

Army Major Back From Formosa Tells Of Nationalists

Chinese Nationalist soldiers on Formosa, although slight and small, are dependable, strong and work hard, Maj. Forrest D. Taft informed Medford Kiwanis club members yesterday.

Major Taft, unit advisor for the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, recently returned to the United States after two years in Formosa under the Military Aid Planning act.

Shows Slides

The Army man showed colored slides including military and agricultural scenes, narrating and answering questions concerning them. He spoke of the Chinese Nationalists' desire to invade and gain back the mainland of China. That is where their homes, families and ancestors are, the major said. He pointed out that to the Chinese "ancestors mean more than anything."

"Things are 'hot' over there," Taft said. However, he mentioned that things don't seem so bad when one is right on the Formosan scene and persons there get more concerned after reading clippings from papers in this country.

More Divisions

The Army officer could reveal little concerning Nationalist military strength. However, he did say that the Nationalists do have more divisions at this time than does the United States. There are 120 to 180 men in a Chinese company, Major Taft reported. Taft stressed the agricultural value of Formosa to Communist China. He said the island produces three rice crops per year and has enough production to be able to export two of the crops. The people are well fed, he reported.

Kiwanians and families will picnic at Table Rock Estates next Wednesday evening. The picnic will replace the regular noon luncheon meeting. However, a roundtable luncheon will be held that noon at the Country club.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Health, Education Secretary To Tackle Job With Moderation

Editor's note: In the following exclusive interview, President Eisenhower's new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare outlines some of his views on the problems he will have to face in the months ahead.

By MAUREEN GOTHLIN
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Washington—U.P.—Marion B. Folsom, President Eisenhower's new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, made plain today that he will handle his politically explosive job with his customary caution and moderation.

In an interview with the United Press, Folsom said he has no plans of making any major changes in the department he will take over Aug. 1 when Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby's resignation takes effect.

Folsom brings to his new job a wide range of talents—from what he calls a "very limited" experience in education to an intimate knowledge of social security. He helped establish and develop the Social Security System.

Main Work on Taxation

He also has an intimate knowledge of financial matters. In his present post, Undersecretary of the Treasury, his main work has been on taxation.

Folsom admitted he is about to take up some "tough and lively" subjects. For instance, he said, there is the controversial issue of Federal aid to states for education.

Another problem which he indicates will become livelier is the expansion of private health insurance plans to cover more people and more of their medical costs.

Folsom's new job in these fields has been made tougher by the fact that both the Administration's school construction bill and its bill to encourage expansion of private health insurance plans appear to be dead in this session of Congress.

On the still-lively subject of the Salk polio vaccine distribution, the 61-year-old, soft-spoken Southerner refused to comment. But he indicated some puzzlement that an agency as old as the public health service had run

into "difficulties" on the matter. 44,000 Employees

He will have under him 44,000 employees in a department that operates on a budget of about \$2,000,000,000 a year, of which more than 90 per cent goes into grants to states for various public assistance programs such as public health and school construction in federally-affected areas.

Folsom is a staunch advocate of the social security system, not only as a necessary institution for the government to administer but also as an economic safeguard.

After he helped put a pension plan into effect at Eastman-Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y., in 1928, Folsom said, he believed that industry pension plans would provide necessary protection for the aged. But in the depression of the 1930's, he said, he "realized" that the government would have to step in and do the job in order to get sufficient coverage.

Veterinarian Enrollments Up From Previous Year

Chicago—(U.P.)—Nearly 3,900 students are now enrolled in 19 veterinary colleges in the United States and Canada, according to a survey by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The current freshman class is the largest since World War I, the association said. It totals 1,026 students, selected from 2,614 who sought to enroll.

This year's freshman class included 253 with bachelor degrees, compared with 25 a year ago.

Airplane Given Ticket For Speeding on Highway

Lebanon, Va.—(U.P.)—State Trooper D. E. Adams stopped an airplane near here and handed its "driver" a ticket for speeding.

Adams was doing routine cruising when the fast-moving airplane, towed by a truck, passed him. Investigation disclosed the wrecked plane was being taken to an airport for salvage and rebuilding.



ACCUSED of embezzlement, Roscoe D. Coon, vice president of Twenty Nine Palms, Cal., bank is in jail in connection with \$678,000 shortage. He has race horses. (International)

Eisenhower Given Cultivator From Boys State Chief

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower met President Hopper today.

What's more, Mr. Eisenhower received a cultivator from his counterpart.

The other chief executive is 17-year-old Douglas Joseph Hopper, president of the American Legion's 1955 Boys' Nation.

Douglas presented the motorized cultivator—for Mr. Eisenhower's vegetable garden on his Gettysburg, Pa., farm—as he and 93 others in the Boys' Nation group called at the White House.

