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Zhang Hanzhi *Optimistic about Chinese Economy*

China Too Far Down Reform Road to Turn Back

On December 6–8, the China Council hosted an unusual high-level Chinese official. Madame Zhang Hanzhi, Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Development Research Center, a think tank attached to the State Council of the People's Republic of China, met with top China Council corporate donors and gave a public talk. She was in Portland at the invitation of Charles Wu, Professor of Chinese at Reed College and a China Council Board Member. Wu and Madame Zhang were old friends from the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute, where they both studied and where they starred in English-language plays together. She was here in part because, although she visits the East Coast frequently, she had never been to the Pacific Northwest and was interested in making West Coast contacts.

At her public talk, Madame Zhang spoke English with near-native fluency and seemed completely at ease, very much the self-assured world citizen. She joked that she was still seeking revenge against Charles Wu for strangling her to death when they played together in *Othello*. At the same time, she was the skilled diplomat, taking questions about difficult issues and reassuring the audience that China will hold steadily to the course of reform, and that

this will benefit everyone: Chinese, other Asians, and Americans alike.

For example, asked about China's suppression of ethnic dissent among the Tibetans and Uighurs, she asserted that economic development would dampen desires for independence because it would benefit all residents of the minority areas. Skirting the issue of the violence in Tibet, she said that in 1961–62, when natural disasters and misguided state policies had brought starvation to Xinjiang, Muslims in the Ili region had fled across the border into the Soviet Union. Today, she said, the Muslims are fleeing the economic hardships of the central Asian republics to return to Xinjiang and participate in its economic development. She asserted that China would escape the current world-wide pattern of ethnic strife because the minority peoples represent a small proportion of China's population and because the Chinese have always desired a unified China.

Similarly, she asserted that the independence of Taiwan is not only impossible politically, but contrary to the current trend toward more economic integration through Taiwanese investment in South China. She said that China's economic reforms have deep roots and no longer depend upon the policy of any single leader. For Americans who wish to do business in China, she urged patience and caution. Everywhere, she said, people are competing for capital, and "You have to judge which melon is sweetest before you cut." The most important thing is to do a wide survey and choose the right partners.

Both family contacts and her considerable talent brought Zhang to her high position in China's central government. She went to missionary schools in Shanghai and Beijing.

Her father, Zhang Shizhao, was educated abroad and was a famous lawyer. The elder Zhang worked for the Nationalist government in Chongqing, where he became acquainted with Zhou Enlai, the Communist liaison in the Nationalist capital, and also met Mao.

After 1949, Zhang Shizhao entered Mao's circle. Zhang was a classical scholar, and Mao had a strong interest in Chinese history and wrote classical poetry. Also, during the 1950s, Mao wanted to keep a few non-Party intellectuals at his dinner table to demonstrate openness to other points of view and as a source of information about public opinion. It was during this period that Zhang introduced his talented daughter to Mao. She became his English teacher and personal interpreter. Zhang Hanzhi then transferred from her post teaching at the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute to the Foreign Ministry. She was the interpreter for both Mao and Zhou in 1971 when Henry Kissinger secretly flew from a mountain retreat in Pakistan (where he was supposed to be recovering from a stomach ailment) to China to open negotiations for normalization of US-Chinese relations. Three months later, she was a member of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations General Assembly when for the first time China was able to overcome US objections and turn the vote on the admission in China's favor. Head of that delegation was Qiao Guanhua, China's Foreign Minister, an urbane protege of Zhou Enlai who had a Ph.D. in philosophy from a German university. Soon after the successful mission to the UN, Zhang and Qiao were married.

During the 1980s, Zhang left the Foreign Ministry for the relative freedom of her current post, where she works to further economic reform and foreign trade. In addition to her official capacity, Zhang heads a consulting organization outside the government which helps foreign business people make Chinese high level contacts.

Madame Zhang provides a fascinating picture of today's China, with her inside view of China's foreign policy. I enjoyed watching one of China's most talented diplomats at work.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Introductory Chinese, Term 1

January 11–March 15
Tuesday evenings, 7–9 PM
Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Room 77
Cost: \$125, members; \$160, non-members
Text: *Chinese for Today*
Information: 725-4567

A 10-week Mandarin Chinese class for beginners. The course emphasizes conversational skills, but also teaches basic writing and reading skills. The instructor is Zhiqun Xing who has a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Michigan.

Introductory Chinese, Term 2

January 13–March 17
Thursday evenings, 7–9 PM
Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Room 77
Cost: \$125, members; \$160, non-members
Text: *Chinese for Today*
Information: 725-4567

For those who have studied Chinese for at least 20 hours. Conversation skills as well as character writing and reading are taught. Lu Lina, a native of Jilin Province, with many years teaching experience is the instructor.

Chinese Review Class

January 10–March 21
Monday evenings, 7–9 PM
Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Room 77
Cost: \$125, members; \$160, non-members
Text: *Chinese for Today, Book II*
Information: 725-4567

A 10-week course of intermediate conversation and writing skills designed for those who have studied at least two years of college-level Mandarin or its equivalent. Fang Bihui is an award-winning teacher and language specialist from China.

Cantonese for Beginners

January 12–March 16
Wednesday evenings, 7–9 PM
Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Room 77
Cost: \$125, members; \$160, non-members
Text: *Everyday Cantonese*
Information: 725-4567

Growing trade and business links with South China and Hong Kong have created a strong interest in learning Cantonese. Though a formidable task, many of our members have asked for a basic course designed for travelers and business people who have regular contact with Hong Kong and Guangdong. The course provides the basic elements of Cantonese—the pronunciation system with dialogues, vocabulary and useful expressions. The instructor, Holly Lim, a native of Guangzhou (Canton), has taught Cantonese at the CCBA Chinese Language School. She is the daughter of Gene Tom, a valued staff member of the China Council.

Fourth Annual Flying Horse Action and Chinese New Year Celebration

*Saturday, February 12, 6PM
Governor Hotel at SW 10th and Alder
Cost: \$40 per person or \$350 for a table of ten
Reservations and information: 725-4567*

Did you know Chinese New Year's Day begins when the first new moon enters the 11th sign of the zodiac, known in China as the Dog and in the West as Aquarius? The Year of the Dog portends wealth and abundance for the China Council and all its members. We will commemorate this occasion at the most exciting and colorful fund raising event of the season, our **Fourth Annual Flying Horse Auction and Chinese New Year Party**.

