

DR. LYONS TRIP TO TAIWAN

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To the island of Taiwan, the nationalist Chinese government brought its dreams and hopes of 37 years ago and established the Republic of China.

Out of a little, they've made much.

That was one of the impressions left with Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lyons, Jr., of Fayetteville as they returned from East to West recently, after spending 10 days in the Republic of China.

Dr. Lyons is chancellor at Fayetteville State University. Mrs. Lyons is an instructor in the university's pre-school laboratory.

They were part of a group of 21 college presidents and chancellors who were invited to Taiwan by the Republic of China in an all-expense paid trip. They stopped in Honolulu and Tokyo and were greeted by top officials at each place.

Explaining the purpose of the trip, Dr. Lyons said, it was "to provide a variety of Americans opportunity for first hand knowledge of Taiwan, the hope being that they might be able to more effectively articulate the determination of the people of Taiwan to remain free and independent."

"It's amazing how they can take so little and do so much with it," said Mrs. Lyons. "In times of war, they

could use the large auditoriums as hospitals. The utility poles which line the streets can be snapped up in times of emergency, and the highways can be used as runways."

"In Taiwan, everything has a dual purpose," said Mrs. Lyons.

Because the island is small, just a dot on the map compared to mainland China, efforts are being made to expand by building land in ocean, according to Mrs. Lyons.

Although the Republic of China attempts to control the birth rate because of limited land space, this year, the Year of the Dragon, will be one year with an increased growth in population. "Any baby born during the Year of the Dragon will be strong and prosperous. All the women want to have babies this year," said Mrs. Lyons.

In many ways, the trip was an exploration in culture, a way of life far different than that experienced in the United States, according to Mrs. Lyons.

"It really surprised me. I didn't know what it would be like. Taipei, (the capital of Taiwan) is a large, clean city. The houses are made of marble and wood with bamboo latticework. The climate is warm so they don't have to worry about wearing warm clothing. The families are close-knit, and religion is important to them."

The school systems were of special interest to Dr. and Mrs. Lyons. "We visited a private school. The students did not know we were coming. We saw them march to lunch. A young man walked in and blew the whistle. Then everyone bowed their heads and blessed the food. The youngsters were so quiet. Huge pots of rice were placed in a row on the floor. The children walked over to the pots and scooped pots of rice, then went back to their tables. That school was immaculate. Everything was in place," she said.

They spent most of their time in Taipei, where government officials "rolled out the red carpet." Interpreters, chauffeurs and limousines were available around the clock. They were wined and dined on such foods as Peking Duck, Shark Fin Soup, Sweet and Sour Pork, Smoked Fish and Chicken Chow Mein. The group visited with the country's ministers of education, foreign affairs, economic affairs, the governor of the Taiwan provincial government, Shieh Tung-ming and the Republic's premier.

In addition, they visited with the families of two staff members of the university, Dr. Jer-Yie Lin and Dr. Thomas Wou.

Mrs. Lyons feels the Chinese are artistic people. She described the brightly colored and hand-painted

walls and ceilings of the temples and pagodas she visited. "They were just beautiful. They seem to take more pride in what they do than the American people. On the whole, we could learn a lot from the Chinese."

Other aspects of the tour included a visit to the shipyards, one of Taiwan's largest industries; a visit to the China Steel Corporation, tours of the marble factory and sightseeing at the handicraft promotion center. They were presented with gifts of hand-painted pottery. Visits were made to the aborigines village and farming areas, where such crops as rice, wheat and fruits are grown.

"We had the opportunity to watch the pageantry of a funeral procession too," said Mrs. Lyons. "The cars were decorated like floats. The mourners marched, and some danced. They rejoiced at death as a happy situation."

At one point their journey was touched with a note of high adventure, and Dr. and Mrs. Lyons recall it now with a sigh of relief. Their group was flown from Taiwan to Kinmen. Fighter escorts followed their plane, and they were taken on a detour to avoid surveillance from the

Red Chinese military. "They told us after we had landed about the escorts. They were frightened, but it was over."

While in Kinmen, Mrs. Lyons visited the island's beach, where combat forces were stationed. By gazing across the water, she could see the outline of the People's Republic of China. Boats patrolled the one and one-half mile zone. "I told one of the officers that the flowers on the beach were pretty. He told me that under the flowers were explosives, and in case of trouble, an attacker would be blown to bits."

To the Lyons, the architecture, the customs of the people, the quality of the manufactured goods including fabrics of silk and brocade, and the education system were all fascinating.

But the impressions which have lasted the longest since their tour in August, were "the cleanliness of the place, the kindness of the people and how they went out of their way to make us happy."

Mrs. Lyons said, "The entire trip was fascinating. I've never been to a place where the people are so dedicated and believe in whatever they're doing. They work around the clock. Everybody works there."

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new generation fully awakened to the value of herbalism, this book retains the teaching of the older herbalists and incorporates the discoveries of modern times.

At last a complete herbal, encyclopedic in form and matter. The botany is good, the recipes good, and the plates pleasing and numerous. Hall, Gwendolyn, SOCIAL CONTROL; PLANTATION SOCIETIES, 1974, The John Hopkins Press.

From a new approach to the uses of history and the comparative study of slavery, Gwendolyn Hall shatters longstanding misconceptions about slave systems and the origins of racism in the Americas.

Slave systems have traditionally been viewed as static or as evolving toward increasing humanitarianism, and they have been studied in isolation from each other. Slaves have been regarded as passive elements in society, and European colonizers as omnipotent.

