

Babson Discusses Weather

By Roger W. Babson
New York City, Apr. 7—(Special to Mail Tribune)—One of the chief topics of discussion here today is whether Dr. Irving Langmuir and his Harvard friends will succeed in making it rain.

Of course, based on statistics, nature favors their reputation. Every day New York goes without rain, chances increase that the rain makers will be "successful." If no rain occurs after they doctor the clouds, their experiments will be of some value; but if rain does occur, no one can tell whether or not rain would have come without this doctoring.

Perhaps the most interesting feature will be the results of the legal suits: (1) Those brought by business concerns—department stores, amusement centers and building contractors—who do not want rain; and (2) Those brought by communities other than New York City who will claim that New York "stole" rain which they greatly needed. One thing the rain makers have accomplished. They are giving the gambling element something new to bet upon. So much for this New York experiment.

Change in Weather Affects Disposition

The real thought which I have in mind is to emphasize the importance of watching the daily U. S. weather maps as they appear in most city newspapers. My reason, however, is not to keep you in a state of suspense, but to point out that the weather is a factor in our behavior, disposition, judgment and courage of you and me. Upon these things our happiness and business success largely depends.

The first step is to learn how to interpret this weather map. The newspaper tells you what the weather will probably be tomorrow. But when making plans for advertising, business interests, we should know what weather conditions to expect a few days ahead. This we can usually do by studying the weather map. Certainly, every child in school should be taught how to forecast the weather from this daily weather map.

Rising Barometer Provides Favorable Answer

In my own life I use the weather forecasts as follows: Rule 1: If I want someone to take a favorable attitude or to answer "yes" on some project, I wait for a cool and clear day with a rising barometer. (I have a barometer over my desk beside my clock). I always can get better results by so waiting. Rule 2: If someone wants to call upon me whom I do not care much about seeing, I make a date when the day probably will be cloudy or muggy with a falling barometer. I have two reasons for this (a) Because the person then may not have the energy to call; and (b) Because it will be much easier for me to say "no" when the barometer is falling and I don't feel well. Looking back on my life it seems as if 90 per cent of my mistakes were due to my not having the guts to say "no" and stick to it.

Weather Major Factor In Starting Marital Rows

Rule 3: Last week Mrs. Babson and I celebrated our golden wedding. Naturally we—like every other couple who have been

married 50 years—have had rows. But when—last week—discussing our experience, it was evident that every serious "flair up" started accidentally over some very insignificant and unexpected word. With my present knowledge of weather psychology, I believe that the weather was an important factor in starting most of those unhappy days. Hence, my rule 3 is to "watch my step during such cloudy or muggy days" and keep away from other people as much as I can remembering that the weather is making them "touchy" or a little ugly as well as it is affecting me unfavorably. Rule 4: Finally, I no longer telephone the doctor when members of my family have pains or think they are sick without first looking at the barometer. If there has been a sudden weather change, I say: "Cheer up, You'll be O. K. tomorrow. Today's aches and depression are due to a changing weather condition." This forecast is usually correct and all the family are again feeling fine in a day or so. This barometer pays for itself every month. I wish I could be as successful forecasting the stock market.



FIRE BY 'NOON'—Testifying before the Senate foreign relations subcommittee in Washington, Donald L. Nicholson (above), chief of the State Department division of security, said he does not know of any "card-carrying Communists" in the agency and that if he finds any they will be fired by "noon."

Young Woman Slain By Repulsed Lover

Houston, Tex., Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Lupe Vasquez, 39, confessed he burned a young woman to death after she lured him to a secluded spot and then repulsed his advances, police said today.

Vasquez' arrest yesterday ended a 24-hour search for the torch slayer of Mrs. Josephine Hernandez Cavazos.

Vasquez signed a statement that he picked up Mrs. Cavazos Monday.

"She insisted on going to some out-of-the-way spot and then, when I parked, she tried to bite and scratch me," Vasquez' statement said.

"I kicked her in the stomach and threw her out of the car," he said. She kept moving, so I took my cigarette lighter and set fire to her dress. I saw old rubber innertubes and threw them on her to make the fire burn.

In New York City it is against the law to mow the lawn on Sunday.



STUDENT FREED IN COED KILLING—Robert Bednasek, University of Iowa psychology senior found innocent of strangling his coed sweetheart, breaks down while radio announcer interviews him in Iowa City, Ia. Bednasek was accused of deliberately strangling Margaret (Gee Gee) Jackson because her love for him had cooled. The jury reached its verdict after almost 12 hours of deliberations. On the left are Clair Hamilton and Bill Bartley, both attorneys for the defense.

