

Herald and News this 'n that. About Women

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TWO FRIENDS WHO STUDIED the Three Rs together when most travel was on horseback, rode in state in the Fourth of July parade in this old Model T Ford owned by Julian Eccles. Right is Mrs. Pheba Vinson Vaughn, Medford, with Mrs. Minnie Dillard Davis, Klamath Falls.

The mountains still brood above the valley floor . . . Lost River is still lost in gray caverns among the sage . . . the whip-poor-wills still mourn at dusk but otherwise time and progress have had their way . . .

The cabin home of youth is just a poignant memory, not dimmed by years for Pheba Vinson Vaughn, (right) born when the snows of January lay white across her father's homestead in Langell Valley . . . she is the first white girl child to arrive in that sparsely settled country, daughter of Henry and Elmira Vinson, whose oxen grazed their way from Platte County, Missouri to Oregon in 1869.

Their little daughter arrived soon after the yokes were laid aside and the first seed were put into the ground . . . she grew up in the years when red men were friend or foe . . . food in those days bought friendship and many a time, Pheba Vaughn recalls, the last morsel of bread in the family larder went into an outstretched hand that had just laid down bow and quiver . . .

Her mother once hid among the eaves of the cabin fireplace while red enemies lurked outside the four walls . . . she lived to earn the friendship of Klamath and the Modocs who learned that her knowledge of home remedies could cure them too . . . she was known among the tribes as the "Medicine Woman," a title she held until the end of her life.

Her father too, was known as the Indian's friend . . . he owned the

Vinson Hot Springs, medicinal mecca for Indians who were ill. None were ever denied and the Indians trusted the white man . . . when war flamed across the land, Henry Vinson helped capture Hoggie Jim, a renegade, helped rescue Black Jim Hill, held fast by a broken leg to a juniper tree.

Henry Vinson's business ability soon made him one of the largest early stock holders in the valley . . . his 700 head of horses, many mules and herds of beef cattle amounted to a lusty total in cash of the realm, even in the days before 1884 prices.

Pheba, her sister Annie and a brother Alie grew up on horseback, went to school in Bonanza and later Pheba ploughed through higher mathematics in the old Southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland.

She married Stanley Vaughn who died in 1936.

The Vinson family, related remotely to the late Fred Vinson, supreme court judge, left this country in 1903 for the Rogue River Valley where her father bought five acres in what is now the heart of Medford. He owned and operated a feed and sales stable. His children still own much of the original property.

The three Vinsons still live together, Annie, an artist and musician who never married, Alie, a penman of note and an accountant and Pheba, who returned to Klamath Falls to ride in the Fourth of July parade as a beloved pioneer. Ruben the fourth

child in the family died years ago. Pheba Vaughn visited old friends, Minnie Dillard Davis, shown with her in the ancient vehicle, Bird McDonald, Rose Kessee, Sam Walker and his wife, Mrs. Dan Driscoll and others, who helped make Klamath County the great country that it is today.

U.S. Foreign Aid Record Defended By Senate Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today the U.S. foreign aid program has "paid off" in "greater total free-world strength."

In a report to the Senate urging approval of a \$3,100,000,000 foreign aid program for the current year, the committee majority said: "The American-assisted military buildup in Western Europe in the four years since the Communist attack in Korea has had this result: 'The Soviets could no longer launch an attack without noticeable advance preparation.'"

The report contended that the free world situation in Asia was less rosy, but it added: "ASIAN REVERSES: 'Allied reverses in Indochina are not legitimate grounds for defeatism; on the contrary, they are cause for renewed and stronger efforts to build an effective system of collective security in that part of the world.'"

"On balance, the United States need not be dismayed by the continuance of the Soviet threat. We have many strong allies, and the mutual security program embodied in the pending bill will make them even stronger."

Sen. Langer (R-ND) was the only one of the 15 committee members who did not sign the report; he arranged to file dissenting views later.

FLOOR SPEECH
Langer served notice in a floor speech yesterday he would vote against the bill on the ground "it involved 'just another giveaway.'"

The foreign aid bill now is before the Armed Services Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass.), said he expected no money cuts although the group may have some technical amendments to propose.

The Foreign Relations Committee shaved \$48 million off President Eisenhower's request for the authorization measure. The House

voted \$3,338,000,000. The Senate group said its 10 per cent reduction was justified because the Foreign Operations Administration has \$2,600,000,000 of previously appropriated funds still unobligated.

But the report noted that FOA Director Harold E. Stassen said this money was committed to definite programs. It indicated any attempts on the floor to make further cuts in the new authorization would be resisted by committee members.

The report pointed to two foreign aid trends—continuance of a five-year decline in American assistance programs and a sharp shift in emphasis from Europe to other parts of the world, particularly Asia.

INDOCHINA AID
The committee noted that one-third of the amount in the bill, or about \$1,050,000,000, is for Indochina. While expressing concern over the "uncertainties latent in the Indochina program," the majority said:

"It has concluded that the United States must remain in a position to support those forces resisting Communist aggression in Southeast Asia."

"It would seem to be unwise not to have available for immediate use adequate sums to build up

those forces against the gathering threat of Communist aggression in that region.

"Millions of people who reside within a 600-mile radius of Communist China will not turn Com-

munist if we give them faith, if we strengthen them militarily and economically, and if we give them a basis for believing in our support."

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