

Names Of Cities, Creeks Don't Always Make Sense

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Government experts have just finished the monumental task of identifying, naming, and listing most of the cities, towns, rivers, mountains and other physical features of Russia.

They'd be happier if they could do as much for the United States. They've been trying, ever since 1890.

That was the year a Coast Guard expedition slunk back from Alaska with the embarrassing word it got lost. The place names on their maps looked all right, the sailors reported, but they must have been put on by somebody who had never been to Alaska.

So President Benjamin Harrison created a board to get the names straight, not only in Alaska but all over the United States. During World War II, the board's assignment was broadened to cover most of the world.

Volume Recently Published

The seven-volume Russian effort, recently published after four years of work, not only lists 37,000 physical features behind the Iron Curtain but gives their latitude and longitude, in case anybody should have occasion to visit.

But in the United States, even after 9 years, there still is a lot of confusion.

Take the situation the board uncovered in Klamath County, Ore. Some folks out that way were erroneously referring to a canal, which was six miles long, as Seven Mile Creek. Hereafter, the board ruled, this should be called Seven Mile Canal. It so happens this canal connects up with a stream, which is 12 miles long.

FARM NEWS ROUNDUP

Emergency Relief Bill Approved For Farmers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Agriculture Committee has approved a bill to provide more federal emergency relief for farmers hit by such disasters as flood or drought.

The Senate-passed bill, originally introduced by Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), would give the Secretary of Agriculture additional powers to give farmers government-owned feed for livestock in disaster areas.

The House committee made four changes in the bill, thus assuring a return trip to the Senate for concurrence in the changes if the House should pass it.

The Secretary already has authority under another law to provide commodity credit Corp. feed for livestock in cases of disaster, but the provision is seldom applied in the initial year of the disaster.

The bill would encourage him to institute shipment of emergency feeds at the request of the governor of a state at the time the catastrophe strikes.

It also would add earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes to the list of events deemed disasters.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department has halted its price support purchases of dried eggs. Purchases have amounted to \$13,064,000 since the program began last April 24.

The Department, a windup of the program, accepted bids on the purchase of 448,500 pounds of dried whole egg solids, equal to about 44,850 cases of shell egg, at a cost of \$436,300.

This would bring total purchases since April 24 to 11,665,000 pounds. Department officials said that the egg market, which sagged to the lowest levels in 20 years in the spring and early summer, is now showing "seasonal improvement" and no further purchases will be made.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department has ruled officially that barley and grain sorghums are in surplus supply.

This ruling brings into effect for these crops the provisions of a 1950 price support limitation adopted by Congress.

Growers of barley and grain sorghums who want regular, non-recourse price support loans of more than \$50,000 must reduce their acreage 20 per cent from 1959 levels.

Large scale farmers who do not cut their acreage can get support loans of more than \$50,000 only on one condition—they will have to agree to repay in cash the amount of the loan above \$50,000.

Grand Opening Due Nudist Camp Despite Protest

MEARS, Mich. (UPI) — The owner of a nudist camp said today he is going ahead with plans for a "grand opening." Monday despite plans of a group of residents of the area to picket the camp.

Emil Oja, 32-year-old operator of the Silver Hill nudist camp three miles southwest of this Oceana County community, said he doesn't know "why every one is making such a fuss about the camp."

"But I don't mind the publicity at all," he added. "It should help business."

Members of the Willson School Community Club have protested establishment of the camp because its boundary is about 600 feet from the two-room Willson school.

"They're afraid some of the children will see things they shouldn't see," Oja said. "But that couldn't happen... not unless the kids fly over the camp in a helicopter."

Oja said his 19-acre camp is well-protected from "snoopers" by shrubbery, fences and other barriers.

GIVES ASSURANCE

KATHMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Premier B. P. Koirala assured the Nepal House of Representatives Friday that there was no need for alarm over the border conflict between India and Communist China and warned that Nepal must adhere to its policy of neutrality.

That's the real Seven Mile Creek, the board ruled.

In Rockingham County, N.H., residents for years have taken pleasure from the rippling waters of Hittytity Brook. The board, after pondering the name, decided it ought to be changed. So as far as Uncle Sam is concerned, the stream will be referred to hereafter as Hittytity Brook.

Local citizens don't always go along with the board. They don't have to. But federal agencies do, including the people who make up the maps.

Likes Simplification

One of the board's steadfast objectives is simplification. It loathes waste letters, apostrophes, and the like.

