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### Another boom now appears in the making; United States birth rates take big jump

A consistent three-month rise in the U. S. birth rate gives strong indication that another boom is in the making. Or rather, that the slump experienced in 1958 is at an end.

The birth rate for the first three months of this year is by no means near the postwar peak of 1947, but live births were well over the year-ago totals. The National Office of Vital Statistics reports 355,000 births in March, or 23.8 per thousand of population. The total for March 1958 had been 345,000 births; the rate, 23.6 per thousand.

Marriages were up for March, too: 95,000, or 6.4 per thousand of population. Year-ago totals: 88,000 marriages, or 6.0 per thousand.

The totals are significant only in relation to the general trend. NOVIS reported a record 328,000 live births in February, 3 1/2 per cent higher than in February 1958. Births in January and February totaled 679,000, up 2.3 per cent from the corresponding months of 1958. Marriages also were ahead.

The eight-year low in the birth rate which was registered in 1958 had some prophets believing that the great postwar baby boom was leveling off, albeit at a very high altitude. There were 4,249,000 live births last year, 52,000 fewer than during 1956, but still the second highest total on record. The rate was 24.4 per thousand as against the postwar peak of 26.6 in 1947.

A sober study in Fortune reported that the decline in that rate was not just a temporary product of the recession but that in fact the baby boom had begun to taper off in late 1957, long before had economic news could have affected it. "There are good reasons," the magazine reported, "for supposing that the long upward trend has been checked for at least a few years." The

authors predicted that the next boom would start soon after 1965.

The Population Reference Bureau, however, in a more recent analysis, notes that the actual level of fertility in recent years has been higher than had been assumed by the U. S. Census Bureau in making its periodic projections of population growth. The private agency reports: "The protracted postwar increase in fertility indicates that more is involved than temporary changes in the timing of marriages and births which do not alter the size of completed families. . . The American family has grown larger."

This trend scotches the theory of most demographers, who had attributed the postwar baby boom to marriages and births that had been postponed during the depression and war years. If the boom continues, the effect will be to raise all projections of future population.

The U. S. population today is about 176 million. Since 1947 it has grown by 30 million—or the nation's total population on the eve of the Civil War. This year will conclude the largest decennial population gain in U. S. history.

If present trends are maintained, there will be about 260 million people in this country by 1980; by the turn of the century, 360 million people. The postwar begetting binge already has foresighted public school administrators shivering at the new construction needed to accommodate the arrivals of the past 15 years. What problems of additional costs of government—and of new outlays for schools, hospitals, housing—do the populations projections pose? And, on the reverse side of the coin, what promises of agricultural surpluses literally eaten up, of job-making, of using and spending, of abundance?

### Garbage in gorge not very appealing

Oregonians are developing tidier habits.

At least this is the optimistic belief of Junior Eckley, Salem. He is litter-bug chairman for the state division of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Eckley reports that the cost of removing litter from state highways and parks has been reduced to almost one third of what it was five years ago.

He said the highway department in 1958 spent \$52,500 in picking up bottles, paper and other trash tossed to Oregon roadsides by heedless motorists, or left scattered behind by picnickers in state parks and on public beaches.

Back in 1954, the overall cost was around \$142,000. Eckley credited the state highway department's program to place litter barrels along the highway for a part of the reduction in cleanup costs. Garden clubs and other civic groups backing anti-litter program also received credit.

This is a timely year for such improvement in habits of being tidy. Oregon is holding "open" house for thousands of centennial visitors.

It is important that the state be kept clean. However, there are a few

spots in Oregon where the tidy habit is not making any great gain.

One of these is Central Oregon's Peter Skene Oregon state park, at the Crooked River gorge.

In that area, visitors to the park apparently are attempting to keep the grounds clean by throwing their refuse over the canyon wall.

We are certain Central Oregon visitors will be thrilled by the sight of a garbage pit in the deep gorge.

### Quotable quotes

She's had cancer for two years. We know about it but we kept it from daddy and mother until seven weeks ago when she entered the hospital.—Marilyn Cantor, on the death of her sister, Marjorie, 44, eldest of comedian Eddie Cantor's five daughters.

If my husband came back to life and they killed him, I would do it again.—Assunta Baby Doll Maresca, on being sentenced to 18 1/2 years in prison for the vengeance murder of a racketeer whom she accused of ordering the murder of her husband, also a racketeer.

### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Ike said to have agreed to USA summit session

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — Though President Eisenhower shrugged off a press-conference question regarding a Khrushchev visit to the United States, inside fact is that shortly before Secretary of State Herter left for Geneva, the two men came to a definite agreement on this point. The agreement was twofold:

1. Barring unforeseen Russian apoplexy - upsetting at Geneva, there will be a summit conference in the United States.

2. Nikita Khrushchev will be invited to tour the United States — after the conference.

Ike made both decisions with some reluctance; for two reasons. First, John Foster Dulles has long been opposed; second, both the FBI and the Secret Service are worried over the prospect of protecting Khrushchev from crackpots and assassins in the United States. This is a very real worry, which the President shares. He says it gives him the shivers when he thinks of what might happen to the peace of the world if Khrushchev were injured in the United States.

However, Secretary Herter convinced the President he had no alternative. Since Vice President Nixon is going to Moscow with complete freedom to tour all Russian cities and even return home via Siberia, Herter argued that we will have to give Khrushchev the privilege of either opening the Soviet Trade Fair in New York or coming to a summit conference in the USA.

So if there is reasonable agreement at Geneva, Herter will propose the date of August 1 or August 3 to Khrushchev for a meeting here. Afterward, Mr. K. will be invited to tour the USA. But one condition will be attached — namely, that the tour take place only after the conference. Thus if Mr. K. is too negative at the summit he'll get a sour reaction from the American people down below. Herter hopes this will make for more success at the conference table.

### Persistent Greek

Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco is the first American of Greek descent to govern a major American city. Plenty of Italo-Americans, from the late Fiorello La Guardia of New York to Tom D'Alesandro of Baltimore, from Anthony Celebrezze of Cleveland to Louis Mariani of Detroit, have governed big cities. But only one Greek-American.

It now looks as if Mayor Christopher would have another unique distinction — that of inducing the top leaders of the world to hold the summit conference in the city by the Golden Gate.

Behind George Christopher is the drive and determination that induced his ancestors to preserve democracy through the centuries of one of the rockiest areas in southern Europe; the spirit which also induced his family to migrate to America. With the same persistence, he began some time ago inviting, urging, nagging Prime Minister Macmillan and Premier Khrushchev to hold the summit conference in San Francisco. Both like the idea. Eisenhower didn't. But with two of the big four agreeable, the hard-working mayor of San Francisco may get the summit conference held by the Golden Gate.

### Political Diplomats

Sen. Bill Fulbright's policy of carefully scrutinizing politically appointed diplomats should mean real improvement in American diplomacy. But it shouldn't overlook the fact that some of our most outstanding diplomats have been politicians — beginning with Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

More recently Bill O'Dwyer, purely a politician, went to Mexico as ambassador and proved a great hit. He was on par with Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the Navy who ordered the U. S. Navy to fire on Tampico in 1917. Daniels was criticized before he came to Mexico, loved after he came. So was O'Dwyer. On the other hand, Walter Thurston, a career diplomat, and Francis White, who spent most of his life in the career service, were flops in Mexico City. Bob Hill, a Republican political appointee, now ambassador to Mexico, is extremely popular.

Likewise in India. Two career diplomats serving as ambassador to India had nowhere near the success of Chester Bowles, ex-governor of Connecticut, a Democrat; or Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, a Republican.

Sometimes politicians have a flair for getting along with people which career diplomats lack. Young Ogden Reid, newly appointed envoy to Israel, has been working so hard in preparation for his job that he should be a great success. And the close scrutiny given him by Senator Fulbright will be one reason for it. Senate debate over confirmations is always healthy.

### Summit-Go-Round

The FBI likes the idea of San Francisco as a summit site because the meeting would be held in the Presidio, the old Spanish fortress now used by the U. S. Army overlooking the Pacific ocean. Security there would be easy. Only hitch might be an objection from Khrushchev against holding the conference in a U. S. Army installation. Mayor Christopher operates a dairy company

in San Francisco. A Republican, he ran for senator in the GOP primary against Gov. Goodwin Knight, despite the fact that Knight made vigorous efforts to get him to withdraw. Christopher took the position that Knight three times had told him he was going to run for governor, not senator. On this pledge Christopher got into the race, so he was not going to get out. He not only stayed in, but most of his supporters backed Democratic Sen. Clair Engle in the final election.

## Letters

To the Editor

To the Editor:

When, after the Russo-Japanese war, We-2 landed in Korea, we were shocked to find the taxicabs at Pusan were chairs lashed to the backs of coolies. Having a rickshaw man in Japan as a pulling human beast of burden was bad enough. At this Korean system of carrying weight aback, we rebelled. We preferred walking to participating in such degrading human slavery. Is this not, however, an index to the Orient's over-population?

