

# Land-for-Poor Program Upsets Communist Plans

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GROSSETO, Italy (AP)—The Italian government's land-for-the-poor program has upset Communist Party discipline in this Red-dominated farm area of small farms.

The government has started the distribution of small farms to the landless peasant of this region. Communists are urging party members to refuse the grants to the land, reclaimed from once malaria-ridden marshes, on the ground that it is no good.

Officials in charge of the program said that so far only one Communist peasant has turned down an offer of a farm for his own. Two days later, he changed his mind and said he wanted it after all.

The desire for land is powerful among Italy's peasant and share-cropper class. The government is counting heavily on the land reform program to woo them from Communism.

### Called "Revolution"

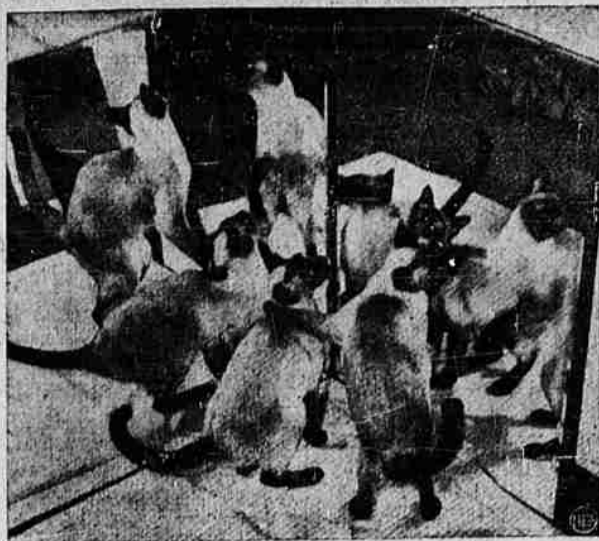
Premier Alcide de Gasperi, who came here to present farms to 178 peasants, told them the expropriation of land from the wealthy for assignment to the poor was a peaceful revolution which deserved their full support.

Speaking in an area where the Communists outpolled his Christian Democratic Party by four to one in last year's local elections, de Gasperi said: "this is a peaceful revolution which gets results without shedding blood."

The premier assured the peasants that the land reform would continue. The council of state in Rome followed up his promise by rejecting charges by landowners who have lost part of their estates that the expropriation was unconstitutional.

The difficulties confronting the program do not come only from Communists or the wealthy landowners, however. The peasants themselves are so jealous of the land they get that they spurn appeals for co-operative operation with their neighbors.

That has been especially true here in Tuscany, where the individualism that marks Italians in general is especially strong.



**PURR-TY CONFUSING**—Samson and Delilah, Siamese cats wintering in Miami Beach, Fla., don't know where all the crowd came from, but they think it's done with mirrors. In case you, too, are lost in this crystal maze, the two real cats are the ones nearest the camera.

# 'Bread Madness' Cause Told

LONDON (AP)—A French town's "bread madness" epidemic, which last year caused four deaths and put 200 persons in the hospital, probably was caused by the contamination of flour with marijuana, a British doctor said Friday.

Dr. Donald Johnson made a report in the authoritative medical weekly, The Lancet, after visiting the town of Pont St. Esprit and interviewing doctors who treated victims.

He said that marijuana was the only thing which could have produced the symptoms reported. It had been believed the epidemic was caused by contamination of flour with ergot.

Johnson's report said victims of the "bread madness" epidemic first passed through a stage of well-being after eating the contaminated bread, then entered a period of nervous depression with anxiety and delusions of persecution.

"One man was seized with claustrophobia and broke his leg when he jumped from an upstairs window," the doctor reported.

Government officials said it is an uphill fight to persuade the peasants that state help in the form of technical, economic and financial aid will be more effective if the peasants work together on a co-operative basis at the outset.

