



ON THE READY—Viet Name paratroopers prepare to advance on rebel Binh Xuyen position during recent fighting in the Saigon area in Indo-China. Strong rebel forces attacked government troops in the southern "Rice Bowl" of free Viet Nam, ending a week-long lull in the civil war.

Charlie Chaplin, in Swiss Hideaway, Playing Part of Man Who Doesn't Care

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Corsier, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Charlie Chaplin said he didn't want to talk to me and, after thinking it over, I decided I couldn't blame him. His present and perhaps greatest role, is the kind of real life part that is strictly for audiences and not for critics.

He is playing the part of the man who doesn't care.

The audiences, his friends and neighbors in this mountain area above lovely Lake Lemman, have been completely enchanted by the characterization. How happy and gay and satisfied is Charles, they say, and how he delights in taking a basket down the slope to Vevey and shopping among the peasants.

Sad Look Sometimes

But how sad he is sometimes, said a more perceptive friend. And how often he looks from his white colonnaded Manoir du Ban across to the snow-capped peaks of the Haute Savoie in France and far, far beyond them perhaps to Hollywood and the happy, rewarding years in America.

Charlie was more deeply hurt than his pride would ever permit him to admit when he relinquished his status as an American resident. So, because work is a soother and healer, he has plunged furiously into a new film which he is beginning to feel may be in the tradition of his greatest successes.

The taxi driver looked at me with sudden respect when I announced I wanted to go to Manoir du Ban. But, when we got there, at the doorway was a white-coated butler saying apologetically that Monsieur had suddenly plunged into work.

Stiff Note Expresses Regret

I sent in a stiff note expressing regret that I had once cried so hard my mother was forced to take me to the Bronx, N. Y. premiere of "The Kid." Chaplin's secretary, Mrs. Eileen Burney, indicated Chaplin felt he had been roughly handled by the press recently in a story about having a tantrum because brown tiles arrived for his swimming pool instead of blue ones.

I gathered too that the screen play needed urgent attention because the plot still lacked a happy (or sad) ending. The story thus far concerns a king in a

South American country who is forced to abdicate by opposition to his plans for raising the standard of living. He is exiled to Luasanne, "the city of kings," and there among other exiled and abdicated royalty he falls in love with a young woman.

It doesn't take too much straining to see the parallel Chaplin intends between his own position and that of the king.

This is his present writing quandary: Should the king attempt to return to his country, giving up his love for duty? Or should he stay in Lausanne and become as devoted a husband as he was a king.

Children's Toys Scattered

Around Chaplin's own house were scattered the toys of his five children by Oona O'Neill, daughter of the late playwright, Eugene O'Neill. Michael, 9, goes to the local school; Geraldine, 8, to a Catholic school in Lausanne; Josephine, 5, to a school in Montreux. Victoria, 4, and Eugene, 2, stay home.

Chaplin is the subject of many anecdotes among his admiring neighbors. They tell of a Sunday dinner party when his new butler brought in a dish of cabbage.

Charlie immediately assumed the furtive demeanor of "the tramp." As soon as the butler disappeared, he dumped the cabbage into a flower pot.

"I hate the stuff," he confided, "but I don't want to hurt his feelings."

Everybody laughed. But it must have been a pretty faint echo of the millions who used to laugh in the long ago.

QUICK DESCENT

Lafayette, Ind. — (U.P.) — Stan Davenport didn't have a chance to answer when Mrs. Cora M. Hay, 79, solicited church donations at his kitchen door. She posed the question, stepped through the doorway and fell out of sight down a basement stairway. She was treated at a hospital and released.

New Era in Oregon Tuberculosis Control

Portland — (U.P.) — A new era in tuberculosis control has dawned in Oregon, according to Dr. J. Arthur Myers, professor of medicine at University of Minnesota Medical School.

Dr. Myers spoke yesterday to about 500 delegates to the annual convention of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association.

The state's accomplishment in tuberculosis control were "phenomenal," the doctor said. He said Oregon's tuberculosis problem was limited "to those persons now harboring tubercle bacilli."

The new era demands refinement in tracking down tubercle bacilli and keeping them "corralled," Dr. Myers said. He said it would require more funds and more workers than before.

Portland — (U.P.) — Reed college has announced appointment of Raymond R. Brown, Portland, and William C. Schilthuis, New York, to the board of trustees.

POLICE PRAISED

Edmonton, Alta. — (U.P.) — James V. Tracy bore no grudge against police when he was fined \$100 for driving while impaired. He told the court: "I appreciate the fact that the police in Edmonton are doing a great job and arrested me. I was in no condition to drive and might have caused trouble. I hope they will keep up the good work."

DONKEY RETIRED

Venice, Italy — (U.P.) — Baron, the donkey who appeared with Gina Lollobrigida in the movie "Bread, Love and Dreams" was retired from motion picture today to the comparative peace of a pasture. The animal's handlers said since his rise to stardom Baron has become "neurotic, bad-tempered and temperamental."

Southern Pacific Elects Directors

Wilmington, Del. — (U.P.) — Henry T. Mudd, Los Angeles, has been elected a director of the Southern Pacific Company.

The announcement was made yesterday at the annual meeting of the railroad's stockholders here.

Reelected directors include: S. D. Bechtel, James B. Black, George L. Boland, Allen L. Chickering, Henry L. Corbett, W. W. Crocker, Everett L. Degolyer, Cleveland E. Dodge, Kenneth L. Isaacs, William Manice, Richard S. Perkins, V. H. Rossetti, D. J. Russell and Landon K. Thorne.

Announcement was also made of the adoption of a contributory retirement plan for salaried employees of Southern Pacific Company and its designated subsidiaries.

Women Buy Shoes In Interest of Style

Rockland, Mass. — (U.P.) — Women buy shoes in the interest of style, while men buy shoes for comfort, a survey by the National Foot Health Council reveals.

A person's feet differ in size, and the survey showed that men buy shoes for the bigger foot, but women buy their footwear for the smaller one.

The council's study said shoes should not be sold by the pair but fitted individually to each foot—even if one foot is a size or two larger than the other.

Bear Creeks Orchards Plans Office Building

Construction is under way on a one-story, fireproof office building at Bear Creeks Orchards on Highway 99 south of Medford, on front of the present buildings.

Harry Holmes, of the Harry and David firm, said that because of the rapid growth of the gift business the present office quarters have become inadequate, and that a new building will provide more room, as well as offering employees with modern, air-conditioned working quarters.

Leslie Poole, Portland, is the general contractor. Completion is expected by the first of October.

Portugal Seeking Radioactive Materials

Lisbon — (U.P.) — Portugal is launching a widespread search for radioactive minerals.

Under the direction of the year-old National Board of Nuclear Energy, the search will start in the north of metropolitan Portugal and later will extend to Portugal's widespread African possessions.

"In continental Portugal the zone laid out for the first phase of the search totals about 12,000 square kilometers south of the Douro river," said Jose Frederico Ulrich, president of the board.

Rogério Cavaca, who will head the search, said "we feel Portugal will yield (uranium) reserves sufficient for our needs."

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