

# Hong Kong Chinese Meet Problems of Teenagers

By CLAIRE COX  
New York—A Chinese social worker says Americans should fight juvenile delinquency with togetherness—Oriental style.

Miss Dorothy Lee, assistant director in charge of youth activities of the Hong Kong social welfare department, disputes a widely held American theory that slums in themselves are crime breeding grounds.

She has issued an open invitation for American social workers to go to Hong Kong and see for themselves that they are wrong.

Hong Kong, she said, is one of the most crowded and poorly housed cities in the world—and yet it can boast "no juvenile delinquents here."

Chinese families manage to stick together and maintain discipline through the worst of adversities, Miss Lee told United Press International.

**Answer Simple**  
Why? For Miss Lee, the answer is simple.

"Because of close family ties," she said. "Families live as units. It is a tradition of the Chinese to have the family together, to give the children security, a feeling of piety, a respect for their elders."

Miss Lee, a Chinese educated in London, concluded after a tour of the U. S. that social workers should be much more concerned about breakdowns of families than about plumbing as a cause of juvenile delinquency.

Hong Kong is a British crown colony with a residential area of only 15 square miles. Yet it houses more than 2,500,000 persons, 700,000 of them refugees from Communist China.

Whole families camp in lean-tos, on rooftops and shanties on hills or sleep huddled on tenement stair landings. Jobs are scarce. At least 60,000 Hong Kong children do not go to school because their families are too poor.

And yet, Miss Lee is able to say, "There is no sign of juvenile delinquency in Hong Kong at all."

**Youth at Home**  
While packs of truants have terrorized New York City streets with crimes ranging from theft to rape and murder, underprivileged youngsters of Hong Kong have stayed close to their families or have started to learn to be wage earners.

Miss Lee said her department diverts children from possible thoughts of thievery by trying to help them make intelligent use of their hands in turning out brooms, cane chairs and other articles so they can contribute to their families' larders.

"There is much the West could learn from the East, as far as techniques are concerned," she said. "We are still down at our basic problems, while Americans have gone away from the basic problems by specializing in things such as psychiatric care."

"Our problems are food, shelter and work. Yours are more specialized. You have gadgets that have eliminated house work. The house is becoming a machine, rather than a home."

"You may have lost a lot of the atmosphere of the home of the past. There must be progress, but there can be too much of machines. Then the personal touch is lost."

**Specialist Advises Pets for Children**  
Champaign, Ill.—Mary's parents had the right idea when they gave her a little lamb, says Mrs. Millicent Martin.

Mrs. Martin, a child development specialist at the University of Illinois, suggests that other parents would be wise to let their children have pets, whether it's a kitten or a turtle.

Animals help children mature and enrich their experiences, Mrs. Martin said. The child's age usually should determine what kind of pet to get, she said.

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# Dinner Honors Totman Family;

Jacksonville—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Totman and their daughters, Cynthia and Kari, will leave Friday for Forest Grove, Ore., where the family will reside. Mr. Totman, who has been teaching science in Jacksonville High school, will enroll in Pacific university there for courses in optometry.

The Totmans were honored at a farewell dinner given Thursday night in the yard of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Offord Jr., Old Stage road. The potluck dinner followed swimming.

Present were the honored guests and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Matheny, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kamberg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matheny, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maroni, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Guidry and the Offords with their children, Lynn, Gene and Steve.

# Missionaries Guests in Valley Leaving Friday

Dr. and Mrs. Marlow Schaffner, who spent the past five years in Africa as missionaries for the Seventh Day Adventist church, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Biggers, 2871 Georgia street.

Sunday night a group of friends, including former classmates of the Schaffners at Columbia academy, Battleground, Wash., gathered at the Biggers home to see pictures taken by the visitors in Belgium, other European countries and in Africa. They recently attended the world's fair in Brussels.

Dr. Schaffner will take additional studies in surgery this fall and winter in Los Angeles, and later the family will return to Africa. The couple has four children, Ronnie, Rita, Ricky and Roberta.

