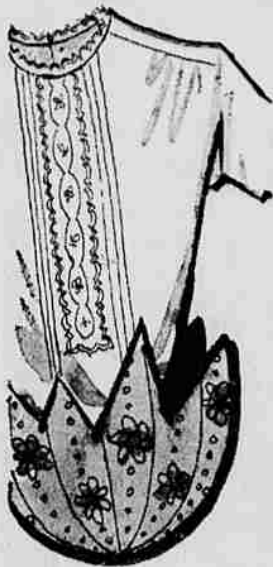


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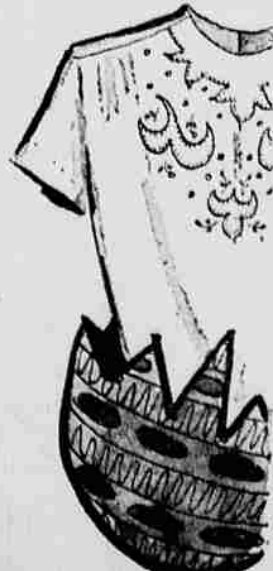
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Benson Pushes Dairy Products

Surplus Problem
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Thursday the average American consumes 47 pounds less fluid milk a year than did his predecessor nine years ago.

The butter, cheese and dried milk surpluses now in government hands—totaling 1,300,000,000 pounds—would have disappeared, he said, if Americans were drinking milk and eating butter at the 1945 rate. Butter consumption, he said, is down 2.2 pounds per person per year—the equivalent of 45 more pounds of milk.

Benson, in a prepared speech, asked housewives attending the Republican Women's Centennial Conference to help the government carry out its determination that the surpluses be consumed.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

He said the Agriculture Department is cooperating with the dairy industry in a nationwide campaign to increase consumption of dairy products, particularly milk.

Noting that butter has dropped 10 cents or more per pound in the stores in the last two weeks, Benson said he was hopeful that lower prices, the nationwide promotion campaign and a move to encourage dairy farmers to cull less productive cows, will bring consumption and production into better balance and permit utilization of accumulated stocks.

"This can be done without interfering with the right of farmers to make their own management decisions and I should be the last to suggest production controls for the dairy industry," he said.

MORE RATIONAL BASIS

He said that developments in the last two years have proved beyond question that the time has come to put the entire farm price support program on a more rational basis.

The Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) now has about 6½ billion dollars invested in price support operations, with about nine-tenths of that amount in wheat, corn, dairy products and cotton, Benson said, and added:

"This leaves relatively little for the development of programs in interest of producers of the many other commodities which account for by far the greater percentage of total farm income."

Oregon Missionary, Wife Said Beaten in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Colombia's Evangelical Confederation, protesting anew that this Catholic nation is persecuting Protestants, has charged that 15 persons attacked an Oregon missionary and his pregnant wife, beating and kicking them.

The confederation said the victims were the Rev. and Mrs. Warren O'Dell Nowowiejski. Assemblies of God workers from Salem, Ore. It reported Wednesday they were assaulted at Sogamoso, Boyaca Department; that Mrs. Nowowiejski was knocked to the ground and that their home was looted.

The interior ministry said the complaint was being investigated.

The Protestant confederation complained also that seven Protestant primary schools, with 500 students enrolled, have been ordered closed in the Caribbean island of San Andres and Providencia.

An interior ministry official said the islands are Catholic mission territory, and non-Catholic

Heltzel Eyes Merger Plan

SALEM (AP)—The hearing on the merger of Pacific Power and Light and Mountain States Power Companies ended Tuesday afternoon, without any opposition to the plan.

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel took the matter under advisement.

The hearing lasted less than a day. The only witnesses were officials of the two companies, who said the merger is needed to save money.

Before the merger can be approved, it must be given an OK by the state utility regulation bodies of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming, and by the Federal Power Commission.



PUBLICIZED PHOTO SCENE AT CANNES—Here is the scene at Cannes, France, during a picnic, just before buxom British actress Simone Silva removed the top of her scanty costume during a session in which she was posing for pictures with Hollywood actor Robert Mitchum. Mitchum had his arms around the 25-year-old redhead. Said Mitchum, "It was either be photographed or jump into the Mediterranean Sea," part of which is in background. Simone said she did it "for publicity."

Studebakers Win '54 Economy Run

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP)—Three Studebakers Thursday captured top honors in the 1954 Mobilgas economy run, including the coveted sweepstakes prize.

