

Too Many Babies Born in U.S., Population Committee Head Says

London—(U.P.)—A distinguished member of the House of Lords says men and women in the United States are having too many babies.

The 2,800,080 bundles of joy that arrived in America during 1954 brought no joy at all to Lord Simon of Wythenshawe, who is concerned about how the world is going to clothe, feed and shelter its growing population.

"The United States is devouring the world's mineral and fuel reserves at an almost terrifying rate," he said. He believes America should cut down its birth rate, perhaps to the point of keeping its population steady, with births balancing deaths.

Extended Research

Lord Simon, 75, is chairman of a committee which is drafting a report on population problems for a privately financed research group devoted to "political and economic planning." His committee has been working for 18 months.

"Is the West ethically justified in so rapidly consuming the means of existence? Ought we not rather to slow down or halt altogether the growth of western

populations?" Lord Simon asked.

The more the West uses fuel and mineral reserves the less there will be for undeveloped countries which, sooner or later, will be wanting them on a large scale, he warned.

The Moral Question

Lord Simon declined to go into specific detail about his committee's findings until its report is published. It is understood the committee will report there is no "reliable" evidence to support the belief that food production can keep pace with a world population which is increasing at the rate of 70,000 a

day.

The report also is expected to raise a moral question of whether people in one part of the world should increase their population, creating more mouths to feed, while people in another part of the world are alive and hungry.

In the past the "political and economic planning" organization has always been careful to recognize that proposals for limiting population may run counter to religious beliefs. But it is also known to hold the view that a stable world population is one way of ensuring food enough for all.

Highway Commission Approves Surveys for Road Improvements

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission yesterday approved several surveys for road improvements in various parts of the state and okayed a request by Siletz residents for a \$150,000 project in Lincoln county.

The major road survey approved for widening of SE 82nd avenue from the Portland city limits at SE Flavel street to Lake road near Clackamas. Estimated cost is \$440,000, spread over a two-year period. The road would be widened to four lanes.

Tualatin Job Approved

Other surveys approved included widening of the Tualatin highway to four lanes between Beaverton and Reedville.

Blizzard Closes Schools at Vale

Vale, Ore.—(U.P.)—Blizzard conditions in eastern Oregon closed the elementary and high school here yesterday because deep snow drifts prevented the school buses from making their rounds.

Snow plows were clearing rural routes, but the job was not expected to be completed in time for morning classes today. The elementary school at Adrian to the south was also closed.

Snow fell continuously yesterday in the Vale-Ontario area, to a depth of about seven inches. Some 19 inches were reported 19 miles north of here, and there was considerable drifting in rural areas.

Two wreckers spent yesterday pulling motorists up grades and out of ditches on Highway 30, about 25 miles north of Ontario.

New Warden Starts Duties at Alcatraz

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Alcatraz prison had a new warden today.

He is Paul J. Madigan, 57-year-old veteran of 22 years in the federal prison system. He took over yesterday from Warden Edwin B. Swope, who will become warden of the New Mexico state prison at Santa Fe.

Madigan once served three years as associate warden at the "Rock" under Swope.

On taking office, Madigan declared that "for some time to come there will be a need for a maximum security prison such as Alcatraz, especially in the next few years, because of the increase of crime throughout the country."

Alcatraz island is located in San Francisco bay. Because of the swirling tides that surround it, the prison is considered escape-proof.

Building a short new section of the Willamina-Salem secondary highway around a slide near Buell in Polk county.

Relocating U. S. Highway 30 between Meacham and Hilgard.

Improving the Redwood highway between Grants Pass and Wilderville in Josephine county.

Replacing the existing narrow bridge on U. S. Highway 99W at the north edge of Newberg with a four-lane fill.

The commission also approved a request by Siletz residents for resurfacing and oiling a 16 1-2 mile stretch of the Siletz secondary highway immediately north of Siletz at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

To Sell Right-of-Way

The commission agreed to sell to the city of Eugene the state-owned right-of-way between 7th and 11th avenues for \$2908.

A protest by property owners against the commission's plan to build a bypass for The Dalles-California highway through the west side of Klamath Falls was overruled. The commission said it would abide by its agreement with the Klamath Falls city council in the matter.

The state parks division was authorized to charge the same fees for use of park facilities this year as were collected in 1954.

Four Business Names Changed on Records

Four business name changes were listed yesterday in the office of the Jackson county clerk.

Albert H. Herndobler and Richard A. Herndobler have assumed the business name Herndobler's Furniture.

