in Portland last Sunday. The young couple will live in Bend.

Eliza J. Ayers died at her home in the city November 29 at the advanced age of 81 years.

John R. Simons died at the I. O. O. F. home in Portland December 5 and will be buried in Heppner.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farley on December 4 at their home in Heppner.

A 10 1/2 pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Northness Saturday, December 1.

Olaf Bergstrom of Eight Mile

Lex Newlyweds Enjoy Extended Honeymoon Tour

Mrs. Clarence Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt returned the first of the week from their honeymoon trip. Their journey took them through Nevada, Utah, California, Mexico and Oregon. They visited the Boulder dam and the Will Rogers memorial. At present they are living at the Chas. Marquardt home. Mrs. Marquardt is the former Rena June Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges returned Sunday from a trip to Grants Pass where they spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Acklen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael left Friday for Portland on business.

Mrs. Vernon Munkers motored to Walla Walla Tuesday, taking her daughter Marilyn there to a physician.

Cecil Jones made a business trip to Walsburg, Wn. Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie of Boardman visited Monday at the Truman Messenger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg made a business trip to Pendleton Tuesday.

Archie Nichols left Wednesday for Portland where he will spend several days.

Mrs. W. I. Miller and family of La Grande and Mrs. Rhoda Jones were visitors last week at the Cecil Jones home. The Millers left Friday for home, but Mrs. Jones remained and plans to spend the winter with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Jr. left for The Dalles Wednesday where they will make their home. He will manage the Frank Hamelle farm for his uncle.

Miss Edith Edwards of Spokane spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Sr. and daughter Betty, and Mrs. Truman Messenger Jr. were visitors in College Place and Walla Walla one day last week.

day morning to attend a state meeting of the union Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Brashears of Ione and Bill Dodson of Sand Hollow were married at the court house Wednesday afternoon.

Grand Chancellor Leslie Crouch and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Walter E. Gleason will pay an official visit to Doric Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias on next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. S. Van Duyn and Mrs. Josephine Forwood have departed for their homes after being here several weeks taking care of their mother, Mrs. Eliza Ayers.

Florence E. Bobbitt and William John Martin were married at the home of the groom's uncle, L. H. Martin, Tuesday afternoon.

E. R. Huston and R. W. Turner, president and secretary of the Morrow County Farmers Union, left for Pendleton by auto Monday.

CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Advent II: Holy communion, 8 a.m. Church school, 9:45 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Junior Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Senior Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, holy communion, 10 a.m.

Bishop Barton will be present at the Parish supper on Friday, Dec. 12, in the parish house. Confirmation service Sunday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible school, 9:45; Bible school attendance goal 137 for Sunday. Come and share with us in the study of God's word.

Morning worship, 11; communion and preaching; sermon topic, "Where Can We Meet Jesus?" by Evangelist Gene Chamberlain.

Services at Hardman, 2:30. Bible school and preaching. Evening evangelistic service, 7:30. Special musical talent will be featured at this service. Message, "Who Is the Anti-Christ?" Services every night during the week except Monday. The grade school youngsters will meet Tuesday thru Friday at 4. Choir practice Thursday evening at 6:45 in the basement.

The men of the church will meet in the minister's study Monday evening, Dec. 8, at 7:30.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Schedule of services: Mass in Heppner on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9 a.m.; 10:30 on the 2nd and 4th.

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Mass on the fifth Sunday—one mass only—in Heppner at 9 a.m.

Holy days of obligation: Mass in Heppner at 7:30 a.m.; mass in lone at 9 a.m.

First Fridays of the month: Mass in Heppner at 7:30.

KINZUA NEWS . . .

By Elsa M. Leathers

Elvin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, came from Lexington where he attends college, for Thanksgiving. Eddie and Beryl High of Condon, Mrs. Davis' brothers, also were guests.

Miss June Owen of The Dalles visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owen, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sitton and family spent Thanksgiving at Spray with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore and family spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison.

Mrs. Kinard McDaniel returned to Kinzua after spending two months at Heppner taking care of Mrs. Lloyd Harshman.

Von Bonner took Keith Osborn and Bob Warren to The Dalles for medical attention.

Mrs. Al Harvey and son Joe came from Portland Tuesday to visit her family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sande brought their small son home from a hospital in The Dalles where he had been having medical care.

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METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlien, Pastor

Sunday, November 7, regular morning worship at 11 a.m. with special number by the choir, Mrs. Thomas Wells, director.

Sunday church school at 9:45 a.m., classes for all ages, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, superintendent; Mr. Robert Owens, assistant superintendent; Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien, junior department superintendent.

M.Y.F. Wednesday evening at the church at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday choir practice at 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of each month, meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service.

Lexington

The executive meeting of the P-TA was held Tuesday afternoon at the Cecil Jones home. A P-TA meeting will be held on Dec. 15. There will be a white elephant auction sale.

Miss Marie Steagall who attends St. Joseph's academy in Pendleton spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Putnam and children, Carol and Lee, of Clackamas spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Putnam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson.

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Confirmation service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Lexington. Rev. E. Phillip, Lutheran minister from Hermiston, will officiate. 37-38

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