

China Communists' 30-Year Campaign for Power Results in Military Might

5-Member Board Named for Annual Pear Festival Here

A five-member board of directors was named yesterday to direct arrangements for the second annual Pear Blossom festival here, to be held sometime in April.

At a luncheon meeting in the Medford hotel, attended by about 22 persons, Granville Brittan, Eugene Ferrell, Elliott Becken, Mayor Earl Miller and former Mayor D. L. Flynn were named board members. The group will select its own chairman at a meeting to be called within the next week.

In other committee assignments, Robert Dames and Jennings Pierce were named co-chairman of the publicity committee, and Robert A. Boyer was chosen chairman of the contestants committee.

May Incorporate
Flynn, who acted as temporary chairman, reviewed the festival last year and suggested that the group might possibly adopt a non-profit corporation form to protect itself from parade liability.

Brittan said the group would like to have all of last year's committeemen serve in the same capacity for this year's event. A color film of the first festival taken by Anders Photo shop was shown.

A meeting of the general committee was set for Feb. 8.

Diehard Manufacturer Still Bringing Out New Numbers For Use on Player Pianos

New York (U.P.)—The last player piano was built in America in 1927, but a diehard manufacturer of piano rolls has been bringing out new numbers regularly ever since and he's not about to admit he's beat.

In fact, said Max Kortlander, president of the Imperial Industrial Co., business is picking up. "You couldn't say there is a revival of player pianos because no one is building any new ones."

Player pianos which gathered dust in basements through the 1930's and 1940's are coming back into their own here and there in rumpus rooms, bars and recreation halls.

Imperial Industrial is the only company turning out piano rolls today. They look just like the old ones as far as spool and the myriad punched holes are concerned, but the music is strictly up to date.

"Our arrangements have kept pace with the times," Kortlander said. "None of the tremolos and other effects people associate with player pianos."

The pianist who does most of the company's arrangements and cuts the master rolls is Lawrence Cook. He has been at the same job for 33 years, but his style today is no more dated than the titles of his latest rolls, which include "Let Me Go, Lover," "Haji Baba" and "Count Your Blessings."

Player pianos became popular around the turn of the century,

Second Largest Army in World Built in 5 Years

By WALTER LOGAN
United Press Correspondent

The Chinese Communists' rise to power began the day the Soviet army moved into Manchuria six days before the end of World War II and sealed off the rich industrial area from the legal government of China.

The Communists had been scheming for power for 30 years but until the Soviet army let them move into Manchuria in its wake to collect the vast arms supplies of the Japanese army, the Communists were poorly equipped. Some even carried spears.

The mission of Gen. George C. Marshall to Chungking and Nanking in 1945-47 to win peace for ravaged China and end the civil war was seized upon by the Communists as a golden opportunity. While their spokesman, Chou En-lai, negotiated in the Nationalist capital and drank toasts to the United States, the Communists built up their forces in Manchuria. It was there they began their offensive that drove the Nationalists to exile on Formosa.

Second Largest Army
In the five years since then the Chinese Communists have built the second largest army in the world behind Russia and have demanded recognition.

The man most closely identified with the rise of Red China is Chou, now the Premier and Foreign Minister. He has brought Red China to the threshold of being a recognized world power, often at gunpoint, during the past five years. During much of that period he has carried on a one-man war with the United States.

He is suave and handsome and has a ready smile. He has been accused of killing political enemies with his bare hands. He has toasted the United States at Chinese banquets, but he hates the United States probably more than any man alive.

Chou, the official spokesman of Chinese Communism for many years, a man who could charm American diplomats and generals into believing that red was some other color, feels that Red China is powerful enough to be accepted as one of the Big Five with Russia, the United States, Britain and France.

Supplies From Russia
The Chinese Communist armies have grown steadily in size and power until an estimated 10,000,000 men are in uniform, some 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 in a well equipped army, the second largest in the world.

Chou has the military might to back up many of his demands. Soviet Russia has supplied Peiping with a huge air force, including MIG15 fighters and big bombers. The Soviets have supplied a navy too, and possibly some submarines. The army's equipment is modern—Chinese artillery helped pound Dien Bien Phu into submission.

Unofficial reports from inside Red China say Chinese industry is once again booming, with the steel mills and coal mines of Manchuria turning out even more arms for the mighty Chinese army. Opposition to the Red regime has been ruthlessly stamped out.

ESKIMOS MAY DRINK
Ottawa (U.P.)—The North-west Territories Council Tuesday extended liquor purchasing rights to Eskimos who have given up hunting and trapping and earn their living in white settlements.

War of Words on Big Appetites Flares Between Sports Writer, Herman Hickman

Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—Seventeen broiled lobsters and two lime pies at one sitting.

Or:
Twelve steaks with five lamb chops on the side.

Or:
Lobsters and rice salad, 13 slabs of thick roast beef, half a strawberry pie decorated by six scoops of ice cream.

There are three of the gustatorial feasts listed by sports editor Walter Stewart of Memphis in the latest skirmish of a war of words running from Tennessee to New York to London over who is the world's champion eater.

Stewart rose in indignation after reading some slurs by Herman Hickman, former Yale and Army football coach. Hickman

had been challenged by the British title holder, a 154 pound sportswriter named Harold Mayes, who specialized in meat and potatoes.

Eliminate One
Hickman, a 300 pounder, suggested that Mayes first take part in an elimination involving "a second or third-string eater like Walter Stewart."

