Fire and Blast Damage Will Be 'Great Destroyers'

Atlantic City, N. J., May 15—(U.P.)—Civilian Mobilization Director Paul J. Larsen told firefighters today that fire damage and blast damage will be "the great destroyer" in atomic attack.

Speaking before fire marshals of the National Fire Protection association, Larsen asked them to examine closely the problem of standardizing fire equipment so that communities will be able to aid each other in event of attack.

Surveys of municipal and state facilities must begin at once as a prelude to civil defense planning, Larsen said.

"The urgent need for research and surveys of municipal and state facilities in planning for civil defense," Larsen said, "should be apparent to the fire marshals.

"By profession and tradition, you are men who are primarily concerned with the planning and prevention aspects in the fire fields. It is for this reason that you can make a signal contribution in aiding municipal authorities in making the resources studies which are so essential to practical action in civil defense."

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April Weather in Valley Wetter, Cooler Than Usual

April was slightly cooler than usual and rainfall was "markedly deficient," the Medford weather bureau at the airport reported today. Robert Church, official in charge of the bureau here, said the combination of cool, dry weather aided agriculture, especially for late plowing and the seeding of alfalfa and small grasses.

Cool temperatures retarded the growth of grass on pastures and ranges, Church said, but stock came through in good shape. Orchard heating was required on eight mornings — a much higher figure than average.

While construction proceeded with few interruptions, logging on higher ground was held up the first half of the month.

87 Warmest

The warmest day in April was the summer-like 87 degrees recorded at the weather bureau on the 19th. The lowest reading was made April 4 when the mercury dropped to 29 degrees.

There was a total of 50.3 inches of rainfall during the month, .75 inches less than normal. The greatest rainfall in any 24 hour period during the month occurred on the 12th and 13th when .34 inches fell.

Wives Come 'High' In Nairobi These Days; Age Decider

London (U.P.)—If you want to buy a wife you can get one in the native villages around Nairobi in Kenya, Africa, for anywhere from 85 to 150 goats. Maybe a cow or two would have to be thrown in for good measure.

The price depends on the age, pedigree and condition of the wife.

The present price scale is the highest in the wife-selling history of Kenya. Even 20 years ago, you could get a very good wife for only 30 goats paid to her family.

Inflation is blamed for the boom prices. They are so high that many husbands buy their mates on the installment plan.

Installment buying hasn't worked out too well, though, a tribal chief told Bernard Wicksteed of the London Daily Express.

Plenty Available

The chief said wives bought for so many goats a year don't work as hard as those bought for a complete goat herd on the spot. If the husbands fall behind in their payments of goats the wives go back to mother.

Plenty of prospective wives are available.

"I've got 17," the chief said, "and I know where I can get as many more as I want. The real trouble is they've inflated and going steadily higher in upward spirals."

How about a ceiling price for wives?

Too Many Interests

"Oh, no!" said the chief. "We couldn't do that. There are too many vested interests. Every man with an unmarried daughter would cry out that he was being robbed. . . .

"There's only one thing for it, and that is to devalue wives as Britain has done with the pound."

Tricky Cash Register Foils Chicago Holdup

Chicago—(U.P.)—What three bandits didn't know about cash registers made Harry Block, 52, a happy man.

Block and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Pillar, 40, stood hopefully silent while one of the bandits thumped a key on the register in Block's store. The register failed to open and the bandits left empty-handed.

Block explained that the register opens only when two or more keys are pressed.

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Roman Catholic Church Hardest Hit By Communist Tide Engulfing Europe

(Editor's note: Throughout the world churches are fighting for survival under the attack of communism. United Press correspondents around the world have contributed to two dispatches, explaining the status of religion and the clergy in all nations. Here is today's dispatch which deals with the situation in Europe.)

By Homer Jenks
United Press Correspondent

The communist tide which engulfed nearly two thirds of Europe has brought with it ever-increasing restrictions on religious freedom.

The roman Catholic church has suffered most. But protestant churches also have been hard hit.

The Roman Catholic church once could make and break governments, is fighting desperately to keep its independence in religious matters. Its political and economic influence for the most part has been destroyed.

Unlike their pagan counterparts in ancient Europe, the modern rulers of eastern Europe do not try to prevent religious worship. Instead they seek by every means to seize control of the church and make it another pliable instrument in the hands of the all-powerful state to keep the people toeing the communist line.

They strike at the church hierarchy rather than at the worshippers. My imprisoning or otherwise immobilizing clergymen hostile to communism, they destroy the most important and influential nucleus around which the forces of religion might rally.

Already the communists have imprisoned the Roman Catholic primate of Hungary and the archbishop of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, for "treason," put the primate of Czechoslovakia under virtual house arrest, and arrested more than 1,000 Catholic priests.

Follows Set Pattern

The communist campaign against the Catholic church seems to follow a set pattern. First the government seeks to break the church's economic power by land seizures and confiscatory taxes. Next it arrests or otherwise removes the most hostile members of the hierarchy. Finally it tries to break the church's ties with the Vatican by enlisting priests in government-sponsored "associations." The process is almost complete in Yugoslavia.

The communists now control 2,453,904 of Europe's 3,769,107 square miles and 269,178,488 of its 547,730,000 inhabitants. That includes the European part of the Soviet union.

Outside the communist countries, the church is more than holding its own. World War II brought increased religious freedom to western Germany and Austria and sent many laggards back to church in the allied countries.

Japanese Thriving On American Diet Survey Indicates

Tokyo (U.P.)—The buck-toothed, near-sighted, bow-legged Japanese who was the delight of wartime American cartoonists may become a thing of the past, in about 30 or 40 years.

A second post-war health examiner of some 16,000,000 school children shows that the Japanese are growing taller, seeing farther and smiling straighter.

A more balanced diet made possible in part by American relief supplies and American ideas on dietetics has brought visible improvements to children whose growth suffered from war-time food shortages.

While they are not tall by American standards, Japanese children are gaining stature. First grade primary students and second grade high school students averaged half an inch over last year's classes and are one to two pounds heavier.

One of the things that kept the Japanese short was the national aversion to milk. Japanese writers of 100 years ago complained of the bad odor of "milk-eating barbarians."

By 1939 Japanese children were taller than they'd ever been, but the war reversed the trend and the average height of primary and middle school children dropped to the 1906 level. Today they're back to where they were in 1924.

Handling of Hot Dogs Brought 'Up to Date'

Danville, Va.—(U.P.)—The hot dog has gone modern.

Clyde Brady, a Danville plumber, got tired of seeing restaurant men dislodge weiners from the fork by the finger method.

He invented a device to keep the weiners sanitary. On the handle of his patented fork is a button on a spring. On the spring is a lever.

Just press the button and without being touched by anybody's finger, the weiner is gently nudged off the fork into the waiting bun.

Bison now number about 4,000 on fenced rangeland of a few northwestern states. There were about 50,000,000 in the 1850s.

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