

British Jet Fighter Breaks Flight Mark

London, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—A British jet fighter flew to Copenhagen, Denmark, and back—a round trip of 1,180 miles—in two hours 22 minutes and 10 seconds today to break a month-old record by more than 22 minutes.

The Gloster motor twin-jet fighter flew to Copenhagen in one hour eight minutes, stopped briefly to refuel, and returned in one hour 14 minutes and 10 seconds.

The old mark had been set by another British jet plane, the De Havilland Comet, a passenger airliner.

ANNUAL EVENT

Independence, Kan. (U.P.)—Paul Bustard's old German clock has had its annual winding—six turns are all it requires—and is off on another year's run. Thirty-five persons were on hand for the yearly event.



U. S. ENVOY KILLED — Laurence A. Steinhardt (above), United States Ambassador to Canada, was one of five Americans killed when a U. S. Embassy C-47 crashed and burned near Ottawa, Canada. One person survived the crash.

Nation's Economic Outlook Viewed Optimistically

Washington, Apr. 5 — (U.P.) — Government economists said today that the decline in unemployment since February has encouraged them to view the nation's economic outlook more optimistically.

They said the 561,000 drop in the jobless total indicates that industry has rebounded strongly from the effects of the recent coal strike.

Further Decline Seen
As a result, they said, they looked for unemployment to continue to decline this month and in May. They warned, however, that the influx of high school and college students into the labor market during the summer may provide a temporary seasonal jobless problem.

They said that during the summer upswing the unemployment total may reach a new postwar high of 5,000,000 workers.

The census bureau reported yesterday that the unemployment total in March fell to a new 1950 low of 4,123,000. This compared with a February total of 4,684,000, the highest jobless level since the early days of the war.

Higher Than 1948
Government economists also were encouraged by unemployment figures which showed that the number of employed workers jumped 598,000 during the month to 57,551,000.

Although this March total is slightly below the 1949 figure, they said, it is higher than in 1948 when the economy was on its way toward the establishment of a new all-time high as 61,000,000 jobs.

History Of Charleston Shows In 'Open Houses'

Charleston, S. C. (U.P.)—Fabled Charleston has put 100 years of early American history on parade this year by opening its handsome old homes to the public.

Dwellings dating from 1735 to 1835, almost all of them housing the descendants of their original builders, are open to special tours until April 15.

The houses chosen reflected the "golden period" of Charleston's architectural development, an official of the Historic Charleston Foundation explained.

Chicory Added To Coffee Idea For Saving Money

New Orleans—(U.P.)—With coffee selling for 80 cents a pound, the nation's housewives should switch to a mixture of coffee and chicory to save money.

Coffee and chicory also would be a new taste sensation and an aid to the family's digestion, they claim.

Most New Orleans coffee drinkers long have been enamored of the gypsy black brew. But it pops the eyes and crinkles the ears of the uninitiated.

Ground chicory root, grown in Michigan and Europe, where the tops are used as a garnish and the root thrown away, was found to be a good coffee stretcher during the Napoleonic wars. Later a half-and-half blend became the standard product for French drip pots in New Orleans.

Sales Boosted
The severe coffee shortage in 1944 doubled the sales of New Orleans marketers. The W. B. Reilly company, which is the world's biggest producer of coffee and chicory blends, said most of the new wartime customers liked the new taste as well as the economy.

A Reilly company official said a pound of the coffee and chicory blend will make twice as many cups as a pound of straight coffee. If properly prepared, since blends sell today from 10 to 15 cents a pound cheaper than pure coffee, the saving could run to better than 50 per cent.

Earl P. Bartlett, president of the American Coffee company, said chicory is a good food, besides.

"Most people don't realize that chicory is a healthful thing," he said. "It has good food value, good sugar content, and medical men have attested that it aids digestion."

New Taste Problem
But the main problem is to get the customers used to the new taste.

In the French drip method, boiling water is poured or spooned slowly over the coffee and chicory mix and allowed to drip through. The result is the strongest coffee known. But it is not bitter if properly made.

A favorite New Orleans way to drink it is "cafe au lait"—half coffee and half hot milk. That is still stronger than most straight coffee.

Some hearty advocates use just a little sugar and a little cream. The real fiend takes it black, or with a pinch of sugar. Northerners usually compare coffee with their first shot of their first sip of New Orleans whiskey.

Wild West Pioneers' Living Costs Great

Laramie, Wyo. — (U.P.) — Wyoming may have been an "exciting" and "romantic" place to live in the 1860's but the pioneers had to pay plenty of hard cash for plain necessities of life.

Housewives, while their husbands were out chasing buffalo or fighting Indians, paid 50 cents for a cake of soap, \$2 for a half pound of tea or \$2 for a two-pound sack of crackers.

Those prices are recorded in the account books of Judge W. A. Carter, a trader in the Fort Bridger area during Civil War times. The books have been donated to the University of Wyoming library by Mrs. Harry Helzer of Cheyenne.

Champagne Cost
Another bit of information from Judge Carter's ledgers is enough to astonish the "Wild West" moviegoers—champagne could be bought for only \$8 a bottle, not much more than it costs today.

Other luxuries were available, too. Oysters sold, in this territory more than a thousand miles from the sea, for \$2 a can. Canned peaches retailed at 50 cents a tin.

But the soldiers and trappers of the old west didn't buy much champagne. The purchases most frequently recorded were tobacco, at 75 cents a plug, and pipes, gloves, moccasins and buckskins, for \$7 each.

Judge Blames Liquor For Many Divorces

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Liquor is blamed by a judge here for some 60 per cent of the divorces that came up before him during the past session.

Judge Roy C. Scott listed liquor as the chief home wrecker. Shrinkage of war-time income, in-law trouble and differences in ages between couples came next in order.

Judge Scott said, "The heads of families all too often arrive home on pay day with little or nothing left of the paycheck which had been cashed in a saloon."

Men are not alone in the excessive drinking category, the judge observed. "There are large numbers of women who land in divorce court for the same reason," he said.

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