

Adequate Water Supply Predicted In Western Region

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman reported today that there will be "an adequate" water supply for crops on federally irrigated lands of the west despite spring droughts in some areas.

He said April 1 forecasts by the bureau of reclamation showed that in most areas there would be enough water for all crops even if there is no precipitation during the coming months.

Chapman said "it is reassuring to know that if a drought does hit, we will be much better off than during the 1930s by reason of new acreage brought under irrigation and supplemental water developed for use on lands which previously lacked a sufficient supply in an ordinary year."

Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Straus said only three western areas may feel a water shortage. He listed these as the Salt river project in Arizona, the Tucuman project in New Mexico and the Belle Fourche project in South Dakota.

Bill Would Rewrite Immigration Laws

Washington, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Chairman Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) of the senate judiciary committee has introduced a bill that would rewrite completely immigration and naturalization laws.

He said the measure would plug "leaks in our present system that aid subversives of all types and communists in particular."

- 1. Remove racial discrimination from Asiatic-Pacific peoples.
- 2. Treat men and women equally so American women as well as men could bring their foreign-born spouses into the United States.
- 3. Simplify the quota system, although about the same basic formula for determining numbers would be maintained.
- 4. Set up priorities for immigrants with special needed skills.

Oysters' Anesthetic Boosts Pearl Output

San Francisco—(U.P.)—An anesthetic for oysters is not only saving the pearl-bearers from pain but is booming its inventor's bank account.

The secret compound was invented by Joe Goldstone, president of the Japanese Imperial Pearl syndicate, as an aid to production of seed pearls.

Under normal conditions, Goldstone said, 60 per cent of the oysters died before start formation of the pearl died. The anesthetic decreases the mortality rate to about 10 per cent, he said.

Pearls are produced when the oyster spreads a secretion over an irritant inside its shell. To produce seed pearls, the shells are forced open and a grain of sand inserted.

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New Navy Rocket Expected To Make Bombers Obsolete

By James Lyle
United Press Correspondent
Inyokern, Cal., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—A new navy air-to-air rocket missile that may turn heavy long-range bombers such as the B-36 into flaming coffins is now undergoing final tests.

Scientists at the naval ordnance station here are making final tests of the weapon before putting it into production.

Known as the "Mighty Mouse," the small, light rocket is designed to permit intercepter planes to unleash a deadly explosive barrage in the flicker of an eyelash.

Under present conditions, a fighter pilot with six machine guns can fire 120 small non-explosive bullets in one second.

Using the "Mouse," that same pilot can unleash 20 or more explosive projectiles 2.75 inches in diameter and three feet long at the flick of a switch.

Dr. L. T. E. Thompson, technical director of the test station, says the speed "compares favorably" with high-powered guns.

I saw Lt. Cmdr. J. M. Wesolowski of Detroit, Mich., flying a Douglas Skyraider, put eight missiles into the edge of a 150-foot circle on the desert sand in one second at a range of 2,000 yards.

If such accuracy is normal, the "Mouse" has increased the effective firing range of the fighter plane by about 500 yards.

Capt. Walter V. R. Vieweg, Buffalo, N.Y., station commander, refused to say whether or not the missile will be equipped with the proximity fuse.

Such fusing would be natural, however, and would mean that even a near-miss might knock an enemy bomber out of the sky.

One of the major advantages of the "Mouse" lies in its light weight and folding tail fins. The tube launcher and the light weight mean the fighter plane of the future, designed specifically for this type of attack, might very well be a deadly honeycomb of small tubes for firing the rockets.

Defective Heater Blamed for Blaze

Portland, Ore., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Firemen today blamed a defective circulating oil heater for a \$3650 fire that last night destroyed a caretaker's cabin and an old model automobile before it could arrive.

The two room house was owned by W. H. Wagner (8800 N.E. Cornfoot road), and its loss was estimated at \$3500 with another \$150 damage to an automobile parked next to it.

There were no injuries.

Shin Kicking Ignored By Wooden-Legged Man

Racine, Wis., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Attorney J. Lester Johnson rapped his client's shins when he began berating the judge.

The client, a defendant, went right on talking back to his honor.

