

Travel Ban To Red China Irks U.S. Press With Gov't

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WASHINGTON (CP)—Sharp conflict is developing between the Eisenhower administration and the U.S. press over the administration's ban on travel into Red China by American reporters.

U.S. newspapers say the administration is violating the freedom of the press, denying the American people their right to know what is happening behind the bamboo curtain and attempting to use the press as a diplomatic bargaining weapon.

The state department, which seems to be making up the rules as it goes along, has advanced a number of reasons for its ban, the latest being a charge that the Red Chinese are trying to "blackmail" the United States by offering to free 10 American prisoners if the U.S. will permit reporters to visit their country.

BANNED SINCE 1949

American newspaper men have been denied entrance into Red China since October, 1949, when the Chinese People's Republic was proclaimed and Peiping ousted all correspondents from countries which failed to recognize the new state—an action which Washington then protested as a "crude effort . . . to force recognition."

The matter rested there until last summer when the Chinese leaders lifted their ban and invited 18 U.S. reporters for a month's tour. Washington refused to issue the necessary passports on the ground it did not recognize Red China and could not provide its nationals with protection in the Red regime.

It also charged that the Chinese were trying to "hand pick" the reporters, though all those invited were American correspondents of the type not likely to be swayed or influenced by anything they saw in Communist lands.

CANADIAN REPORTER

(Reporters for two Canadian newspapers visited China last year. A Canadian reporter, David Lancashire of Toronto travelled in China for several weeks for The Associated Press.)

The issue now has been brought to the fore by the action of three newspaper men, one from the Baltimore Afro-American and two from Look Magazine, in defying Washington in recent weeks by journeying into the forbidden territory. In each case, the state department has invalidated their passports and threatened punitive action when they return home. Two still are abroad. The third, now in the U.S., has refused to surrender his passport.

Newspapers, through their editorials and publishers' associations, have taken issue with the arguments in favor of the prohibition.

They pointed to State Secretary Dulles' latest statement that the Chinese "have said in effect that they want to have American correspondents to come to Communist China and will hold Americans in jail until we allow them to come." With some heat, Dulles described this as "blackmail" which he did not "propose to satisfy."

TALK TO DULLES

They noted, too, that when President Eisenhower was asked about the charge he hedged and said he would have to talk to Dulles "and see exactly what it is he is speaking of." It appeared to him, the president said, to be something "new."

So long ago, the state secretary's position was that no American reporters would be allowed to visit China until the 10 prisoners had been released. His stand now is that the U.S. will not pay "blackmail" and that the issuance of passports to a regime that is not recognized "is some-

thing which is never done." These explanations do not satisfy the press. They recall that U.S. correspondents covered the Soviet Union for 16 years before Moscow was recognized by Washington in 1933 and that the U.S. paid a blackmailer's ransom of \$110,000 for the release of U.S. prisoners held by Hungary in 1951.

Nor does the administration's stand have full support in Congress, often as touchy on the question of Red China.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

Representative John E. Moss (Dem. Calif.), chairman of a House sub-committee seeking to loosen government curbs on information, said he saw no reason why newspaper men should be barred from obtaining news for the American people. His sub-committee plans to question the state department on the ban.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors urged the state department to lift the ban and said the people of the United States "have a right to know through their own reporters, about conditions in red China."

Jenkins Lloyd Jones, editor of the Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune and president of the society, said the right of newspaper men to travel to China "should not be given or withheld as an instrument of diplomatic negotiation or made contingent upon policies of other countries with regard to separate and different issues."

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association, protesting to Eisenhower and other high government officials, suggested American citizens working for American concerns should be given the "freedom to travel" to any country in the world with which the United States is not at war.

Editor and Publisher, the newspaper trade publication, accused the state department in an editorial of "confusion" in its continued application of the ban.



SOURIS BROWNIE Pack posed with Div. Comm. Mrs. A. Wright; Brown Owl Mrs. C. Richards, Tawney Owl, Mrs. W. Acorn; and Pack Leader, Mrs. Joan Stewart at this Scouting centennial celebration.