Robert G. Beatty has assumed the business name Beatty and McDougal. The business address is listed as 204 West Main st. Medford.

The assumed business name Southern Oregon Equipment Company, with an address of 3540 North Pacific highway, has been assumed by C. Edward Gordon, secretary.

Dom S. Provost, Mildred S. Provost, and Dom S. Provost Jr., have cancelled the assumed business name Provost Furniture, which has been assumed by Billy E. Slack and Gerald Ray Hamilton. The business address is 357 East Main st., Ashland.

Senate Pays Tribute To Stricklin, Hudson

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate yesterday paid tribute to Charles E. Stricklin, long-time state engineer, and Maurice Hudson, state corporation commissioner, both of whom died last year. The senators stood at attention for a moment in respect for these two men, described in Senate concurrent resolutions as faithful and efficient servants of the state.



PREPARED TO INTRODUCE bill in Senate to authorize research program into smog conditions, Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R) Cal., (left) discusses smog problems of Los Angeles with Lauren E. Hitchcock, president of Air Pollution Foundation. (International)

Jackson County Tops 1954 Bond Sales Goal

Jackson county passed its 1954 quota for sales of E and H savings bonds, according to an annual report prepared by Morris B. Leonard Sr., county chairman.

The county's sales for 1954 were \$1,000,619 in 1954, compared with \$876,957 in 1953. Sales in Jackson county during December amounted to \$86,590, compared with \$63,763 in the same month for 1953.

Bond sales were well below the quota in Josephine and Klamath counties. Josephine county reached 89.5 per cent of its goal, with sales of \$425,061, compared with \$343,338 in 1953. Klamath county reached 76.8 per cent of its goal, with sales of \$633,550, against \$640,122 in 1953.

Statewide, sales reached \$36,034,406 in 1954, or 96.1 per cent of the quota. Sales in 1953

were \$28,049,894. The best record, percentage-wise, for Oregon's counties last year was compiled by Curry county, where sales amounted to 319.8 per cent of the quota.

The national gain in sale of E and H bonds was 12 per cent.

Man Gets Last Laugh Over Initiation Joke

Denver—(U.P.)—They laughed back in 1951 when E. G. Dunne sat down on a bench, rose quickly and then fell to the floor during a shiners initiation at Pueblo, Colo.

The boys had wired the bench with electricity. Dunne got the last laugh Monday when the Colorado Supreme Court awarded him \$44,918 in damages against the Al Kaly temple for a permanent neck injury.

with sales amounting to \$4,889,119,000 last year. This was the largest volume on record for any year since 1945. The cash value of E and H bonds reached \$38,233,000,000 on Dec. 31, 1954, an all-time record, and represented 14 per cent of the public debt.

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Portland Chinese Couple Arrested in Girl's Death

Portland—(U.P.)—Police last night arrested Wey Him Fong, 28, and his wife, Sherri, 23, for the murder of 16-year-old Diane Hank whose body was found nearly a year ago near Wasougal, Wash.

The Multnomah county grand jury yesterday afternoon indicted the Fongs and Kwong Ting Yee, 38, for first degree murder of the Lincoln High school girl. Yee was believed to be in Calif.

Went To Baby Sit

Diane Hank disappeared from her Portland home Jan. 6, 1954. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Hank, said she had gone to the Fong home where she was a baby sitter. However, the girl disappeared and her body was found near Washougal on Feb. 26, 1954.

Mrs. Fong has admitted having the girl as a dinner guest the night of Jan. 6, but maintains she left "dressed for school" on the morning of Jan. 7.

Tuesday's secret indictment by the grand jury after a two hour address from District Attorney William M. Langley climaxed months of complex investigation by police, detectives and FBI.

Langley said he is confident the state now has sufficient evidence to support a charge of murder against the trio.

The Fongs still await trial on a charge of contributing to the death of the girl's delinquency.

The grand jury indictment yesterday charged the three suspects with killing the girl "deliberately and with premeditated violence, by means unknown to the grand jury."

Oil Well Exploration Near Vale Abandoned

Ontario—(U.P.)—The El Paso Natural Gas company has abandoned its exploratory well in the Double mountain area near Vale and today was plugging the 74,070-foot hole.

Company geologist Roy Bechtel said the well showed no sign of gas or oil after extensive testing and that it was not worth further investment.

Bechtel said he didn't know if the company planned to drill another well in the area, but said the drilling rig would be left where it was for the time being.

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