



FIRST OF THE '59ERS—After a 4500-mile trip from Michigan, the first of the "59ers" arrive in Anchorage, Alaska, and are given an enthusiastic reception by crowds of Alaskans. The 18-car caravan contained 35 persons, and acquired plenty of dented fenders on the way.

Operating Budget For Phoenix School District Approved

Phoenix—A school district operating budget of \$390,950 was approved during a recent meeting of the Phoenix school and budget boards. The proposed budget is \$22,708 more than the 1958-59 budget, or an increase of about 6 per cent.

The largest increase, about \$18,000, includes the salaries of four additional teachers. Two will be hired in the primary grades and one each in the eighth grade and high school. Also included are the teacher increments and other salary increases for school personnel.

Additional Funds
Additional funds were budgeted for road improvements, including the road in front of the high school and an access road to it and funds for shop and vocational agriculture equipment along with slight increases for textbooks and school supplies.

Provision has been made also for building and some remodeling at the high school to provide three additional rooms for use of the eighth grade at an estimated cost of \$20,000. These rooms are necessary for the growing number of lower grade pupils, according to Ernest James, Phoenix school superintendent.

Additional land is needed for more playground area, James said, since additional building cannot be done on the present grade school site without purchasing additional playground area.

Local Amount
The amount to be raised locally by taxation is estimated only slightly more than the current figure of \$290,762 since no money must be contributed toward county equalization next year, James explained. The current 1958-59 figure of \$290,762 includes the bond interest and principal.

"Should additional state financial aid for schools now being considered in the legislature be approved, some reduction in the overall millage being levied in the school district this year could result for next year," the superintendent said, "if the assessed valuation in the district remains the same."

Siam's "Order of the White Elephant" dates to 1861.



ARRIVING in Baghdad after quitting anti-Communist pact, Iraq's Premier Abdul Karim Kassem is greeted by thousands of supporters.

Man Reports Dog Bothering His Sheep

Dan Mix, 2542 Walden pl., told Medford police Monday morning that a dog that had bothered his sheep at that location previously was there again. The investigating patrolman said the dog ran away upon his arrival.

Police said Mix reported the dog had bitten several of his sheep recently. Chris Hagler, Jackson county dog control officer, was also summoned.

Italy To Get American Missiles

Washington — (UPI) — The United States and Italy have signed an agreement to equip Italian forces with American intermediate range missiles, the State department has announced.

Nuclear warheads for the missiles will remain under U. S. control and custody in accordance with U. S. law. State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said.

Italy thus became the first nation on the European continent to sign an agreement to get U. S. intermediate range missiles. A similar agreement was concluded with Britain last year. Negotiations for one with Turkey have been reported.

A working model of the "Astron," an apparatus for producing the controlled fusion of hydrogen at a temperature of about one hundred million degrees, is planned. While it would not produce usable power, it would verify the theory.

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Intellectuals Biggest Obstacle To Subordination in Red China

Editor's note: This is the second of three dispatches by a prominent Yugoslav Communist law professor describing his reactions to what he saw and heard in Red China. His dispatches are digested from a lengthier report published late last year in a provincial Yugoslav newspaper.

By PROF. MAX SNUDELL (Distributed by UPI)

Anyone who dares have a different opinion in China must voluntarily register for physical work. University professors and intellectuals in general must only prove that they are Red in order to be proclaimed experts. The ruling slogan is: "First, Red, Then Expert."

The intellectuals are the biggest obstacle to his complete subordination of people, to a faster tempo of production. This is why all intellectuals who are in the least suspect are sent to voluntary physical work, either in villages or in the construction of a dam near Peiping or elsewhere. During physical work they are re-educated.

Basic Duty
This action against intellectuals is possible largely because it is held to be a basic duty of every Communist and citizen to denounce anybody suspected of having rightist opinions.

"Action against rightist elements," the movement "for criticism of bourgeois views," the movement "aimed at rendering bourgeois views completely impossible and at increasing Party vigilance"—these are slogans which compel everyone to spy on everyone else who appears to be against such slogans.

Then an investigation is held. If the investigation is held to show that the suspected persons are not firm Marxists and need to be re-educated, they are sent to voluntary labor. Such suspect people are dismissed and very often members of their families are also thrown out. None of their neighbors will dare have any contact with them, nor sell them anything, nor pay them wages nor give them help.

Suicides Well Known
There are instances of mothers accusing their sons of rightist deviation, and also of hard-core rightists being publicly executed. Suicides of professors in Hankow and of students Peiping are well known. You may be (called) a rightist if you have a different opinion from those in the Chinese Marxist catechism and express it.

In such circumstances, one has no alternative—if one wishes to remain alive, healthy and free—but to subordinate oneself to everything and work with all one's strength at what one is asked to do! This is what the regime wants because it is economically imperative!

Labor Inexhaustible
The Chinese regime is feverishly constructing gigantic industrial and communication facilities. Labor is inexhaustible, and the financial means are not lacking. We were told that a new factory goes into operation every 40 hours.

We saw a new bridge over the Yangtze Kiang near Wuhan. All traffic used to cross in boats. A train took three hours. Now it takes three minutes. The bridge was built between September 1955 and September 1957, instead of in the three years and three months originally planned.

Near Wuhan, we were shown another big economic development. This is the Wu Je steel combine. It was begun in 1955 and will not be finished until 1960. It is first phase it will produce 1.5 million tons of steel a year and, after 1961, 315 million tons.

Working Like Slaves
Here also we saw people working like the slaves of the Pharaohs. There were 53,000 of them. Everywhere homes and wooden barracks had been put up for them, including 30 schools, 21 sport facilities, a hospital and 40 dispensaries.

We were told, "The work is being done under the sign of the big leap in keeping with the slogan 'Improve the style of work' and 'Surpass Britain in 15 years!'"

We couldn't help but wonder at the source of these incredible sacrifices by the Chinese workers. Is this really proletarian consciousness, awakened patriotism, demonstrating the opportunities given them by their Tung state (Tung is the name for China), or is it the result of fear and pressure?
(Next: Posters for Everything.)



TESTIFYING before Senate rackets committee, George M. Seedman, Los Angeles vending machine operator, said he paid \$10,000 to Mickey Cohen to stay neutral in business row.

Russia Asks Pact On Non-Aggression

Moscow — (UPI) — The Soviet Union has appealed a gain for a non-aggression pact between NATO and the Warsaw Pact nations and said it was ready to discuss the "disengagement" of Eastern and Western troops from middle Europe.

The official Tass news agency issued the statement in connection with the Washington meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of the NATO foreign ministers and the tenth anniversary meeting of the NATO council immediately afterward.

The statement said the Russians were ready to take part in disengagement discussions "or the establishment of a zone of limited contingents and armaments and inspection."

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Medford Livestock

The March 19 meeting of the South West Medford Livestock club was called to order by Larry Sorum at the home of the Beckers. We all sang "America."

We discussed getting 50 to 100 trees (for free) to plant in the woods. We tentatively decided to take 50 trees and plant them in the forest. Larry Sorum announced that the "forest rangers would provide equipment and an experience straw boss."

We also decided to have a combination rabbit - poultry prefair, fun day and barbecue. We tentatively plan to have a field man up to judge. It will be held at Rode's April 18.

The next meeting will be held at Leon's April 16.
Carol Leon Reporter.

T-Bones

The Talent T-Bones had a meeting this month at Terry Welburn's home.

During the meeting we learned how to make rope halters. Dick Minshall was a visitor at the meeting and hopes to become a member of the club.

After the meeting the members played in the barn. Refreshments were served.
David Doolen, Reporter.

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