

New Delhi Reporter Finds Life in Red Peiping Drab Affair; All Energy Concentrated on Work

Editor's note: The New Delhi resident correspondent of the Times of India went to Peiping on special assignment for the United Press to report the visit of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

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Peiping — (U.P.) — Gaiety has been banished from the land. Austerity is written large over the face of the new China.

In Communist China, as in India, to enjoy oneself seems to be regarded as improper if not sinful.

Unpressed, unshapely and often faded blue uniforms are worn by both men and women, the most unattractive dress I have ever come across.

Everybody's energy seems concentrated on work, and life is taken very seriously. I fancy the people could do with a little more relaxation.

The people are not grim looking. But I have not heard them crack a joke or seen them relax in conversation.

I have been assured that austerity is a temporary phase, that priority can not yet be given to dress and the creature comforts and luxuries of life.

Dancing Popular
Restrictions on women's dress and makeup are being relaxed, however, and private dancing clubs are becoming popular.

The models of such fashions as there are, are changing and western influence has been replaced by Russian influence in the matter of literary, cultural and fashion tastes. In the streets public signs are written in Chinese and Russian instead of Chinese and English.

It is difficult to find a Chinese who speaks, or at least who is prepared to speak, English, but the speaking of Russian is encouraged.

The only foreign movies shown in the cinemas are Russian, except for an occasional east European film.

A Deep Distrust
There is a deep distrust of westerners, with Americans at the top of the list and the British next.

Now that the Communist regime has stabilized itself there are signs that the system is getting gradually liberalized in the matter of entry visas for foreigners.

Half a dozen British and French journalists have been permitted to visit China and given facilities to tour the country within the last four months.

Constructive criticism listened to and sharp criticism is tolerated.

At 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily, a warning bell sounds over the country, in offices and factories and farm buildings turn out for 10 minutes of setting-up exercises.

Health Emphasized
In public places, you can hear a sugary feminine voice say over the loud speakers:

"Don't spit indiscriminately!"
"Keep to the right side of the road!"

"Keep on the sidewalk!"
"Protect yourself and your food against germs."

The people wear nose pads, which make them look like surgeons and nurses in an operating room, to keep out the dust which comes down from the Gobi Desert in a golden haze.

The women do not make up or bob their hair. They wear the same caps and clothing the men do.

They are to be found in every kind of job, engineers, civil servants, clerks, bus conductors. I have been told there are even one or two women engine drivers.

The old red light districts have gone, and with them the night clubs and public bars.

Waiters and servants no longer accept tips, and the shop keepers no longer bargain. They sell their wares at fixed prices.

Tax Refund Mailing About Half Finished
County officials have reported that mailing of tax refunds in the county school districts affected was about half completed. It is hoped to complete the job by three weeks.

A deputy county clerk reported that she has sent out 1,291 warrants for refunds of persons who paid in person before the Nov. 15 tax deadline. Other refunds are being sent out by the tax department accompanied by a receipt.

Torrential Rains, Winds Rake Coast Of No. California

By UNITED PRESS
Winter went on a coast to coast rampage today, striking hardest at the California coast with winds up to 104 miles an hour, torrential rains and heavy snows.

Across the nation, a cold wave gripped the Midwest, rain and snow fell from Texas to North Dakota, and frigid, snowy weather was predicted for parts of the Southeast.

The Western storm roared over most of Northern California and forced a Japanese freighter, the Nichirei Maru, aground in Humboldt Bay.

Winds up to 104 miles per hour were clocked at Blunt's Reef lightship in the area and heavy snow in the California mountains made chains a necessity on trans-continental highways.

A rare thunderstorm hit San Francisco, while in Eureka, already shaken by an earthquake last month, the winds blew out more than a dozen heavy plate glass windows.

Power failures hit parts of San Francisco and surrounding communities and heavy hail battered parts of the city and San Rafael and San Anselmo.

At Spokane, Richard E. Bare, 29, an engineer, was killed when a car apparently skidded on an icy road into the path of a train.

To the east, a fast moving snow storm whipped over the Rockies and left an inch of snow at Denver.

Another storm system dumped two inches of snow at Salina, Russell and Goodland, Kansas and at Lamoni, Ia. From one to two inches of snow was reported in most of Kansas and Nebraska and parts of Colorado, Iowa, and the Western Dakotas.

FILM PAIR PARENTS

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film actor Keenan Wynn and his wife have become the parents of a seven and a half pound girl whom they named Hilda Keenan Wynn. It was their first child.

Back Stairs: Secretary Hospitalized

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press-White House Writer
Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House:

Now it's Tom Stephens, the President's appointment secretary, who's in Walter Reed hospital for a check-up. Press Secretary Jim Hagerty had his last week.

Mr. Eisenhower isn't kidding about his wish that his cabinet and key staff members have an annual look-see by the doctors. He does it himself.