Souris Brownies Mark Centennial

The first Souris Brownie Pack held a Mothers' Nigh on February 15th, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guide movement.

The programme consisted of enrolment of eight Brownies and presentation of service stars to eleven Brownies by Mrs. Wright, Division Commissioner.

This was followed by a "thinking day skit," games and the singing of "A Brownies Day is a Happy Day" and closing ceremony.

Lunch was served to the mothers by Mrs. C. Richards, Brown Owl, and Miss Joan Stewart, Pack Leader, who were ably assisted by the Brownies.

The following Brownies were enrolled: Anne McInnis; Anne MacPhee; Sandra Jennings; Betsy MacCormack; Shelly Peters; and Clair White.

EAST BALTIC

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. James R. Bennett of Fortune Bridge and formerly of North Lake will be sorry to learn of his serious illness.

Mr. Bennett has been several days in the P.E.I. Hospital previous to being taken to Halifax.

Mr. Arnold Bruce Pownall was a business visitor to the eastern districts and installed several T.V. Sets in several districts. All are enjoying the new station Channel 13, Charlottetown.

Rev. H.R. Bell and Mrs. Bell returned to their home in Red Point, having spent the past two months with Mr. and Mrs. MacRae, Montreal.

GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS

Friends of Mr. C.C. Pratt St. Peter's Bay, who is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital will be happy to learn that he will soon be able to return to his home.

Mr. Vincent Massey of Fortune Bridge spent the past weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Massey Bothwell.

It is with regret her many friends learn of the continued illness of Mrs. William Fraser North Lake.

Mr. Lloyd G. Robertson of Point St. Charles spent the weekend with friends in Rustico.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

WE WILL NOT be buying logs until further notice. The Montague Furnishing Co.

Potato Warehouse Is Being Taken Down

Work on the dismantling of the former Dominion government frostproof potato warehouse on the railway wharf at Georgetown, which was started less than two weeks ago, is progressing favourably. The warehouse was purchased from Crown Assets Corporation by the town of Georgetown and turned over to the school district board for the purchase price.

The dismantling of the warehouse, which is considered surplus and not suitable for the new school, is being disposed of on a ready market. The proceeds from which will defray the costs of purchase, dismantling and truckage.

Storage space for the lumber has been procured in various buildings in the town and at present it is planned to suspend operations in the rink as soon as the hockey playoffs can be completed. This would provide almost unlimited storage space within a few yards of the site of the new school building, thus eliminating double truckage.

Mr. Adrian Bradley of Peakes is the Foreman in charge of the dismantling project and is a man who brings to a project of this magnitude a wealth of experience.

The warehouse was built in 1926 or 27 and in the 1930's the original bottom of the shed was replaced, which means that the material is practically new, as lumber goes, and has the added advantage of seasoning. The dismantling project is anticipated to take approximately between fifty and sixty days.

DROMORE SCHOOL

The following is the honor roll for January.

Grade X. 1. Imelda Callaghan. Grade IX. 1. Hope Rose, 2. Eric McGuirk.

Grade VIII. 1. Edward Hughes, 2. John McGuirk.

Grade VII. 1. Shirley McGuirk, 2. Shirley Hughes, 3. Reginald Corrigan.

Grade VI. A. 1. Thelma Hughes, 2. Margaret Barrett.

Grade VI. B. 1. Edna Barrett. Grade III. 1. Helen Barrett.

Grade II. 1. Eileen Hughes, 2. Rosemary McGuirk, 3. Charles Barrett.

Grade I. 1. Judith Mitchell.

Highest average in Senior grade, Hope Rose 95 per cent. Highest average in Junior grades, Eileen Hughes and Edna Barrett (equal) 96 per cent.

Teacher, Mrs. John Barrett.

FORTUNE HEAD

The following is the standing of Fortune Head School for the month of January.

