

Attempt to Make Lake Area Into Farmland Fails

NEW HOLLAND, N. C. (AP)—Americans have overcome many stubborn natural obstacles in raising their cities and building roads and bridges, but 30,000-acre Lake Mattamuskeet here has defied all efforts.

Off and on since 1909, men have spent more than \$17,000,000 in attempts to drain off its waters and convert the area to rich farmland.

The net result of these efforts has been only that the lake now has a more abundant population than ever of Canada geese, ducks, whistling swans, white perch, black bass, crappie and carp. Around its shores are plentiful numbers of deer, foxes, raccoons, opossums, mink and bears. No farmers.

One Brief Success
Lake Mattamuskeet is a sluggish body of water more than 15 miles long and five or six miles across with an average depth of only two to three feet. Cypress trees grow along the northern border, but its eastern and southern shores fade into low swamplands.

Its rich, black soil has tempted farmers for 100 years to try to drain the lake.

The most successful attempt was made in 1915 when a huge pumping station was set up on the south shore of the lake and a canal dug to Pamlico Sound, eight miles away.

It worked for a while. Farmers reaped bumper crops of corn, rice, soybeans and vegetables. But an assortment of troubles plagued the venture. The pump failed repeatedly and an insect invasion ruined the crops.

Wildlife Returned
In 1933 the project was abandoned, and the various forms of wildlife which had been driven away during the farming operations quickly returned in vast numbers to claim the ground.

The annual 60-inch rainfall soon refilled the lake and the federal government made it the heart of a 50,000-acre wildlife refuge in 1934.

The bird life of Mattamuskeet includes about 200 species. The most spectacular visitors are the whistling swans with their wing-spread of six to seven feet.

Park officials say Canada geese come in the largest numbers. There are usually between 40,000 and 60,000 of them staying at the refuge from October to March. All manner of ducks are common.

The old pumping station has become an observation tower and the only invaders are the anglers trying their luck in the waters.

WATCHES THEFT
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 21 (AP)—Robert B. Brown told police he called at a parking lot to pick up his car and watched while a man got into it and drove away. "I didn't think much about it at the time," he said. "It was about 10 minutes later before I realized my car had been stolen."

TO END VACATION
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 21 (AP)—Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill ends his two-week Jamaican holiday Thursday when he flies to New York to board the liner Queen Mary for England.



MERCY BLOCKED BY RED TAPE—Quadruple amputee "Korea Joe" (ROK Cpl. Lee Yong Suk) is attended by ROK medic in a hospital at Pusan, Korea. Charley Company of the 27th Wolfhound Regiment, the outfit Korea Joe fought with for 24 months, wanted to place him in a U. S. Army hospital where he would get better care. Although sympathetic, high brass says ROK's cannot be admitted to U. S. Army hospitals.

New U. S. President Smooth Outside, Tough on Inside

By PHIL NEWSOM
(United Press Foreign News Editor)

The new President of the United States has been described as a man smooth on the outside and tough on the inside.

To get a clearer hint of what U. S. foreign policy may be like during the next four years, I searched through a file of Eisenhower speeches looking for precise definitions of the role he believes both he and the United States should play in world affairs.

The overall impression is that his foreign policy will have its tough side, too.

Over the last three years, as educator at Columbia University, as soldier-statesman in command of NATO forces and as Republican candidate and President-elect, the new President has discussed subjects ranging from isolationism and foreign aid to possible talks with Stalin and use of the atom bomb.

Here is a thumbnail sketch: The atom bomb: "If I thought the net destruction of the enemy was on my side, I would use it instantly, because I proceed from this basis: The United States is not going to declare war or conduct an aggressive campaign. It is merely going to defend itself, but I believe in using what we have in defending ourselves."

Meetings with Stalin: If Eisenhower had "the slightest reason to believe" it would promote world peace, he would "go anywhere in the world." But he doubts that issues between East and West are "negotiable" so long as Russia pursues a policy of "subversion, bribery, corruption and armed aggression" toward her neighbors.