### Peasants Admonished

Giuseppe Medici, chief of the local land program, and minister of agriculture Amintore Fanfani told the 178 peasants: "Remember, to be successful on your new farms, you must collaborate among yourselves. Don't shut yourself up on your own farm." Fanfani said 108,560 acres of land have been distributed since the program started almost two years ago and that the figure will reach 172,900 acres by the end of April.

# Tests Prove Mules Still Fulfill Need

FT. BENNING, Ga., April 21 (AP)—Tests are under way here to prove the Army mule is as useful in some phases of military tactics as jet bombers and bullet-proof vests are in others.

Three long-eared quadrupeds were brought to the huge infantry training center for the tests from Camp Carson, Colo. That's where the Army runs its only two full-sized animal units for transport.

The idea is to determine just how much of an infantry regiment's equipment can be carried on the backs of mules. Lt. Col. Estel A. Thompson, of Urichsville, Ohio, chief of the Camp Carson animal equipment section, is in charge.

Everything from typewriters to mortars are being loaded on specially-designed saddles and hauled around over the Georgia countryside while observers keep careful check on the results.

Thompson said a mule is capable of carrying about 300 payload pounds on a 100-pound leather and iron saddle. One phase of the test here is to determine if present standard pack accessories are capable of packing the new infantry equipment, Thompson said.

# Lava Bears

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nado easily won first place in the meet with a total of 63½ points. Grant high of Portland was second; Grants Pass was third; Jefferson high of Portland, fourth, and Salem, fifth.

Next Friday the Lava Bears will meet Crook County High School's Cowboys from Prineville in a dual meet on Bruin field, and the following Tuesday will meet the Bufalobos of Madras High School at Madras.

### SELECTION DUE

MADRAS, April 21—Bern E. Gard, Jefferson county sheriff who heads a committee of the John Sloss post, American Legion, in charge of the activity, reported Saturday that the post will again sponsor two boys from the county at the annual Beaver Boys state at Oregon State College this summer. A selection of the Jefferson county boys will be made from high school students, it was announced.

### WRONG WINDOW

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The sailor was back at the auditorium ticket window just a few seconds after paying 60 cents for a show ticket. He wanted a bus ticket. The bus to Millington naval base leaves from the side of the auditorium and he got the wrong window.

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**INCOME**  
Total premium income for the year: \$40,488,357.33  
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year: 8,466,139.29  
Income from other sources received during the year: 576,543.18  
Total income: \$49,529,039.80

**DEBITMENTS**  
Paid for losses on death benefits, annuities and other values: \$ 3,548,890.02  
Dividends paid to policyholders: 385.13  
Dividends paid to stockholders: 100,000.00  
General insurance expenses: 3,802,711.90  
Amount of all other expenditures (including investments, etc.) during the year: 20,250,543.89  
Total expenditures: \$27,402,520.94

**ASSETS**  
Value of real estate owned (market value): \$ 7,706,818.10  
Loans on mortgages and securities: 20,228,415.34  
Value of bonds owned (market value): 99,319,160.70  
Value of stocks owned (market value): 14,301,378.00  
Premium notes and policy loans: 8,919,188.14  
Cash in banks and on hand: 1,844,074.89  
Interest accrued and other assets: 864,412.16  
Net unapplied and deferred premiums: 5,641,728.40  
Other assets (net): 362,549.67  
Total admitted: \$137,477,723.40

**LIABILITIES**  
Reserve for unearned premium: \$129,501,602.97  
Policy loans and losses outstanding: 2,821,233.20  
All other liabilities: 5,923,529.41  
Total liabilities: \$138,256,215.68

Capital paid up: \$1,900,000.00  
Special surplus funds: 600,000.00  
Unassigned surplus: 17,621,507.72  
Surplus as regards policyholders: 19,221,507.72  
Total: \$137,477,723.40

**BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR**  
Net premiums and annuities received: \$1,018,902.13  
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year: None  
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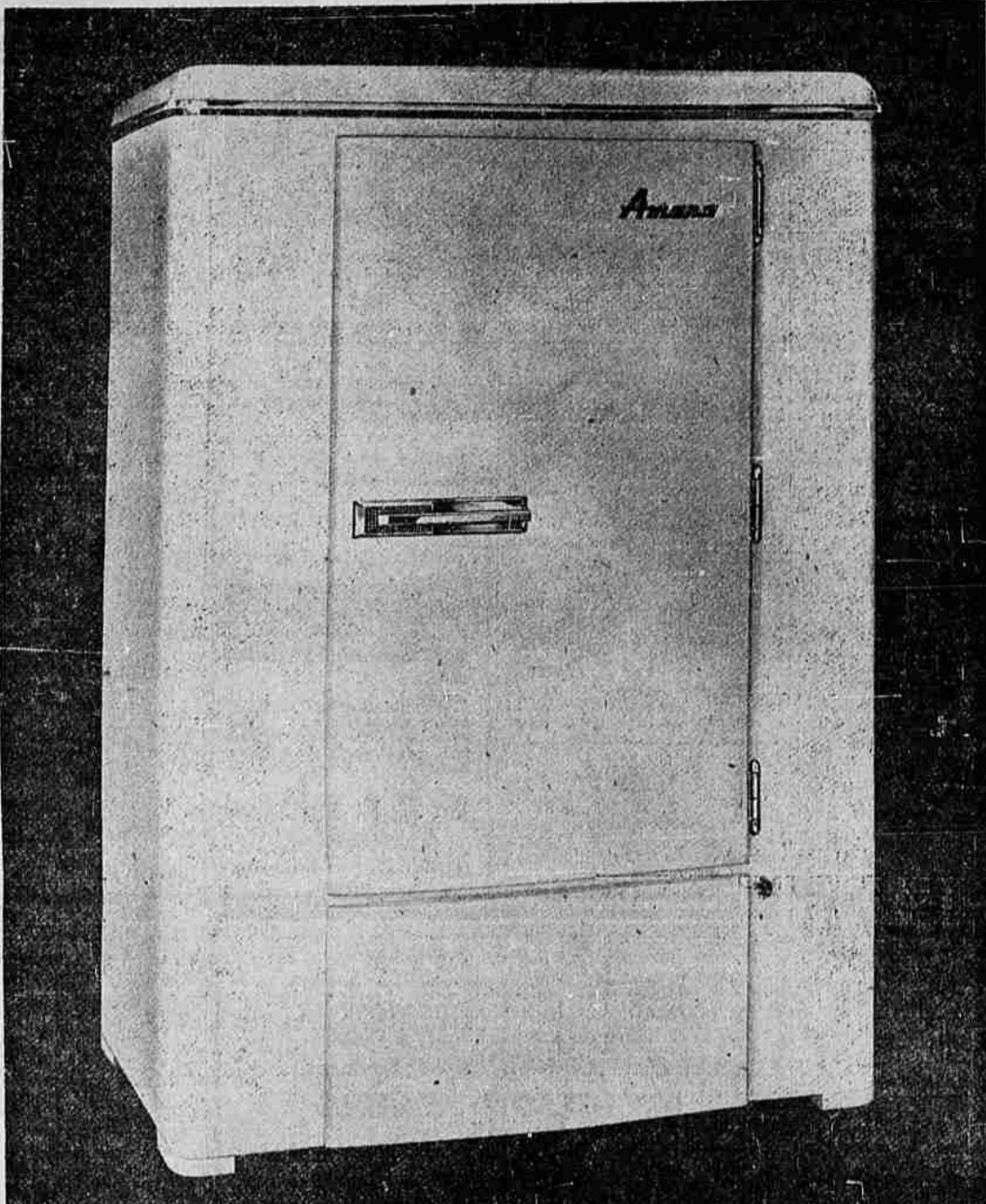
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