

## Resources Drain Fast as Census Zooms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States was pictured Sunday as a nation whose natural resources are being drained away at an alarming pace as the population zooms upward at the rate of 300 persons an hour.

"We are mining our fields, forests and water resources at a suicidal rate," said the Population Reference Bureau, a private study organization, in a new discussion of the problem.

This means, the bureau said, that science will have to find ways to tap the vast reservoirs of minerals far below the earth's surface and in the oceans.

The study was devoted primarily to the problem as it affects this country but said it was world-wide too. The bureau said the world cannot merely hope that future generations will "possess the ingenuity and intelligence" to provide new sources of natural wealth or substitutes.

"Unless technology is applied to control the birth rate as well as the death rate," the study declared, "it is not likely that the world will gain the breathing spell needed to develop a rock-sea-water-sunlight economy which could nurture five billion people."

The phrase "rock-seawater-sunlight economy" was the bureau's picture of a future in which man would replenish the dwindling natural resources from minerals deep under the earth's crust and in the ocean and through the sun's energy.

The bureau estimated that the world population will double by the year 2000, with 70,000 people added every 24 hours. This growth, the study added, shows little tendency to stop while new processes are being invented or perfected to provide food and other needs.

As for the United States, the study estimated its population, which doubled in the last half of this century, will reach at least 190 million persons by 1975 and well over 200 million by the year 2000.

The government estimates the present U.S. population at around 150 million.

## 100,000-to-1 Shot Pays Off, But Unhappily

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — There was only one chance in 100,000 of this happening but the Highway Patrol vouches for it. Two automobiles of the same make, model and color were parked by coincidence outside of a downtown tire shop.

One driver went in and ordered a set of new tires, asking the attendant to take care of him while he went elsewhere on a business appointment. The attendant, by mistake, got in the other car and, the keys fitting, drove it around in back to change tires.

This owner found his auto missing and reported it stolen. The first motorist returned and finding the old tires still on his car looked up the attendant who was forced to make a statement of another change and explain the mixup to police besides.

## Cooking Saves Soaked Geese

TULARE, Calif. — Seventy-five of Claude Golston's geese were cooked, but only as a means of rescuing them!

The cotton grower, of nearby Tipton, who is using more than 200 goslings to weed his 40 acre cotton field, found most of them somewhat soggy and 125 of them drowned in a recent storm which brought 7.5 inches of rain.

"At their young age," Golston said, "the goslings sit with their heads straight up when it rains. The water runs into their wide nostrils and they drown."

After a vigil by the kitchen stove all night, the young geese were dried out and returned to active duty in the cotton field.

## AIR TRAVEL CLIMBS

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## President Meets With Foreign Ministers



WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower and his callers—the Big Three foreign ministers—are in a jovial mood as they pose at the White House during a discussion of Moscow's sudden purge of Lavrenty Beria, deputy premier. Left to right: Eisenhower, U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and Acting Foreign Secretary of Britain Lord Salisbury. Dulles later said the quartet also talked about "other matters" than the Russian situation. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Public Power Men Ask No 'Gag' on Witnesses

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A public power spokesman Monday demanded assurance that government witnesses at the controversial Hells Canyon hearing will not be muzzled by "gag rule" or fired. G. Girard Davidson, attorney for opponents at a Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power Company's applications to build three dams in the Snake River, asked assurances that the government witnesses would be permitted to talk freely.

Witnesses involved are experts familiar with the 400 million dollar federal dam which has been proposed in Hells Canyon at one of the sites sought for Idaho Power's 13-million-dollar series of dams on the Idaho-Oregon border.

Davidson, former assistant secretary of interior under former Secretary Oscar Chaapman, who opposed Idaho Power, declared: "We feel that before any interior witnesses by put on the stand the Federal Power Commission should see to it that they be permitted to testify freely and not jeopardize their positions."

McKay Asked Davidson said such assurance was requested of Secretary of Interior McKay, who withdrew his department's opposition to the Idaho Power application May 5.

But he said McKay has not replied to a letter written July 2 by his (Davidson's) law partner, L. A. Nikolric, who asked whether interior witnesses would be permitted to state their personal views on the site of the proposed federal project.

Idaho Power Attorney R. P. Parry objected that the letter had no bearing on the case.

"It's material as to whether we're going to be under gag rule," Davidson retorted.

Presiding Examiner William J. Costello suggested that commission and interior lawyers get together to see if anything could be done to prevent possible reprisals against witnesses.

Nikolric said in the letter that McKay had withdrawn as an intervenor, offered to make interior witnesses available and "in a June 1 speech at Portland, Ore., expressed the hope that the applications filed by the Idaho Power Co. be granted."

Freedom to Talk Sought "In view of these circumstances we feel justified in inquiring whether the position you have taken may be assumed to be department policy or whether the witnesses to be made available will be free to testify in accordance with their individual judgements."

"Regardless of your personal views in this matter, we assume you will desire that the commission have a full and complete presentation of the questions involved. We therefore hope and assume that you will make available to the commission all of the experts in the department who are available to testify concerning the proposed high dam installation at Hells Canyon.

Let Each Have Own View "We also hope that you will inform each such witness that he may testify as to his individual convictions regardless of the secretary's announced position."

Power commission attorney John Mason said he thought "possibly Mr. Davidson is unduly alarmed." He said the interior Department had promised to supply information and witnesses and it had not occurred to him that the witnesses would be "under wraps or" told how to testify.

Mason said, however, "I think we should know," one way or the other.

Mason announced that John S. Cotton, author of four reports which have been supplied by interior, will testify Tuesday morning.

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## Marriage Loses Out to Friendship

ENID, Okla. (AP) — For 17 years Jeanette Swartout and Phil Stuart have been doing things together.

They have lived across the street from each other since birth—four days apart in the same Enid hospital and under the care of the same physician. They started to school together. Since both surnames started with S their school desks always were near each other. They took part in much the same activities. And they were graduated from high school this year.

But they do not intend to marry each other — just remain good friends.

## Atomic Weed Killers Trace Plant Growth

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Radioactive weed killers are showing University of California scientists how healthy plants grow.

The tagged weed killers move through the plant at rates as high as four feet an hour, just as do sugars manufactured in plant leaves. By exposing the treated plants to x-ray films in the experiment station here, it was learned exactly where the radioactive chemical went. It is hoped the experiments will disclose why some plants are more susceptible to weed killers than others.

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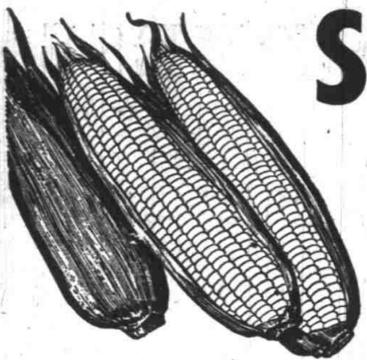
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