

Kaiser-Frazier Assembly Plant to Be in Portland

Portland, July 7 (AP)—A Kaiser-Frazier automobile assembly plant will be in operation in the Portland area within four months, Edgar F. Kaiser said here today.

Pegler Attacks Union Bosses

Washington, July 8 (AP)—Col.umnist Westbrook Pegler said today that labor unions in this country "have become infiltrated with despots, criminals and communists."

Rank and file members have "little or no" voice in their organizations, he added.

Pegler appeared before a house labor subcommittee investigating undemocratic practices in unions. The chairman is Rep. Jacobs (D-Ind.), a freshman and a former Indianapolis labor lawyer.

"The government has long ducked the communist question in unions for political reasons," Pegler said in a statement he read to the subcommittee. "Yet we have union after union completely dominated by Communists and pro-Communists and run by them."

"An instance of this, and only one of many, is the united electrical workers. Not very long ago the atomic energy commission told the General Electric company not to deal with the united electrical workers because of its red domination."

Fields' Widow Wins Estate

Hollywood, July 8 (AP)—Superior Judge William R. McKay today ruled that W. C. Fields' widow is entitled to half his estate and denied William Rexford Fields Morris' claim he is the late comedian's illegitimate son.

The widow, Harriet V. Fields, from whom the bulb-nosed comic was separated during most of his life, was willed only \$10,000. She contested the will on the grounds that California's community property law should give her half the \$800,000 estate.

Her son, W. Claude Fields, Jr., joined her in the contest. Morris, of Dallas, Tex., also contested the will. He claimed a son's share on grounds he was born out of wedlock to the comedian and former Follies girl Bessie Poole and that Fields had acknowledged him as a son.

Fields died Christmas day, 1946, and willed most of his fortune to set up a college for orphans. In the meantime, the money was to go in trust to his brother and sister, Walter Dunkenfield of Philadelphia, Pa., and Adel C. Smith of New Jersey.

He also set up a trust fund for his protegee, Actress Carlotta Monti, who was to get a total of \$50 a week from the trust fund and other portions of the estate.

The widow and son were given \$10,000 each. Under McKay's ruling, Fields was found to have been a resident of California since 1927 and his widow was ruled to be entitled to half their community property.

Building Service Employees Gather

Salem Heights, July 8—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Frahm were hosts to the annual picnic of the Building Service Employees Local 160 at their Croisan Creek Road home, with 65 persons attending. The day was spent informally and a covered-dish dinner was served.

Mrs. Leon Frahm has as her house guest this week her nieces, who are visiting here from Pasco, Washington. They are Miss Doreen Jones and Miss Ione Jones.

Henry Anderson who has been visiting friends and relatives in Salina, Kan. for the past three weeks, has returned home.

Gloria Frahm, who broke her arm when she fell off of her fathers motor scooter, had the cast removed last week.

Mill City Improves City Water System

Mill City—The Mountain States Power Company in Mill City is installing water meters throughout the city. Installation was completed last week on the Marion county side of town and several days of work was accomplished before the Fourth on the Linn county side. A new water tank and larger water mains are being installed in all parts of the city.

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Kaiser announced plans for the plant while at Wichita, Kan., recently. He expanded on that today.

The plant will employ 200 to 300 persons and turn out 15 to 20 cars a day. If successful, many similar plants will be established throughout the United States.

The plant will cost about \$500,000, he said, and labor will be recruited locally.

The purpose, he said, is to get better labor relations, give better service to customers, and eventually—shave about \$200 off the price of each car. The saving would be about \$100 on the dealer's cost in readying the car for delivery and "in freight we're talking about \$125."

Auto workers in huge plants lack pride in their work, Kaiser said, but it is thought that in smaller plants the workers will visualize the finished cars as theirs. That should improve labor relations. Just now, "nobody's handling this matter right. Nobody has successful labor relations."

It isn't a question of breaking away from the unions in Detroit, he added. The workers will pick their union.

Kaiser said that ultimately the company hoped to get into the Ford-Chevrolet-Plymouth price class, but now isn't selling enough cars to do it.

"We just haven't got the public acceptance," he said. "The American public is more prejudiced on autos than on anything else I know."

Kaiser said the reason for picking Portland for the first small plant was because the Kaiser interests found "this was the best place to work." He added that the Swain Island shipyard was not likely to be considered for the plant site. Its facilities are not suited to it, he said.

Picnics Featured By Liberty People

Liberty, July 8—A Webster family picnic was held Fourth of July at Paradise Island with guests present being, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Billings, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webster and family, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Richards and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Sherwood and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Billings and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Richard Jr. and Deborah of Mountain View, Calif. spent the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, on Rt. 9, Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Mrs. Moore.

Rev. C. Paul Moore of Athens, Ore., was house guest of his father Rev. Charles Moore last week when he attended the convention for the Christian Church in Turner.

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Legion Units Picnic

Dayton—The Dayton and LaFayette American Legion and auxiliaries will hold a joint picnic on Sunday, July 10, at the LaFayette Locks. These picnics have been annual affairs and this year the committee in charge decided to hold it together. The dinner is scheduled for 1 o'clock.

