

Population Control Defended In Bulletin

By Richard L. Stout
WASHINGTON—Population control "is the great issue of the century" declares the monthly bulletin of the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., in answer to the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the United States.

World population is increasing at the rate equivalent to the addition of a nation as large as Italy every year, Robert C. Cook, editor of the bulletin declares. The bulletin says:

"Regardless of the promises of science—in which the Catholic bishops place so much hope—present rate of population cannot continue indefinitely. If birth rates do not fall, death rates eventually will rise. Of the two alternatives the first—a reduction in births—is obviously the humane one."

The bureau had been calling attention to what it considers "the great world issue of our time" without much population attention for several years.

Statement Issued
Then on Nov. 26 the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States issued a strong statement, signed by six cardinals and 10 archbishops and bishops, denouncing the words "population explosion" as a "terror technique phrase."

The statement of the hierarchy was signed in their names by the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The statement included these charges: "Pessimistic population predictors," "sheerest kind of nonsense," and "hysterical terrorism and bland misrepresentation of data."

The statement emphasized the Roman Catholic Church's contention that "artificial birth prevention, which is a frustration of the marital act" is "morally, humanly, psychologically and politically disastrous." The statement argued that some "other forms of control of birth... are morally permissible," but added that "method alone, however, is not the only question involved." The "motives and intentions of the couples involved" are involved and must be considered, it said.

Primary concern of the Ro-

man Catholic hierarchy was to object to any movement by the United States Government, as such, to use influence or public funds "in promoting artificial birth prevention for economically underdeveloped countries."

Nonreligious Approach
The Population Reference Bureau's monthly bulletin reprints the statement of the hierarchy in its January issue. The bureau is operated by men who approach the subject on a scientific and not a religious basis. The bulletin also quotes in full President Eisenhower's press conference statement of Dec. 3. Mr. Eisenhower said it is not the business of the United States—but the internal affair of other nations—to keep population under control.

In his reply, now published, Mr. Cook declares that as 1960 starts there are three billion people on earth. With the accelerating rate of population growth, he says, there will be at the end of the century—in 40 years—"twice present numbers—almost seven billion."

The most rapid growth, he declares, is in areas where two-thirds of the world's people now live "in hunger and poverty." He continues: "In much of tropical Latin America and certain parts of Asia growth is so rapid that numbers would multiply 20-fold in a little more than a century if the trend continues."

In conclusion, he says: "The situation is not necessarily hopeless. The need to check too-rapid population growth seems to be recognized by all. The issue in controversy concerns the means for controlling fertility... It will be a tragedy and a travesty on human rights and dignity if doctrinal and political considerations impair understanding of or delay the solution to this great issue of the century."

Rear Admiral George F. Dewey, Spanish-American war hero who led the Asiatic Squadron to a decisive victory in the battle of Manila Bay, was the Navy's first Admiral.

Males Bewore

It's Leap Year again... and you can blame the Scots for declaring it open season on bachelors.

They probably saw the custom of letting a woman pop the question as a way to put money in the treasury and spinsters off the welfare rolls.

Scotland is said to have decreed in 1288 that ladies "of bothe highe and lowe estate" shall have the privilege of proposing during leap years.

If a man refused the offer, he was fined as much as one pound.

Unless he could show that another woman had a prior claim on his affections.

The ladies, however, had to give fair warning that they were out to catch a man, if the edge of a scarlet flannel petticoat wasn't clearly visible, a man was absolved from paying the forfeit.

France reportedly passed a similar law, and the ladies of Florence and Genoa are said to have been given the privilege before Columbus sailed to America.

The gallant English supposedly didn't need a law to make them give the fair but single sex a break. But they backed up the custom by depriving a man of benefit of clergy if he scoffed at a leap year proposal.

Even if he didn't hurt the lady's feelings, he was obliged to present her with a silk gown... as a consolation prize.