This will be a festive celebration that is both different in style and format from our previous auctions. It will be held in the ballroom of the elegant Governor Hotel. The menu will be prepared by the hotel's renown chef, George Poston, who has blended the unique tastes of China with the cuisines of the Pacific Northwest. Dinner will begin with cold-roasted duck in mango relish, tea-smoked prawns, and shrimp pate with seaweed and Wasabi sauce. Following a hot and sour Sichuan soup, the main course of marinated grilled breast of chicken and scallops in a tangerine sauce with stir-fried noodles and cashews will be served, followed by steamed, baby bok choy in oyster sauce. We'll end the meal with red ginger ice cream with almond and sesame cookies.

For the oral auction this year we are adding a new twist. Rather than relying solely on the persuasive powers of an auctioneer, we're incorporating traditional Chinese methods of negotiation, or "market-place bidding," to create a lively and fun atmosphere for participants.

Our special guest for the evening will be Apo Hsu, assistant conductor of the Oregon Symphony. Pianist (and nationally-known cyclist) David Auker will provide the entertainment. We will also have a Chinese fortune teller and puppeteer.

The **grand auction item**, we are most pleased to announce, is two round-trip tickets to Hong Kong from Northwest Airlines. Other auction items include:

Secluded weekend getaways to Manzanita, Bandon and Black Butte

An afternoon of golf with Pete Schulberg at the Tualatin Country Club

Chinese art and curios

12 monthly dining certificates at Portland's finest Chinese restaurants

A mountain bicycle with all accessories, including a child's trailer

Trail Blazers tickets

Oregon Symphony tickets

Chinese traditional health package (acupuncture treatments, tui na or massage sessions, herbal medicine lessons)

Classic Northwestern handwoven articles including a beautiful woolen blanket

Scenic excursions to Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, and Mt. St. Helens

We are still in need of items to complete our auction wish list. If you have Chinese baby clothes, Oriental carpets, personal electronics, jewelry or other items you think can help raise funds for the China Council, please call Barbara K. Brown at 725-4567. Your contributions will not only be greatly appreciated but will also be tax deductible as allowed by law.

China Business Network

Brown Bag Lunch Presentation on Tax Reform in China

*Thursday, February 24, 1994, Noon
Tonkon, Torp Law Offices, Pioneer Tower, 888 SW 5th Ave., 16th Floor
Cost: \$5, members; \$10, non-members*

Rongwei Cai, an attorney with the law offices of Tonkon, Torp, and Wendy Lee, a certified public accountant who specializes in Chinese tax and accounting procedures, will speak on the new tax

reforms of China that go into effect January 1, 1994 at a brown bag luncheon. Their presentation will cover the four new areas of taxation:

1. Value added tax. Ranging from 13% to 17%, this new tax will affect manufacturing, repair and import industries.
2. Consumption tax. A broader tax on luxury consumer items, it will range from 3% on items such as minivans, to 45% on items such as cigarettes. The industries affected will be tobacco, automobile, cosmetics, and alcoholic beverages.
3. Service tax. This tax will affect all service industries, including transportation, dance halls, and karaoke parlors, and will range from 3% to 20%. It will also affect transfers of real estate and intellectual properties.
4. Capital gain tax. This is a tax on real estate development and will range from 30% to 60%.

In addition, effective January 1, the Chinese government will reduce the corporate income tax for all domestic enterprises from 44% to 33%. Currently, only foreign-owned enterprises and joint ventures enjoy a 33% tax rate. Effective the same day, personal income tax will be streamlined and more tax brackets will be created.

Reactions to the impending tax reforms have been negative. The price of food increased by 30% in Shanghai and Guangzhou, and 40% in Beijing in one week. In Shanghai, the stock market plunged 13% in one day. However, some Chinese business people believe that the panic will subside after the new tax laws go into effect next year.

The central government instituted the new tax structure to collect more revenue for the improvement of the infrastructure, education and social welfare. It also hopes to provide more tax incentives to state-owned enterprises.

For more information, please contact the China Council at 725-4567.

Missionary Symposium to take place in July

American Missionaries and Social Change in China: Collision and Confluence

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon (35 miles from Portland)

July 14-17, 1994

Early registration deadline: May 1 (\$45, members and seniors; \$65, non-members; \$25, students)

Information: 725-4346

The Northwest Regional China Council is sponsoring its first international symposium, *American Missionaries and Social Change in China: Collision and Confluence*. The public interested in China is invited, along with those with personal ties to the mission movement in China and scholarly interest in the topic. Registration before May 1 is advised.

Arthur Hummel, US Ambassador to China from 1981 to 1985 and born in China to missionary parents, is the keynote speaker. Other speakers include Daniel Bays, one of the foremost scholars of Christianity in China and Professor of History at the University of Kansas; Deng Zhaoming with the Christian Study Centre on Chinese Religion and Culture in Hong Kong; Peter Chen-main Wang of National Chung-hsing University in Taiwan; Father Edward Malatesta of the University of San Francisco's Ricci Institute; and David Vikner, President of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. Nearly 60 speakers from the US and Greater China will be making major addresses and panel presentations.

China was the most popular destination for American missionaries from the mid-19th century to 1949. The missionaries brought more than Christianity to China. They introduced Western ideas and practices in education, economics, medicine, politics, and ethics. Their presence had many unintended and unforeseen effects on Chinese society and on US-China relations, past and present.

This symposium will bring together for the first time Chinese and Americans, scholars, Christians, those with missionary backgrounds, alumni of missionary institutions, and the general public interested in China, for a new examination of the Chinese response to the American missionary encounter with China. It will discuss the powerful impact of the Chinese people and their culture on the missionaries themselves, as well as the current status of Christianity in Greater China.