So it once elected to knock the H off of Pittsburgh. That was in 1891. The natives just paid no attention. In 1911, the board finally saw the light, and put back the H.

Only this year the board acknowledged that it's Plattsburgh, N.Y., rather than Plattsburg. Also, the government hereafter will give up Hillsboro, as applied to the bay, channel, and river near Tampa, Fla., in favor of Hillsborough, as Floridians spelled it all along.

The board, which itself has operated under various names through the years, hands down rulings on as many as 25,000 dubious, unpleasant, contested, or otherwise unsettled names in a year. Currently its output is running about 100 U.S. names monthly.

Object Unphonetic Names

One object, especially in the early days, was to get rid of unphonetic names. Only recently it turned thumbs down on Caldwell Bottom, Wash. Hereafter, the board said, the federal government will refer instead to Horsethief Lake.

The board thinks toponyms—which are designations like lake, river, bay, and peak—ought to mean what they say. But it is reconciled to the fact that they frequently don't.

A few weeks ago it considered the case of Garden, Indiana, which board records showed was a village. Garden wanted to be known as Garden City. The board decided, apparently, that you can't fight Garden City Hall, and went along with the change.

But when local interests proposed recently to call a small indentation on the Pacific Coast, in Orange County, Calif., Capistrano Bay, the board said this was more of a bight than a bay, and so named it.

We can only hope this won't get the swallows confused.

Japan Shows Phenomenal Progress Since The War

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TOKYO (UPI)—Fourteen years now have passed since Japan, reeling and half-starved, surrendered unconditionally to end World War II.

The nation lay in ruins in August, 1945. More than 1,850,000 servicemen and civilians had been killed. Whole cities had been leveled. Tokyo, the capital, was nine-tenths destroyed. Hiroshima and Nagasaki still were wondering what had hit them. Industry was at a standstill, its factories ruined and its supplies cut off.

Now the cities have sprung up again. Hunger has been routed by a series of bumper crops. A merchant fleet cut to one-fifth its size has regained its pre-war tonnage. The economy has grown at the impressive average rate of 10 per cent a year.

All this adds up to one of the great comeback stories of the 20th Century, rivaling even West Germany's phenomenal recovery. The Japanese nation is back on its feet and running.

Some Pitfalls Present

But some treacherous pitfalls still may lie along its path.

The same pressures that led Japan to war for East Asian supremacy exist today. Actually, these pressures have been amplified. Land is scarce and people are not. This is the basic problem.

There are now 92,000,000 Japanese squeezed into four home islands whose total area is less than that of the state of California. The population will probably hit 100,000,000 within a decade. Yet when Japan launched its fight for a place in the sun, it had only 70,000,000 people and more territory.

The unrestrained militarism of the 1930's no longer exists. But another factor went into the thinking that persuaded Japan's leaders to go to war—authoritarianism—and whether this has been stamped out is debatable.

Stage Rightist Revival

Middle-of-the-roads have struck a successful balance so far, but it may be a precarious one.

In recent years ultra-patriots have staged a rightist revival. Ever since the end of the war, extreme left-wing groups have been strong, controlling major unions, schools and important publications.

The democracy that the allies tried to infuse into Japan during the days of the occupation has led to some excesses and some doubts, and the authoritarians of right and left are ready to exploit these doubts.

What lies ahead for Japan? Politically, forecasters think the ruling party, the conservative Liberal-Democrats, is almost certain to hold power for at least another 10 years. Both major parties are split into constantly feuding factions. But the Socialists, who control barely more than one-third of the law-making lower House of the Diet (parliament), are split worse than the Liberal-Democrats.

Economically, some experts think Japan will double its national income by 1969 and hit the 60 billion dollar level. This would keep Japan on top of the heap in Asia in living standards and would offer the rest of the world a dynamic alternative to the experiment in total regimentation now underway on the mainland of China.

Multnomah In Drive For Polio Immunizations

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Multnomah County Medical Society Friday kicked off a campaign to immunize at least 50,000 persons against polio by Oct. 1.

The action was prompted when the Oregon state board of health designated the state as a polio epidemic area.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer said about half of Portland's residents have not been immunized.

Dr. Arthur F. Hunter, president of the medical society, said the society's council voted unanimously to cooperate with any agency or organization wishing to sponsor a polio inoculation program.

He said that although a slight increase in the demand for polio shots has been noted, an adequate supply of vaccine was available.

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