

Speaker Says Chinese Revolution Resulted In Moral Uplifting

China has experienced a "tremendous moral uplifting" because of the Communist revolution according to Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Rickett, who spoke last night in Medford under the auspices of the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association.

Screening Program For Driver Vision Planned by Group

A special committee to conduct a driver-vision screening program of organizations and firms has been named by Aubrey Loper, president of the Medford Safety Council.

Members of the committee are C. D. (Swede) Larson, Pierce Freight line; Dr. W. J. Thompson, Medford optometrist; and Leo Seveik, state driver's license examiner.

The screening program is designed to disclose only gross visual problems which might directly affect an individual's safe driving ability, Loper said, and is not to be considered a complete visual examination.

Some of the items which will be checked in the program include depth perception, distance acuity, field of vision and binoculars.

The committee has received the support of the Southern Oregon Optometric Society to provide supervisory optometrists as well as vision screening equipment for the program, Loper said.

Firms or organizations which wish to make the vision-screening program available to employees or members should contact Larson or Loper prior to June 24 to make arrangements for equipment and personnel.

Loper met with the Optometric Society recently to make final plans for the program. Tentative arrangements were made with Bausch and Lomb Optical Company for the use of several orthorater visual screening devices, he said. Members of the SMety Council will conduct the program with supervisory assistance from local optometrists who will contribute time.

Dr. Robert Haziand, Medford, will conduct a training session for committee members who will handle the project Monday, June 24.

Loper spoke at a meeting of the Optometric Society earlier this week, and noted that the summer safe-driving campaign will continue throughout the summer. It will be combined with a membership drive during the rest of June. He said that public support of safety council activities is imperative if they are to succeed.

Mrs. Humphrey Asks for Interest In Tax Problems

A plea to members of the service club as citizens of Oregon to take interest in tax problems was made to Medford Kiwanians yesterday by Mrs. Louise Humphrey, executive assistant of Oregon Tax research.

She spoke to Kiwanians at Rogue Valley Country club on "Omissions and Commissions of the 1957 Legislature."

Mrs. Humphrey declared that the Oregon tax structure of relying on income and business taxes is like holding an olive branch in one hand and a sledge hammer in the other so far as drawing industry is concerned. She pointed out that a man with capital to invest takes "a second and long look" at Oregon.

Unreliable, Unstable
The tax research official spoke of the income tax as unreliable and unstable and said "we have overloaded our tax system and are living dangerously." Mrs. Humphrey maintained that it is wishful thinking to take the position that the income tax is based on ability to pay and there are enough rich people in the state to provide funds for government. The bulk of tax returns in the state are for incomes between \$4,000 and \$7,000, she reported.

The speaker pointed to the people's desire for repeal of the 45 per cent surtax on incomes while on the other hand wanting additional expenditures. Oregon still has the surtax but under a different name, she stated.

The two now believe that the Chinese people as a whole have benefited from the new way of life and the social reforms which it brought. They concede that there are still "many things we do not like" however.

Allyn and Adele Rickett, who had been students at the University of Pennsylvania, went to China as Fulbright scholars to study and teach in Peking. According to Rickett's story, it was arranged that he would report his observation to United States authorities, since he formerly had been a Navy intelligence officer.

Not Good Spy
Admitting that "I was not a very good spy," Rickett recounted how he and his wife were both arrested by the Chinese for espionage, were imprisoned and during their terms underwent the "reform" now being used in that country.

The Ricketts, who said they both decided that since the Chinese knew the truth about their activities it would be stupid to try further lies, at length confessed to the prison authorities. They described in considerable detail how they were interrogated and treated, and told of living conditions in the prison.

Rickett said that during his four years of detention a new prison building was constructed which was a great improvement over the old, and that sanitary conditions were improved.

Group Method
Describing the group method of reform and indoctrination, the Ricketts said that prisoners are formed into groups of cells and encouraged to carry on long discussions on every possible subject. Foreigners are mixed with natives and urged to study man as a social being with certain responsibilities to other men and to society as a whole.

