

Diplomatic Dispatches from Behind Iron Curtain Report Tension Over Communes

Editor's note: The Peiping regime has ordered a "slow-down" of the totalitarian drive toward Red China's communization which has brought it into conflict with Soviet Russia. U.P.I. chief diplomatic correspondent K. C. Thaler deals with the explosive problem in the following dispatch on the basis of diplomatic reports from behind the Iron Curtain and an expert analysis of latest official information.

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London — (UPI) — Diplomatic dispatches from behind the Iron Curtain have reported mounting tension between Moscow and Peiping over Red China's "communes" drive.

Success or failure could cause Russia serious embarrassment.

Red China has just ordered a slow-down in the drive for the anti-heap Communist society which it has been pushing with complete disregard for human endurance.

But latest reports said the slow-down applied chiefly to cities, whereas the "Communes-now" strategy remained in

full swing throughout China's countryside.

Much is at stake for Red China's regime as well as for the Soviet Union, the authoritative reports warned.

Success of Peiping's forced system of communes would make Red China the first world Communist society and steal the march on the Soviet Union's claim to leadership.

Its failure, on the other hand, could seriously shake the Peiping regime and thus have grave repercussions for the Soviet Union and the Communist regimes in the satellite states in Europe.

hands, regardless of the work performed.

The degree of ruthlessness was reflected in a recent review in the party organ, the Peoples daily, which said that "in order to break down superstition and to increase arable land the original graves are to be removed and dug deeper. Some factory buildings and walls of kilns have been erected with tablets from graveyards."

Four Educational Films Available

Four educational films from the American Cancer Society have been loaned to the county school curriculum materials center, county school superintendent's office.

The four include "Sappy Homies," "Living Insurance," "Breast Self Examination," and "From One Cell." They will be available early this month to all county schools through the center of the local Cancer society for use in health education and science classes.

They are part of 320 films available for use in the county schools.

The curriculum center also recently received three "teletainer" kits on long-term loan from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. The kits are designed for use in intermediate, junior and senior high schools to "promote proper telephone usage and communication skills," McDonald said.

They contain two working telephone phones and a simplified control panel.

Also on loan from PT&T for primary and lower intermediate classes are two "Telezonia" kits used primarily for instruction in the art of telephone communication.

They contain a film, "Advances in Telezonia Land," student pamphlets and two working telephones.

PT&T has given the center 32 films on a short-term loan basis, McDonald reported.

Topics range from the Nike guided missile and transistors to music and weather.

Lithia Park Swans Taken to Aviary

Ashland — The swans in Lithia park may have young ones accompanying them next summer in time for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Park Commission Chairman Eldon Scripper, 283 Seaside dr., hopes.

The swans, both females, have been taken to an aviary owned by Leslie Lusk, 937 Oak st., Ashland, in "operation cygnit."

Lusk pointed out, however, that swans make up their own minds, and once they become attracted to a male, they remain with that mate a lifetime. Their lifetime is surprisingly long, some being known to have lived 100 years.

Lusk said the usual time for swans to mate is in the late spring, but he hopes the Lithia pond pair will meet the calendar when they meet the male swans.

Scripter said park swans have previously laid eggs, but each time they have been taken. If eggs are produced this time, they will remain at Lusk's until next summer.

The communes are formed by the merger — lock, stock and barrel — of neighboring agricultural cooperatives. Life is organized on military lines. The last vestige of personal freedom is wiped out, and home and family life are totally disrupted.

The establishment of common mess halls and nurseries free the women for full-time work. The creation of industry in rural areas as an integral part of the communes reduces the living standards of industrial workers to the lower levels of agricultural workers.

Official Chinese publications have revealed these developments:

Each commune includes up to 10,000 households and in some cases even more. Members serve the state primarily in agricultural production, but must also serve in any other type of work assigned to them, from industry and mining, to public construction works.

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Emily J. — Barbara and I are close friends in our mid-20's. We've known one another since we were kids and now we do a lot of dating together. We usually get along very well, but she has one characteristic that I don't like.

Every now and then Babs takes a violent dislike to somebody. Sometimes it is a man, sometimes a woman. She treats that person like dirt and it embarrasses me very much. I feel that even if she doesn't like somebody she should make an effort to hide it.

There is one girl in particular that Babs hurt very much. This girl, Jean, is quite wealthy, but she is very shy and sensitive. I wanted to be friendly with her, but Babs said something to her about being always overdressed and now Jean ducks out when I try to get close to her.