Kathleen Smail, the chairperson of the Missionary Symposium Committee and daughter of China Inland Mission missionaries, states, "This conference is especially timely with its concern for creating cultural sensitivity on the part of Americans by critically examining the results of past attempts by North Americans to introduce Christian and Western values and institutions to China." The symposium also provides an opportunity for the gathering of oral histories, sources which might otherwise be lost without timely action. There will also be opportunities for small, informal group reunions.

For missionary symposium registration information please write or call Chriss Taylor, 725-4346. Registration fees will go up after May 1. Housing and meals will be available at Linfield College for all participants for a modest fee. Symposium brochures will be available in early 1994.

CHINA COUNCIL NEWS



Volunteers Make Projects Successful

The office has been brightened for the last several months by Michelle Loh who has been working on the Trade Database Update. Michelle has lived in the US for six years. Her English name is the natural result of her Chinese nickname: Mi Mi which means Little Kitty. She was introduced to the Council by Leslie Slocum and Guy LaSalle.

Her career interests are in the import/export business between the US, China, and Southeast Asia. She wants to divide her time between Portland and Singapore.

In 1982 she attended the Lewis and Clark Language Institute to learn the English language and American culture. She says it was a good base for living in the US. In 1988 Michelle graduated from Portland State University with a degree in General Business.

While working for the Children's Museum she traveled to China to help organize the Museum's exhibit entitled "Home on the Go" which naturally featured a junk and a yurt.

Michelle's family maintains its strong traditional ties while living in Portland. She loves the four seasons of Portland—Taiwan has only two—and she thinks snow is very exciting.

Michelle enjoys working at the Council; she thinks it is interesting and is amazed that everyone can speak Chinese and write as well. When the people in the Council office heard about their language abilities they were also amazed.

Grateful Acknowledgement to Donors

We greet new corporate members Pace Group International, Triangle International Finance, Perry H. Kopic & Sons, Westwood Timber Corporation, and Chinamerica Enterprises. Tektronix has underwritten the printing of the newly published 1993-94 Oregon-China Trade Update List and becomes a Corporate Patron. First Interstate Bank

of Oregon has renewed as a Corporate Founder. Another new Corporate Founder is the Oregon Economic Development Department with its generous gift for the Oregon-Fujian Book Exchange Project. KPMG Peat Marwick also became a Corporate Founder and donated preparation of the China Council annual state and federal tax reports.

We also thank renewing corporate members KIC International Corporation, Nike Inc., Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue, Lewis & Clark College Northwestern School of Law, Pacific University, Photon Kinetics, and the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Special thanks to the July 1994 Missionary Symposium organizing committee members who have contributed money as well as time and expertise to *American Missionaries and Social Change in China*: Frank and Helene Nelson and Lewis and Lois Hoskins are Major Donors; A.C. Siddall, John Fincher, Mildred Lovegren, Thomas Lung, and Richard Koe are Sponsors.

Welcome to new individual Sponsors Meiru Liu who donated a Panasonic 1124 printer to the Council, Homer L. Chin, and Douglas W. Crosby. Other donors this quarter have been Nancy Henderson (for the Oregon-Fujian Book Exchange), Muriel D. Lezak, Joanne Jene, Deanne and Jonathan Ater, Harriet Billings, Robert and Theo Jones, and Maurice and Evelyn Georges.

Mel Gurtov on Leave in Korea until July

China Council President Mel Gurtov, Professor of Political Science and Director of Asia Programs at Portland State University, is taking a six-month sabbatical in Seoul, Korea from January through June 1994. Gurtov will be a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at the Institute for Far Eastern Studies and Hankuk Foreign Studies University.

At a time of great flux in Korean domestic and international affairs, Gurtov will be studying Korea's role in Northeast Asian economic and security cooperation. Drawing primarily on interviews with leading Koreans in business, government, academia, and media, he hopes to analyze Korean perspectives on regional issues.

In Gurtov's absence, China Council Vice President Mike Hoffman will head the Board of Directors. Gurtov will resume the China Council presidency when he returns in July.

Two Board Members Make the Move to China

Board members Lee Fitzell and Robert Moon have taken the big step of relocating to China where they are both involved in business activities. While they will be missed on the board, they will provide a valuable on-the-scene connection for Oregonians wanting contacts in China.

Robert Moon has accepted a position as Controller of a Shanghai joint venture for Scientific-Atlanta, a major manufacturer of hardware for cable television systems. The company is projecting a rapid growth in production in the next three years, most of it for sale on the Chinese market, now that the Chinese government has mandated that major cities begin installing cable TV equipment. This is the Moon family's second stint in China, having spent 1987-88 in Guangzhou. Moon intends to spend his leisure time learning Chinese and his wife, Sarah, is planning to travel.

Lee Fitzell has stationed himself in China's booming Northeast in Harbin, where he is involved in cross-border trade with the Russian Far East. He worked for many years as an international banker in Portland.

Volunteers make China Information Bulletin a Success

The *China Information Bulletin*, the internationally-distributed digest of news about China published by the Northwest China Council, depends almost entirely on volunteer help.

A loyal staff of more than thirty volunteers read, translate and write almost all of the articles for the bimonthly publication. They include Amy L. Benson, Barbara K. Brown, Richard Campbell, Baolin Chen, Nancy Chen, Diedre Cherzan, Erin Doran, Ed Gilbert, Denise Hare, Trina Hing, Maxine W. Gordon, Richard Koe, Dan Larson, Jane Leung Larson, Wendy Lee, Li Mengnie, Roger Luedtke, Bruce MacGibbon, Jodi McDonald, Paul Millius, Joseph Moyle, Colleen O'Dell, Molly Peters, Qian Mingwei, Cary Rath, Hal Ren, Gaelle Snell, Cindy Terry, Gene Tom, Charles Wu, and Peter Young. Readers read and clip articles daily and send them into the China Council office. Writers and translators work with a week's deadline just before publication.

In addition, Don Sterling serves as editorial consultant, and Ruth Clement types for the *Bulletin*. Con-

gresswoman Elizabeth Furse donates the China reports from the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, and *China Daily* and *Asian Wall Street Journal* give gift subscriptions to their publications.