Grade IX. 1. June MacDonald, Grade VII. 1. Garnet MacDonald.

Grade V. 1. Alice MacDonald, 2. Owen MacDonald, 3. Doris Blaisdell.

Grade III. A. 1. Judy Schurman, Grade III. B. 1. Audrey MacDonald, 2. Clara Schurman.

Grade I. 1. George Schurman, Heber Ross (equal), 2. Sheila Brown, 3. Eileen Brown and Flora Ross (equal), 4. Bernice Blaisdell. Teacher, Mrs. E. Conway.

LITTLE SANDS

Miss Mary MacPherson, Little Sands, returned to her duties as Teacher in the Gaspeaux School on Monday morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Lila visited her sister, Mrs. Rowan Sencaubaugh, Oak Valley on Feb. 6.

The Little Sands Ramblers defeated the Murray Harbour North team in a game of hockey played at Murray Harbour on Monday night, Feb. 11 with a score of 4-2.

Mr. John D. MacLean returned from Charlottetown and is now residing with his son Archie at Murray River. Mr. MacLean and Archie recently visited relatives in Little Sands.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacPherson and daughter Judy, returned from a weekend trip to Pictou, N.S. They planned to visit Mr. MacPherson's grandfather, Mr. Hector MacLean at Pictou Landing, where he is residing with his niece, Mrs. Gratto at Pictou Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burhoe and Family, Abney were Sunday guests of friends in Wood Islands Eas. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack MacPherson.

Farmers are busy cutting wood or pulp wood, etc. These nice fine clear, frosty days. If they were unable to get a year's supply of fire wood last winter due to the depth of snow in the woods, they have certainly been blessed since February came with suitable weather for working in the woods.

Many farmers have large piles of firewood in their wood pile.

Mr. Archie Munn, with the help of some hired men, got an ample supply of wood home and saved up already. Mr. Neil MacNeill, Little Sands, with his chain saw assisted by Messrs Ivan Gordon and son Archie and John Burhoe and Junior Bell, of Abney made quick work of the job.

Mr. Neil MacNeill had done considerable custom sawing with his chain saw in the district. There are also several other chain saws in the district, and the men must find them a wonderful time saver.

Mrs. A.D. MacNeill and son Neil, Little Sands, visited her daughter, Mrs. Alex Stewart and Mr. Stewart and family of Grafton Street, Charlottetown on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Mrs. Stewart had just returned that day with her new baby son from the P.E. Island Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are formerly Little Sands residents. The four sisters will be proud to have a baby brother.

Mr. John Burhoe and Mrs. Ivan Gordon, Abney are lumbering in Little Sands.

The snow plough made its 6th trip for the winter through here on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Mrs. A.D. MacNeill, Ivan Gordon, Abney, were visiting their parents in Little Sands on a recent Sunday.

ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL

The following pupils have made over 65 per cent in the January tests.

Grade X. 1. Georgina Smith, 2. Jane Curran, 3. Patricia McLaren.

Grade IX. 1. Annamie McCarthy, 2. Clara Gill.

Grade VIII. 1. Kenneth Bradley, 2. Francis Curran.

Grade VI. 1. Walter Bradley, 2. Ernestine Smith.

Grade V. 1. Elizabeth Lawlor, 2. Rita Curran, 3. Helen Bradley, 4. Andrew Campbell, 5. Jay Kenny.

Grade IV. 1. Mabel Anne Smith, 2. Laura Bradley, 3. Jean McCarthy, 4. Kathleen Curran.

Grade III. 1. Mervin Bradley, 2. Raymond Fisher.

Grade VI. 1. Charlotte MacDonal, 2. Danny Grant.

Grade IV. Sr. 1. Clara Ronaghan, 2. Sterling Fisher.

Grade IV. Jr. 1. Leonard Ronaghan, 2. Wayne Grant, 3. Ellen Kelly.