Oriental generally have recognized the unwisdom of lax immigration control. Even Korea, under the old Emperor, had an edict: "If you see a foreigner, kill him." Only U.S.A. has permitted naturalized aliens to plot destruction of the race that gave us Declaration of Independence as The Constitution.

Japanese officers yesterday in Korea told writer: "Our Japanese students returning from American universities convince us how mature is Asia, while your Occident is as a sucking babe. Your Abe Lincoln was a fool to free the slaves. We will erase the Koreans, cement Korea to Japan with our glorious Yamato 'baby-a-year' birthrate."

Of course, the plans of the Japanese militarists failed, as do dictators' plans finally.

Faithfully,  
C. M. Goethe  
Sacramento, Calif.,  
May 15, 1959

### JOB OUTLOOK GOOD

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said Sunday the job outlook for next month's college graduates is "generally favorable." He estimated an average starting salary of \$425 for holders of bachelor degrees.

### Session held by men's area church group

**Special to The Bulletin**  
SISTERS — The Central Oregon Ninety Nine Men's organization of Christian Churches met Tuesday night at the Sisters Church of Christ. Loyd Hewitt, president, presided at the business meeting. Ed Dewees, field representative for the Turner Memorial Home, was the guest speaker. He spoke on "The Value of Christian Service Camps." Twenty-six members attended from Sisters, Madras, Culver, Redmond, Bend and Powell Butte. The Sisters ladies served pie and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barclay spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Barclay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pendergraft at Madras.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips and son, Dean, visited relatives Saturday and Sunday at Lebanon and Lacombe. They were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Phillips' mother, Mrs. Dove Phillips at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schmeckepeper and family moved from Sisters to La Grande on Wednesday. Schmeckepeper, who is employed by the U. S. Forest Service, will be Assistant Ranger of the La Grande district.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hawkins were recent weekend business visitors in Portland and visited at the home of Mrs. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris and other relatives.

Ted Welsh of Spokane visited Thursday evening at the home of his brother, Ole Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayward and family were business visitors in Condon on Saturday and attended the district track meet at Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lingerfelt and children, Sarah and John, of Bend, visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Widmark were dinner guests on Mothers Day at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Widmark, at Lone Pine.

Gaylen Forster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Forster, suffered a cut lip, when he fell at his home recently and was taken to Bend for a suture.

### Cancer-cigarette link seen now as generally accepted

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The government's top cancer expert said today it generally is accepted scientifically that cigarette smoking is a cause of lung cancer.

Assistant Surgeon General John R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute, advised heavy smokers to give up cigarettes. If they could not quit entirely, he said, they should cut down on smoking as much as possible.

"I think that most of the scientific data show that excessive use of cigarettes gives one a greater risk of acquiring lung cancer," Heller said in a copyrighted interview in the magazine U.S. News and World Report.

He agreed with a questioner that it is "pretty well accepted now scientifically" that smoking is a cause of cancer. He also said lung

cancer is increasing.

"Most of the men who have lung cancer are those who are heavy cigarette smokers," Heller stated. He advised all persons over 45, especially heavy smokers, to have a physical examination and a chest X-ray at least every six months.

The tobacco industry contends that no direct connection has been shown between smoking and lung cancer. A government report said recently that there was at least a statistical link between cigarette smoking and cancer.

Heller said he did not foresee any immediate cure for lung, stomach or female breast cancer. He said cancers of the lower-bowel, thyroid and female reproductive organs were responding best to treatment.

In 1900, Heller said, only 1 in every 20 cancer victims survived. The rate now is 1 in 3, he said, and the means already exist to reduce this to 1 in every 2.

### Business even better than at first noted

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Business was even better in the first three months of this year than the record-setting pace the government originally reported.

Revised figures issued by the Commerce Department Sunday night showed that the nation's output of goods and services hit an all-time high annual rate of 467 billion dollars, about two billion above the department's earlier estimate.

Heavy stockpiling of business inventories, especially steel, accounted for half the increase. The department calculated that factories and firms added to their inventories at an annual buildup rate of five billion dollars.

This indicated a sharp reversal of the trend in the closing months of 1958 when companies reduced their inventories. Steel consumers have been laying in reserves to use in the event of a steel strike this summer.

The 467 billion dollar figure was 14 billion above the last three months of 1958. It was 8 per cent higher than the recession rate at the beginning of 1958.

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