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BUS ROLLS - SERVICE INAUGURATED

GEORGETOWN TRANSPORTATION Company manager Art Scott holds one of the local destination signs over the windshield of one of his buses to see how it looks before sending it on the first run over an east-west local transportation route. The new service was inaugurated Friday after being delayed for a day by the record snowfall. The bus runs between the eastern town limits and the downtown depot.

Jim Warren's Bangkok Diary...

War is Uncomfortably Close To Georgetowners in Far East

(Jim Warren was a resident of Georgetown before taking a position as design advisor with the Thailand government.)

While the wars in Southeast Asia may seem of less concern than the battles within Georgetown Council, it may be of interest to report on the signs and portents of war as observed in Thailand. First, a brief glance at the map shows that Thailand adjoins Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos and Burma. Just a few miles farther, and the traveller finds himself in Viet Nam (North or South), India, Indonesia or China. Little wonder, then, that the news in Saigon or Jakarta or Singapore takes up a considerable portion of the front page of Bangkok's five daily newspapers.

Military operations are a frequent sight in this city. Nothing very overt. Army trucks rumble along the streets among the diminutive taxi cabs. Men in uniform are nearly as common as in wartime Canada. A major lower in the compound of JUSMAG, the Joint United States Military Advisory Group, almost casts its shadow over our house on Sathorn Road. Its American staff, in uniform or civies, may often be seen walking in front of the house, sometimes accompanied by a blonde youngster of seven or eight. On the whole, though, Bangkok seems peaceful enough. It is in the little things that one is reminded that, not too far away, there is a war.

Students Evacuated

In David's class there are three new students. They were evacuated from Saigon last week, along with all other American dependents of military personnel. Enrollment in the International School has jumped nearly 20 per cent for the same reason.

An Australian friend tells of an English radio technician on loan from BBC. He has spent eighteen months in Vientien, the capital of Laos. In Bangkok briefly while his wife gave birth to a child, he read of the brief coup d'etat two weeks ago. He returned to Vientien to find his new radio station totally demolished. The unsuccessful leaders of the coup have taken political asylum in northern Thailand, somewhat to the embarrassment of the Thai Dept. of the Interior.

Violence Increased

Having spent some days travelling in the mountains of northern Thailand, I can imagine how difficult it is to prevent infiltration of saboteurs and propagandists from mainland China. Crimes of violence have increased markedly in the north, and the strengthening of border police in that area has been given top priority. The Australian government is building a powerful radio station in the northeast, to counter communist propaganda beamed in from Hanoi.

Military activity up-country is, of course, more obvious than in Bangkok. At Don Muang airport, six miles north of here, jet fighters share apron space with airliners from Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bombay and Singapore. I saw an ancient DC3 taxi in, proudly lettered "Royal Laos Air Force". It parked beside an immense US Army troop transport. In Chiang Mai it is not uncommon to have conversation drowned out by a flight of low flying Thai Air Force jets, returning from a reconnaissance sweep along the border.

Trucking Arms

It is an ill-kept secret that ammunition is stock-piled in northeast Thailand for use against the Pathet Lao to the north. It is trucked across the river every morning in civilian vehicles.

There are humanitarian aspects to this undeclared war, though. At an Australian army base an entire village was adopted. The base hospital is open, free of charge, to the local population. A pipe line was extended two miles to provide clean running water to the village, which is also the only one in the area with electricity. When the Australian Navy recently sent three ships on a courtesy call to Bangkok, a children's party was arranged for the inmates of a local orphanage. The combined ship companies made a handsome donation to the orphanage. Our daughter Tina has her own favourable view of American army and air force officers. When she walks into the nearby King's Hotel to buy stamps for her collection, she often waits

out with a tummy full of chocolate ice cream, courtesy of one or other of the JUSMAG men who billet there. Sometimes she "arns her keep" by handing out room keys from behind the desk and now thinks that she should have a uniform.

As Though Friends

Meanwhile, U.N. work goes on as if everyone was friends. At ESCAPE, representatives of these same countries in Southeast Asia continue with work on the Mekong River project. This is a vast scheme to harness the hydro potential of the Mekong for the future industrial needs of Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. The engineers, economists and linguists associated with this project work together with amazing indifference to the political situations in their individual countries.

Perhaps this is significant. It may be that politics should be the responsibility of professionals, those trained to base judgment objectively on the basis of facts, to consider opposing viewpoints, to find rational solutions to problems, to reach agreement on the basis of constructive compromise. But then, what dry reading it would make in Saigon, or Ottawa or Georgetown. Do we really prefer the posturing, the righteous (if phony), indignation, the clowning, while Rome burns around us? If we like the game, whether in Bangkok or Georgetown, we should at least be consistent. Anyone for Russian Roulette?

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Candlelight Service Marks Thinking Day for 2nd Guides

On Wednesday 24th, the 2nd Company, Georgetown Girl Guides held their special Thinking Day celebration, to mark the birthdays of their founder Lord Baden Powell and the World Chief Guide Lady Baden Powell.

Special invited guests were their parents, South District Commissioner Mrs. D. Ward, former 2nd company Guides Nancy Parker and Jo-Ann Mitchell.