Presented Lapel Pin

Douglas, from Glendale, Cal., also presented President Eisenhower with a Boys' National lapel pin.

After Douglas met his real-life counterpart, junior senators in the Boys' Nation adjourned to Capitol Hill to conduct their own Senate session and meet some real-life senators.

Tonight, after tours of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum, President Hopper, his vice-president, Kenneth Jennison, Carthage, Mo., and his secretary of defense, Kenneth Evans, Pampano Beach, Fla., will review a retreat parade of 3,000 2nd Army soldiers at Ft. Meade, Md.

11-Gun Salute

The "presidential" party will be welcomed to the base—after a helicopter ride down with Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.)—with a roaring 11-gun salute and a handshake by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker and 2nd Army commander, Lt. Gen. Floyd L. Parks.

Each of the three Boys' Nation officials will be made "honorary troopers" in the 3rd Cavalry Regiment's honorary society, "The Order of Brave Rifles." Only a dozen such honors have been extended in the regiment's 110-year history.

Klamath Falls Air Base Building Fund Restored

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate has restored military construction funds for three Oregon projects, at Astoria, Klamath Falls and Portland, and returned the bill to the House where concurrence is expected.

The funds had been cut out of a supplemental bill by the House on technical points, but subsequent legislation eliminated these objections.

The funds include \$2,042,000 for the air base at Klamath Falls, \$1,806,000 for Air Force construction at Portland international airport and \$93,000 for construction at the Tongue Point Navy base at Astoria.

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Chlorophyll Expected So Bring New Miracle of Healing Powers

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—Science will yet draw real, healing miracles from chlorophyll—miracles comparable to those of the sulfa drugs and the antibiotics—according to a medical scholar.

He said he was speaking up now because the public is no longer chlorophyll-happy. His implication was that previously he was afraid he might be quoted by some enterprising manufacturer of, say, green inner soles.

Dr. Lawrence W. Smith, after long study of al that science knows about the substance which makes plants green, was struck by the ability of even crude preparations to interfere with the life processes of bacteria.

General Motors Shatters Records

New York—(U.P.)—General Motors Corporation shattered every sales, production and profit record in existence during the first six months of 1955 and expects the full year to be the best in history.

The world's largest manufacturing concern announced Wednesday that sales soared to \$6,512,672,139 for the six-month period which will mean a gross income of more than \$13,000,000,000 for the year if it maintains the same starting pace.

GM President Harlow H. Curd and Board Chairman Alfred P. Sloan Jr., announced jubilantly that the American public was in a "buying mood."

The auto industry has shown "the greatest vigor and vitality in its 50-year history," they said. "It has played a key role on pushing economic activity in the United States to a new all time high."

Americans and Canadians purchased 2,437,335 cars and trucks from the giant automobile manufacturer during the six-month period ending June 30. Sales for the same period ending June 30, 1954 amounted to 1,850,577 units.

The tremendous sales boosted net income of General Motors to \$660,961,942, equal to \$7.23 per share of common stock. During a similar six-month period of 1954 net income was \$429,250,383, or \$4.79 per share.

Bacteria causes many diseases. They also contaminate burns and other wounds. Bacteria learn to live with antibiotics and sulfa drugs and even flourish. All present scientific indications are that bacteria can't learn to live with chlorophyll.

Let Biochemists Get Busy

So let the biochemists get busy and construct chlorophyll compounds which will exploit this power to the fullest, Dr. Smith said in the New York state Journal of Medicine.

The future miracles are inherent in the chlorophyll molecule. Its core is chemically identical with the precursor of the red coloring matter of blood and other body pigments "involved in the oxidation-reduction phenomena without which life in any form is impossible."

As in hemoglobin of the blood, the centrally bound atom of the molecule is iron—in chlorophyll it is magnesium. Scientists have substituted only metal atoms for magnesium. Copper chlorophyll now is the common form. In further reconstructions of the chlorophyll molecule Smith saw infinite possibilities.

New "laboratory evidence," he said, "indicates certain points of similarity between at least one major antibiotic, streptomycin, and specific chlorophyll derivatives, suggesting a vast future research program with the development of selective antibacterial agents using chlorophyll as the starting 'materia prima.'"

Chlorophyll is an efficient promoter of wound-healing because it stimulates the growth of new

Mechanics on Strike

At Douglas McKay Plant

Salem—(U.P.)—AFL Machinists have struck the Douglas McKay Chevrolet Co. here and pickets were posted around the building in a dispute over a union shop provision and pay scales.

Wayne E. Hadley, president of the company and son-in-law of Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, said operations were continuing with those workers who remained on the job. About 40 men walked out.

The company, Hadley said, has offered a percentage pay plan. The machinists' union asks \$2.20 cents an hour, the prevailing scale in Portland auto outlets. Present rate is \$2.

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