Grade II. 1. Virginia Crane, 2. Grace Crane, 3. Marion Crane.

Grade I. Sr. 1. Allan MacDonald, 2. Leonard Kelly.

Grade I. Jr. 1. Lorraine Kelly. Teacher, Mrs. Mary Campbell.

BRISTOL

Mrs. Angus Lapierre has returned to her home in the Magdalen Islands after spending some time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Sheehan and Mr. Sheehan. Mrs. Lapierre resided here for one summer some years ago, before returning to the Magdalen Island to reside with her husband. She speaks very little English.

Mr. Leonard Runighan was the lucky winner of the \$25.00 bucks jack pot at the parish hall games last week.

The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Villard, will be pleased to learn she is steadily improving in health in the Charlottetown Hospital, where she has been a patient for some time.

Mrs. John C. McCarthy had the misfortune to fall in her home recently. She injured her hip that was broken last fall in a bad fall. She has been removed to the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Vincent McGrath was a weekend visitor to Souris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, City, were weekend visitors with Mrs. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rossiter.

Miss Kay Steele, and Miss Norma Sinnott, were recent visitors to Summerside, where Miss Steele's sister is stationed with R.C.A.F.

The rural high schools, Morell and Montague and Souris have organized a debating society. A series of debates will be started very shortly and should prove very interesting. Many years have passed since the days of regular debating teams in this vicinity.

The fast playing village high school hockey team defeated both Montague and Souris in fast games last week in their own rinks.

Mr. Bill Alyward, has taken over the coaching job of the senior hockey team this winter. Bill is an old timer at the game and knows all about the tricks of the game.

Despite rumors that Pius McInnis was quitting the high school team it is learned that Pius will stay.

Mr. Joe McInnis, of the Abbeville Crew, spent the weekend at his home in the village.

Mr. R. L. Burge, is in Ottawa, attending the tariff discussions. He Theresa Lawlor, 3. Leo McCarthy, 4. Zita Campbell, 5. Joan Bradley.

Grade II. 1. Joanne Curran, 2. Catherine Curran and Kelvin Bradley, 3. Kathleen Kenny, 4. Mary McCarthy.

Grade I. 1. Marion Smith, 2. Gloria McCarthy.

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Montague Fire Dept. Proposes Tank Truck For Rural Fires

The regular monthly meeting of the Montague Fire Department was held in the Council chambers Monday night, with fourteen members present. Fire Chief Coffin presided. The routine business was carried out, reports read and correspondence dealt with.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a tank truck and means of financing same. This truck would be able to carry 1,000 gallons of water to a fire, ready for immediate use. It would be available for local fires and especially adaptable for fires on farms in the vicinity of Montague. The secretary was appointed to contact Farm Forum organization to get their reaction and suggestions as to methods of financing.

GEORGETOWN

Miss Sarah MacPhee spent several days in Charlottetown early in the week.

Mr. William S. Martell was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday, February 12th.

Mrs. William E. Stevenson and daughter Joan of Fredericton were recent guests of Mrs. Stevenson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Judge J.S. and Mrs. DesRoches of Montague, were visitors to Georgetown on Thursday, February 14th.

Mayor P.L. Boudreau and Councilor Raymond W. Solomon were business visitors to the city on Thursday, February 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haneveld of Montague were business visitors to Georgetown on Thursday, 14th.

Mr. Merrill Craswell, representing Michael Bros. of Charlottetown, was a business visitor to Georgetown on Friday, February 15th.

Miss Mary Whalen is now convalescing at her home in Red Point following her recent operation in the Souris Hospital. Miss Whalen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whalen, Red Point.

Mr. Gus Campbell and Mr. Jerry Campbell, Red Point, returned from a business trip to New York, U.

Needling In N.H.L.

A sharp tongue is often as effective as a quick stick in hockey, says Sports Editor Andy O'Brien in The Standard this week. He tells how "needling" can pay off in goals and in the many classic instances where it paid to rattle an opposing player. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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