Fertilizer Sales Higher

Oregon farmers bought more fertilizers in the first nine months of this year than in corresponding 1958, the state department of agriculture reports.

Tonnage totals reported to the department through September were 167,400 tons for 1959 and 165,512 for 1958.

Lime, usage, as reflected in the 9-months tonnage fee reports, soared: 67,265 tons in 1959 and 39,741 tons in 1958. Agricultural minerals sales, on the other hand, declined: 8810 in 1959 and 11,774 in 1958.

Great Decisions Groups Now Being Organized

How would you be affected if the United States should stop trading with other nations? Many of our much-loved food such as coffee, tea, spices, certain fishes, sugar and bananas, all on import lists would be cut off.

Join a "Great Decisions" discussion group and become better informed in this and other phases of world problems. If you are interested in belonging to a group—just take it upon yourself to call a few friends and invite them to meet sometime during the week of February 7th. Each couple should have a copy of the fact sheet (the study material) prior to the first meeting. Fact sheets are available at the Oregon City Library, Farm Bureau Office in Canby and at the Extension Office, basement of the Oregon

Views Given On Mothers Working

A survey made by an Oregon State College professor of family life on the feeling students have—or had—about their mothers working outside the home shows widely-mixed reactions but with about 60 percent voicing approval.

Keys to a happy working-mother home seem to be advance planning and understanding of the changes to come in family routine and in individual responsibilities and recognition by the children of the benefits and problems involved, according to Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall.

Kirkendall has collected autobiographical statements from students in his family-life classes for the past six years. While some students have expressed bitter disapproval of their mothers working during the time they were in grade and high school, most point to the benefits received or the need for working and looked with favor on the situation.

Attitude of—and adjustment of—the parents toward the mother working is obviously sensed by the children and reflected in their opinions and feelings, Kirkendall said. Several noted that the parents disagreed over the mother working and that it had created real family problems.

These disagreements were then reflected in disapproving attitudes on the part of the children. Having the youngsters share more in family responsibilities while the mother was away was felt by a good-sized group to have brought a feeling of greater family unity. Many students in this group said their college education had depended on the mother working.

Where working was seemingly used as an "excuse" for fleeing from housework, children reported resentment and a feeling of being imposed upon when they were asked to do the same work.

For families where the mother is going to work in the future, Kirkendall has this advice:

Expect and make changes in family routines; things can't go on the same way with mother out of the household. Get prepared for the change and anticipate what it's to mean to Dad's schedule (the doubtless will need to take home responsibility) and to the youngsters. There are problems involved, but also benefits and these should be understood.

With more mothers going to work, it's a situation that needs planning, understanding, and cooperation to be most rewarding—and least troublesome, Kirkendall concludes.

City Post Office. Fact sheets can be sent by mail also.

Groups are now being organized in Clackamas, Carver area is being organized.

Anyone wishing further information may call her, Mr. Wm. Dickson, OL 6-7347 or the Extension Office, OL 6-2641, ext. 60.

Fertilizer Price Drops

Fertilizer dealers can call up one decline in business costs. At the beginning of January the state department of agriculture reduced the inspection fee from ten cents to five cents per ton on commercial fertilizers sold in Oregon.

O. K. Beals, division chief, said funds for the state work in this field built up faster than anticipated as result of increased usage. Hence the drop in inspection fees. No change was made in the two cents per ton inspection fee on limes and agricultural minerals.

New Tax Form 1960 Taxorama

Editor's Note: This is the first of intermittent tax information articles which are being carried in The Sandy Post as a reader service. The timely and helpful discussions were prepared by the tax information committee of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants.

While there are two schools of thought whether 1960 or 1961 ushers in the new decade, "it's the same old story" in one painful respect:

The income tax season is upon us once more.

The tax information committee of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants reports that three major developments will concern thousands of taxpayers in Oregon this year—millions across the nation.