More Projects and More Volunteers

The 1993-94 *Oregon-China Trade Update List*, a supplement to the 1992 *Oregon-China Trade Update*, is completed and ready to sell. Charlene Du prepared this Update with the dedicated help of three volunteers who know as much as anybody about the project: Michelle Loh, Beth Dickinson, and Mark Burles. The business community of the Pacific Northwest has much to thank these three for their great help.

Thank you to Victor Li for his artful Chinese calligraphy on cards for Fujian Province Communist Party Secretary Chen Guangyi's delegation.

The luncheon featuring Zhang Hanzhi was possible because of volunteers: Mark Burles, Michelle Loh and Marcia Weinstein. Thank you to all who help make China Council events successful.

Thursday Lunches Successful

The Third Thursday China lunches are a great success this year. Mostly because they are so enjoyable, and because people have benefitted from the contacts they have made, but also because Ruth Clement has been calling members to remind them of these events. Held at the Formosa Harbor in a no-host, yet family style atmosphere, participants sample different dishes and chit chat on a myriad of subjects. New members have been especially involved, so old members should remember Third Thursday and come to the Formosa Harbor (915 SW 2nd) at 12:30 PM. It is lots of fun and useful as well.

Ruth is very effective on the telephone. Telephoning down lists can be very inefficient but Ruth takes the list and in an amazingly short time it is finished and with great results. People come to the events which is good to the Council and everyone is happy—due to Ruth. Thank you, Ruth, for encouraging people to come to these events.

Silk Road Slide Show a Success

The Silk Road Slide Show was a great success: the room over-flowed with people interested in the presentation. Steve Kosokoff, who led the tour, gave a witty and compelling narration while the audience

gazed at Donna Shaver's wonderful slides. The questions at the conclusion of the presentation showed how much interest there is in this area of China and how many people would like to visit there.

This show had such a positive response that the Council hopes to repeat it in the future.

TESOL Students Make Great Contribution

Three students in PSU's Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program developed and wrote *Bridges to English* for the China Council. The students, Hilary Miller, Kirsten Ngan and Bunny Pacheco prepared the *Curriculum* as a part of a Curriculum Design course. They researched the students, teachers and needs of the people who come to the Council to learn and teach English. The *Curriculum* reflects this research and will be of great help to the Council's English program. The Council and students are very thankful to Hilary, Kirsten and Bunny and hope they will come and visit often.

Unfortunately the biggest problem of our English programs remains: there are no rooms for the classes. If anyone knows of a centrally located room appropriate for small classes please let us know.

New Year Wish List

While the China Council always has a need for funds, many other kinds of donations can have an equally great impact and they are as tax-deductible as financial gifts. Here are just a few ideas of special gifts we could really use:

Postscript laser printer (IBM compatible)

Portable public address system

Photocopier

Literature stand

Carousel slide projector (professional quality)

Luggage carrier

Subscriptions to: Far Eastern Economic Review, Asiaweek, China Quarterly, Chronicle of Philanthropy, China trade newsletters, non-profit and fundraising newsletters

Reference books: *China PhoneBook*, China trade directories

Training for staff and volunteers in desktop publishing, management, marketing, writing, accounting, fundraising

CHINA RESOURCES



Individual and Society in East Asia

This is the name of a summer study program for K-12 educators taking place at the University of Oregon, June 19-July 15. It is sponsored by the Oregon International Council and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is an intensive study program aimed at classroom application which will study Japan, Korea and China. It costs \$100 per person. For information call 503 375-5447.

Modern Chinese Literature in Translation

Stephen Wadley will teach a class which will introduce the major Chinese writers of the turbulent years following the fall of the last Imperial dynasty in 1911 until the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949. This was a tremendously significant period in the history of Chinese literature. With the fall of the Empire came the abandonment of traditional Chinese literary forms. Writers were freed to explore the possibilities provided in the new literary forms and styles they had discovered in the West. The results are interesting.

Chinese 399, section 1, CRN:43603, Wednesdays 4 to 6:30 PM, 3 credits. The course is entirely in English.

It's here: 1993-94 Oregon-China Trade Update List

The Northwest Regional China Council is pleased to notify you that the *1993-94 Oregon-China Trade Update List* has been published. The *Trade List* brings up to date the 1992 Oregon-China Trade Update. Due to the high demand for accurate information regarding the rapidly expanding trade with Greater China (China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore), the *Update* was published with detailed descriptions of over 400 Northwest companies doing business in Greater China. The 1993-94 List updates all contact information from the 1992 *Trade Update*. The China Council wishes to thank Tektronix for helping to underwrite the printing costs.

Women in China

This cross-cultural course is for those interested in the role of women in Chinese culture and life. Since this is an independent study course, students study where and when they wish.

The course explores the roles and status of Chinese women in historical and contemporary society. Students learn about the historical background of the Chinese women's liberation movement, the role of Chinese women in current reforms, and the difficulties that are met and overcome in Chinese women's work, study and lives.

Instructor Cai Yu Yu was an associate professor at the Institute of International Education at Beijing Normal University before coming to the US several years ago.

\$171, 3 credits. To register call 725-4865, 1 800 547-8887, x 4865.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Needed: Legal Secretary with Chinese Language Skills

Legal secretary for mid-size downtown law firm. Three+ years corporate, real estate and immigration experience, proficient in WordPerfect 5.1, exceptional communication and organizational skills, demonstrates initiative, ability to work effectively under pressure. Chinese spoken language capacity (Mandarin or Cantonese) preferred. Good benefits and salary. Respond to Personnel, Tonkon Torp Law Firm, 1600 Pioneer Tower, 888 SW 5th Avenue, Portland OR 97204. Equal Opportunity Employer.

FILM



The Year of the Rooster has brought us many movies made by Chinese and Chinese Americans. The stories take place in China and in the United States and involve Chinese themes and themes of adjustment both in China and the US. *The Joy Luck Club*, *The Wedding Banquet*, *Farewell My Concubine* and *M Butterfly* are among this rich flowering of movies with Chinese content.

The Joy Luck Club has evoked many different responses due to race, age and background. Below are several of these reactions.

Gene Tom, Traditional Chinese US, 78 years old:

"The story of *Joy Luck Club* not only describes the differences between Chinese and American cultures, but also talks about the different thought among generations.

