

# Whaling Goes Bigtime As World Hunts Fats

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The world industry is chasing a modern largest animal—the whale.

Several countries use whale oil as a margarine base, and the high prices paid by a fat-hungry world keep the modern equivalent of "thar she blows" crackling over whaling fleet radios in several different languages.

The prospect of quick-freezing whale beef for human consumption is another lure for the businessmen in Europe who are sinking millions into whaling fleet operations.

Ninety six per cent of today's boat-based whaling now goes on in the Antarctic.

The new look in whalers is one of highly organized efficiency developed by European whalers and engineers. No American ships take part. Today's whaler is an ultra-modern floating factory, expressly designed to process and preserve the haul of satellite catcher boats, all coordinated by radio-telephone.

One of the most modern whaling ships is a 21,000 deadweight-ton behemoth named the Balaena, built in England since the war at a cost of about \$6,000,000.

Her flensing deck where the whales are carved up is slightly longer than an American football field and half as wide. She has hangers and catapult for three amphibian planes—to spot whales and scout weather and icing conditions. Power winches haul the whales up and power derricks and saws help the flensers handle the huge carcasses.

On the deck below are pressure boilers for rendering the blubber and extracting oil from whalebones, a liver-extraction plant, a meat-meal plant, and an oil purifier plant. There is a quick-freezing plant to preserve the best meat for human consumption.

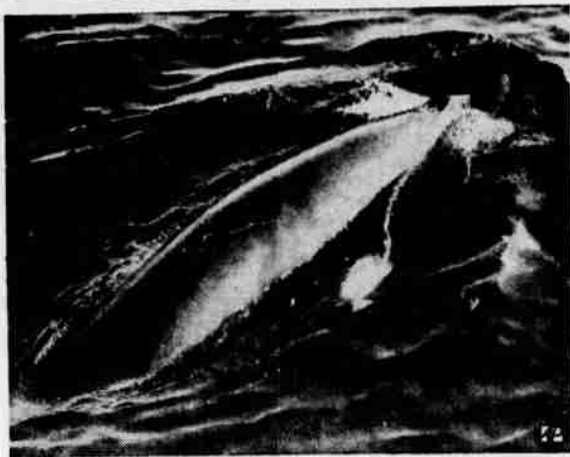
The Balaena's tanks carry 19,000 tons of fuel oil on the way out, and whale oil on the return trip. She is entirely electrified and carries a crew of 444 men.

Today's catcher boat also is bigger, stronger, faster, and better equipped than before the war.

However the total whaling fleet of all nations dominated by Norwegian and British vessels—is smaller than before the war and may stay that way because of increased efficiency.

Whaling reached a pre-war climax in the 1938-9 season after a way to make margarine out of whale oil had been discovered in 1930.

As World War II opened, the



Target—Whales like this boost world supply of meat, oil.

fleet had 36 floating factories, 14 land stations, and 353 catcher boats operating with 12,000 men.

The oil yield of the 1938-9 season was more than half a million tons. Governments already had begun stockpiling it as edible fat, and during the war it became a top priority item.

The value of whale oil is enhanced by its keeping properties. One cargo of British whale oil stored in the United States

in 1941 was not made up into margarine until 1947, when it produced enough to supply the fat ration for the entire British population for five weeks.

Whale beef also looms an important commodity, although like the oil, its use for human consumption does not extend to the United States. In 1947 one-fourth of all red meat in Japan was whale meat, and in the same year 20,000 tons were readily sold in England for human consumption.

## NO FOOTBALL TEAM

### Dubinsky's New Labor College To Give Each Grad a Job

Washington, Nov. 18 (AP)—Dave Dubinsky's new labor college may not have a football team, but it will have one advantage over other schools—every graduate will be guaranteed a job.

Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers (AFL), said all students completing the one-year course will be offered a job with his union at a \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year salary.

The 57-year-old labor leader said the union set aside \$100,000 to start the new school which will train new leaders for the labor movement.

"We are getting old," he said. "Some of us are dying. Who will succeed us? That is one thing we have neglected."

"It is our hope that from our school new leadership will be found."

Dubinsky said the first group of about 40 freshmen will begin studying early next year. Some will be union members, some children of members, while others will have no union connection at all.

There is no tuition. Students, who must be high school graduates, will be chosen by the

### Long Awaited Check Received This Week

Dallas — The Polk county check brought a sigh of relief this week.

The long-sought \$104,060 check from the U. S. Treasury arrived to pay the claims for damages on Camp Adair roads.

Arrival of the check culminated several months of governmental investigation, legislation, routine procedure and "red tape."

Judge C. F. (Jack) Hayes states that the check was made out to the county court and the treasurer. It will be used to start a separate fund to be devoted exclusively to roads in the former cantonment area. One billion construction project will take about \$40,000 of it, he said

## Farm Bureau Ends Session

La Grande, Nov. 18 (AP)—The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation wound up its 18th annual convention Thursday with swift approval of 21 resolutions on widely varied subjects.

The 500 members voted to extend a membership drive; supported the bi-partisan foreign policy and the United Nations; lauded U. S. help for Europe's displaced persons, but called for an end to "wasteful" government spending.

They also recommended taxation of government bonds; asked repeal of transportation and communication federal taxes; opposed a government tax rights control measure in CVA; recommended co-operative banks for more credit to co-op associations.

Other resolutions proposed continuance of the FHA, particularly for veterans; urged expanded rural electrification; urged that the interstate commerce commission include an agriculture member; favored labor laws for the public welfare; advocated a co-operative health association and opposed nationalization of medicine; urged a study of present federal aids to education; called for a study of the improvement program for rural roads; back the school lunch program and recommended state grass seeding of road rights-of-way.

## Annette Sings 20 Songs a Day But Nobody Has Heard Records

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 18 (AP)—Singer Annette Warren wound up her 2000th recording today and said there is just one reason she isn't the most famous soprano in the world; nobody has ever heard those 2000 platters.

Nobody, that is, except the song-writer and Annette. And if that doesn't qualify as a thankless job it will do until something better comes along.

Annette is chief vocalist for a recording company that caters to amateur songwriters. These would-be Gershwins send in their lyrics and music, Annette sings them and the boys in the control booth fix up two records.

Just two are made, one for the amateur and one for the office files. They never get on the disc jockey boxes, they never hit the juke boxes, and you can't buy them in the record stores.

"The idea," explained Annette, who has dark curls, dimples and tired vocal pipes, "is to give these amateurs something to help sell their songs. Instead of putting them on paper or plinking them out on a piano for the publishers, they can take in these recordings."

Annette has been battling these out at the rate of 20 a day for the past few months. And that's a lot of singing for something that probably never gets out of the front parlor. "It was kind of hard at first,"

she also gets the giggles. "I can't help it," she said. "Sometimes I come onto some real funny lyrics and I just go all to pieces. One about a 'Ham-mock Built for Two' almost killed me. And there was one called 'In the Land of the Cowbells and the Squirrels.'"

Another dilly was a little ditty about a gent who was sorry. Real sorry. One line alone had 14 "sorry's" in it.

Another one raved on about, "My wife's a Valentine—thanks be to God Divine."

"I don't know if any of my 2000 songs have been published," Annette said. "But some of them sound real pretty at the

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time. I don't know how they come out. Who's got time to listen to 2000 records?"

backed by the evident approval of the residents, plan to go ahead with several proposed projects.

## Mill City Charter Voted

Mill City, Nov. 18—Acceptance of the first city charter was voiced 116 to 52 by Mill City citizens at a special election here. The city incorporated about three years ago. City officials.

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