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## Looking Up and Down the Canyon

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There's going to be a big hue and cry soon that the United States must do something about stemming the current rise of communism in China. Recent Red victories there, and the current drive which appears to be aimed at Hangkow, Chiang Kai-shek capital, will give rise to more and more cries that the occasion calls for more arms for the Nationalists and eventual use of American troops.

The score thus far on intervention to thwart the rise of communism is not very much in our favor. In fact, there is not a country in the world, where the United States has tried to halt revolution and succeeded.

In Russia—in 1919 and 1920 we sent an army which lent aid, military and otherwise, to the Whites who had the support, not only of us but England, France and even our enemy of a year before, Germany. Yet we lost that venture.

As history goes, it might be said that we won in Finland and Hungary during the same period. But history counts years as but moments—now, less than 30 years after we saved those countries from communism, all was for naught. They, and all eastern Europe, too, is safely in the Soviet orbit.

In recent years we have invested heavily on the side of the anti-communists in Greece and Italy—and a candid observer could hardly say we had succeeded in buying anything but time.

In Greece, despite frequent boasts that the Red rebels are about done for, there numbers are actually on the increase. In Italy the labor movement, largely Red influenced, is getting ready for another challenge of the government we are propping up.

In China, 200,000,000, or almost half of its inhabitants, are under direct communist rule or influence. The remainder are far from happy with the corrupt and weak government of the Chiangs and Sunks.

Red China is not a recent movement. The Chinese Communist Party was organized in 1921—and it has governed a large part of China since 1927. If we choose to intervene in China, it will not be against a newly formed rebel band, as in Greece, but our adversary will be a nation within a nation, its government based in a wasteland that atomic bombs cannot hurt—and against an idea as well as an army.

Hysterical appeals are going to be made to this nation to risk its substance again—and perhaps its youth—to halt the Red tide. We are going to be told that if it is not thwarted in Asia, it soon will sweep us.

Which is a lot of hog fuel. Communism is an idea. It wins, just as any political idea does, by persuasion and conversion—not by conquest. When populations are downtrodden the appeal of the Marxist idea is most powerful. The converse is also true: if they are well fed and happy, communism holds no lure.

In China, the communists are winning because they won the argument with an inferior adversary. Chiang's answer to their disquisition has been to give them even more valid arguments, to affirm their every criticism.

In the United States the Communists in 39 years have been able to persuade about 60,000 of 135 million people that their way is best. In the battle of ideas they couldn't win an argument with a traffic cop. Who's scared?

Said the first turkey to the second turkey:  
"Stop saying 'gobble, gobble.' It reminds me of Thanksgiving."

Selling liquor to minors has already been met with heavy fines and sentences, for both adults and minors and it's going to be tougher for such offenders in the future. It is not a small offence, and the court is correct in not treating it as such. One case already has reached the local court. Other similar acts have been observed. Better be careful.

J. B. Love was dissatisfied with the roof on a shed, which, although it didn't leak, was rather old. So he put a new composition roof over it. Now it leaks.

## Local Mill To Shut Down Indefinitely

The Mill City Manufacturing Co. this week announced that operations will be suspended at the end of the month, and Willis Potter, general manager, said the mill will be closed indefinitely. The shutdown affects the employment of about 60 or more in the mill and indirectly affects the jobs of others in transportation connected with its operation.

The mill has been in production almost without interruption, except for temporary periods for repairs, during the entire war and postwar years.

Mr. Potter said the decision to halt production was the result largely of market uncertainties and the decline in prices of some grades of lumber. The mill produces from 80,000 to 100,000 board feet daily.

Along with several other smaller mills which have suspended operations, several logging camps have shut down. In the upper part of the North Santiam Canyon snow has cut down work in the woods to a virtual standstill.

A bright spot in the lumber picture for the Canyon, however, is the expected early opening of the new Preres and Frank mill in Lyons. Amandus Frank, a partner, said this week that most of the difficulties had been ironed out in tests runs and that full scale operation may be undertaken in a few weeks.

## Moravec Heads Grange Again

Tony Moravec was re-elected master of the Santiam Valley Grange at its annual meeting Friday.

Newly elected officers were installed the same evening by State Deputy Ruth Norman.

Other officers elected were: Overseer, Frank White; lecturer, Vivian White; steward, Wilson Stevens; assistant steward, Frank Basl; chaplain, Alta Bodeker; secretary, Fern Sletto; treasurer, Anna B. Julian; gate keeper, Glen Rogers; lady assistant steward, Bertha Basl; Cer: Blanche Wagner; Pomona, Leilamae Whit; Flora, Mevina Franklin; executive committee, Lloyd Sletto, John Lambrecht and Elmer Taylor.

Guests of the evening were Harold and Dorothy Brown of Badger Pocket, Ellensburg, Wash.

The Santiam Grange will join the organizations of Evening Star and Scio in installation ceremonies at Scio Dec. 16.

Mr. Moravec was elected Nov. 18 to the post of overseer of the Linn County Pomona Grange. W. R. Stevens, a member of the Santiam organization, was elected to the executive committee of the county Grange.