"The idea: 'inside everyone's body there are five elements: metal, wood, water, fire and earth, and these five elements must be in balance, otherwise something would happen!' is also introduced in the book.

"All the four mothers, and many other Chinese, were torn one way or the other by the invasion by the Japanese in 1937-1945 which are forgotten by most of the youngsters."

Nancy Dollahite, Caucasian female:

"Seeing *Joy Luck Club* with a long-time Chinese friend (male) jolted us into a three-hour conversation about things Chinese and US-American. One of the first aspects to come out was his question, "What did you find most shocking — the woman's murdering her son or the woman's slashing her own arm to feed her mother?" "Oh, clearly, the murdering of the child," I replied, "That's much worse." "No, I disagree," he said, "To me, the feeding of her blood to her mother is much more shocking." This led us to speculation about our respective cultures' values and traditions regarding abortion, communion in the Christian church, and parent-child obligations. Another wide-ranging cross-cultural conversation."

"Thank you, Amy Tan!"

Michael Watters, Caucasian male, 20 years old:

"Though I didn't identify with the mother/daughter relationships that were so highly played upon in the *Joy Luck Club*, it was for me a wonderful introduction to the cultural bonds of Chinese society at the turn of the century."

Kathryn Peters, Caucasian female, 20 years old:

"While watching the *Joy Luck Club* I cried a whole bunch because it was sad, and after the movie I wanted to see my mother. The movie made me glad about the situation of women in the US and made me realize how difficult the situation is for women in China. But the mother/daughter bond transcends cultural and generational differences."

Stanford Chen, Chinese US male:

"The movie was satisfying on several counts. It mined the painful depths of mother-daughter relationships with sensitivity and candor. It reached a mainstream audience by telling a compelling and entertaining universal story. It showed Hollywood

that talent and commercial success aren't limited to one racial or ethnic group."

Oregon-China Relations



17,000 Books Shipped to Fujian in Ceremony at Oregon State Library

The culmination of the Oregon-Fujian Book Exchange Committee project to send a container of books (an estimated 17,000 volumes) to Fujian Province occurred on October 29 with a send off ceremony at the Oregon State Library in Salem. The shipment was made possible through the generosity of the following major donors: Academic Book Center, Blackwell North America, Inc., COSCO Agencies, Coutts Library Services, Danzas Corporation, Frances Lau, Friends of Xu Yaoping, Kathy Greey, Oregon Economic Development Department, Oregon State Library and Paul Y. Wong. Libraries throughout Oregon responded generously to an appeal from Jim Schepcke, State Librarian, inviting them to participate in the project in which 570 boxes of books were donated.

Friday, October 29 was a warm, sunny day when the Portland contingent, consisting of Vicki Finster, Kathy Greey, Jane Larson, Angela Mei, accompanied by Evelyn Crowell of the State Library Board and Bob Lockerby of PSU, arrived in early afternoon to find the boxes of books for China being loaded into a Danzas truck at the rear of the State Library. A small group of boxes had been placed on the front steps of the Library as a back drop for the ceremony. Jane brought the NWRCC banner which was hung off the second floor balconies with some difficulty by Jim Schepcke and a colleague. An enlargement of a specially designed bookplate for the exchange (with calligraphy by Chen Fangyuan, a visiting artist from Fujian) was displayed on an easel near the flag. Attending the ceremonies were State Senator Mae Yih, and a major delegation from Fujian, led by Chen Guangyi who is Chairman of the Standing committee of Fujian Provincial People's Congress. The highlight of the ceremony was the speech by Vicki Finster, media specialist in the Beaverton School District (see below). Gifts were exchanged, the red ribbon was cut by Mr. Chen and Senator Yih, and photographs were taken. In their few minutes of free time before meeting the Governor, several members of the delegation had their pictures taken with a group of preschool children who were playing along the Capitol mall.

Members of the Oregon-Fujian Book Exchange Committee are: Mary J. Brown, Robert Felsing, David Kennedy Jr., Jane Larson, Frances Lau, Dana Lev-
esque, Phyllis Lichenstein, Angela Mei, Richard Nokes, Harold Otness, Michael Powell, and Jim Schepcke. Co-chairpersons are Kathy Greey and Rosalind Wang.

Kathy Greey

In 1993 Vicki Finster was a teacher at Highland Park Intermediate School in Beaverton, Oregon. The following is the speech she gave at the ceremony in Salem when the books were given to the delegation from Fujian:

Highland Park Intermediate School in Beaverton, Oregon has over 1,000 seventh, eighth and ninth graders. While the majority are Anglo-American, there are students from twenty-three other countries.

As part of National Library Week in March of 1993 we felt that it was important to celebrate our diversity. When we heard about the book drive for Fujian Province, we knew that it was the means to broaden the consciousness of our school.

Notices were sent to every family about the project. Maps hung showing the location of Fujian Province. Research was done about the area and the information displayed in the library/media center. During the days when books were brought in members of the school's student government organization were on hand to collect and box the donations. They also had students sign a banner which was accepted by Rosalind Wang, a member of the book committee. Donations came from students, parents and members of our community.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful project and we hope the books will bring joy to the people of China. Thank you.

CHINA TOURS



Historian Jeffrey Barlow to Lead November 1994 China Council Tour to Vietnam and South China

Pacific Rim Consultants, the tour operator for the China Council's highly successful 1993 tour retracing the ancient Silk Road, has been chosen to lead the Council's 1994 tour to South China and Vietnam. Professor Jeffrey Barlow, History Department,

Lewis & Clark College, will serve as the tour leader. Professor Barlow has studied the minorities of both South China and Vietnam, and has published extensively on the Sino-Vietnamese border areas. We are grateful for his help in organizing the tour, and believe his knowledge of the peoples and histories of Vietnam and South China and his experience leading tours and Lewis & Clark student groups to the region will provide the tour participants with an especially informative and exciting trip. Barlow speaks both Chinese and Vietnamese.

The cost of the 21-day trip, scheduled to depart mid-to-late November, will be \$4,350, of which \$350 is tax-deductible contribution to the China Council.