Eventually the truth about such basic social needs and practices as standards of living, racial prejudices, civil rights, women's rights, economic practices, and others emerge, the Ricketts said. The results, the changes in thinking which occur, are measured against a "yardstick" drawn up by Communist leaders, they related.

The Ricketts believe that with few exceptions, prisoners of the Chinese communists are successfully "reformed" by this method, although some resist and do not change their way of thinking and their beliefs.

Return Home
When the Ricketts were released and allowed to return home, they said they found that many did not believe they had been well treated and that their descriptions or evaluations of their experiences are truthful.

During a question period, Rickett said he believed that recent events, such as the Hungarian uprising, was having a liberalizing effect on the Chinese Communist government. He said Chiang Kai-shek's books and speeches are now available in Communist China; that strikes are permitted and several are now underway.

Rickett believes that this country's attitude toward Communist China is unrealistic and that we should take a more positive attitude about reaching a settlement of such chronic problems as Formosa.

Discuss Imprisonment
There was a considerable discussion of whether the Chinese treatment of the Ricketts could be termed fair under United States standards, since he had been imprisoned without a hearing and was not tried until toward the end of his prison term. Rickett declared that he had a "just imprisonment," since he had actually broken the law by engaging in espionage activities against the Chinese government.

Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., reported on the recent state OUNA convention held in Medford. George Rode, president of the chapter, presided.

Insect Sting Seen Cause of Woman's Death

Miami—The Dade County Health Department reported today that the sting of an insect apparently caused the death of a well-known Miami club woman.

Mrs. Lena Blanch Hyden, 56, prominent in Miami garden club activities, died Tuesday — four days after an insect stung her right foot.

The Health Department said the insect apparently was infected with tetanus, which caused the death.



COMMUNISTS WIN SUPREME COURT DECISION — Seven Los Angeles Communist leaders read a telegram telling of a U. S. Supreme Court decision of acquittal for four of them and retrials for the other three. Left to right, seated: Frank E. Spector, Henry Steinberg, Mrs. Rose Chernin Kunitz, Mrs. Dorothy Healy Connelly and Frank Carlson. Standing are Phillip M. Connelly and Ben Dobbs. Acquitted were Phillip Connelly, Steinberg, Mrs. Kunitz and Spector. All of them have served nearly a year in prison.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — William Holden, movietown's No. 1 tourist, is one actor who's made a second profession of luging home "souvenirs" — a valuable collection of antique sculpture.

Holden has chalked up seven long trips overseas, and just finished his second trip around the world. From these journeys he's brought back sculpture, pots, masks and other art objects, and now ranks among the top collectors of Hollywood.

Holden concentrates on ancient sculpture. And while most other collectors buy their art objects at U.S. art galleries, the actor brings his home from his travels, "and that's part of the excitement."

"One has to have some degree of junk man in his blood to be willing to litter up his property," Holden confessed today as he led a tour of his possessions.

"Billy Wilder influenced me to begin my collection. I decided the coming appreciation of art will be in figures, not paintings, because modern homes are good settings for sculpture. You can't hang paintings on glass."

Holden's collection fills both his home and his dressing room office at Paramount Studio. In his home is a 2,500-year-old Egyptian head, a Buddha head from Siam and pottery from ancient Greece. At first, he says, his children groaned at his purchases "but now they are starting to collect too."

His dressing room boasts primitive sculpture from the South Sea Islands, an old Korean sun-dial, pre-Columbian figures from

Mexico, 150-year-old Japanese puppets and countless other objects.

During our tour his secretary unpacked his most recent purchase, 650 B.C. Greek wine jugs. They were purchased on his round-the-world trip that began when he went to Ceylon to star in "The Bridge On The River Kwai" for independent producer Sam Spiegel.

In fact, on movie locations Holden is off between scenes shopping. While in China for "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing" he bought a Chinese horse of the Tang dynasty. He picked up Mayan sculpture while acting in "Boots Malone" in Mexico and the free trip to Japan for "The Bridge Of Tokori" gave him a chance to buy old figures of Kabuki dancers.

"I buy to satisfy my heart, not as an investment," Holden said. "These things satisfy an artistic expression for me, and they stir my imagination. I look at them and love over again the beauty of the country they came from."

