

Zirconium Plant At Albany Closes

ALBANY, Ore. (UP) — Closure of its Albany zirconium plant after more than a decade of operation has been announced by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Closure of the plant, situated at the bureau's electro-development laboratory here, had been expected for some time, since the Atomic Energy Commission intended to make zirconium only until it was available commercially.

Most of the 65 employees had permanent civil service status and have been offered positions elsewhere, Stephen M. Shelton, regional director of the bureau said.

Plywood Firm To Increase Directorate

PORTLAND (UP) — Stockholders of Cascade Plywood company increased the number of directors from seven to nine, at an annual meeting here Wednesday.

A. E. Anderson, a vice-president and Paul L. Boley, a Portland attorney, will fill the newly created positions.

Directors reelected all officers, headed by president Charles W. Fox.

Laborites Lose In Scotland Vote

LONDON (UP) — The Labor Party lost ground in Wednesday's Scottish municipal elections but voter apathy prevented the contest from indicating a trend for the forthcoming national election, results showed Thursday.

The Laborites suffered a net loss of 13 seats in a slight swing to the right in voting in 98 Scottish cities and boroughs.

Less than 40 per cent of the electorate turned out in most districts and the vote did little to affect the status of the parties in the various city and county councils.

'Yellow Alert' Sounds in Pacific Coast Cities as U.S. Jets Fail to Get Proper Radar Clearance in Canada

COLORADO SPRINGS (UP) — The Continental Air Defense Command announced that its Western Division went on "yellow alert" Thursday because of a communications tieup relating to outbound friendly aircraft.

The command spokesman emphasized that the warning was a "yellow alert" and not a red alert. The red alert means "attack imminent."

The text of the statement: "The Continental Air Defense Command announces that its Western Division went on yellow alert between 10:40 and 10:47 a.m. PDT because of a communications tieup relating to outbound friendly aircraft.

"The initial warning came from a Canadian radar station. The aircraft were Strategic Air Command B47s, jet aircraft, and the Continental AC had previous notification of the particular flight from SAC.

"However, because of a communications delay within the air defense system Western Air Defense units failed to receive the notification in time to avoid calling the alert.

"This unusual incident occurred during a routine training exercise on the West Coast involving Continental ADC and SAC aircraft."

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — A brief "attack imminent" alert was sounded along the Pacific Coast Thursday and a high Civil Defense source said the "yellow alert" was legitimate, stemming from a "scare in Canada."

The Civil Defense official, who declined to be identified, said any elaboration on his statement would have to come from nearby Hamilton Air Force Base, headquarters of the Western Air Defense Command.

Military officials at the defense command headquarters refused immediately to confirm or deny the report. They said, however, they would have "an official statement soon."

Sirens Set Off

The alert was sounded in nearby Oakland at 10:42 a.m. PDT, where sirens actually were set off. The "all clear" came four minutes later, the Alameda County sheriff's office, alert center for the east side of San Francisco Bay, said.

The alert also was sounded in Los Angeles. A Los Angeles sheriff's spokesman said the alert meant "attack imminent." The Los Angeles sheriff's office sounded its alert at 10:48 a.m. PDT with the "all clear" sounded "about six minutes later."

Conelrad In Effect

Norton Air Force Base, headquarters for the Air Defense Command in Southern California immediately authorized Conelrad to go in effect in the area's radio stations. Conelrad is an emergency communications setup for use in event of enemy attack.

The alert was also sounded in the Capitol Building in Sacramento, sending an estimated 500 work the basement.

The alert was received by the city civil defense director, E. J. Flato, but he ordered it held for a check. The cancellation came before the city sirens were sounded.



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Nutritionists Advise 'Know Your Proteins'

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

NEW YORK (UP) — Medical scientists devoted to the nutritional approach to health would like every American to know the nature of proteins at least as well as he knows the colors of the new cars.

Some of them are frankly alarmed for the future because of proteins, but what can be done about it when Americans think one protein is as good as another?

Because they don't know, Americans are kidding themselves when they think they're the best-fed people on earth, according to Dr. William Coda Martin, of the New York Medical College.

He spoke out feelingly at a recent meeting of the American Academy of Nutrition because the protein content of wheat and corn grown in America is steadily declining even as the bushel yield of grain per acre is increasing.

Protein Structure Remade

Animal bodies, human, bovine, or whatever, do not make protein; they merely remake the protein structure which is first put together by plant life, he said.

The plants take the chemical parts of proteins out of the soil add such elements as calcium in fair amounts, and add traces of such minerals as magnesium, manganese, copper, boron, zinc, and molybdenum.

A man eats these plants and his body breaks down the proteins into their many parts and puts the parts together into man-protein. Or the man eats the cow which had eaten the plants and whose body had remade them into cow-protein. And so the man's body remakes cow-protein into man-protein.

Which is as it should be. What isn't as it should be, Dr. Martin said, is that in the United States the vegetable protein, upon which animal protein depends, is becoming of lower and lower quality.

This is so because the soil of "two-thirds" of the country — he excepted the Middle West — is no longer able to supply plants with everything they need to make high quality protein.

Size, Appearance and Taste

Unfortunately, "there are few nutritional standards for our foods," he said. "The United States Department of Agriculture bases its yearly statistics on the yield per acre and not on the nutritional value of the food in human health. Size and appearance and taste seem to be the major requirements for our foods."

Yet "protein produced on infertile soil deficient in trace minerals is considered an incomplete protein or a protein of low biological factors as compared with high quality protein from fertile soil."

He granted that science "still knows very little" of the value of trace minerals in human nutrition. But they are unquestionably essential and, by way of example, he continued: "It is now known that many of these trace minerals act as catalyst (starter-upper) in body metabolism. One such condition that is well known is the inability of the red cell to utilize iron without the catalytic action of copper."

Citadel Cadet Seeks Confederate Money

CHARLESTON, S. C. (UP) — Who said Confederate money was no good?

Anybody with Confederate currency, bonds, signatures, drafts, documents or other material dealing with finances of the Confederate States of America can sell them to Grover C. Criswell, a cadet at The Citadel.

Criswell has announced that he is prepared to pay a "fair price" of any quantity of this material as it is his aim to form the most complete collection on the finances of the Confederacy ever collected.