The itinerary for the Vietnam portion of the trip will include Saigon, the Purple Forbidden City of Hue, traveling by train to Danang, the heavily protected fortress of the US during the Vietnam War, and Hoi'an, an architecturally distinctive city built by the Portuguese upon their arrival. Following Hoi'an the tour will continue to Hanoi to visit Ho Chi Min's house and mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda—also called the Temple of Love—and other sights of historical interest. The tour will also travel to Hai-phong, an industrial city 65 miles east of Hanoi, and Halong Bay where the stunning limestone and dolomite formations of the Cat Ba Islands and Vinh Halong (the Bay of the Descending Dragon) are located.

A unique aspect of the China Council's tour is the overland portion of the trip. Barring unforeseen restrictions, the group will travel from Hanoi to the southern Chinese province of Yunnan by train giving participants many opportunities to explore the minority regions of both countries.

In Yunnan, the tour group will visit Xishuangbanna, a popular minority region of unique architectural distinction with many sights of interest. The group will travel on to the outstanding stone forests of Shilin, and finally Kunming, the provincial capital of Yunnan, with its beautiful Western Hills and famous Buddhist temples, among other sights.

The tour's Asian portion will both begin and end in Hong Kong. Participants can arrange travel deviations from the set itinerary but at an additional cost. The tour package includes visas for China and Vietnam, group transportation costs from Portland, hotel accommodations, meals taken with the group, airport taxes, local guides and pre-tour documentation and information packages. The price does not include personal expenses or passport fees.

Please call the China Council at 725-4567 for more information. We suggest those interested in the tour call as soon as possible as we will limit the number of participants.

A China Odyssey and Confucius Study Program

Portland Community College will offer a nine-city tour of China three times in 1994: April 25-May 14; June 27-July 16 and October 3-22.

PCC is also offering a Confucius Study Program in China from July 18-August 6. Information on these trips can be obtained by calling Cecelia Barry in Community Education 244-6111 x 2581.

Summer Study Tour to Sichuan

Norm Andersen will escort his second summer tour to China in July. This tour will go primarily to Sichuan. For information contact Andersen at 233-7423.

Intensive Fall Chinese Language Program

The Oregon State System of Higher Education is sponsoring an intensive study program in Beijing for the 1994 fall semester. The program will include 12 weeks of study in Beijing and a three-week study tour to minority areas. It is open to students studying Chinese at all levels. The application deadline is March 4. For more information contact the Oregon State System of Higher Education at 725-5700.

GOING AFTER SNAKEHEADS, FINDING NEW CHINA



The first change comes right at the gate, entering China through Xiamen Airport. From previous entries into China, I expect questions, delays and, at the very least, a rather thorough going over of my passport and customs forms. At its worst, getting into China can take hours.

Not this time. I pick up my baggage almost immediately and waltz through an entry post, getting an automatic stamp on my passport from a bored official. No one even asks about the small, broadcast-quality video camera slung over my shoulder.

Welcome to the New China.

I walk right on through the airport and out onto the street, recalling a rock n' roll event I attended last summer in Eugene, Oregon, and wondering how it's come to this: a world where the security is tighter going into a Grateful Dead concert than entering the PRC.

I'm here on a flyer, a fluke assignment from the ABC news magazine show, *Day One*. Because I have film-making experience in China, they want me to go after the inside story of the human cargo ships, the floating hellholes that carry illegal Chinese aliens to America, for a price. A big price.

One of these smuggling ships, the Golden Venture, ran aground off the New York coast last spring. News cams were on hand to catch scores of scrawny Chinese being herded into custody on a cold beach. Good TV.

Follow-up stories told about slave contracts, forced prostitution, \$30,000 passage fees, horrible conditions on the ships, deaths on the high seas—just the sort of stuff that puts news producers' antennae on alert. But the sources were all hearsay, rumor, and police announcements. Aside from the dramatic beaching of the Golden Venture, nobody had any pictures. Nobody was getting inside the story.

A few days later, I was winging my way to Hong Kong, and then on to Fujian, determined to get to the heart of this criminal trafficking in human beings, orchestrated by notorious cutthroats called Snakeheads. My job was to find these Snakeheads, and shoot them. With my video cam.

An American living in Xiamen, whom we'll call Will, is there to meet me at the airport in his VW mini-van. Six years ago Will packed up his wife and two young daughters and headed east to Xiamen University, purportedly to learn Chinese. He lasted four months in language school, but has remained in Xiamen ever since. In business.

Today he's the sole owner of a Chinese company that manufactures collectibles for the American gift market. He employs over four hundred workers, and is back-ordered for the next year and a half.

"The economics of my business are pretty simple," Will explains to me with some enthusiasm, apparently happy to be talking to another American. "I priced out the labor costs of one of my products at a gift show in the States, and a broker put in a bid of \$300. My labor costs here are \$3 for the same item.

Same raw materials, same quality. So, obviously, I can enter the market with a real price advantage."

Will's on a roll.

Actually, Will explains to me as we head into the city, so is everybody else in this boom town. There are so many new skyscrapers going up, the local joke is that the construction cranes must be mating. Half-million-dollar condos and million-dollar villas are being built, and bought, in the hills overlooking the city. Investment from Taiwan is pouring in, a local stock market is forming, and the city's economy is growing at a rate of 35% per annum.

This is China? I say to Will, by way of letting him know I had visited back in the good ol' days. When everyone wore blue cotton and rode bicycles and despised money.

He assures me it is, and as if to confirm the point, explains that we're traveling on Fujian Province's first "freeway," a new six-lane road that connects old Xiamen to the newer Special Economic Zone area. The road's been open for only six months, yet already there are several miles of active busy shops lining each side of the road. All were built since the freeway was completed.

Still, the concept of a freeway hasn't fully taken hold, as becomes apparent when a large truck heads toward us, on our side of the road, going the wrong way. Will takes almost no notice, casually swerving around it without breaking speed.

Which serves as Will's cue for his explaining his White Line Theory on the difference between China and America.

"In the US," says Will, "we take the white line in the center of the road very seriously. We respect it, we obey it, we don't cross it—unless we're passing, and even then we're anxious to get back across.

