

Name-Calling Title Won By Russian UN Entry

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH

Lake Success, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Russians easily won the name calling championship of the 1949 United Nations assembly despite efforts to shut them up when they got to bandying epithets. They also introduced some new developments in this field by mixing entomology and etymology—calling people lice, beetles and cockroaches—and keying their campaign to what they call American worship of atomic energy, or bombolatry.

Caution Urged in Use of Fertilizers

Seattle, Dec. 9 (AP)—Soil and health experts, speaking at a farm conference, today listed numerous cases in which they said minor mineral elements used in fertilizers have cured disease in crops and improved yields.

But at the same time, they warned against "shot gun" use of such minerals in fertilizers.

The speakers at the University of Washington-sponsored meeting pointed out that soils often lack some of the minor elements, such as copper, zinc, manganese, iron, boron and cobalt. This causes diseases in crops and, as a result, troubles in livestock that eat the crops. Most fertilizers now generally in use are made up primarily of phosphorus, nitrogen and potassium and are not designed to make up for shortages of minor elements.

Several conference speakers urged addition of minor elements to fertilizers where needed.

However, Dr. Jennie I. Rowntree of the university's department of home economics, warned that "excessive, premature or inadvisable use of trace (minor) elements may give the soil program a bad reputation and postpone improvement for decades."

Dr. B. B. Coyne of a Seattle research laboratory (Laucks) suggested using newer methods of soil analysis to determine just what soils need.

Polk Campaign One-Third Shy

Dallas—Polk county's Community Chest drive has been called off for the present with only about one-third of the \$12,000 quota in the hands of Bill Blackley, secretary-treasurer.

Oscar Christensen, chairman, and Blackley pointed out that the drive was running into other campaigns, such as the Christmas seal sale, Red Cross drive and others which do not come under the chest. Apparently bogged down for the present, the campaign will therefore be postponed at least until May, 1950.

Blackley has asked that all solicitors in the county turn in reports and funds at once so that a complete compilation may be made. No returns have been received from Independence, Monmouth, West Salem, Grand Ronde, Falls City and Rickreall, although it is understood that the drive has gone over the top in some of those communities.

In Dallas a total of \$3298 has been raised, leaving \$1202 to go to attain the goal of \$4500.

Valsetz Lumber company this week turned in a donation of \$250 from Valsetz.

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Ike to Hunt with Texas Oilman

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9 (AP)—General Dwight E. Eisenhower turned hunter today and that's what he intends to be for the next several days of his visit to Texas.

The wartime leader of American forces in Europe yesterday called for preservation of the dignity and equality of every American.

"If all Americans want is security, they can go to prison," he told a combined meeting of this resort city's luncheon clubs.

"But if an American wants to preserve his dignity and his equality as a human being, he must not bow his neck to any dictatorial government."

He urged the people to vote in every election "from school board members to presidents."

"America will never be lost if we vote," he said.

He quoted Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," and said that regardless of race, creed or color, "The dignity of the human being should be preserved."

Eisenhower is a guest of Sid Richardson, Texas oilman, at St. Joseph's island in the Gulf of Mexico. His next speaking engagement is Dec. 15 at the annual dinner of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Eisenhower accompanied her husband on his visit here. A reporter asked her "Would you like to be the wife of the president of the United States?"

She answered: "What American woman wouldn't want her husband to be president?"

Equipment Damaged By Bowling Alley Fire

About \$1500 in damage by destruction of bowling pins, equipment and 20 gallons of lacquer was done by fire at the Capitol Bowling alleys on Ferry street Thursday afternoon.

The fire occurred in a room beneath the alleys when sparks from sandpaper set fire to sawdust from bowling pins that were being worked on by Chet Boyce, an employee. Boyce attempted to smother out the flames, but fumes from paint in the room caused the fire to spread.

Smoke filled the alley rooms above, but no damage was done there, according to Milton Hartwell, one of the owners. Hartwell said a very serious fire may have been prevented by advice received from Fire Chief W. P. Roble soon after he took charge of the fire department. This was removal of pin repairing equipment and supplies to a place remote from the alleys.

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But when he said one Lebanese delegate was an ignoramus and that French Delegate Jean Chauvel wasn't a Socrates mentally, his remarks were expunged from the record by the indignant Romulo.

New Formula for Parity Will Be Started January 1

By OVID A. MARTIN

Washington, Dec. 9 (AP)—The government will start using a new standard Jan. 1 for measuring prices of many farm products. The purpose of using the standard is to determine whether, in the language of congress, those prices are "fair and equitable."

The standard is called "modernized parity," as distinguished from "parity" for the old measuring rule.

The government first started measuring farm prices in 1933. Provision for doing so was made in precedent-breaking crop control legislation enacted by the Roosevelt New Deal administration to revive a bankrupt farm. The law authorized use of various measures to pull prices up to the parity level.

The agricultural adjustment act of 1933 said in effect that farmers were entitled to prices for their products which would give those products the purchasing power, in terms of non-farm goods and services, that they enjoyed in a past favorable period, usually 1909-14. In other words, the law said a dozen eggs should buy as many nails as it did in the base period. Maintenance of such relationship, he added, would be "fair and equitable to all."

The law set up a formula for determining parity prices for various products. Except in a few cases, this formula has been in constant use for 17 years.

But congress has directed that the formula be changed the first of the year. It said, in effect, that the old formula is not accurate enough because it does not take into account changes in the demand and in the costs of producing various products since the 1909-15 period.

The new formula will take into account demand conditions and production costs of the immediately preceding 10 years.

In general the new formula will set up somewhat higher parity prices for livestock and livestock products and lower ones for crops. These differences reflect in the main the fact that modern machinery has reduced the cost of producing most crops, while higher wage rates have boosted the cost of producing livestock and livestock products.

Where did the idea of a parity measuring standard for farm prices originate?

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ers and agricultural historians. One of those active in efforts to get federal farm-aid legislation during the '20's and '30's was M. L. Wilson, now director of the U.S. Extension Service—says perhaps a hundred or so persons could claim some credit.

Historians generally agree, however, that George N. Peek and Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, associates in a midwestern farm machinery concern, were among the first to sponsor it. They originated the slogan "equality for agriculture" in a book published in 1922, when agriculture was suffering from depression.

Peek later became the first agricultural adjustment administrator and Johnson the head of NRA, an emergency agency set up in 1933 to help revive industrial prosperity.

The idea of attempting to give farm prices purchasing power equal to that of the 1909-14 period was embodied in the famous McNary-Haugen farm aid bill passed in the '20's and vetoed by President Coolidge.

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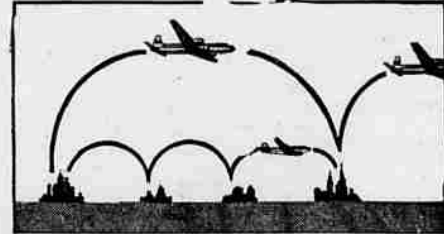
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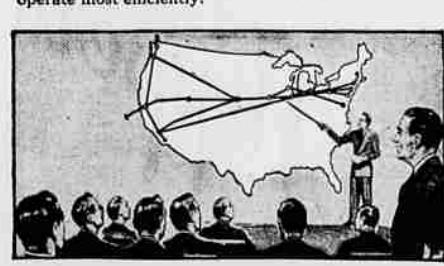
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