Historians, students of black history, anthropologists, and sociologists, will find Gwendolyn Hall's book both enlightening and disturbing. Heath, Jim DECADE OF DISILLUSIONMENT: THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON YEARS, 1975, Indiana University Press.

This revealing history shows that both Kennedy and Johnson carried the banners of New Deal liberalism at home and cold war containment abroad, and that, despite marked differences in backgrounds and personal styles, the two administrations were essentially pieces of the same cloth. The dreams and hopes of both men were shattered by intractable

and absurd forces frequently beyond their control, but, ironically, often of their own making.

DECADE OF DISILLUSIONMENT will recreate for today's readers political, social, cultural, and economic upheavals of the sixties.

Morison, Elting, FROM KNOW-HOW TO NOWHERE, 1974, Basic Books, Inc.

This brilliantly written and profoundly human book by America's foremost historian of technology tells the exciting story of how our astounding capacity for building and making things developed and grew.

Professor Morison's story begins with those 1st enterprising farmers and artisans, who, while often uneducated and virtually illiterate, nevertheless shared a vision of a glorious new age of American inventiveness.

Mylander, Maureen, THE GENERALS, 1975, Dial Press.

Millions of words have been written about the Pentagon, but very few about the generals who run it. Here, in the first book of its kind, is a personalized documentary of some of the last remaining sacred cows in America.

Screened from public view by security classifications, officials and their own reluctance to be known as individuals, generals form a nameless, faceless elite.

Owens, Richard, AMERICAN DENIM, A NEW FOLK ART, 1975, Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

This volume reflects the freshness, vitality, and spontaneity of the newest and most stimulating of American folk arts: decorated denims. Not since the Renaissance has there been such a proliferation of highly personalized, elaborately pat-

terned, intricately stitched, and appliqued clothing as young people are wearing today.

In AMERICAN DENIM many of the most exciting garments are presented in 145 dazzling color plates, highlighting texture and design. The photographs will surely inspire any reader who wishes to decorate his or her own denims.

Peele, Stanton, LOVE AND ADDITION, 1975, Taplinger Publishing Company.

The work of a social psychologist, this provocative book explores the true nature of addition, stressing its psychological, not physiological, base, and shows how a seemingly idyllic love can actually mask a retreat from the world. Illustrating this bold, original thesis with psychological vignettes, the author examines those powerful social forces--the nuclear family, schools, jobs, the medical and psychiatric establishments, among others--that tend to nurture in vulnerable individuals a sense of personal incompleteness and inadequacy in meeting life's challenges unaided.

Sullivan, Victoria & Hatch, James PLAYS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN, 1973, Random House.

The theater has always been considered a mirror of its time, and many twentieth-century plays have reflected changing views of women. A large number of these, however, have been by men. Here is a volume of eight plays, all written in this century, in which leading women dramatists present their own pictures of their sex. The plays were chosen because they both read and play well, and because they deal specifically with women and their problems.

CHANCELLOR'S CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PARTY

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refreshments were supplied by the University Dining Hall and the Bag for the children, containing nuts, candy and fruit were made by the students of Miss Lauraetta Taylor's classes. Mrs. Charles "A" Lyons supervised the arrangements for the party. All the children of the Nursery School participated with the two year olds doing a play called Hang Your Stocking. They were dressed in elf suits.

TAKE CHARGE

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do that and you never do... am I not stunting your growth? As long as I am one step ahead of you, keeping you in the palm of my hand; am I not in charge of your actions? The only way you can escape is to NEVER let me or anyone else get CONTROL of your thinking.

MISS SWING PHI SWING

Theta Elizabeth Robinson, a native of Gary, Indiana. Thete is a member of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc. and was recently elected "MISS SWING PHI SWING". She was born under the sign of Scorpio.

MISS VETERAN

Helen B. Oliver, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., was recently selected "MISS VETERAN" at FSU. Helen is an Early Childhood Major. She was born on December 9th under the sign of Sagittarius.

MISS PHI BETA LAMBDA

Gwendolyn Williams, a native of Hemingway, S.C., was recently elected "MISS PHI BETA LAMBDA" at Fayetteville State University (N.C.). Gwendolyn is a Senior and her major is Business Administration. She was born under the sign Pisces.

MISS ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Betty McNeill, a native of Laurel Hill, North Carolina, was recently selected as

The three and four year olds were dressed as Mr. Santa, Mrs. Santa and elves. They sang Christmas songs and did Christmas Finger Plays. They also did a Christmas March and a skit called Merry Christmas. The five year olds did a play called the Night Before Christmas. Then both Nursery schools sang We Wish You A Merry Christmas. A great time was had by all.

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teach motor skills to youngsters who are handicapped by physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

Dr. Fait has earned international recognition for his work in physical education for the handicapped and is the recipient of many honors and awards. He has been the guest speaker of professional societies and visiting lecturer in colleges of numerous countries of the world and throughout the United States. In addition to his textbook in special physical education, he is the author or editor of 24 other books and dozens of articles.

Professor Fait was brought to the campus as a resource scholar under Title III through the efforts of Dr. Roosevelt Holmes, Chairman of the FSU Department of Physical Education, who had been a student of his while acquiring the doctoral degree at the University of Connecticut. Commenting on Dr. Fait's presence on campus, Dr. Holmes said, "It is a rare privilege for our students to meet the author of a textbook that they are studying. The experience is an educationally enriching one for them as students and a personally inspiring one for them as individuals."

"MISS ALPHA PHI OMEGA" at FSU. Betty is an Early Childhood Education Major. Her hobbies are sewing, reading, cooking, and meeting people.