

Homesick Chinese Crowd Capital of Nationalist Leader

Taipei, Formosa — (UPI) — President Chiang Kai-shek's capital-in-exile is a smoky, dusty, weatherbeaten city crowded with tens of thousands of homesick Chinese.

The Nationalist Chinese fled to Taipei ten years ago seeking temporary shelter until they could fight back to the China mainland.

Then are still here. For nearly nine years, the Kuomintang government virtually prohibited any major civilian construction which might suggest that the Nationalists were settling down in Taipei to stay.

But quietly in the past year scaffolding has been erected around ramshackle buildings and new foundations dug where shacks once stood.

Like mushrooms after a spring rain, new apartment houses, modernistic office structures and a mammoth wide-screen movie theater started sprouting in a city old beyond its real age.

New neon signs sparkled at night, and huge rubber advertising balloons, popularized in Tokyo, floated for the first time in Taipei's smoggy skies.

Taipei, only 140 miles east of Communist China, held its first beauty contest in history one year after the Quemoy crisis, and threats of war seemed far away.

But the skyline is broken by anti-aircraft guns perched atop buildings and, beyond the city's four corners, by Chinese-manned Nike Hercules missiles which can blast a flight of planes from the sky with one shot.

By historic coincidence, this city of 20th-century exiles was conceived nearly 300 years ago as a home for wanderers from mainland China.

In 1698, an official of China's Manchu dynasty, Chen Lai-chang, obtained imperial permission to develop the city that became Taipei.

The fingerprints of Japan's 50-year rule of Formosa from 1895 to 1945 are pressed indelibly into the face of Taipei, a city of some 800,000 population.

The Japanese ruled Formosa from a five-story brick building with a center tower piercing the sky. Today that building in downtown Taipei is Chiang's headquarters and the seat of the defense ministry.

One block away stands a gray, soot-stained Victorian mansion, built as the official residence of the Japanese governor when Emperor Hirohito was crown prince. Now the government guest house, the mansion is the scene of Taipei's biggest diplomatic receptions.

A dinner jacket for the guest house? Not in Taipei, where government officials earn miserly salaries and "black tie" means a dark business suit or the high-necked tunic and slacks popularly known as the Sun Yat-sen uniform.

Movie theaters are packed to near capacity every night. The city offers little else in the way of entertainment outside the home.

The government, preaching austerity and urging full dedication to the task of defeating the Communists, frowns on public dancing and prohibits public cabarets.

But for the benefit of American GIs, officials permit a group of night clubs to operate along a street nicknamed "Sin Alley" where painted hostesses dance in exchange for cups of tea costing about a dollar each.

And, from the Japanese occupation of Formosa, the Chinese inherited one institution of pleasure which they had never experienced on the mainland — "girlie restaurants," a sort of poor man's Japanese geisha house where comely waitresses permit themselves to be hugged between courses.

On the outskirts of Taipei, the government built the show-place Grand Hotel, primarily for foreign visitors, one of the most ornate hotels in all Asia.

But most Taipei Chinese live in tiny frame houses, stained only by the sewage of the sky. There many wait



MEAT CARVED — A House Agriculture committee hearing was converted temporarily into a butcher shop when Clifford Bowes, a Chicago meat consultant, cut up a carcass of a fat lamb federally graded "U.S. Choice". Purpose of the demonstration was an attempt to show that consumers are misguided in protesting government plans to stop grading lamb. Bowes, left, displays the meat to Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.)

Legion Post To Meet Tonight

Medford American Legion Post 15 will meet in the auditorium of the Jackson county courthouse at 8 o'clock tonight, according to Post Commander M. C. McElhiney.

The regular meeting will be preceded at 7 p.m. by a meeting of the post's executive committee.

Main topics at the meeting, McElhiney said, will be discussion of plans for construction of the post's new home and outlining of the membership program for 1960.

All Legion members, as well as other interested veterans, are invited.

for that day when they will go home again. And wait. And wait. . .

Four Speakers Are Featured at Session

Four speakers were featured at a meeting of the Medford Toastmasters club, which was host to the Medford Presbyterian club, Monday at the Jackson hotel. Thirty-three members of the two clubs were present.

Speakers, and their topics, included Walter Nunley, "Let Us Not Get Serious About Humor;" Russ Mitchell, "Methods of Teaching;" Archie Pierce, "America's Most Important Product;" and Roy Smith, "A Woman in Oregon's History."

Evaluators were Larry McEachron, Frank Morgan, Dr. Ralph Hibbs and Chris Christenson. General evaluator for the evening was Dr. John Brandenburg and grammarian was Russ Mitchell.