"But here in China, the white line is more a suggestion than a strict boundary. It tells you where the center of the road is, sort of a reference. You drive to the left of it, or right of it or on top of it, according to the flow of traffic. In fact, to drive successfully in China you have to get over your American fixation on the white line, and flow along with everyone else.

The same thing's true in business. In America, we tend to have a very strict interpretation of the rules. Black is black, white is white, and there's a firm line between the two. It's all pretty rigid. But here, the rules of business and government are like the white

lines—a good reference point, but nothing to be bound to. Everything's much more fluid."

Once in Xiamen, I grab my video camera and head out into the streets which are full, as it's Sunday. Or, more correctly, as it's China.

I have a specific destination in mind. On the way to the hotel, Will pointed out three large Chinese navy ships docked at the harbor. Seems these are the very ships used in China's recently stepped up crack-down on illegal smuggling—human and otherwise. So, maybe I can grab a little background footage.

There's one nagging problem. While in Hong Kong, my official request to do the story with the permission of the Chinese government was denied. But by then I was in the neighborhood, and I knew I could get into China on a tourist visa, so I decided to go for it. On my own. Undercover, as it were.

I would not tell anyone what I was up to. Not even Will. After all, this was China, and I was just straddling the white line, right?

I'd be a writer researching a book. A scholarly work, about Chinese immigration to America, 1870–1993. That way, I could ask questions, snoop around a little, without anyone getting too worked up. And my memory's so bad I'd have to videotape all my interviews.

Turning all this over in my mind, I arrive at the docks, shoot the street scene for a few moments, and then slowly swing the camera around and zoom in on the three navel gunboats in the harbor. I keep pushing in, focusing closer and closer on a single ship, on a single gun—as a head rises in frame from beneath the gun, and stares right back at me.

Immediately, I swing the camera back toward the street, recording a mad jumble of faces, bicycles and cars. I hold on this chaos for a good thirty seconds, and then turn with stomach churning to make a beeline for the hotel. Wondering what China's current policy is on suspected spies.

Any doubts I might harbor about this truly being the New China are dispelled this same evening, right after dinner.

Bound for the hotel bar, I find a full-fledged fashion show in progress, complete with a long runway, colored lights, music by Michael Jackson and Madonna, and shapely young Chinese models in outfits from Venus. Or is it Xian?

The Mao suit is just a memory.

I'm having lunch with China's most valuable natural resource, and her name is Lizzy.

Lizzy has just agreed to be my translator. She's 27, bright, charming, well-intentioned, well-educated and just one of millions cut from the same mold who are going to change the way we think of China.

Lizzy's into international trade. You bet she'd like to come to America, but no, never in one of those miserable slave ships. And yes, she'll help me find out more about Chinese immigration to America, legal and otherwise.

At first I tell her I'm writing a book, but then as we talk through lunch, I reveal to her I'm really just doing general research, and might go directly to a screenplay. For a TV movie or maybe a documentary.

Then I tell her about Will's white line theory, and she laughs. In agreement. So I feel better about my own drift over the line.

She has to leave, but we agree to meet again that evening. She wants to connect with a friend of hers, who she thinks might prove helpful. She'll try to bring him to the bar tonight.

I wish her luck, say good-bye and am left wondering how long before I tell her what I'm really up to. And thinking what a lousy spy I'd make...

I spend the afternoon sightseeing on nearby Gulangyu Island, then meet up with Lizzy and her friend that night at the hotel bar. Her friend is a former government official, turned international trade consult, turned import/export entrepreneur. He's about thirty-five, and speaks good English. He's smart, and he's an operator. His father is a former government official in Fujian, very high up. My instincts tell me this young man drives pretty well on both sides of the white line.

What he tells me, over a couple of Jack Daniels, convinces me that the human smuggling is continuing, but rarely on ships (airplanes routed through central Africa are now preferred); nearly all the illegal smuggling comes from one very small county on the northern Fujian coast; the smuggling is not about passage fees, or even a desire to live in America, as much as it is about the manpower needs of the expanding Fujianese mafia; and that I should be very, very careful.

My assignment all but over, I spend my last days on Gulangyu Island. For veteran China travelers, Gulangyu is a welcome respite from much of what

we have come to expect from a Chinese urban environment.

It has no cars. It has clean air. And, wonder of wonders, it has no bicycles.

You get there by ferry, a short hop from the heart of bustling Xiamen. A village of small and surprisingly upscale shops surrounds the ferry landing, with narrow, winding paths leading up into the residential district above.

Many of the houses are historically significant, left from the days when Gulangyu was a foreign settlement. Some are virtual mansions. Most surprising is the fact that local planners have instituted a zoning code that requires all new construction to be in keeping with the architectural character of the island.

Thus, I felt a degree of shock, and sadness, when I learned that Gulangyu was experiencing a crime wave. Local residents, and tourists also, have been warned by police to stay off certain trails in the evenings. Bills have been posted informing the local residents that the police can no longer assure the security of belongings in the home. The notices urged everyone to take special precautions.

Gulangyu remains beautiful. I spend my last days walking its deserted beaches and winding trails, sharing peanuts and coca-cola at a local neighborhood store. I am reassured by the new construction on the island, which is very much in keeping with its historic character.

But the fact that many of its streets are no longer safe, and its houses no longer secure, suggests that southern China's economic boom may have a social cost even higher than the soaring interest rates of Xiamen's many prosperous loan sharks.

I think about the days that have passed since my talk with Lizzy's friend, and the fact that on just about every point, he has been proven right. And how ready I am to fly to Hong Kong tomorrow morning.

From the north of Gulangyu, you can see several Taiwanese islands. Islands that were once a hot spot in a global Cold War. As the light fades, and I walk along the beach toward these islands, I am left thinking of Deng Xiaoping's famous line, "To be rich is glorious." Thinking that this slogan served well as a rallying cry for the south China boom. Sort of a Chinese equivalent to, "Gentlemen, start your engines." But now that the race is on, perhaps a better one would be, "Anything goes."

Charles Jennings

Private Education in Public China



With a booming economy and a stagnant educational system, many affluent Chinese are turning towards private schools to educate their children. Although private education carries a large price tag, the ability of parents to provide their child with an educational advantage is a sure sign of their wealth or prestige in China's class conscious society.