# Bureau Head Outlines Proxy Adoption Hazards

Washington—More than half of the children adopted in other countries and brought to the United States in recent months were adopted by proxy, Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, Chief of the Children's Bureau, reported today.

"This means that these young children never even saw their adoptive parents until after the proceedings had been completed—and in far too many cases, there had been tragic consequences for the children," she said.

The proxy adoptions are handled by stand-ins who then arrange the transportation of the children to the United States.

A total of 1,061 adoptions was completed abroad during the period from September 11, 1957, to June 30, 1958, Mrs. Oettinger said. Most of

# Good Nutrition Family Function Says Scientist

Washington—One family function is to teach good nutrition, and mother should be the chief instructor.

Dr. Margaret Mead, famous author and anthropologist, in an address before a national food conference, declared that "the family is the crucial institution in a people's nutritional well being."

While cognizant of the importance of the farmers, fishermen, stockmen and retailers who bring food into the home, Dr. Mead said that "families function properly" children will never learn "how and what, when and how much to eat. This learning is as essential as learning to walk and talk."

Whole peoples, said Dr. Mead, are able to thrive on a basic diet such as rice, bread or yams for three and sometimes four meals a day. These diets have been worked out unconsciously by trial and error over the centuries.

Therefore, it is those who frequently change their whole style of eating that are the poorest fed. And the safeguarding of styles of eating is the duty of the family.

Mother must be "nutritionally literate," said Dr. Mead. She is bombarded with heavily pressurized advertising on "what to buy, how to cook it, how to serve it," and "how to persuade her family to eat it," added Dr. Mead.

The demands made on mothers today are greater in the field of nutrition than ever before. While our complex economy provides a plentiful amount of food and the work of the homemaker is less physically exacting than in the past, she must "plan and choose, choose and plan."

Dr. Mead also made an appeal to parents in this land of plenty to teach their children, as they sit at the dining table, that "Americans are responsible to their brothers and sisters throughout the world."

"Unless this principle is taught along with the good rich food we feed them, mothers and fathers will have failed in their mission to nourish them spiritually as well as physically," she said.

# Vice-President Conducts Session

Mrs. Donald Prior, vice-president, presided for a meeting of the Welcome Wagon club held Thursday at Girls Community club. Mrs. Walter Haring, Mrs. John Richardson and Mrs. Harold Ames were hostesses for the social hour which followed.

The previous meeting, held at Rogue Valley Country club, was attended by 24 women.

Mrs. John C. Sellers presented the program for the evening which was a talk on "The Art of Seasoning With Spices and Herbs." Mrs. Sellers gave a brief background on colorful history of spices, their present day uses, pointers on selecting spices and herbs and suggestions on how best to use them. She also mentioned the various forms of individual spices, recent developments in the field of food seasoning and concluded her talk by presenting each woman with several pamphlets on seasonings and teas given by the Hawthorn Market.

All women who have lived in Medford for two years or less are welcome and invited to attend the meetings and join the club.

# Phoenix School Buses to Start Operating Sept. 11

Phoenix—School buses in the Phoenix district will start operating on the first day of school, Sept. 11, E. R. James, superintendent of schools, has announced.

The same schedules and routes as last year will be followed, he said.

Children in the first three grades are to report to the primary unit of the elementary school, and those entering grades four through eight are to report to the grade school building. Parents of first grade children are reminded to bring evidence of the child's birthday, and a health certificate, James said.

**New Students**  
New Phoenix High school students are asked to register at the high school office the first week in September. The office will be open between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday for those students who are working during the day, James said.

Former high school students and those entering high school from the ninth grade need not appear until Sept. 11 since they registered last spring. High school students will report to the high school gymnasium at 9 a.m. the opening day.

School fees amounting to \$12 will be payable upon registration. Students wishing a school yearbook may reserve a copy by paying an additional \$4 at time of registration.

# Trailer Court Listed In Vacation Park Guide

The Bel Air Trailer park, 3653 South Pacific highway, is one of 1,613 privately-owned travel trailer and mobile home parks listed in a new Mobile Homes Manufacturers association travel and vacation trailer park guide, according to Fred J. Troxel.