What particularly incensed Stewart, though, was Hickman's account of a brief encounter with Stewart a couple of years ago at Mississippi State. Hickman said he out-ate Stewart so thoroughly that the Memphis man reeled off into the darkness sobbing hysterically while Hickman waved a chicken leg in gleeful triumph.

"Nothing, with the exception of Mr. Hickman, could be further from the truth," Stewart says in rebuttal.

"We remember the incident perfectly for it was embedded in a balmy summer's evening following a coaching clinic. So we soaked up four barbecued chickens and so did Herman. Then he disappeared in the direction of the pit and returned

with another one.

"Come on," he roared, spitting out a thigh-bone and a dislodged incisor. "I'll eat you under the table! Come on, you boaster."

"We merely smiled thinly, for it was obvious that Herman was reaching the point of no return. As any expert eater knows, there are certain physical phenomena which indicate this condition in red neon, glazed eyes and shallow breathing. Herman

wore every symptom like a banner, so our smile dissolved into a laugh as we moved off to the pit for a fresh chicken.

"But the treacherous Hickman had taken the last one before throwing down the gauntlet, then went about crowing over a triumph hollow as we were after a mere four fowls."

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A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington (U.P.)—Don't be surprised if your ambitious youngster enrolls in a paper-hanging class in high school or one of the industrial training institutions.

It's in the works. Seems there is a shortage of paperhangers and a new committee has been named to do something about it.

The new group is called the National Joint Paperhanger Committee.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has given its blessings. So have outfits like the Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship. The idea is to train journeymen painters in the paperhanging business, a worker will know how to hang some daisies on paper onto the walls of homes.

Get More Work
The AFL Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America is more than agreeable.

Things eventually may get back like old times when a man who could run a brush over a house or barn, also could slop paste on the dull side of wall-paper and bang it on the right place, straight up.

A survey by the Wallpaper Council was made and the results were shocking. Painters, who also know how to decorate a wall with paper, average about three more months of steady work a year than painters who don't. It's even worse with the paperhanger who knows nothing but paste and can't mix white lead and blend it with sky-blue.

Bob Series, secretary of the Wallpaper Council, told me about some of the new things in wallpaper. There is a new demand for "tree rooms," as he called them. Recreation rooms. There must be, he said, a harmony in color and "wall paper can be more tasteful than paint, unless you have an artist to do the job, and that runs into more money than the average home owner can pay."

Cows Like Idea
Bob also gave me some little stories about paperhangers, none of which have to do with one-armed ones. No such fellow, said he, so far as he knows.

According to my informant, there is a dairy operator in Texas who papers the walls of his cow barns, making for more contented cows who then are more inclined to give down more milk.

There is a Mrs. Tom Porter of Clayton, Mo., who owns a wall-paper store. She advertises her business by pasting a different paper design on the top of her sedan each week. Says it brings in a lot of new business.

Black and white horizontally banded buoys in waterways mark the limits of areas in which fish nets and traps are permitted.

Footlighters' Play Will Be Last One In Present Theater

The Medford little theater group, The Footlighters, will bid farewell to their present theater next month. Their last performances will be given in the present building for five days beginning Feb. 1.

The last play to be presented in the old theater will be "A Bill of Divorcement," a three-act drama by Clemence Dane.

After the present theater building is removed, future plays will be presented in a new, one-story modern building some 500 yards due east of the present location. The new structure will be built, in part, from materials salvaged from the old building.

The move is being made through the cooperation of the Fair board, and the group's trustees.

Play Described
The play now in rehearsal is described as "a serious and highly mature drama concerning the near-tragic dilemma of a woman confronted on the eve of her remarriage by the return of a suddenly-cured insane husband, who doesn't realize she has divorced him."

Mrs. Max Wimmer, president of the group, said the play "should serve as a sort of indirect straw ballot of local theater taste." The production is now in its last week of rehearsal, with Frank Buchter and Thayer Tarvin co-directing, as well as playing leading roles. Mrs. Lenore Zapell, who has held the lead in a number of previous Footlighters' plays in past years, returns in the feminine lead after about two years during which she has not been seen on the stage.

Others in the cast include Robert Corliss, Frankie Burton, Louise Johnson, Tom Amacker, Charlene Tarvin and Max Wimmer. Tickets will be sold at Swen's and Purucker's Piano house.

Speech Clinic Adds Third County to Area

Ashland—Dr. Donald Wilson, director of the speech and hearing center at Southern Oregon college, has announced that the center has extended its speech services to include Curry county, as well as Jackson and Josephine counties, in its public school program of diagnostic speech clinics.

There were 178 children with speech defects seen from these three counties last fall. Teachers and parents were present at each interview, where a program of speech therapy was planned for each child.

The speech clinic on the college campus also provided individual therapy on a continuing basis to 10 children who, in general, had more severe types of speech disorders. In addition, speech consultations were held with more than twice this number of parents of pre-school children, to diagnose speech problems and recommend procedures to be carried out in the home.

Oregon City Coffee War Lowers Prices

Oregon City (U.P.)—Nationally advertised brands of coffee were reported selling as low as 70 cents a pound today as a result of a local "coffee war."

One chain store operator required that cans be opened at the check stand. He said that before his customers were buying coffee at 70 cents and selling it a few minutes later for 95 cents to a competitor. Wholesale price of some top brands is \$1.03.

QUIET PLACE

Mt. Washington, Mass. (U.P.)—The town clerk reported the following vital statistics Tuesday 1954: "No deaths, no weddings, no births." Mt. Washington's population is 42.

Washington (U.P.)—The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Ervin L. Peterson of Oregon to be an assistant secretary of agriculture and a director of the Commodity Credit Corp.

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. ROLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
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To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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