



CHRISTMAS MAKES HIM SICK—Ten-year-old Scott Garrison toys with the only kind of Christmas tree he can get close to—a plastic one. He was four years old before doctors finally learned the reason for his deadly illness every Christmas—evergreen. When the trees go up indoors, Scott has to take to his bed in his Santa Fe, N. M. home. And that's not all. At Easter time the same thing happens. The Easter eggs make him sick.

Egyptian Censors Certify 404 Films As Fit For Showing

Cairo — (U.P.) — Egyptian censors certified 404 foreign films as fit to be shown in over 13,500 movie houses throughout Egypt during the 12 months ended Oct. 31.

These movie houses vary from Cinemascope-screened, air conditioned theatres in Cairo to provincial cinemas where an interval takes place every 15 minutes to cool off the sole projector and where, if the audience applaud enough, they can see the picture again.

Statistics show that the United States took the lead in the number of films shown on Egyptian screens with 247. Next came Italy with 85.

Sixty per cent of the movie houses in Cairo and Alexandria show foreign films around the year. Ten per cent show Egyptian films and 30 per cent give Egypto-foreign double feature programs.

This double feature system was tried out in other movies outside Cairo and Alexandria but proved a failure. The Egyptian films, having usually the same old-faces acting the same old roles, did not find favor with the foreign-film public while the Egyptian-film fans were dissatisfied because, due to the high percentage of illiteracy, they were unable to follow even the sub-titled films.

This system was thus abandoned. Nowadays, except for regular serials, a foreign film is shown occasionally for two or three successive nights in provincial movies.

Statistics indicate that 63 Egyptian films run for an average of 27 weeks each throughout Egypt, breaking all records.

The most popular American films this year were "The Robe," "From Here to Eternity," "Valley of the Kings" and "Niagara."



Hemlocks and Atoms . . .

The federal atomic-power reservation of 630 square miles in the Columbia Basin and the Federal reservation of some 1,300 square miles in the Olympic National park, are brothers under their bureaus — at least step-brothers.

Look at the two parcels of Washington State earth together in one view, and you see Federal powers of destruction at work with awful might. The destructive power in generation on the Columbia is well known around the world.

It is not so well understood that the Federal government is also committed to a process of destroying a vast rich forest of Douglas fir and replacing it with a climax forest of West Coast hemlock trees on former commercial forest areas of Olympic National park.

Where does hope abide? On the Columbia it is rooted with the General Electric company, which is managing production—at no profit to the company—and is exploring prospects for using atomic power for peace production.

On the Olympic Peninsula the hope is in rightful restoration of the commercial forests in the present Park to U.S. Forest Service management and for orderly, productive harvesting of the Douglas fir stands that are already in ancient age.

The Bunyan Works . . .
Late in 1942 the Manhattan District of the U. S. Army Engineers looked the nation over for a proper plutonium production site. The broad requirements were a great area with few specimens of humanity in it, a big river with a reliable flow of cold, clean water and with much electrical power on tap. The engineers soon settled for 630 sections of Benton County, Washington. The sagebrush settlement of Hanford was made headquarters.

Christmas time, 1942, Hanford had a population of 125. Next Christmas there were 51,000 going, coming and camping there. This was the human tide of the building job. North Richland, the biggest trailer town on earth, and Richland, today's thriving city of the General Electric company's employees grew on after the main construction job was done.

Engineers estimate that the lumber used on the project was enough to have built a solid board fence six feet high from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine. Temporary buildings that were built at Hanford in the boom, mainly of Douglas fir green common, were moved to Richland in 1946 and are serving as well as ever for headquarters of the Atomic Energy Commission and G.E.

Hope for the Future . . .
Richland, now a city of 28,000 souls, looks to a future of incorporation in the American way, with the government permitting all-round home ownership by the

residents. Of course the needs of national defense and security will remain under Federal control at Hanford. But the prospects for channeling atomic power into the uses of peace are being opened, on a non-profit basis, for exploration and research by private enterprise.

On the Olympic Peninsula another example of the kind is in the efforts to salvage 515,000,000 board feet of timber that were fire-killed three years ago.

Were it not for the wood-using industries of the peninsula, the dead trees would stand there for decades, a deadly menace to the surrounding green forests. The industries and the U.S. Forest Service are partners in the program.

This dead hemlock forest was originally excluded as an unwanted weed-tree area by the promoters of the present Olympic National park.

The prevalence of the hemlock species on the burn represents the species of climax forest that nature has equipped to destroy, year by year, billions of feet of Douglas fir trees now locked up in the park — and then to bring up new forests of West Coast hemlocks amid the dead snags and rotting windfalls of ancient-age fir.

Modern timber management on the national forests and private tree farms is planned to perpetuate Douglas fir stands through conservation cycles of harvesting and growth.

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