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European Life Expectancy Now Longer Than Before War

NEW YORK—In spite of the difficult conditions still prevailing in the war-ravaged parts of Europe, the average inhabitant of the Old World now has a larger life expectancy than before World War II, the latest statistics on the world's death rate indicate.

According to the current issue of the Epidemiological and Vital Statistics Report, published by the U.N. World Health Organization, all but three European countries now have a lower death rate than in 1937-39. Basing its findings on data received for 1947 from all European countries except the U.S.S.R., Poland, Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, Turkey and the Soviet Zone of Germany, WHO says that the general death rate for 1948 may have been even lower than in 1947.

Among the European countries from which information is available, Rumania and Eire have the highest death rates. The general death rate in Rumania in 1947 was 21.1 per 1000—the highest registered in that country for the last 15 years and far above the rate for any other European country. Eire with 14.9 per 1000, came next. The United Kingdom and the Western Zones of Germany had rates of approximately pre-war levels, the report says, but figures for the first nine months of 1948 showed marked improvement.

The Latin countries of southern and western Europe showed the most remarkable reduction in mortality. France, which until the last two years never had a death-rate under 15 per thousand, had a rate of 13 per 1000 in 1947.

The death-rate of Italy is now as low as that of Switzerland and lower than that of the United Kingdom, while Spain is almost as low, and Portugal has reached the level of Belgium. Thus, the Latin area of Europe, which before the war had death rates ranging from 14 to 20, now has rates of from 11 to 13 per 1000.

The area comprising Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary had death-rates of from 12 to 13 per 1000 in 1947. The reductions there, compared to conditions 15 to 20 years ago, were particularly noteworthy in Hungary and Bulgaria.

The Netherlands, the report says, continued in a class by itself, having the lowest general death rate in the world: 8.1 per 1000 in 1947.

In America, as in Europe, it is the Latin countries which show the greatest reduction in the general death rate during the last ten years. The greatest fall was recorded in Chile and Mexico, both until recently areas of very high mortality. Conditions also have improved greatly during recent years in the northern countries of South and Central America.

In the United States and other non-European English speaking countries, a marked change in the age distribution of the population has long been in progress. A slow decrease in the general death-rate has continued in the U.S. since 1940, and the crude death-rate was 10.1 in 1947, with little, if any, change in view for 1948; while Canada had 9.4, Australia 9.7, New Zealand 9.4, and the white population of the Union of South Africa 8.7. In Australia and New Zealand, the death rate was about the same as in 1937-1939.

Little information is available regarding Asia, Africa and the Near East, according to the WHO report, but in India, where the death rate has never been below 21 per 1000, the rate was 17.5 in 1946 and 18.1 in 1947.

Japan has also shown a remarkable fall in mortality after the war. Data for the first seven months of 1948 gave a rate of 12.6 per thousand, as against 16 for the corresponding period of 1947.

Third Victim Feb'y 23rd Drowning Is Found in Umpqua

Body of Clarence Andrus, 40, of Reedsport, one of three victims of drowning when the towboat Adel sank in the Umpqua River at Scottsburg Feb. 23, was found Friday noon four miles below Gardiner.

The body was found by four clam diggers on the north side of the river, at Barrett's Landing, Coast Guardsmen from the Umpqua River Station brought the body to the Unger Funeral Home at Reedsport, where identification was made from papers found in a billfold, according to Deputy Coroner Jack Unger.

The four clam diggers who found Andrus' body, caught in driftwood on the beach, were named as Delbert Pittner, Clarence Pittner, Art Wolfgram, and James Ragan, all of Reedsport.

Funeral services were held today with interment in the Reedsport Masonic Cemetery. Andrus' was the last of three bodies to be found. The others, those of Capt. Alden Leach, 51, and Vernon Thornton, 28, were found nearer the scene of the tragedy, at the E. K. Wood Lumber Co.'s log pond at Scottsburg.

India Buys Dollars WASHINGTON—India purchased \$7,500,000 in United States currency from the International Monetary Fund in return for rupees during March.