In addition to the private parks the guide lists 649 national and state parks, monuments, and forests along with parking areas in Alaska, Mexico and Canada.

# Strangs Return From Trip South

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Strang have returned to their home, 540 Pennsylvania avenue, after spending two weeks in California. The Strangs first visited in Pomona with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Strang and their three children, Billie, Bonnie Kay and Gregory. They made trips to Marineland and the Wayfarer's chapel, and spent a day at Disneyland.

In Glendale Mr. and Mrs. Strang spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kentner, former Medford residents. Mr. Strang and Mr. Kentner were members of the same Medford High school graduating class in 1908.

The couple also visited Frank Jacobs, Los Angeles, a cousin of Mr. Strang. Returning north, they spent some time in San Francisco and attended a band concert in Golden Gate park.

# Visitors Honored Saturday Night

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Keener, 702 South Modoc avenue, entertained Saturday night in honor of visitors who were their neighbors when the two families lived in Macedonia, Iowa. Honored were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Plummer, their sons, Paul and Phillip, and daughter, Nancy. Another son, Bernard Plummer, makes his home here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Osler, 719 Palm street, and the three were also present.

# Beatniks Said Not Representative

Delaware, Ohio—College student leaders agree that the Beat Generation is neither a growing movement in this country nor representative of current student thinking.

Delegates to the United States National Student Association considered the mental makeup of the Beat Generation at a 10-day policy-forming conference here.

The movement was described as "a new name for an old feeling used by a few as a way of life," by S. John Byington, a Ferris Institute of Michigan student.

"The desire to get away from it all is occasionally felt by most during one's life," he said, "yet it is completely succumbed to by only a few."

Half the students who expressed an opinion said the movement was a product of our society and would end in a few years. Others said it would always recur in some form and under a different name.

UCLA student Ed Baum called the attitude "immaturity" and a result of an "inability to try to help solve some of the pressing problems faced by America today."

"The Beatniks sound like immature cry-babies," said Kentuckian Tony Banet from Bellarmine college. "All they seem to do is gripe."

# Luncheon Honors Miss Gay Jepson;

Central Point—Mrs. Harry Tonn was hostess last Thursday for a luncheon which honored Miss Gay Jepson, Medford. Miss Jepson is the fiancée of Mrs. Tonn's son, Harvey, and the wedding is set for September 12 at First Presbyterian church in Medford.

The luncheon was given at the Tonn home, 130 Cedar street, and guests were family members. They included Miss Jepson's mother, Mrs. Dale Davis, Mrs. Dean Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Mrs. Richard Dunn, Mrs. Anna Tonn, all Central Point; Mrs. E. E. Meyer, Lake Creek, Mrs. Steve Wilson, Mrs. Larry Wilson and daughter, Barbara, White City, and Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry, Trail.

# Mounted Dancers Go to Roseburg;

The mounted square dance team of Medford Trail Riders attended a horse show in Roseburg last Sunday and staged a performance for the audience.

On September 7 the group plans a play day at the posse grounds. All riders are invited to attend and enter the games.

Ray Bernard is chairman of the play day and anyone wishing further information may call him at Normandy 4-1246.

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# Quotes From the News

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London—Symphony conductor Sir John Barbirolli, on the death of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams:

"He was one of the most complete men that I have ever known. He loved work, he loved food, he loved drink and he loved good company and his fellow musicians."

Buffalo, N.Y.—New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner, on why he would not allow his name to be considered for the Democratic senatorial nomination:

"I searched my soul and I felt that the only right thing I could do, morally, was for me to stay as mayor for the three and one-half years I have yet to serve."

Stockholm—Printer Ernst Ahlberg, on how the people of Greensboro, N.C., helped him after his daughter lost her arm when she was struck by a whirling airplane propeller:

"They all did their utmost to give us help and support. I don't know what we would have been up against if we had not received all this support."

Ivybridge, England—The father of British naval officer Michael Coles, on his son's efforts to get out of the navy to marry American teacher Joan Collins of Cambridge, Mass.:

"I'm all in favor of the marriage. Of course, my boy has been in the navy since he left school. He's been trained for no other profession and I don't know what he'll do when he leaves."

