

Citizens of Quemoy Unexcited By Role in East-West Tension

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Quemoy Island—(U.P.)—There is no war hysteria on Quemoy Island, which the Nationalist Chinese government believes the Communists are preparing to invade.

The island's 41,900 civilians are tilling their sun baked fields and fishing the waters off the Red China coast just as their ancestors have done for centuries. Although their houses are within easy range of Communist artillery, the hard working Quemoy people are not fleeing to the relative safety of Formosa.

More than 100 persons have been killed here by Communist shelling since last September, and the Reds are reported moving more and more artillery into Quemoy range.

But the people are not budging from their land.

Schoolhouse Shelled
I saw children playing in the wreckage of a brick and mud house where two school teachers were killed by a direct hit from a Red artillery shell.

I saw a barefooted farmer watering his cabbage patch, and behind him I saw the mountains of Communist China, only four miles away, where Red siege guns are hidden.

The government will never admit it, but everyone in Quemoy knows that their fishermen rendezvous with fishermen from Communist China in the narrow straits separating this island from the Red held mainland.

According to the best local

evidence, Quemoy fishermen even land on the Communist coast and return home unharmed.

Smuggled Beer Sold
The Quemoy garrison commander, stocky Gen. Liu Yu Chang, spoke guardedly of the island's value in gathering intelligence information from the mainland. But he gave no details.

The streets of Quemoy City,

the island's largest town, are crowded from morning to night with soldiers, townsfolk and farmers in from the country.

Its human population is 7000 and seemingly outnumbered by the flies which look like a black fog in the reeking fish and vegetable market.

For a place in the very front line of the East-West struggle, Quemoy seems quite unexcited by its role.

New CP Fire Number Listed; Rural Areas Plagued by Blazes

Central Point—Officials of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district, and the Central Point city fire department pointed out yesterday that the fire telephone number which will handle alarms for both departments will be NOrmandy 4-1234.

The number will go into effect on the evening of April 2, when the Central Point and Medford telephone exchanges will be connected. The connection is scheduled to be completed shortly after 11 p.m. that day, according to officials of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Fire Alarms Only
The number will be for fire alarms only. It will ring a telephone in a central office, to be located in the rural fire department building, and the firemen on duty will sound the alarm for the district in whose area the blaze is located.

Central Point rural officials pointed out that all residents of the district, including those living close to the Medford and Jacksonville city limits, should call the new number. Those living in the area served by the Medford telephone exchange can call the Central Point fire alarm number by dialing 3-NO-4-1234.

Gold Hill—Fire Saturday afternoon destroyed the J. N. Nelson home, about two miles south

of here on the old Highway 99.

The fire was reported by a man who saw the blaze while driving to the Nelson home. A delay was caused by the fact that he had to turn around and drive to a service station to summon fire fighters.

Central Point rural firemen were unable to save the ranch style house, which was in flames by the time they arrived, but were able to contain the blaze to the house, saving nearby structures.

Two pumper trucks from the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district responded to the alarm, although the fire was located outside of district boundaries, according to district officials.

Rogue River—Mr. and Mrs. Gene LeRoy, Rogue River, are remodeling their home, which was badly damaged by fire about a week ago.

The family saved bedroom furniture and other furnishings, but lost the contents of the living room, which could not be removed because of the fire.

Central Point—Central Point rural firemen were called Sunday night to a fire at Merriam rd. and Beall lane, according to district officials. No damage was reported.

French Senate Ratification of Paris Accord Seen

Paris—(U.P.)—High government officials were reported increasing confident today the Senate would ratify the Paris arms agreements without a hitch when it begins debate on the treaties tomorrow.

Diplomatic observers said recent international developments had shocked the Senate, and the nation, into the realization that France must act quickly if it is to maintain its position as a world leader.

The first shock was publication of the Yalta documents making it plain the wartime "Big Three" looked on France as a second rate nation. The resentment has turned into a resolve to do something about it, these observers said.