One such school is Guang Ya Private Primary School, where I just completed a tour as coordinator of an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The school is located in a rural community 40 miles northwest of Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan. Parents pay an enrollment fee of \$7000 and yearly tuition of \$1200 for the privilege of enrolling their child at China's first private boarding school. In return, students are promised an education that few state-sponsored schools can offer.

The classrooms at Guang Ya are large and well lighted. All students have their own desks and chairs, and every classroom has a computer, a large-screen TV which receives satellite broadcasts, and an air conditioner. A large staff of nannies and nurses manage the school's single dormitory where students spend six nights of the week. Guang Ya's biggest allure is an English language curriculum, developed and taught by five resident American teachers. The Americans are augmented by top teachers recruited from schools in Chengdu, Chongqing, and Beijing.

The debate over private education provides insight into the societal effects of economic growth in China. New enterprises catering to the desires of China's growing affluent class have found that private education in this rigidly Confucian society can be a big money maker. But families from that newly affluent class account for only a quarter of the school's enrollment and many wonder how bureaucrats, military officials, and cadres of state run factories are able to afford such privilege. For many of these families, the shortfall in tuition is made up by marketing their positions for favors or cash or by borrowing the money from family members and friends.

Bearing the cost of enrolling their child at Guang Ya is a great source of pride for the parents, who hope their children will thus be better prepared for China's economic expansion. The school has 250 students from as far away as Tianjin, Guangzhou, and

Kunming, and has had sufficient demand to build 18 new classrooms.

The debate about private education, wealth, and privilege has also brought Guang Ya international attention. Tour groups and educational inspections flood the campus weekly, and Guang Ya has been featured in articles in the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*.

What may be lost in all the controversy is the growing evidence that municipal and rural leaders are willing to experiment on the fringes of economic development, thereby taking investment initiative away from traditional power centers. When first envisioned, the school was so controversial that the

Chengdu municipal government refused to allow the school within city limits. Thus in September of 1992, the school opened in a poor rural community willing to take on the challenge for the sake of economic development. The school hires scores of seasonally employed farmers for building new facilities, and has brought considerable attention to this otherwise ordinary community.

I am indebted to the China Council for helping me arrange a position at China's first private boarding school. I would especially like to thank Jane Leung Larson, Joan Frances and Gaelle Snell for their time and sound advice.

Matt Barkley

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1/9-6/94 MANDARIN AND CANTONESE CLASSES: Chinese Benevolent Association continues its Saturday classes. Call Rebecca Liu at 289-9104 for information.
- January and February* CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK BROWN BAG LUNCHESES: Details TBA. Topics include: Chinese Income Tax Laws, Chinese Banking Laws and Distribution of Revenue. Information: 725-4567.
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- 1/11-3/15 * INTRODUCTORY MANDARIN, TERM 1: 10-week China Council class taught by Zhiquan Xing. Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Rm. 77. Tuesdays, 7-9 PM.
- 11 FAE NG READING BONE: Powell's Books, 1005 W Burnside, 7:30 PM. Information: 228-0540, x 455.
- 1/12-3/16 * CANTONESE FOR BEGINNERS: 10-week China Council class taught by Holly Lim. Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Rm. 77. Wednesdays, 7-9 PM.
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- 1/13-3/17 * INTRODUCTORY MANDARIN, TERM 2: 10-week China Council class taught by Lu Lina. Portland State University, Neuberger Hall, Rm. 77. Thursdays, 7-9 PM.
- 14-15 RED SORGHUM: Portland State University, Film Committee. 7 and 9 PM. 5th Avenue Cinema. \$3 general, \$2 faculty and staff, \$1 student. Information: 725-4470.
- 15, beginning of series LEGACIES: TALES FROM AMERICA. OPB Radio, Saturdays at 5:30 PM. "Mei-Mei: A Daughter's Song" is the story of Chu-Yin Roberts by her daughter D. Roberts.
- 20 * THIRD THURSDAY CHINA LUNCH: Meet fellow members at this informal no-host lunch. 12:30-1:30 PM; Formosa Harbor, 915 SW 2nd; no reservations. Information: 725-4567.
- 29-30 SOARING CRANE QIGONG: Level 1. For information call Oregon College of Oriental Medicine at 253-5443.

FEBRUARY

- 2/7-3/7 TAI CHI WORKSHOPS BY GUIQING ZHU: Linfield College, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Two afternoon sessions. Information: International Programs, 434-2222.
- 12 * FOURTH ANNUAL FLYING HORSE AUCTION AND CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY: The Governor Hotel, SW 10th and Alder in Portland, at 6 PM. \$40 per person or \$350 per table of ten.
- 2/7-3/6 PACIFIC RIM SHOWCASE: Portland International Film Festival will include a special section of films from China, Japan, Taiway, Hong Kong and Korea. Complete schedule released February 1. For information call 221-1156.
- 18 * THIRD THURSDAY CHINA LUNCH: Meet fellow members at this informal no-host lunch. 12:30-1:30 PM; Formosa Harbor, 915 SW 2nd; no reservations. Information: 725-4567.
- 19 and 20 SEATTLE/PORTLAND INTERCITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, 9-5. Asian basketball tournament, 5th grade thur highschool. Information: Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Keith Lee, 224-4082.
- 20 ASIAN CELEBRATION: Eugene/Springfield Asian Council, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, 10-6. \$3 per person. Information: Carrie Matsushita, 687-5310.
- 21-22 JU DOU: Portland State University, Film Committee. 7 and 9 PM. 5th Avenue Cinema. \$3 general, \$2 faculty and staff, \$1 student. Information: 725-4470.
- 22 GUS LEE READING CHINA BOY AND HONOR DUTY: Powell's Books, 1005 W Burnside, 7:30 PM.
- 24 * RECENT REFORM OF CHINA'S TAX STRUCTURE: China Business Network brown bag lunch. Noon, Pioneer Tower, 888 SW 5th, 16th floor. \$5 members. Information: 725-4567.
- 25 EAST-WEST AUCTION: Eugene/Springfield Asian Council, 6PM, at Valley River Inn, Eugene, \$25 per person. Information: Carrie Matsushita, 687-5310.
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