Move to Withdraw From Union Fails

Grants Pass — A reported move by members of the Grants Pass Teamsters union to withdraw from Medford Local 962 failed Monday night at a Labor Temple meeting here. Only a small percentage of members attended the meeting, and those drawal.

Official name of the union is International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. Some members had wanted to withdraw and form a separate organization on the grounds that elections have not been conducted properly.

The Daily Courier quoted one union member as saying only 25 or 30 members showed up at the Monday meeting, out of some 200 living in the area. The man expressed doubt that local members had been properly notified of the meeting.

Referring to the question of the legality of past elections the Grants Pass driver was quoted as saying, "I personally didn't know about the last election, which I think was held last December. I didn't vote and I haven't found anyone who did, or who even knew about the election, although I have asked a considerable number of union drivers."

The union member said that a committee was appointed Monday night to investigate the local's last election. The committee was authorized to find out if members were notified in accordance with union regulations.

NO MORE BROWNS

New Castle, Ind. — For 105 years, a single on an office in a building on Broad St. advertised that the occupant was "Brown, Attorney at Law." First it was James, in 1852. Then his son William. Then William's sons, William, Paul and James. The last of the Browns moved to another state recently. The office was rented to somebody whose name isn't Brown.

Tornadoes usually move in a northeasterly direction at 23-40 miles per hour.

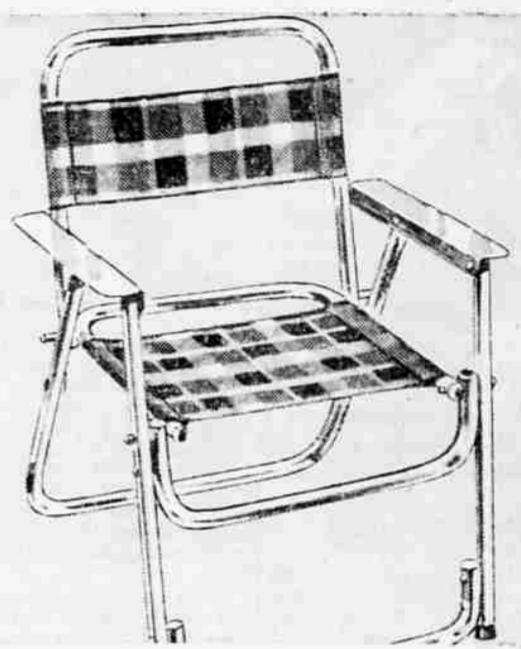
A LONG WAIT
Muskegon, Mich. — A marriage of 54 years ended recently when Mrs. Carrie Harrier, 83, Muskegon, was granted a divorce from Manley Harrier, 76, White Cloud, charged with deserting his wife in 1928.

STILL TRAINING HORSES
Mechanic Falls, Me. — For the 73rd consecutive year, 91-year-old Al Snell of this town trained a horse at the Oxford County Fairgrounds this spring. Until he was 87, Snell drove horses in harness races.

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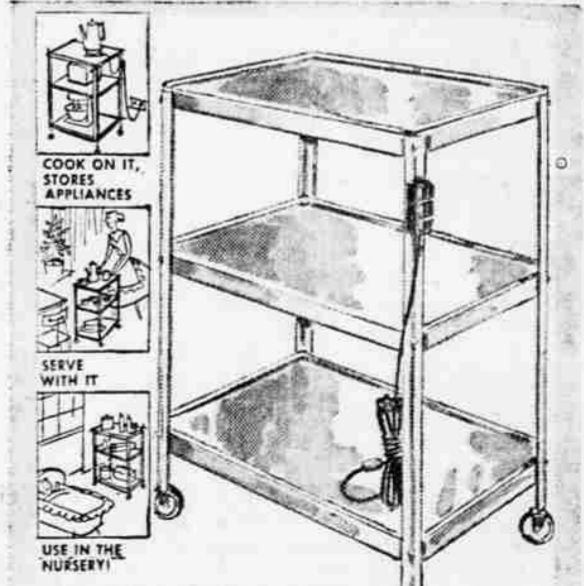


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