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Senate Votes OK On Investigations

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate voted Saturday to set up a government committee to look into man's efforts to make weather instead of just talking about it.

First item for the committee would be a steaming dispute over whether science actually has learned how to make large doses of rainfall.

The Senate also approved another bill providing up to one million dollars to back research on making fresh water out of salt water.

Dr. Irving Langmuir, Nobel Prize winning chemist, said recently experiments in the Southwest proved the success of rain-making. He said scientists had created a nationwide pattern of rainfall—mostly a series of weekend wettings in the East.

THE U.S. WEATHER Bureau scoffed at these claims. It said the pattern claimed by Dr. Langmuir was just coincidence—that there was even more of a "pattern" in Europe during the experiments.

The Senate bill would create a committee of nine members to advise Congress on who's right—and whether the federal government should license and regulate attempts to modify the weather.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, in sending the bill to the floor, said the object is "to find out who is doing what—under what conditions and with what results."

The committee took a cloudy view of federal regulation of weather making. It said federal control "might limit and discourage experiments by private individuals and companies, the source of major discoveries in the field to date."

THE COMMITTEE would be composed of the secretaries of Defense, Interior, Agriculture and Commerce, and five private leaders in science, agriculture or business. These five would be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

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World Abounds In Wonder That Enchants Child Minds

By HAL BOYLE
 Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK — (AP) — Children are superior to grownups because they have a greater sense of wonder.

Adults are always fretting about such dull topics as whether there will be another world war soon and who will be the next president.

Such prosaic cares never disturb the curly hair of my godchild, Nina. She is still a month away from her fifth birthday, and her world is such an exciting one I wish I could share it completely with her.

But I can't. No grownup can know the enchantment of a child's mind, because he loses the fresh joy of discovery.

A child would like to know everything about everything, be flooded all at once with all the knowledge of the universe.

Grownups have no such desire. Time and boredom too often build a wall around their minds.

THEY LOSE the will to learn. This puzzles children. They can't understand why grownups aren't as eager for information as they are.

Nina looks like an exclamation point and she is a living question mark. Queries pour out of her from dawn to dusk, searching queries of a little girl trying to decipher the magic of life.

What does a young lady "going on five" want to know? Well, her mother scotch-taped a piece of paper on the kitchen wall and scribbled down the questions Nina asked.

Here are a few from a two-day total:

"Why is it black when the fire goes out?"

"How do you get hungry?"

"Why does everybody in the whole world have to go to church and Sunday school?"

"Do you love us (Nina and her sister) even when we are bad?"

"Do snakes come in houses?"

"ARE THERE ANY lions and tigers in the whole world?"

"Why do people need lights?"

"If we ate something at someone else's house and you didn't want us to, how would you know?"

Airlines Will Ask Reservation Check

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Starting July 1, airlines will cancel reservations unless passengers reconfirm them at least six hours before flight time.

The airlines, announcing this Sunday, said the action was taken because too many persons do not show up to claim reservations and planes have to leave with empty seats.

Union County Farmers Sue for Crop Losses

PORTLAND — (AP) — Two Union County farmers are suing the federal government for crop losses in 1950. The assert airplanes, spraying forests against a spruce budworm pest for the government, also sprayed their hay and grain crops.

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Miss Nevada Results Argued

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—(AP)—The director of the Miss America beauty pageant insisted Saturday that the runner-up for the title of Miss Nevada must represent her state because the girl who won got married.

Lenore Slaughter said that Carl H. Schuck, president of the Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors Miss Nevada, wrote to say the state will not be represented in the Miss America contest here in September.

The difficulty arose when Miss Nevada, Sylvia Ada Russell of Reno, got married, thereby disqualifying herself as a contestant. Bonnie Claire Wilson, also of Reno and the runner-up, appeared the logical successor.

But Miss Slaughter said Schuck told her the Jaycees felt Miss Wilson would be competing "under a handicap" as the state's second choice and therefore would not be sent to the boardwalk pageant.

"That is manifestly unfair," said Miss Slaughter.

She said that Schuck wrote that Miss Wilson did not care to compete but that she spoke with Miss Wilson by telephone "and she told me there is nothing she would like better than to represent her state in the contest."

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