Dr. John Weisel, past presi-

dent of the Medford club, opened the meeting with John Smith giving the invocation. Dwight Wilson was toastmaster. Dr. D. Kirkland West of the Presbyterian club assigned 12 table topics, which were evaluated by Dr. John Welch.

Guests included Dick McGregor and Ken Robiers. Dick Swan was introduced as a new member of the Medford club. Program arrangements were made by Jack Foster and Harold Sabolle of the Presbyterian club, and Otto Kannasto, Dr. Welch and Dr. Weisel of the Medford club.

The Victorian Order of Nurses was established in Canada by Royal Charter in 1867, Victoria's diamond jubilee.

School News

Phoenix High School

Leslie Weigart, representing the traveling science demonstration lecture program, is conducting lectures and demonstrations at Phoenix High school this week. The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Purpose of the program, according to E. M. Skipworth, vice principal, is to upgrade the teaching of science in the high school by giving specific demonstrations of what can be done in actual classroom situations.

Lectures cover such topics as a mussel heart in action, circulation of blood in the lung, heart valves in action, imbedding specimens in plastic, and seashore life. Films and slides supplement the lectures.

Weigart, who is an instructor of biological sciences at Grants Pass High school, is working with the local biology teacher, Donald Mitchell.

The 1960 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Phoenix High school is Miss Linda Prince. She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by graduating senior girls. Her examination will be submitted for competition with other high school winners to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Linda, who is currently president of the Phoenix FHA chapter, has been enrolled in homemaking for three years. She attended as a delegate to the 1959 state FHA convention at Corvallis.

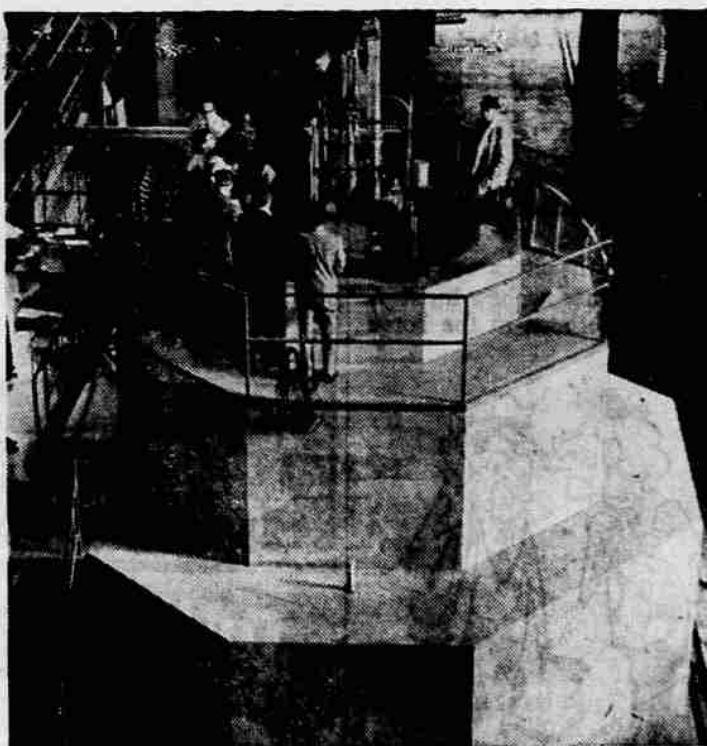
She will receive an award pin at an assembly Friday, Jan. 15, in the Phoenix High school gymnasium.

GARY HAS SORE THROAT

Hollywood — (UPI) — Bing Crosby held a news conference Tuesday to explain why Gary Crosby wouldn't appear with his three brothers on Bing's television show Monday night.

"He's got a bad throat and won't be able to sing for more than two months," the elder Crosby said. The four brothers attended the conference.

A recent study determined that the average length of passenger car trips in the United States is 8.5 miles.



NEW REACTOR — Stanford University's Nuclear Technology Lab unveils the new 10,000-watt nuclear reactor. The reactor, of the "swimming pool" type, is said to be "fool-proof, student-proof and professor-proof." It boasts a peak thermal flux of 100 billion neutrons per square centimeter per second and is the highest power reactor at any West Coast university.

Everyone Must File, Tax Director Says

Portland — Every citizen or resident of the country, including minors, who had a gross income of \$600 or more last year, must file a federal income tax return on or before April 15, A. G. Erickson, director of internal revenue for the Oregon district, reminded taxpayers today.

If the taxpayer is 65 or over on Jan. 1, he is not required to file unless his gross income was at least \$1,200, Erickson said.

He added that even though a taxpayer is not required to file under these rules, he must file to obtain a refund if any income tax was withheld from his pay.

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