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Cheesecake by Contract—It isn't a matter of choice whether Peggy Castle (above) poses for cheesecake pictures. She signed a contract with Universal-International movie studio in Hollywood, which compels her to pose for such pictures if the company feels it advantageous to her career. Studio officials said so many young players consider themselves "dramatic actresses" who are reluctant to pose that they inserted the clause in Miss Castle's contract. (AP Wirephoto)

NEAREST THING TO A SCHMOO Chickens Without Wings Trotted Out for All to See

Des Moines, Ia., July 8 (AP)—Peter H. Baumann, a veterinary supply salesman, today trotted out for inspection his flock of 400 chickens—all without wings.

Each bird runs like a chicken, cackles like a chicken, and Baumann said it tastes like a chicken. The hens lay eggs. But none has wings.

"It's the nearest thing to a schmoo of anything alive," said Baumann.

He said their ancestors came from Texas.

He picked up a two-week-old chick and let newsmen inspect it. There was no trace of wings.

Baumann said the wingless chicken has a thick layer of white meat where orthodox chicken has joints and wing bones to annoy Sunday dinner eaters.

Baumann said he spent more than ten years developing the wingless fowl. He didn't make his discovery public until now because he "wanted to be sure it was a success," he said.

"These chickens are not freaks," Baumann said emphatically. "A freak does not reproduce."

Baumann acquired a light Brahma rooster and a white Monarca hen when he was traveling in Texas in the 1930's. Each bird happened to have only stubs where their wings should have been.

He said he bred them and was amazed when some wingless chicks hatched from the eggs. Then he began a long process of inbreeding and experimentation.

"At first I got only three or four wingless birds out of 100 eggs," he said.

Now, however, about 95 of every 100 chickens he hatches have no wings at all, Baumann said. Some of the others have stubs, or a stub on one side and a wing on the other.

They average about 4 1/2 pounds apiece, about the same as a leghorn. Most of the young chicks are pure white, but as they get older many become mottled with black. Baumann has one pure black hen.

Baumann's wingless wonders look like ordinary chickens except for the absence of wings and a somewhat slimmer upper body. The neck appears to be a little longer than that of an ordinary chicken, perhaps because of the absence of wings.

At first, Baumann said, he used artificial insemination in breeding, but he has discarded the practice as the breeding supply of wingless roosters increased.

An animal husbandry graduate of Iowa State College, Baumann bred his chickens without the help of any other experts, although a high school boy now helps care for them.

"I told one of my old professors about my chickens once," Baumann said. "He just laughed politely."

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE

Britain Produced More and Exports More Yet in Red

New York, July 7 (AP)—The British are producing more than they ever did before, and exporting at least as much as they ever did. And still they can't make ends meet. What's the trouble?

One trouble seems to be Britain's loss of the huge sum of "invisible exports" which poured money into the tight little island before the two wars. Some \$17 billion worth of these assets—these British investments around the world, were sold to finance the last war. The earnings from these formerly British properties now go to others. They no longer flow back to Britain.

In 1938 the British listed their "invisible exports" at 232 million pounds—and the pound used to be worth \$5. The visible exports of goods were listed at 533 million pounds. In the first half of this year "invisible exports" are estimated at only 35 million pounds—and the pound now brings \$4 officially, and little more than \$3 in the "free" market.

But so far this year their visible exports are running at an annual rate of around 1,800,000,000 pounds, compared with 533 million in 1938. Unfortunately, their imports now are topping all exports by 30 million pounds—they're running that much in the hole. But in 1938 they were running 70 million pounds behind.

Their second trouble is the changing character of their imports and exports. They may be running closer to balance in their over-all trade now than in 1938. But they are running far behind in their trading with the dollar area.

Since the war a greater proportion of the things they must import come from the western hemisphere—the dollar area. And a greater proportion of the things they have to sell are wanted by persons in the sterling area.

The British are doing all right in the sterling area, which includes their commonwealth, except for Canada, and also includes part of the middle east, and Iceland and Ireland. This area is buying much more from Britain than it is selling to Britain. And so are the nations in the Marshall plan area of Europe, on the average. From these two areas Britain is piling up a fine favorable trade balance.

But they are running far behind in the other areas, and are spending more dollars than they take in. And it is the dollar crisis that counts now.

Looking at the trade between the United Kingdom and the United States, and eliminating all the other dollar-sterling area trade, we find:

The United States, in the first quarter of this year, exported to the British \$174,800,000 worth of goods. This was considerably down from the peak of \$330,900,000 in the first quarter of 1947.

But the United States was importing from the United Kingdom in the first three months of this year only \$87,100,000 worth, and this has undoubtedly slipped since then. Our post war top imports from the United Kingdom were \$75,700,000 in the last quarter of 1948. We aren't importing quite as much now as we did a year ago, when first quarter total was \$67,400,000, but much better than two years ago when it was \$47,000,000.

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New Directors—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson (right) congratulates Dr. Raymond Allen, president of U. of Washington, Seattle (left), in Washington, D.C., after swearing in Allen and Dr. Richard Meiling (center), Ohio State U., Columbus, as directors for job unifying armed forces' medical services. Allen is new director of medical services for National Military Establishment and Meiling is his deputy. Gen Hoyt Vandenberg (right background), air forces chief of staff, was among those attending the ceremony. (AP Wirephoto)

in the crippling walkout and shipping and waterfront facilities.

Reappointments Made

Gov. Douglas McKay today announced the reappointment of David Turtledove and Joseph L. Fearey, both of Portland, as members of the state collection agencies advisory board. Each will serve a two-year term.

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