Rev. John McMulkin dedicated the company's newly purchased Maple Leaf Flag.

A Candlelight Service was held, with each Guide lighting a candle for Guides of different membership countries, with each contributing 10 shiny pennies to be sent to the World Friendship Fund.

Captain Mrs. Ian Prosser enrolled 4 Tenderfoot Guides — Susan Collett, Susan Street, Linda Garbutt and Wendy Nagorsen.

Nancy Parker now with the Air Rangers received her pioneer, Fire Brigade, Needlewoman's and Little House Emblem, Susan Asseltine also with the Air Rangers received her Singers' Badge.

R. H. Lewis still registered with the Company, but attending "Ina College" in 3 Thomas received her Swimmers', Laundry, Needlewoman's and Little House Emblem.

While the patrols took turns changing into their International costumes, Mrs. Fred Darby led the Guides in campfire songs.

The rest of the meeting was spent by the Guides serving their guests the exotic dishes they had prepared, representing different countries.

Each patrol's table was made up of products and interesting articles from the countries chosen. While coffee was served a record was played of a speech made by Lady Baden Powell while visiting the Guides of Canada two years ago. Hostesses for the evening were Jill Cunningham, Gail Rayner and "orraine" Sockington, who were trying for their hostess' badges.

Queen Scout Badges for Six, Ceremony is in April

An evening of fun and fellowship was shared recently by the fathers and sons of the 3rd Georgetown Cub and Scout groups, on the occasion of their annual Father and Son Banquet, held in Knox Church Hall. The hall was impressively decorated with Scouting displays, in which the fathers showed a great interest. On the stage of the hall, the Scouts set up a camping display, complete with tent and various types of cook fires, prepared chairs for both the Pack and Troop gave the fathers a chance to see what the boys are being taught, as did posters at the rear of the hall, giving the requirements for Cub tests. Scout knotting talents were very well displayed on a series of knotting boards showing 33 different knots and hitches.

The evening opened with several toasts to the Queen, the Cubs and Scouts, and to the Fathers. The group then sat down to a hot roast beef supper, prepared and served by the Mothers' Auxiliary of the group.

Rev. N. Young, Chairman for the evening, introduced and welcomed the head table guests, one of whom was Mr. G. H. Sampson, Vice President of local District Council. Mr. Sampson spoke briefly to the group, and presented them with a cheque to cover their share of the Apple Day collections. He urged the leaders and boys to continue their good work, and the fathers to share in the leaders' enthusiasm.

Pack progress was given by Akela, Mrs. Dawn Livingstone, who told the fathers of the various outings taken by the Pack, carried out in the Pack Proof of the enthusiasm and progress of the boys was shown when Beethers, Mrs. June Gunn, presented seven boys, Sandy Marshall, Matthew Sampson, David Alexander, John Toal, Terry West, Honny Owend and John Lindsay, with their first star. She told the boys she hoped to have the privilege of presenting them with their second star at next year's banquet. Mrs. Sheila MacLennan, who has recently been invested into the Pack, presented four first aid badges to Jeffrey Brown, Jack Hrouwer, Christiaan Maugeat and Alex Owend, and a team players badge to Honny Owend. These badges are available to the Cubs, but they are worked on by the individual boy aside from regular Cub tests.

The chair was then turned over to Scoutmaster Norm Herbert, and Assistant Scoutmaster Pote MacLennan, who told the fathers of the progress of the Troop. Scout Richard Mellor was promoted to Patrol Leader, and presented with his Firemans Badge, Scout Ernie Evans was also promoted to Patrol Leader, and presented with his Firemans Badge, Scout Wayne Denmore, Jim Anderson, Dick Lindauer, Bob Barber, Kim Gunn and George Henderson were presented with a variety of badges earned during the year. Deputy Fire Chief Will Breen presented the boys with their Firemans Badge, and in turn was also presented with the Scout Firemans Badge as a thank you for the work he has done in Scouting during the past six years.

One of the highlights of the evening came when these same six Scouts stood before the District Commissioner, Vic Gunn, were presented with their Queen Scouts Badge the highest award in Scouting, and then reaffirmed their Scout Promise as Queen Scouts. These six Scouts will be awarded their Queen Scout Certificates by the Lieutenant Governor at a regional ceremony to be held in the Georgetown High School in April.

District Commissioner Vic Gunn, who presented the boys with their badge, then had the honour of presenting Badges of the Pack. Mrs. June Gunn, with her long service pin for her untiring contributions to the movement. Mrs. Gunn started the 3rd Georgetown Cub Pack in 1957, and has been with the Pack before they went up into the Troop.

Rev. N. Young, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, where the boys meet, was presented with his registration card, making him an honorary member of the Boy Scouts Association.

The evening drew to a conclusion with Scoutmaster Norm Herbert showing slides of the American Jamboree held last summer at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and of Scouting events undertaken by the troop. Mr. Herbert attended the Jamboree as a leader.

A plea was made to the fathers for volunteers to help in training and as badge examiners, and the leaders are hoping to hear from some fathers in the near future. Mr. Tom Hutchinson asked if the fathers would get in touch with

him in regards to forming a Group Committee.

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