New York—Horror comic artist Robert Wood, on turning himself in for the killing of Mrs. Violette Phillips in their hotel room:

"I killed a woman who was giving me a bad time."

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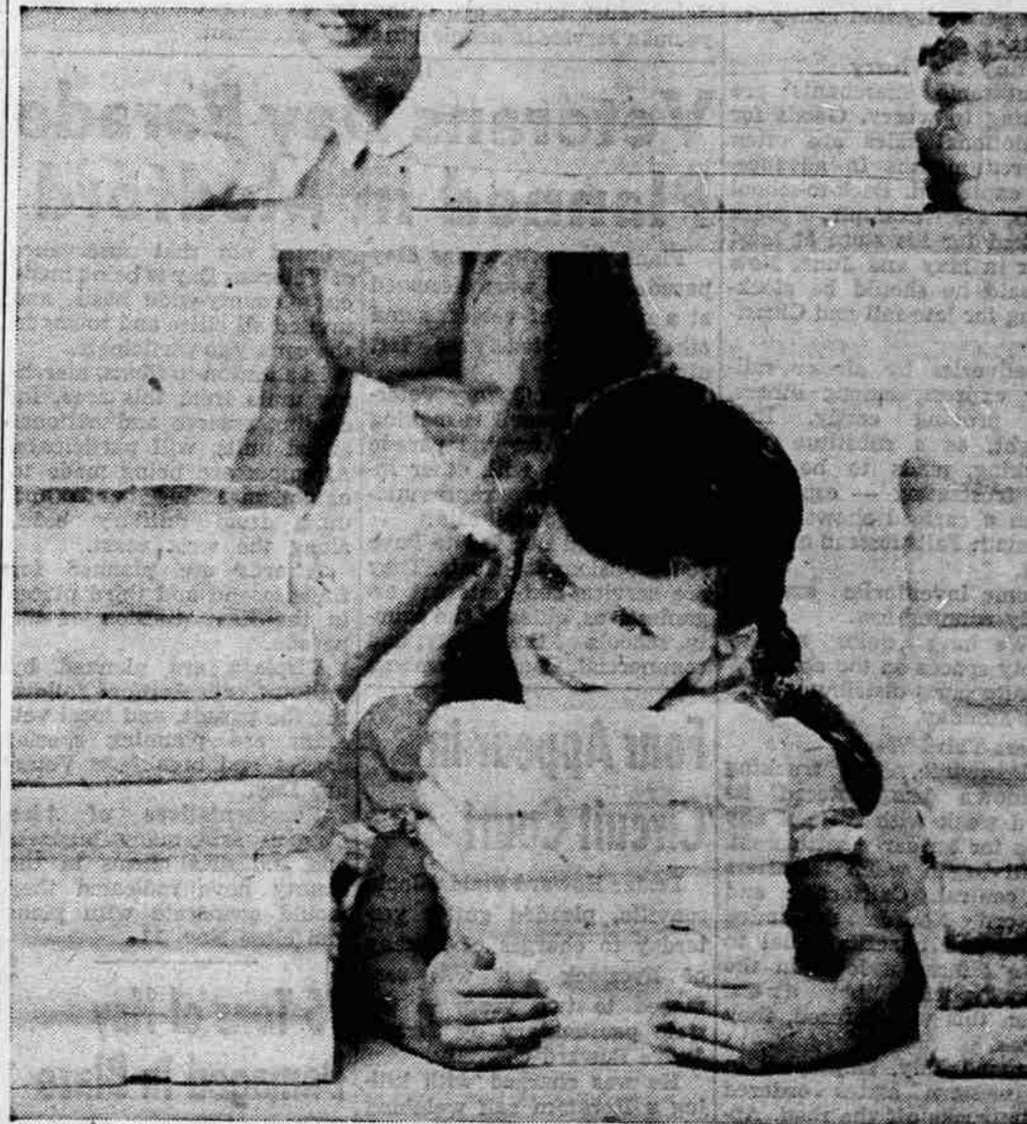
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