1. For federal purposes, it behooves all expense account people to keep very careful records this year, for the internal revenue service has given repeated notice that closer scrutiny than ever before will be given expense accounts on 1960 returns which will be filed next year. This year, past policy will prevail, but it is likely that expense account items for 1959, to be reported this year, also will be gone over quite carefully.

2. The federal tax lads also propose to plug up leaks by nailing taxpayers who are not reporting or are underestimating income reaped from interest or dividends. More auditing has been ordered to spot these gaps, estimated to total \$5 billion a year (or \$500 million in tax revenue). Prosecution or punitive assessments are promised where willful violations are uncovered. Corporations and savings institutions are being urged to warn stockholders that IRS means business.

3. On the state level, the simplified punch-card reporting forms that are now out are a new-decade aspect—an electronic processing stride. An important effect is that more field agents will be around the state to help during the tax season, and more careful auditing is in prospect.

The internal revenue service, state tax commission and professional tax practitioners agree that the logical starting point for any potential income tax payer is to determine whether he must file for 1959.

For federal purposes—and Oregon rules follow much the

same pattern—if you are under 65 and had gross income of \$600 or more, or over 65 and had income of \$1,200 or more, you must file a return regardless of whether you owe tax or not. The rule prevails whether you are a man, woman or child. The deadline, of course, is April 15.

It may be that you had income of less than \$600 (or \$1,200) and income tax was withheld from your paychecks. In this case, you should file a tax return. It will show that you owe no tax and Uncle Sam will refund the withheld tax.

Also, if your income was from self-employment and was more than \$400 you are required to file an income tax return and report and pay your self-employment tax even though you do not owe income tax.

If you have questions as to whether or not to file a 1959 return, consult the information division of the internal revenue service, the state tax commission or an accredited tax advisor.

Gresham Ayshires Winners

V. E. and James W. Madsen of Gresham, have been notified that an award has been granted their head of registered Ayrshires in the 1959 All-Western contest.

Sponsored by the Western Dairy Journal, the All-Western is a program in which nationally prominent judges select top animals exhibited in the western states in each class of the six major breeds of dairy cattle.

Lancer's Cherry Bob was named Reserved All-Western Junior Yearling Bull. He was Junior Champion at the Oregon State Fair and First at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Ayrshires competing in the All-Western with V. E. and James W. Madsen's animals were exhibited at major shows in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, New Mexico and British Columbia.

Farm Chemicals Usage Session Scheduled

Four hundred persons are expected to attend a one-day conference on use of agricultural chemicals at Oregon State College Thursday, Feb. 11, under joint sponsorship of the college and the state department of agriculture. The session will open at 9:30 a.m. in the Home Economics Building.

The conference is an outgrowth of recent developments in the spray residue field and will attempt to bring present knowledge on the subject into focus for Oregon people.

Originally designed for ground and air applicators of farm sprays and dusts, the Feb. 11 session has been expanded to include representatives of county courts, garden clubs, processors, chemical companies, county agents, and farm, labor and consumer organizations.

Anyone interested in using, selling or handling chemical pesticides is particularly urged to attend. F. E. Price, dean of agriculture at the college, and Frank McKennon, director of agriculture, will chairmen the morning and afternoon sessions, respectively.

Virgil Fred of the state college staff will keynote the session with an opening address on "The Importance of

Chemicals to Agriculture." Other speakers will discuss pesticides from the standpoints of industry, governmental regulations and public health.

State and federal relating to all agricultural chemicals, clearance under the federal regulations and labeling requirements will highlight the afternoon program.

Dairy Cows Make Roll

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Malar and the Sun Valley Dairy of Boring are owners whose dairy cows qualified for the Dairy Improvement Association honor roll. In order to qualify they had to produce 40 or more pounds of butterfat during the month of December.

Wava and Blackie, guernsey-holsteins, owned by the Malars, qualified with 82 lbs and 82 lbs. Rosie, guernsey-holstein owned by Sun Valley Dairy, qualified with 77 lbs.

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