A Studebaker V-8 Land Cruiser with standard transmission and overdrive won the top sweepstakes award for the three-day, 1,335-mile gasoline economy drive from Los Angeles to Sun Valley with a performance averaging 60.8485 miles per gallon and 28.1048 actual miles per gallon.

MOST MILEAGE

A ton mile, on which the overall sweepstakes award is based, is the amount of gasoline a car uses in moving one ton of weight for one mile.

A Studebaker Champion won the low price standard and overdrive

transmission division and also took top honors for actual miles per gallon by averaging 29.5806 miles per gallon.

A Studebaker Land Cruiser won the upper-medium price class for automatic transmissions to round out the sweep of top prizes for this manufacturer. Fords and Mercuries previously had dominated the economy run.

The sweepstakes winning car was driven by Dick Griffith of Temple City, Calif., and was entered by Paramount Motors of San Francisco. This car also won top prize in its upper-medium price, standard-overdrive transmission category.

OTHER WINNERS

Other classification winners, in actual miles per gallon and ton miles per gallon, were:

Low price, automatic drive: Hudson Jet, 21.6382 mpg., 43.1249 mpg.

Low medium price, standard-overdrive: Dodge Royal V-8, 25.3973 mpg, 58.0456 mpg.

Low medium price, automatic drive: Oldsmobile Super-88, 19.7506 mpg, 49.7122 mpg.

High price, automatic drive: Lincoln Capri, 19.7542 mpg, 52.2894 mpg.

BOTTLE COMES BACK

IRVINGTON, N. J. (AP)—A steamshovel being used on a highway project here unearthed a hand-blown beer bottle made around 1890. An official of the Newark brewery that had used the bottle said it probably set "some sort of a record" for the return of an empty bottle.

'Nothing Sinister' In H-Bomb Delay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. W. Sterling Cole says he knows of nothing sinister in the fact that high officials debated for months before deciding to press work on the hydrogen bomb, a weapon the government says is due for "greatly increased production."

Cole, New York Republican who heads the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, recalled Wednesday night that full-scale work on the weapon was not decided upon until four months after Russia's first explosion in 1949 of an atomic bomb of the conventional type.

MCCARTHY CHARGE
"This fact is not of itself sinister," he said, "nor does it imply that those who opposed the President's final decision were motivated by a desire to lessen our military strength."

He conceded that events have proved he was wrong in urging against the decision to go ahead with the superbomb.

Other present and former officials said they had no knowledge of any 18-month delay in the H-bomb project mentioned by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) on a nationwide television broadcast Tuesday night.

McCarthy said there was a deliberate delay, and he asked: "If there were no Communists in our government, why did we delay?"

'THROWING MUD'

President Eisenhower told his news conference he has never heard of such a delay.

Former President Truman, who made the decision to proceed with the H-bomb in early 1950, said in Kansas City, "The order was issued as soon as the scientists were ready to go to work." The first announced hydrogen explosion occurred 34 months later, in November, 1952.

Sumner T. Pike, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission at the time, said in Augusta, Maine, he didn't know what McCarthy was talking about and he added of the senator: "I suppose as he frequently does he is just throwing mud and hoping some of it will stick." Pike is a Republican.

SPENDING UP

As for the current status of the H-bomb, AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss told a Senate appropriations subcommittee Wednesday that "greatly increased production of thermonuclear weapons"—those popularly called hydrogen bombs—account for increased spending in the next fiscal year.

Operating costs will rise by 427

million dollars to \$1,262,000,000, Strauss said, and he added:

"Virtually the entire increase occurs in the cost of producing uranium and of producing weapons and weapons materials."

3RD TEST HELD

Strauss said results of current tests in the Pacific "will play an important part in making the thermonuclear weapon a major instrument for the defense of the free world," but the commission also will seek for versatility through development of a "family of weapons."

AEC announced Wednesday the third test of the current Pacific series, and Strauss said "information of great importance to national defense continue to be derived." The first two series blasts were described as thermonuclear. Presumably this one was too.

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General Dean Praises ROTC

CORVALLIS (AP)—Maj. Gen. William F. Dean praised college trained Army officers Wednesday night and called for high moral courage among Americans.

The deputy 6th Army commander who was a prisoner of the North Koreans for three years, said "almost all Americans seem to have" physical courage. But he said he noticed less discipline in many walks of life when he returned to the United States last fall after a six-year absence.

Earlier Wednesday, Dean called for an adequate reserve force in this country. In a press conference at Salem he said the best preventive for another war was a strong military organization.



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