## Detroit Studies Gates Lunch Plan

A group of women representing the Detroit Parent-Teacher Assn. visited the Gates school cafeteria recently to study equipment needs and financial arrangements for the school lunch program.

The committee included Otis White chairman, Mrs. Eli Bangs, grade school principal, Mrs. Clyde Story of Idanha and Mrs. Charlotte Peterson of Detroit. Mrs. Valma Casey, cook for the Gates school, was preparing lunch when the committee was present and demonstrated her methods. T. R. Burton, Gates principal, explained the financing.

Gates has the only complete school lunch program in the Canyon.

**HANGAR NEARS COMPLETION**  
The plane hangar under construction at the Davis airport near Gates will be ready for use soon. The new airstrip has been plowed and some grading will be done before seeding. Ted Galbraith, Silvertown flight instructor, was making arrangements for several days monthly of regular flying lessons.

## Mrs. Stewart To Lead Lodge

Officers of Santiam Rebekah Lodge for the six months period beginning Jan. 1 were elected at their last meeting, and Mrs. Gorge Stewart was named as noble grand.

Other officers included: Dean Jackson, vice grand; Bertha Baltimore, secretary; and Ruby Horner, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed in a special ceremony in January.

## THREE LINKS DINNER DEC. 4

The Three Links Club is planning a ham dinner at the IOOF Hall on Dec. 4. Money raised by the affair will be used to decorate the hall. Mrs. W. R. Olmstead is general chairman. Tickets will be on sale this week.

## Road Slide Imperils Two

An avalanche of mud and rock almost buried two persons in a car on the North Santiam road in the construction area late Tuesday.

They were Mrs. Rose Miller and her son, Luke Brazen, who were enroute from Idaho to California. Both miraculously escaped unhurt, but they were forced to wade waist deep from their trapped automobile.

Mrs. Miller, a former Salem resident, noticed the earth starting to slide as she was driving west. She stopped the car, but not soon enough to get out of the path of hundreds of tons of rolling earth and stone, loosened at a fill above the Detroit damsite by recent rains.

The auto was badly damaged. Its wheels were bent by the impact, and the side of the car caved in.

Kuckenberg Construction Co. employees worked four hours clearing the road before traffic could be resumed.

## LYONS ORGANIZES PTA

A Parent-Teacher Assn. for the newly consolidated school district in Lyons was formed there Friday evening.

The following officers were elected: Burl Smith, president; Mrs. Wilson Stevens, vice president; Mrs. Walter Hilton, secretary; and Mike Schwindt treasurer.

The new organization set as its first project a Christmas tree and treats for the school children. Committees will be appointed later.

At the close of the meeting pie and coffee were served by Mrs. Burl Smith and Mrs. Jim Lande.

## GRANGE HITS DAYLIGHT TIME

The Linn County Grange at its meeting in Charity Hall Nov. 18 took a positive stand against daylight saving time and asked that it be done away with in the state.

Basing its position on the fact that Oregon is primarily a farming state and that much inconvenience is caused to farmers by the system, the Grange went on record against daylight saving time and informed state legislators and other state and county officials accordingly.

## FOOTBALL TEAM FETED

Members of the Mill City Timberwolves' successful football squad and their parents joined in a banquet on Friday evening at the schoolhouse.

The dinner was prepared by mothers of the squad, and the turkeys were furnished by the Parent-Teachers Assn. It was served by the home economics class. About 50 attended.

Al Haas was presented the trophy as outstanding player of the year. The coach, Stephen Beck, was given an autographed football. Decorations were provided by the home economics II class.

4 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS

## 2 Key Spans Under Way Near Detroit

Work is progressing on two bridges—one across Breitenbush River, the other at Tumble Creek—part of the North Santiam Highway, according to Dick Jackson, superintendent of the projects.

Contract for the two bridges is in charge of the Port Construction Co. of Port Angeles, Wash. Associated in the work is another Port Angeles contractor, Louis Etterich.

The Breitenbush bridge when completed will be 440 feet long and 100 feet high. It is of steel and concrete construction.

Tumble Creek bridge is 130 feet long, 35 feet high, and is of concrete reinforced with iron.

The Breitenbush bridge is only a half mile from the new townsite of Detroit.

Both bridges are scheduled for completion by early summer.

## Firemen Gross Over \$3000

A gross of more than \$3000 was realized Saturday night at the Mill City Firemen's fourth—and largest—annual benefit.

Net proceeds have not been determined and will not be announced till all expenses are paid. The profit has been designated to go for playground equipment.

Net income was not expected to be as large as in previous years because of the higher prices of prizes.

At least 1000 people attended the big affair which drew people from the entire Canyon, with a fair representation of folks from Valley towns such as Salem, Sublimity and Stayton.

Despite the crowds, which jammed the high school gym Saturday night, there was no disorder of any kind and the affair went along with its customary smoothness.

Sparky Ditter, general chairman of the benefit, said the crowd and the gross exceeded expectations.

The beautiful tablecloth hand crocheted by Mrs. Blazek was won by Lefty Smith. Dave Epps, Wilbur Meinert and Bob Wilson of the Mill City Furniture Co. shared the \$100 cash prize.