The National Association of gag-writers has written Mr. Eisenhower, asking him to serve on a committee to establish a world humor congress. The gag-writers told the President the purpose of the congress would be "to exchange ideas on maintaining standards of humor, and to exchange notes on how to make the world a happier place to live through humor."

Mr. Eisenhower would really have to scratch just now for something to laugh about, facing, as he does each day, about the biggest collection of unfunny problems confronting any man in the world.

What's to laugh about the Red Chinese, the deficit, Ladejinsky and the atom bomb?

There's rarely a presidential press conference these days that Mr. Eisenhower isn't hit by the same question — what about 1956?

So far, he has fielded these questions with a twinkle in his eye, even good humor. But his tolerance won't last forever. It seemed to be wearing a bit thin at the last conference when he snorted bosh at one reporter.

This was the man who said the President, by favoring a late GOP nominating convention, indicated that he, himself, would be available for reelection.

Mr. Eisenhower normally picks his words with care. There doesn't seem any chance at all that his plans for 1956 will be pried out of him by question-

Individual Income Tax Take Up 64 Times During Past 20 Years

By LYLE C. WILSON
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Washington — (U.P.) — The record shows that the government's take from individual income taxpayers has multiplied 64 times in the past 20 years.

President Eisenhower's fiscal 1946 budget estimated government spending at seven times as much as Roosevelt estimated 20 years ago for fiscal 1936.

While individual income tax payments now are estimated for 64 times the 1936 take, overall government revenue in the new fiscal year will be only 15 times that proposed in 1939 by FDR.

Twenty years ago this month newspapers were crackling with charges that FDR was about to spend the nation to disaster. His budget estimates for fiscal 1936 had just been made public. Taxpayers still were relatively calm and almost contented. The so-called Roosevelt soak-the-rich tax bill had not yet gone to Congress.

Had Things in Common

Mr. Roosevelt's and Mr. Eisenhower's 1936 and 1956 budgets had, respectively, a few things in common. They both estimated deficits and both were hopeful of an early balanced budget. Both also could explain the red ink.

Mr. Roosevelt said his budget balanced except for spending to give work to the unemployed.

Mr. Eisenhower said his budget would have been balanced if there had been no tax cuts last year.

But there were great differences, too. Mr. Eisenhower estimated a 1956 deficit amounting only to about 1.6 per cent of overall government spending. Mr. Roosevelt's estimated deficit was for more than half of all

the government spending planned. It is a matter of record that in his sequence of White House terms, FDR was unable to balance the budget or come very near to it. The war relieved him of all such responsibility during his final years in office.

Comparative Figures

Here are some comparative figures:
1936
Revenue \$3,991,000,000
Expenditures \$5,520,000,000
Deficit 4,528,000,000
1956
Revenue \$60,000,000,000
Expenditures 62,408,000,000
Deficit 2,408,000,000

National defense required only \$792,484,000 in Mr. Roosevelt's 1936 budget compared to \$40,458,000,000 in 1956 for what Mr. Eisenhower called major national security. Of the three services, the Army gets the least in Mr. Eisenhower's budget, \$8,850,000,000. But that is a bit more than Mr. Roosevelt planned to spend for all government services in 1936.

As Mr. Eisenhower's warning that taxes are too high is pointed up by the increase over the years, so is his counsel that the

Western Auto Store Managers Transferred

Jim Milner, manager of Western Auto Supply Co. here for the past seven years, has been transferred to a Western Auto store in Calexico, Calif., where he will be manager, it was announced today.

The Medford store, at 101 South Riverside ave., will be managed by Ed Somero, who has moved to Medford with his wife and daughter. Somero managed the Western Auto Supply store in Grants Pass for four years, and for the past 2½ years has managed a Western Auto store in Hood River.

He said today "It's great to be back in southern Oregon."

ing. Instead, his decision, when it is made and ready for disclosure, will be announced formally. He'll pick the time and the place—probably in the spring of 1956.

The late President Roosevelt announced his willingness to accept a fourth term in a letter to

the Democratic National Chairman, F.D.R. read the letter to a news conference — but only after the doors to the room were locked and a Secret Service agent stationed in front of each exit to see that no one attempted to leave until the President finished.

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State Sales Tax Bill Scheduled

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Earl Hill (R-Cushman) said today he would introduce soon a bill calling for a three per cent sales tax in Oregon designed to bring in \$80,000,000 a year for education.

Hill said the measure would approximate the law in California where there is a sales tax and high income tax exemptions. His bill would have money distributed directly to school districts and would eliminate the need for the basic school support fund, which will amount to about \$70,000,000 in the 1955-57 biennium.

Hill said local school districts now levy more than \$70,000,000 in addition to money they get from the basic school fund. His bill would stop school taxation of local property.

It was Hill who authorized a sales tax bill in 1947, the last of five to be turned down by Oregon voters. Hill pointed out

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