Johnson kicked him again. The defendant went right on talking.

"Why did you ignore my kicking you?" Johnson asked later.

"Were you kicking me?" the defendant asked. "I didn't know it. Must have been my wooden leg."

Improvement of Highway Section Asked Commission

Logging operators and chamber of commerce officials presented a request for a survey leading to possible improvement of the Prospect section of Crater lake highway at a roundtable discussion with state highway commissioners at Medford hotel this week.

Wintertime reduced load limits, placed to prevent deterioration to portions of that section of highway, have handicapped log and lumber operations. The local men pointed out the economic importance of the route.

Commissioners made no definite commitments at the session, it was said, but gave the impression that a study would be made.

Commissioners, who were here overnight on a routine inspection in this section of the state, were Charles H. Reynolds, La Grande; Ben R. Chandler, Coos Bay; and Milo McIver, Portland.

They were accompanied by R. H. Ballock, chief highway engineer and some of the engineering staff of the highway department.

The local group included George Flanagan, Elk Lumber company; Tom Ross, Ross Lumber company; Glenn Jackson, White City Lumber company; Paul B. Rynning, county engineer, and Chester Hubbard, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

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Nervous Cows, Blue Lights Don't Always Mean Uranium

By United Press
Nervous cows and blue marsh lights don't necessarily mean the farm is loaded with the raw material of A-bombs.

Of course, the National Geographic society said today, there may be uranium around. But it takes some finding.

The society reported that amateur uranium prospectors are sending 300 to 400 samples a month to the U. S. geological survey in the hope of hitting the jackpot.

But only about one in every 100 samples sent in warrants further investigation. They come in a variety of containers—candy cartons, cookie jars, perfume bottles, and cigar boxes.

One farmer wrote that there must be uranium on his farm because he feels bad and his cows are jumpy at milking time.

Another sent some rocks with the explanation that the sun cast two shadows from them. He wanted to know if uranium does strange things to the sun.

One farmer saw a weird blue light in a marsh on his land. He figured it meant uranium was present.

Geigers Sometimes Wrong
But even prospectors equipped with geiger counters for detecting radioactive materials sometimes go wrong, the National Geographic said.

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It turned out that some college boys had made their own geiger counter and gone prospecting on a neighboring farm.

Something must have been wrong with the homemade gadget.

It identified every rock on the place as uranium ore.

Kimball indicated in a letter to Sen. Warren Magnuson, (D., Wash.), that the navy's decision would stand, Magnuson, along with Reps. Hugh Mitchell, (D., Wash.), and Henry Jackson, (D., Wash.), asked for the re-study.

Magnuson's office said he believed Kimball's economy figures were "inconclusive" and that he intended to fight the order.

Kimball estimated that the limited shut-down of Sand Point would save the navy \$727,000 in fiscal 1951 and about \$2,291,000 in each succeeding year.

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Advertising Money Tops Previous Mark

New York, Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Advertisers spent more money last year for newspaper space than ever before, the American Newspaper Publishers association said today.

It was the first time since 1942 that advertisers spent more money on newspaper space than on magazine space.

Advertising space for newspapers swelled to \$445,015,000 in 1949, 14.3 per cent over 1948 revenue.

Harold S. Barnes, director of the ANPA bureau of advertising, said figures of the publishers information bureau showed that general and farm magazine total revenue fell from \$458,677,139 in 1948 to \$440,795,045 last year.

Total revenue of radio and television in 1949 was \$376,400,329 according to the best available data, Barnes said.

Next Winner To Be Miss America, 1951
Atlantic City, N. J., Apr. 21 (U.P.)—There will be no Miss America of 1950.

The board of directors of the annual Miss America pageant here decided yesterday that the winner of the national beauty contest this September will be known as Miss America 1951.

Jacque Mercer of Arizona, last year's contest winner, will keep her title as Miss America 1949.

The directors pointed out that the contest winner this year will be queen for little more than three months in 1950 but will reign more than eight months in 1951.

Salem, Ore., Apr. 21—(U.P.)—Sir Oliver Franks, British ambassador to the United States, will pay an official visit to Oregon's capitol May 4.



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