## Professor Tells Club of Russia

Professor John Swarthout of Oregon State College Tuesday night gave an objective picture of world communism, explaining its aims and purposes.

Almost 50 members, and guests heard the political science professor in his exhaustive review of the history and theory of the Marxist idea.

He pointed out that communism manifested itself in America, in a few settlements, even before it became a powerful movement abroad. He cited two settlements, the one of Owen in New Harmony, Ind., and Brook Farm, to which many 19th century intellectuals were allied.

Russia he said, is in a transitional state and does not claim to have achieved communism, which he defined as a society which theoretically gives to each according to his needs and requires services in accordance with individual abilities.

Dr. Swarthout said much of Karl Marx' criticism of capitalism had not proven true and that that system had not developed or decayed as he had predicted. The disappearance of the middle class had not taken place as he said, but was indeed stronger than before.

Marx, he declared, would have been the most astonished man of all to see what becomes of his theories in practice.

Mrs. Robert Trask gave a vocal selection and the Presbyterian Church choir sang.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. R. L. Faust, Mrs. Lee Koss and Mrs. W. W. Henderson.

## New Water System Likely in January

### Rev. Kliever Killed in Plane

Mayor Harold Kliever received word early Thanksgiving morning of the death of his brother, the Rev. Albert Kliever, in a plane crash in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Kliever left by auto Thursday morning to his parents' home in Los Angeles where his brother will be buried.

The Rev. Kliever was a missionary. He was a licensed pilot. The other passenger in the plane was seriously injured.

### Doctor Locating In Detroit Office

Dr. E. C. Willcutt of Sisters returned to Detroit Friday, preparatory to final arrangements of setting up an office in Detroit.

Dr. Willcutt, who has had extensive general practice abroad and was connected with government construction projects, said he hopes to be located in Detroit by the end of this week.

He will use offices in the new theater building.

Dr. Willcutt will be the only physician in the upper part of the Canyon. The First Aid Station at Idanha, a unit of the Oregon Physicians Service, has maintained emergency medical care, with Charles DeSully in charge.

### DETROIT PHONE COMPANY IN NEW OFFICE

The Detroit Telephone Co. moved into its new office Friday evening. A new two-position switchboard. Two new toll circuits are expected in the spring, to take care of the increased business in the community. For some time the office has had a direct carrier line to Salem.

Last week the sale of the toll line from Mongold to Mill City was concluded, but the Detroit company still retains use of the line from Pacific Bell Telephone Co., the purchaser.

### PHOTO SHOP OPENS

Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Crarey of Salem are opening a branch photography shop of the McEwan studio in the Mill City Furniture Store. Mr. Crarey will be in Mill City each Friday.

## Hoodoo Bowl Featured In State Travel Review

In a review of Oregon's winter recreation opportunities the travel bureau of the State Highway Commission reported this week extensively on Hoodoo Bowl, in the North Santiam canyon.

Ed Thurston, the bureau said, had planned to have a new chair lift and 50 room ski lodge in operation this winter, but early snowfall delayed his plans till next year.

In operation during the current season will be four rope tows handling 3000 riders per hour and ranging in length from 600 feet to 4000 feet,

### Over \$20,000 Being Spent On Filter Plant

Mill City's new water system is scheduled for completion soon after the first of the year, Wayne Jurgena, foreman of construction work now under way here, said this week.

The entire project will cost about \$22,000, exclusive of larger mains throughout the city.

Workmen are sinking a well by the edge of the North Santiam River. The well will be dug about five feet below the river bottom, and a filter system used ther. Water from the well will be pumped to the settling tanks, which measure 25 by 50 feet, and 12 feet high. Here the water will go through a series of coils and settling basins until thoroughly clear.

A storage tank to replace the old one now in service is planned, but the Mountain States Power Co., owner of the water system, has been unable so far to get materials for it.

The project is under contract to the Jurgena and Ebenkrout Construction Co., of which Mr. Jurgena is a partner.

Also under way this week is the construction of an eight-inch main under the bridge that crosses the river. This main will connect with two six inch pipelines, one to serve the Hilltop area, the other the Linn side which includes the Shepherd addition.

The new project will bring the local water system within the standards set by the state.

The power company, on the basis of current income and the additional expense to which it has been put in bringing the system up to date, is planning to submit a plea to the Public Utilities Commission for a higher water rate.

## Services Held For Jonn Savage

Merion Savage of Idanha died at the St. Charles Hospital in Bend on Nov. 12 after a prolonged illness. He was buried in Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem Nov. 16.

Besides his widow he leaves three daughters, Betty Velma and Nora Hall; five sons, John, Athel, Oral Allen and William; and many grandchildren.

## Oregon 4-H'ers Win Chicago Trips



Joanne Perry, Tylone L. Horn, Valerie Wilma Karber, Margaret Walker

SUPERIOR records of achievement in National 4-H Clothing, Food Preparation, Girls' Record and Home Improvement programs have won 1948 state championship honors for four Oregon club members. Each received an all-expense trip to the 27th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 23 to Dec. 2.