World war: The Russian leaders would be "really fools" if they touched off a global war now because they cannot possibly score a "complete knockout" and would be beaten in a battle of attrition.

with the United States.
Korea: One phase of the world-wide struggle against Communism, but more can and will be done for our forces there. Communist aggression in Korea must be "induced" to want peace. Eisenhower opposes forced repatriation of Red war prisoners in U. N. hands.

China: It's loss to the Communists was "one of the great international disasters of our time," and one "that must not be repeated."

U. S. aid to Europe: There is no acceptable alternative because standing alone and isolated in a world otherwise completely dominated by Communists, our system would have to wither away. We would suffer economic atrophy and then finally collapse. But "it would be fatuous for anyone to assume that the taxpayers of America will continue to pour money and resources into Europe unless encouraged by steady progress toward mutual cooperation and full effectiveness."

European unity: In a statement to the North Atlantic Council—"I do not need to recite to such a body as this the great advantages that would come to us through the unification of Western Europe, the unification of its economy, its military systems and finally its political organization." But German help also is needed "with justice and respect to them and to ourselves."

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Europeans Hail Words of New U. S. President

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Free Europe took heart and hope Wednesday from President Eisenhower's inaugural address, welcoming his promise of American leadership and joining his prayer for peace.

No speech by Mr. Eisenhower had drawn such unanimous praise in Europe since he left for the United States last June. The only unkind words came, as expected, from West European Communists.

All Moscow newspapers back-paged an 83-word Tass Agency dispatch without comment.

West European government quarters and newspapers were impressed by the new President's attention to the outside world, struck by the moral fervor of Mr. Eisenhower's new crusade, and frankly relieved that he said nothing about "liberating" Eastern Europe at this stage.

Biggest Story
The story was Wednesday's biggest in Europe. The British Broadcasting Corp. Tuesday night broadcast the ceremony direct from Washington. The U. S. Armed Forces Network brought it to servicemen.

Britain's Liberal Manchester Guardian, which has been somewhat cool to Mr. Eisenhower since he left Europe, said: "President Eisenhower has begun well... his inaugural address yesterday struck a deep note which will reverberate throughout his country and awaken a responsive stir in the minds of the millions who listened to him."

The Times of London said the President spoke with a style "that accords with the deep sense of moral purpose which is the main-spring of American policy at its best." It welcomed his stress on social and economic progress as well as military preparedness.

'Veep' Nixon Looks Ahead To Elections

By WARREN DUFFEE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Richard M. Nixon said Tuesday one of his main activities as vice president will be to help Republicans increase their narrow congressional majorities in the 1954 elections.

Nixon said, in an interview, he will "assume as much responsibility as possible in assuring the election of an Eisenhower Congress."

As an "active" vice president, which he has vowed to be, Nixon has set for himself two other top objectives:

Working for enactment of Mr. Eisenhower's legislative program in Congress and taking a "very active part" in the National Security Council. By law, the vice president is a member of the council.

Nixon said he has not discussed in detail with Mr. Eisenhower any specific jobs the new President may assign him. But the vice president, a hard working alumnus of both the House and Senate, will not be content with the usually-time task of presiding over the Senate.

Looking ahead to 1954 elections, Nixon said he will stump as much as he can to help GOP candidates. He will concentrate on "helping Republican members of Congress in close states and districts, and

candidates against Democratic incumbents where we have a chance to win."

He disclaimed any future personal ambitions at this time. "So far as I'm concerned, I feel that I have accomplished my major political ambition—to throw the Democrats out and get Eisenhower in," he said.

"I have no further ambition except that of doing the best possible job I can."

HEAR INAUGURATION

REDMOND, Jan. 21—Radios in Redmond schools' classrooms Tuesday enabled most of the school children of the district to hear the inauguration of the new president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. A tape recording of about an hour of the impressive ceremonies with the oath of office and inaugural address the highlights, was made by Walter Thomas, special education teacher for the grades, for future use of the schools at appropriate times.

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