Barbara D. — When Emily uses that word "hide" it's just like showing a red flag to a bull as far as I'm concerned. One thing about me is I'm honest. I'm no hypocrite. When I don't like someone I let him or her know it — in no uncertain terms.

Emily has often admitted that a lot of the things I've pointed out about certain people are true. She always admits that I was right a long time afterward, but the first time I point out someone's faults she argues with me and makes excuses for them.

This particular girl, Jean, always got dressed up fit to kill for the simplest party or movie date. I was often embarrassed to be seen with her. I probably did her a favor when I let her know that it is not good taste to show your money all over you.

The Council: Unfortunately, most individuals who pride themselves on being honest — even when it hurts the other fellow — are a lot less honest with themselves. They are very gentle when their own feelings are involved.

Life presents most of us with few deeply evil characters. Occasions for "violent dislike" are few and far between in the normal course of events in the life of an emotionally mature person. The person who finds many such

occasions would do well to look within himself.

Barbara would do herself a real service if she gave up trying to perceive the faults of others and sought the reasons for her own resentment and hostility. We believe that if she is honest with herself and carefully analyzes her feelings when that dislike of another rises within her, she will find envy at the root of it.

We think it very likely that she will find envy of Jean's wealth and fine clothes at the bottom of her unpleasant feelings. From a rational point of view there is no reason why she should object to Jean's overdressing. It is simply none of her business and there is no reason for her to be embarrassed by it.

Emily is being very foolish and doing herself harm by allowing herself to be drawn into Barbara's emotional tangles. She has undoubtedly given up many potentially happy relationships by allowing Barbara to steer her social life.

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28 Influenza Cases Reported Last Week

Twenty-eight cases of influenza were reported to the Jackson County department of health last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

There were 19 cases reported in Medford, four in Phoenix, three in Shady Cove and two in Ashland.

Other communicable diseases reported included scalp ringworm, Shady Cove 1; mumps, Medford and Shady Cove 1 each; measles, Medford 2; German measles, Medford 3; strep throat, Central Point 1; and infectious hepatitis, Central Point 1.

SAVED BY HAIR

London — (UPI) — A gallant judge yesterday acquitted Lillian Anstis of overtime parking charges when she explained: "I had just had my hair done for a TV commercial shampoo audition, but it was pouring rain and I could not get to my car."

MUST STAND TRIAL

Malibu, Calif. — (UPI) — Actor Barry Sullivan has been ordered to stand trial Jan. 24 on a drunk driving charge.

Sullivan, 46, was arrested Friday by California Highway Patrol officers. He pleaded innocent and was released on his own recognizance.

Two Books Donated To Public Library

In memory of the late Roland Jory two books have been donated to the Jackson County library by Mrs. Jory.

The titles selected in accordance with Mr. Jory's interest in the history of the American West are two which will have a particular usefulness during the Oregon Centennial Year, according to library director Helen Webster.

"The Great West," edited by Charles Neider, offers a magnificent panorama of the American West with vivid first-hand accounts and more than 100 illustrations and maps.

It is the real story of the west, presented in complete and accurate detail by the men who discovered and created it. In the first of its three sections, for example, Colorado gives an account of his journey into the southwest in 1540, and Lewis and Clark describe the arrival of their party at the shores of the Pacific.

Section on Heroes

A section on "heroes and villains" includes an on-the-spot account of the surrender of Sitting Bull and Pat Garrett's own story of how he killed Billy the Kid. Jesse Applegate's account of one day with an emigrant column is a feature of the book's third

section, entitled "Observers."

"Land of Giants," by David Lavender, describes the great drive to the Pacific Northwest, 1750-1950. It is a long and complicated tale of bravery, corruption, and greed, for fun, fame, glory, gold, and souls, described in vivid and exciting detail.

It is obvious that the book is based upon careful research and offers important regional documentation of its subject. Library friends interested in placing memorial books in the library's collection are invited to confer with the library director for a selection

which will both be appropriate to the memory of the person to be honored and of use and interest to the library's readers.

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GOLD HILL Contest Winners Listed

By MRS. CLYDE KELL

Gold Hill-Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Second ave., Gold Hill, received first place in the outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Gold Hill Lions club.

Funds for prizes were contributed by Gold Hill businessmen. Stanley Foley, president of the Lions club, said three persons from the commercial lighting division of Copco were the judges for the event.

First place winner received \$25 for their scene of the modern Santa and Nativity.

A mechanical Santa and reindeer scene on top of the deck at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson was second.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker, placed third. Fourth place, \$10.00 cash prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burnette for their outdoor lighting technique.

Honorable mention awards went to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Lester.