The second shock was publication of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's warning that non-ratification means France's chair will be empty in the North Atlantic alliance. General belief was this would impress on the senators even more the pressing need to act quickly.

Vandals Deface Roosevelt Statue

London—(U.P.)—Vandals splashed the words "traitor of Yalta" in fiery red paint today across the memorial statue of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A Ministry of Works inspector discovered the defacement at 6 a.m. in a routine inspection of the memorial statue in Grosvenor Square.

The statue, depicting the late President standing in the admiral's cape he wore on his much-loved sea voyages, is a stone's throw from the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Navy's Atlantic and Mediterranean headquarters.

Scotland Yard was notified and immediately moved in investigators.



SYSTEM WINS AWARD—The new torsion suspension system for automobiles, developed by Packard, last week was named the "outstanding automotive advancement of the year" at the Travel and Auto Sports show at Madison Square Garden, New York. Frederick P. Pittera, left, the show's managing director, presented the top award to Dan O'Madigan, Packard sales manager. Pittera said the new suspension system is "the first major contribution to riding comfort in 20 years."

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.)—What's new in Washington:

Congressman Cliff Young, the Nevada Republican, thinks he has discovered why we need all those new super highways.

Says Young: "It's so you can get back faster from

HARMAN NICHOLS all of the places where you can't park, either.

The Army is talking about a

private named Kenneth Bryant of Arvada, Colo. The poor guy used to be a professional bronco buster. Private Ken is in Berlin now and is very unhappy because he can't join up with the Berlin Military Mounted Police Platoon. He has been pitched off horses in the rodeo business 932 times, by actual count. He has accumulated so many assorted injuries, like a lot of busted bones, that he doesn't measure to the physical requirements.

The Senate radio gallery—the workroom and headquarters for the radio correspondents at

Packard Autos Win Advancement Award In New York Show

Packard automobiles have been presented the 1955 international award of the New York Travel and Auto Sports show for the "outstanding automotive advancement of the year," according to J. Orbin Cooksey of Cooksey Motor company, Packard distributor here.

In ceremonies in New York, Packard also was awarded the 1955 international gold cup for "individuality of styling in the luxury car field. The prize-winning models, including the new Patricians, will be on display at Cooksey's on Wednesday.

The auto show committee presented the award for Packard's torsion suspension system, which they termed "an engineering achievement establishing new concepts of riding comfort and safety" comparable in importance to the introduction of automatic transmissions and front coil springing in the 1930s.

Cooksey said the new system provides a smoother, level ride, with increased car stability and greatly reduced driver fatigue. All coil and leaf springs are eliminated. Instead, two steel bars run the length of the car on either side. Road shock is absorbed by the twisting of these bars. The shock of dips and

the Capitol—does not have a single radio on the premises.

The U.S. Information Agency is passing around some "new jokes behind the Iron Curtain."

A teacher in Pederbrady, Czechoslovakia, was trying to explain the evils of capitalism to her pupils. She asked one little girl what she would call somebody who owned an automobile.

"An automobilist," the kid answered.

And what, pray tell, asked the teacher, would you call someone who owned a home.

The same kid came up quick with "a home owner."

The teacher, a stubborn old hag, wasn't about to give up. She then asked the class: "Well, what do we call someone who owns both a house and a car?"

The response was in chorus: "The regional party secretary, Comrade Vavreka."

bumps does not reach the frame or the passengers.

A separate load compensator keeps the rear of the car level with the front, no matter what weight there is in the rear.

CAST TO TYPE
Chardon, O.—(U.P.)—Nearby Newbury's Volunteer Fire Department recently set up a one-man publicity department. His name is Ivan Blaze.

Medford Student Given Colorado Teaching Post

George S. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Green, 1410 Euclid ave., has accepted an internship and student teaching appointment at Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, it was announced here today.

These appointments are given to the most promising student teachers at the laboratory school of the college, it was said, and Green was the only one to receive the honor this year.

Green was graduated from the college at the end of the third quarter this year as an education major.

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