Philippines Starts All-Out War To Destroy Communist-Led Huks

By Ralph Teatsworth United Press Correspondent

Manila (U.P.)—The Philippine government has opened a new military campaign against the Hukbalahap in a determined effort to bring internal peace to this republic by the end of 1950.

The Philippine constabulary is engaged in a shooting war on a series of fronts, almost 1,000 miles long from north to south against all kinds of outlaws and malcontents. The communist-led Hukbalahap, however, symbolizes all internal enemies of the government.

The Huk is a wily antagonist. He looks like any other Filipino peasant or laborer. He wears no uniform. He carries a weapon sometimes, but a pistol is easy to conceal. He strikes swiftly, usually at night, and can pick his spots.

He can hide with small bands of his organization in the mountains or the swamps. He can disappear quickly and lie low at home until danger is past.

Four Years Of Fighting

The constabulary, whose job it is to keep peace and order in the country, "has been fighting the Huks for almost four years. Well-equipped government troops have killed hundreds of Hukbalahap and undoubtedly have kept them from concentrating and building up into a force that could overthrow the government.

Official reports and intelligence say this is the ultimatum of the Hukbalahap: to overthrow the government by force and set up their own regime. The same reports have called the Hukbalahap a communist front

organization in which a few communist party leaders exploit a backward class of people by promising them power and equality.

The head of the Huks is Luis M. Taruc, a 37-year-old wispy of a man who says he is a communist. His vocabulary is that of a Moscow red—"imperialist," "war monger," "people's democracy," etc.—although he has never been in Russia as far as is known here. His capture dead or alive would bring at least Taruc Silent.

Taruc, who used to send press releases of his statements to Manila newspapers, has been strangely silent for several months. His silence has caused speculation. Some think he was killed in last year's constabulary anti-Huk campaign, a fact the Huks might try to conceal.

Some believe he is just lying to avoid capture while planning and directing Huk strategy. Rep. Cornelio T. Villareal, chairman of the congressional committee on un-Filipino activities, has still another idea about Taruc. He thinks Taruc has left the Philippines, perhaps to consort with the communists in China or elsewhere. There is no confirmation of his theory.

Fought Japanese

The Hukbalahap, according to government officials, was formed in the early part of World War II, when the communist party went underground.

The Huks fought the Japanese. The full name of their organization, Hukbo ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon, means "The People's Army Against Japan."

The Huks are closely affiliated with the Peasants' union, or Nationalist Society of Peasants, from the Tagalog "Pambansang Kalsahan ng mgr Magubukid."

Air Force Receives 'Flying Classroom'

Washington, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—The air force said today it has received the second of 36 "flying classroom" planes ordered with fiscal 1949 funds.

The plane, a Consolidated-Vultee T-29, can be used for simultaneous-flight training of 14 student navigators. The air force said it arrived at Ellington air force base, Houston, after a flight from San Diego.

The air force first announced that it had received the first "flying classroom," and later corrected itself.

Temperatures Skid In Northern Plains

Chicago, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Temperatures dropped to almost freezing on the northern plains today and forecasters said it would slow the run-off of melting snow which caused floods in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The chill wave pushed temperatures down from near-record heights. The mercury climbed to 69 degrees yesterday at Phillips, S. D., one degree warmer than the day's high at Miami, Fla.

Northerly winds along the east coast also held temperatures to unseasonable levels.

Amateur Selection Skips Local Entry

Keith Mirick, selected recently as popular winner of the amateur contest conducted here by radio station KYJC, was not selected to perform on the Original Amateur hour during its Portland airing, KYJC officials said today they had been informed.

Portland's radio station KEX told KYJC that selections for the nationwide broadcast were based on two things, talent and a wide selection of various types of performers.

Utah Plan Will Combine Airports And Farm Fields

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—The new state director of aeronautics for Utah, Delbert Fuhrman, brought into office with him a love for the soil and the blue skies.

Now, he has a novel plan to combine those loves all over the nation and make them pay.

He recommends that airport operators, private or governmental, utilize the ground around their landing strips to grow crops for profit or, at least, erosion control.

Fuhrman realizes that many airport developments embrace many acres of land, often rich farming land.

