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IN 1979 I VISITED THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN FOR THE FIRST TIME. THIS HAS OPENED A SUCCESSIONS OF EXCHANGE VISITS, ^{your reciprocal mission has} ~~YOU HAVE~~ BEEN TO OREGON ~~SIX~~ SIX TIMES, BY MY COUNT. I MISSED ^{LAST} ~~YOUR~~ VISIT ~~LAST YEAR~~ TO MY STATE LAST YEAR BECAUSE I WAS HERE AT THE VERY SAME TIME.

OF COURSE, I VALUE THE ECONOMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND MY STATE. YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT ^{TO US} IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. OREGONIANS ARE AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE BECAUSE ONE IN SIX JOBS RELATES TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT BUSINESS IN OUR ECONOMY. WE HAVE TRIED TO BE LOYAL PARTNERS BECAUSE OF YOUR WARMTH AND LOYALTY. CONSISTENTLY WE HAVE HAD OREGONIANS COME HERE TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU AND IN TWO WEEKS OREGON WILL ^{AGAIN} CONDUCT A TRADE SHOW OF QUALITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF TEN OF OUR LEADING EXPORTERS.

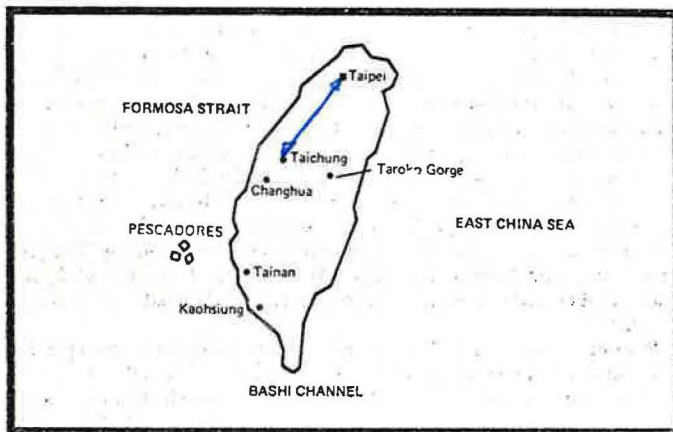
^{I sense} BUT AS MUCH AS ANYTHING, YOUR INDUSTRIOUS DETERMINATION OF SOCIAL WELL BEING FOR YOUR CITIZENS, THE STANDARD OF LIVING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED HERE, THE MARK YOU HAVE MADE IN THE WORLD AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONALISM AND DEMOCRACY. WE OREGONIANS TREASURE THAT CONCEPT IN OUR COUNTRY AND SMILE WITH ADMIRATION UPON OTHERS, LIKE YOURSELVES, WHO PRACTICE THE SAME.

^{ON} ~~AND FINALLY,~~ A PERSONAL NOTE, A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF FRIENDS OPENED UP FOR ME ~~PERSONALLY~~, BEGINNING IN 1979 WITH MY FIRST VISIT HERE. I KNOW MANY OF YOU AS MY ~~BE~~ TRUE FRIENDS AND CANNOT HELP BUT BELIEVE THE TRUTH IN THAT OLD SAYING, "STRANGERS ARE ONLY FRIENDS YOU HAVE NOT MET YET".

EARLIER I MENTIONED A WORD MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IN MY ~~OUR~~ OWN PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY, AND ^{THAT} WORD IS LOYALTY. I BELIEVE THIS CHARACTERISTIC IN THE MORAL CONDUCT OF LIFE IS MOST IMPORTANT. YOU CAN DEPEND ON MY LOYALTY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING MORE FRIENDS EACH TIME I RETURN HERE.

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Taiwan *Oct. 19-25, 1985*



WHAT'S SPECIAL

Although the number of tourists to the island is markedly increasing, Taiwan does not wear its tourist attractions on its sleeve. The cities by and large may seem quiet after a visit to Japan or Hong Kong. The life-style is something you must experience in order to appreciate the subtle and not-so-subtle permutations of bustling street life in the older quarters. The National Palace Museum, whose art treasures from the whole range of Chinese dynasties appeal even to visitors who are not normally museum-goers, will provide at least a glimpse of ancient China. The Chinese name of Taiwan, meaning "terraced bay," is an apt description of the island's cultivated area, for outside the cities the terraces or rice paddies endlessly multiplied over an undulating landscape create some of the most distinctive scenery to be seen anywhere. Elsewhere much of the island proves the truth of the Portuguese name *Ilha Formosa*, or "beautiful isle."

COUNTRY BRIEFING

Size: 13,885 square miles **Population:** 17,800,000
Capital: Taipei **Capital Population:** 2,200,000

Climate: Subtropical, with moderate temperatures in the north, where there is a definite winter season (January-February), and slightly warmer temperatures in the south. Rain is heavy around Keelung and Taipei; the typhoon season is June-October.

Weather in Taipei: Lat N25°02'; Alt 30 ft

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| Temp (°F) | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Av Low | 54° | 53° | 57° | 63° | 69° | 73° | 76° | 75° | 73° | 67° | 62° | 57° |
| Av High | 66° | 65° | 71° | 77° | 83° | 89° | 92° | 91° | 88° | 81° | 75° | 69° |
| Days no rain | 22 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 23 | 23 |

Government: A republic founded in 1912.

Language: Mandarin is the official language. The Taiwanese dialect of Chinese is also widely spoken. English is understood in establishments catering to foreign tourists.

Religion: Buddhism and Taoism are the predominant faiths, but there are also Muslims and Christians. A number of churches offer English-language services, and a Jewish Community Center has been established.

Currency: New Taiwan dollar. 100 cents = 1 new Taiwan dollar

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| 50¢ | 1 | 10 | 50 | 100 | 500 | 1000 | 2000 |
| US (dollars, cents) | .01 | .03 | .27 | 1.37 | 2.74 | 13.71 | 27.42 |
| UK (pounds, pence) | — | .01 | .13 | .65 | 1.31 | 6.55 | 13.10 |

Public Holidays:

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| Founding of the Republic of China, 1 Jan | Double Tenth National Day, 10 Oct |
| Chinese New Year, Jan/Feb | * Taiwan Retrocession Day, 25 Oct |
| Youth Day, 29 Mar | Chiang Kai-shek's Birthday, 31 Oct |
| Tomb-sweeping Day and Death of Chiang Kai-shek, 5 Apr | Dr Sun Yat-Sen's Birthday, 12 Nov |
| Birthday of Confucius (Teachers' Day), 28 Sep | Constitution Day, 25 Dec |

HOW TO GET THERE

Flying time to Taipei, Chiang Kai-shek International Airport from San Francisco is 13 hours; from Honolulu, 9½ hours; from Tokyo, 3 hours; from Hong Kong, 1½ hours. Time in Taiwan: GMT + 8.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Passports and visas are required. (In the United States, in the absence of diplomatic relations, Taiwan's visa-issuing organization is the Coordination Council for North American Affairs, with offices in many major cities.) Smallpox vaccination certificate not required; a cholera certificate is necessary if arriving from an infected area. No more than NT\$8,000 in cash may be brought in or taken out. Unlimited foreign currency may be imported and, if declared on arrival, taken out. Weapons, narcotics, and pro-Communist publications are prohibited. Unauthorized (pirated) reproductions of books or records are not supposed to leave the country, although customs officials generally do not object to small quantities that are clearly intended for personal use. Duty-free allowance: 400 cigarettes, 50 cigars, and 1 pound tobacco; 2 bottles of alcoholic beverages; a reasonable amount of personal belongings.