U N REVIEW

At the Hague, the International Court of Justice (the United Nations principal judicial organ) gave its advisory opinion, that in the event of injuries suffered by the United Nations agent in the performance of his duties, the U.N. as an organization has the capacity to bring an international claim against the responsible government, whether a Member State or not, with a view to obtaining the reparation due in respect of the damage caused to the United Nations.

The Court also considered that the United Nations could bring an international claim against the responsible government with a view to obtaining the reparation due in respect of the damage caused to the victim or to persons entitled through him.

In the General Assembly's Political Committee, Egypt has called for the independence of Libya and for annexation of Western Eritrea by the Sudan. The Egyptian representatives also demand the return of certain border areas of Lybia taken from this country by Italy.

Also in the Political Committee Cuba has submitted a resolution asking that a special committee be set up to carry out on-the-spot investigations of the alleged persecutions in the Mindszenty case in Hungary and the trial and sentencing of Protestant Clergymen in Bulgaria.

In Jerusalem, a mixed armistice commission of Arabs and Jews has begun work on implementing the Transjordan-Israeli armistice agreement concluded recently at Rhodes.

County Affairs

Marriage Licenses Kenneth Hawley Ward, 39, 29 J street, Cottage Grove and Elsie Marie Wiese, 35, 1420 W. Main street, Cottage Grove. April 18.

The county school superintendent's office has announced that the unofficial returns on the 6% limitation vote for the rural school district budget is: yes, 168, no, 107.

Out of a total of 55 districts voting, 53 have turned in their votes.

The county surveyor's office has announced that county road crews are finishing up a second coat of gravel which has been laid on the road on the south side of the Dorena reservoir. The gravel is being taken from the quarry on Sharp's creek.

The state highway commission is preparing plans for the construction of a 105-foot truss which will cross the upper end of the reservoir. The new structure will replace the old covered bridge on River.

Mrs. Melba Hiede, county extension agent (4-H) has notified all members of Cooking 3 clubs that there will be a meeting at the Junction City high school, Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. Bread baking will be discussed and demonstrated. Mrs. Hiede also plans to discuss the Dollar Dinner contest with the members attending.

Clarence O. Willis Funeral Thursday

Clarence O. Willis, resident of Cottage Grove for the past 50 years, passed away in a hospital in North Bend, April 25, 1949, following a short illness. He was 78 years of age, and was born in Pennsylvania, September 17, 1870.

When a young boy he moved with his parents to Nebraska, and came to Oregon about 60 years ago, settling at Salem. There he married Anna Wicinski in 1894. They moved to Cottage Grove in 1901, and had lived here since. His wife passed away in 1922. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include three sons and five daughters, Leonard Willis of Cosmopolis, Wn., Mrs. Rose Davis and Mrs. Magdalin Kennedy, both of Coos Bay, Frank Willis, Mrs. Katie Hopman, Antone Willis, Mrs. Hattie Morris, and Mrs. Clara Hatcher, all of Cottage Grove; 25 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

Recitation of the Rosary was held at the Smith Funeral Chapel Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with Father Paul Zeller officiating. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Words of the Wise Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith—the one great moving force which we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible. —(Sir William Osler)

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

All is quiet on our side of the Capitol as this is written. Many members of the house have gone home for the week or are on short vacation trips. I had intended getting in a round of golf or two and perhaps a very little gardening at home, but the recess shows signs of ending before I get completely caught up with office work. The last two weeks before the recess were busy weeks. House sessions began at eleven o'clock and sometimes at ten, and adjourned late each day. Committees met also. It was next to impossible to get anything much done in the office.

Recently I was talking with a lady visitor from the west who had just spent several hours in the visitors galleries of the house and senate. She was quite disturbed by the fact that so few members were on the floor and that, as she said, those who were there were not listening to the member speaking. I have often thought that visitors watching the house in session must be quite disappointed - if not disillusioned. Only a few times each week is the house chamber actually filled with members. When minor routine business is being transacted or when a set period of general debate is being conducted on a bill, there is no real necessity for a member to be on the floor. As a matter of fact, the pressure on committee and office work is so heavy on all members that for them to be on the floor at such times would be an unproductive use of time. On the other hand, when an important bill is being read for amendment, most members stay in the chamber until the final roll call. Gallery visitors at such times are not disappointed. There is usually plenty of action.