Mrs. Richardson Parker was master of ceremonies for the annual Christmas program and party sponsored by the Amethyst Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodges for youngsters in the community. This event has been held each year for more than 35 years. More than 150 youngsters received treats from Santa Claus.

Those providing vocal selections for the program were Linda Estremado, Linda Calahan, Nancy and Phillis McCoy, Robbie Herrington, Betty Brown, Nancy Meister, Shirley Kell, Danny and Juanita Estremado, Gail Ross and Carol Whaley.

Accord solos were presented by Clyde, Mae and Betty Brown. Piano solos by Linda Parker, Wanda Munday, both of Gold Hill, and Cheryl Bramhall, Medford. Instrumental selections were played by Marie Jones, saxophone; Billy Jones, trumpet; and their mother, Mrs. Sam Jones, accordion. Susan Cornutt played a violin solo accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James Cornutt, at the piano. Richy Herrington, Gold Hill, Skip Morgan and Donnie Bramhall, Medford, played several selections on their electric, steel and standard guitars. Recitations were spoken by Patty and Carol Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson were host Sunday, Dec. 28, for friends visiting, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilsey, of Salem. Mrs. Wilsey is the former Priscilla Meisinger. The group was entertained by Leon Drew, of Salem, on the organ.

Guests at the Thompson home were Mrs. Anita Blais and son, Raymond Blais, both former residents of Gold Hill now living in Medford, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mapel and son, Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Greb, all of Central Point, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Miss Judi Force, Dave Force, George Haff, Miss Jenny Lou Thompson, Spike Thompson, all of Gold Hill, and the hosts and guests from Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tepovac and son, Jerry Tepovac, were hosts to a family dinner here Christmas day. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Triller and sons, Mike, Johnny and George, Gold Hill; Mr. and Mrs. James Moran and children, Mike, Mark and Reta Ann, Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker and children, Eddie, Glee Ann and Bobby, Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Don Lehman, and children, Silvia, Pauline, Hank and Anna Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Hardin, and children, LaVena, Frankie, and Molloy, Bob Wood, Mrs. Ruth Davis and sons, Jimmy, Paul and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, and daughters, Christine and Janice, and Mrs. Minnie Baker, all of Rogue River.

Sixteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren were present for the occasion. Visiting in the evening were his brother and sister-

in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Tepovac, of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Governor and Jeannie, Mary Lee, Fred Albert, Robert and Jimmie all of Gold Hill.

Christmas Day dinner feasts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Malone, Old Highway 99, south, were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Childers, Birdseye Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray and daughter, Nancy, and Thomas Gray, all of Gold Hill.

From Klamath Falls visiting relatives during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Croucher. He will return to his studies at OTI and she will remain as a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Croucher in Central Point, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Malone, for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson had as their guest on Christmas Day Benton Boyce of Central Point.

Mrs. Dale Knox of Oakridge visited in the Ferguson home Sunday. She is the former Frances Davis. Mrs. Knox spent the Christmas holiday with her mother, Mrs. O. F. Palmerton, Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bacon and son, Rodney, were guests Christmas of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Edgington, and Mrs. Ethel Edgington. Mrs. Bacon is the former Lavell Edgington.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson had as their guests several days their son, Dick Ferguson, of LaDalle, and their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lanford, and son, Jeffery, of North Bend. Mrs. Lanford is the former Carmel Ferguson.

On Christmas Day a family reunion was held by telephone when the Fergusons and their guests talked with another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson and daughter, Marilyn, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Friends of Mrs. H. A. Dierdorff have received word that she has been able to return to her home in Oakland from the hospital where she was confined following injuries received in a fall on her porch. Mrs. Sadie Cyphers of Sams Valley is caring for Mrs. Dierdorff, who is confined to a wheel chair when able to get out of bed. The Rev. and Mrs. Dierdorff recently moved to California.

Airman Eugene Engelbrecht left Sunday for San Diego, Calif., where he will be stationed at the Navy Air base. He arrived here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arbuckle, following his graduation from a Navy school in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. William Day, Upper River road, had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day, and Sgt. James Day, all of Bremerton, Wash. Sgt. Day was on leave from the Marines. Also here to spend Christmas with her parents was Mrs. John Elfrink of San Diego, Calif. She is the former Sharon Day. Mrs. Elfrink plans to remain here about a month.

Mrs. Fred Day is the former Lola Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor and visited them while here.

Also visiting at the William Day home were friends of Fred's, Jim Arnold, who is a student at Southern Oregon college, at Ashland and his brother, Eugene Arnold, of Yreka.

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