Most of the time, the area around the paved or graveled runways goes to waste, "breeding dust, weeds and mosquitoes." Sees Good Yield

Planted to grain, alfalfa, legumes or grass, Fuhrman—himself the owner and operator of two farms in Northern Utah—feels certain "that many airports have good enough soil to get as much as \$200-an-acre crops."

One small private field at Bountiful, north of Salt Lake City, already has farmed its extra airport land and its operator, H. J. Stevenson, advised Fuhrman that the return has been excellent. A similar project is being started this year by Provo, Utah's third largest city, for its big new field.

Flying Since 1945 Fuhrman, 40, has been flying, most of the time in his own two-place Cessna, since 1945 and is one of the western leaders of the Flying Farmers organization.

He became interested in aeronautics when he was a boy on the family farm in southern Idaho.

"Lindbergh flew the ocean about the time we got our first tractor," he recalls. "It wasn't hard for us kids to imagine, while driving that tractor around the fields, like Lindy, we were flying the ocean."

Has Own Farms He lives on a 90-acre farm irrigated tract near Tremonton, Utah. Forty miles to the north, near the Idaho border, he has a 1,000-acre dry wheat farm.

By auto or truck, it took Fuhrman an hour in good weather, or 10 hours in rain or snow, to drive over the dirt roads between his places. After he learned to fly, he made the hop by plane in 20 minutes. As state aeronautics director, he works in Salt Lake City but still lives in Tremonton, commuting the 60 miles daily by air.

His wife, Elna, also enjoys flying. So do his seven children.

"But," he smiles, "we need a DC3 if we were all to fly at the same time. The kids would want to take their horses along."



NEW AIR CHIEF—Thomas K. Finletter (above) has been appointed secretary of the Air Force by President Truman to succeed W. Stuart Symington, who becomes chairman of the National Security Resources Board, Finletter, a student of air power in modern war, was a former chairman of the President's Air Policy Commission.

Firemen Quell Blaze In Woolworth Office

New York, Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Firemen hauled hoses up 23 stories early today to quell a spectacular fire in the 60-story Woolworth building, the sixth tallest building in the United States.

The blaze made the 23rd floor of the 792 foot skyscraper flare like a red beacon visible across the Hudson river in New Jersey.

But damage was confined to wood trim and furnishings in the executive offices of the F. W. Woolworth Co., the building's owners and operators of the nationwide five and dime store chain.

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Tokyo Publication Thinks U. S. Bases Belong Elsewhere

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Japan wants the United States to build its military bases elsewhere than on the Japanese islands, the weekly magazine Oriental Economist suggests.

The periodical did not name the United States but a series of newspaper reports had been published indicating that the United States plans to retain its air bases in Japan and develop its naval base at Yokosuka.

Japan wants to stay out of a third world war, the economic weekly said. If neutrality would not assure Japan of her security, only then would the Japanese want pacts involving the establishment of bases in Japan by a foreign power.

Would Avoid War "In all honesty, nothing could be more desirable to us than avoidance of a third world war," the Oriental Economist said. "If unfortunately such a major conflict should again rise, we should like to remain absolutely neutral."

"Therefore, if foreign military bases must be built, let them be on Okinawa or on the Bonin islands."

The magazine admitted, however, that Japan would find it difficult to maintain her neutrality in the event of another world conflict. It said that in such a case, "there is no course but to resort to military assistance pacts involving the furnishing of strategic bases and other problems."

Avoiding discussion of Japan's military value, the Oriental Economist said Japan's political and economic value was considerable. It pointed to news reports that the American version of Japanese neutrality is that Japan remain outside the Soviet sphere of influence and the Russian version is that American influence be excluded from Japan.

ESCAPEES SOUGHT

Salem, Ore., Apr. 7—(U.P.)—Four barefoot boys escaped from the detention ward at Woodburn state training school Thursday night, state police reported today. Two others were recaptured shortly after the break by school officials.

"We are well cognizant of the difficulties entailed in any attempt to preserve neutrality in a world situation like that . . ." the magazine commented.

The only other alternative that the magazine could see for Japan was re-arming. But "not only does it appear unlikely that the allied powers will permit Japan to re-arm, but the possession of military forces would be a violation of the new Japanese constitution."

Japan renounced armaments and war in the hope that it would facilitate her joining the United Nations and on the assumption that in the event of aggression by a foreign power, the United Nations would guarantee territorial security, the magazine said.

"But instead, Japan has been left literally and utterly defenseless in a critical world situation among nations possessing without exception some measure of military strength," it concluded.

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