Lately I have spent several hours reading and carefully studying the new Columbia Valley Authority bill sent to congress by the President accompanied by a message urging its passage. When the subject was mentioned earlier this year, I took out my rather voluminous CVA file, obtained some additional material, and made a careful review of the whole subject. I was actually surprised, after reading most everything said and written of CVA, to find that so pitifully little specific evidence showing the need for such an all-powerful authority has been put forth by those who desire the passage of this legislation. If a case could be made for such a bill, the President should have made it in his special message. A careful reading of his very honest statement regarding the present development program of the Columbia River area rather tends to prove that it is proceeding at a splendid rate. Instead of proving that a CVA must be established in order to develop the Columbia properly, the text of the President's message causes me to have even more serious doubts as to the need for any such legislation.

The CVA bill itself (identified as H.R.4286 or H.R.4287 since Representatives Mitchell and Jackson of Washington introduced identical bills) would place almost unlimited power in the hands of a board of three men appointed by the President. The passage of this bill would empower the board to do almost anything in the region from regulating hunting and fishing to building industrial "practical demonstration" plants, power dams, stream plants, transmission lines and other facilities. Local people would not have the slightest power over, or effective voice in, the operation of this all-powerful board of three.

The Columbia region as defined in the bill includes all of the Fourth Congressional district. I shall be glad to send a copy of the bill to anyone requesting one. I hope careful study will be given the bill by the people concerned because we are all going to be seriously affected by it if it should become law.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court room, and every member waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer to the judge's question.

The judge waited in dignified silence. Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive, when the prisoner was seen to move, his head was raised, his hand was clinched, and the blood had rushed into his pale, careworn face.

Suddenly he arose to his feet, and in a low, firm, but distinct voice, said:—

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and I now ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here before this bar, convicted of the willful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, and a wretch; that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches, and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish, and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful deed, I have no right to complain or to condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in the case; for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife!"

This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner, the jurors looked at each other in amazement. The prisoner paused a few seconds, and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:—

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within this bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand with me before His judgment throne, where we shall all be righteously judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity. Had it not been for these human traps, I would have been a sober man, an industrious workman, a tender father, and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast on the mercy of the world, while I am to be hanged by the strong arm of the state.

"God knows I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will power was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man. For one year my wife and children were happy, and our little home was a paradise.

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against reopening the saloons of our town. One-half of this jury, the prosecuting attorney on this case, and the judge who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloons. By their vote and influence saloons were reopened, and they have made me what I am.

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears. The judge made a motion as if to stop further speech, when the speaker hastily said:—

"No! no! your honor, do not close my lips; I am nearly through. "I began my downward career at a saloon BAR—legalized and protected by the voters of this town. After the saloons you allowed, have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another bar—the bar of justice, and now the law-power will conduct me to the place of execution, and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the JUDGMENT BAR OF GOD—and there you, who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me—the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic—alone responsible for the murder of my wife? Nay, I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered one—but you have deliberately voted for the saloons, which have murdered thousands, and they are in full operation today with your consent.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but the truth of the Almighty God.

"You legalized the saloons that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence, and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking me:—

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ing the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."—Selected. Paid Adv.

Odd Fact A 25-year old girl was declared dead by an ambulance attendant who was called to treat her in her New York City hotel room, but a patrolman assigned to guard the body later discovered signs of life, revived her, and sped her to a hospital where she recovered.

Mostly Static By "Shorty" Smith

Howdy Folks; This country is under quite a handicap. It can do anything any other country can do except borrow money from the United States.

The modern version should be "handouts across the sea."

Perhaps our diplomats could learn from Joe. He's the one who "no's" best.

When Stalin agrees, there's more than meets the eye. A friend of ours advanced the idea that a good way to end secret diplomacy would be to admit women to the diplomatic corps.

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