

PORTLAND CHAPTER: The meeting will be Thursday, August 2, 1979, 12 noon, Room B, Standard Plaza Building, 1100 SW Sixth Street, Portland. President Leroy Finch's attorney, Lewis M. King wrote me on July 16, in part: "Mr. Finch is extremely concerned about the damage that might occur to his character and reputation amongst his family, friends and peers because of these statements being attributed to him in your Newsletter. Demand is hereby made upon you for immediate retraction which must take the following form in your next immediate Newsletter, appearing in the same position as the offensive statement contained in the July Newsletter: 'RETRACTION: The statement contained in the Oregon Society's July 1979 Newsletter regarding the Portland Chapter's presentation of a speech on the People's Republic of China by Ray Livingston Ward was NOT the wording of Leroy Finch, President of the Portland Chapter, nor did Mr. Finch have anything to do with its wording or content nor does he endorse the wording or content of that statement'...In the event that retraction is not forthcoming, it will be necessary to take further action to accomplish the desired purpose." The referenced statement read: "Comp...Ward will tell of his trip into bloody Communist China, worst mass murderer in history, by far...After conquering China, with massive and indispensable aid of agents in Washington, the Communist Empire murdered 60,000,000 professional people, educated people, anyone likely to lead opposition, the entire intelligensia, as usual. In their usual war of aggression in SE Asia, they fought us in Korea directly, and, through satellites, in the Indo-China area. Compatriot Ward will tell of their bloody deeds." These are all historical facts, and I fail to find anything to cause harm to anyone. SAR policy is to put America first and to defend our country against the Communist enemy in their continuing wars of aggression. Mr. Finch could have told me verbally or in a 10¢ postal to change my method of filling in NSSAR policy with programs, and I would have been pleased to do so. He informed me of the July program, as usual, verbally, giving the name of the speaker and the fact that he will talk about his trip to (the mainland of) China, expressed in some way. I filled in the rest, thinking that, since this is a SAR meeting, that would be the essence of his talk. I certainly had no intention of causing him extreme concern. (The foregoing was written by the Editor.)

EUGENE CHAPTER: Last month, the Chapter had a potluck at the home of Immediate Past President (and State Vice President) and Mrs. Ted Roberts. The Chapter voted not to have a formal meeting in August.

Stanley A. Norton, President

REPUBLIC CHAPTER, SALEM: At the July meeting, Jim Hoge sketched the duties and relationships of all SAR officers at each level and reported on the National Congress at San Diego. The Chapter voted to have no formal meeting in August.

Glenn A. Eaton, Jr. President

THE PRESIDENT: A splendid delegation represented Oregon at San Diego at the National Congress. Nine SARs and their wives: Jim and Ruth Hoge, Herb and Charlotte White, Merv and Vivian Foley, Ted and Miriam Roberts, Stan and Opal Norton, Al Parker, Howard Adams, Ed Taylor, and Mark Farris attended. Six of the nine were elected to national office: Jim Hoge was reelected Chaplain General, Herb White was elected Vice President General, Merv Foley was elected National Trustee with Ed Taylor his Alternate, Ted Roberts and Stan Norton were elected the Trustee and Alternate for Wyoming, as none had been requested by that state. Merv Foley and I received membership plaques. The Council of State Presidents elected me to the National Nominating Committee.

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