

## Hot, Swampy Country Marks Payoff Area Of Oil Wells in Booming Venezuela

Maracaibo, Venezuela — (U.P.) — The hot, swampy country around this "city of palms" is the payoff area of booming Venezuela. Oil wells in the jungle and under the turbid waters of Lake Maracaibo foot the bill for a \$71,000,000 highway, a \$40,000,000 hospital, an \$8,000,000 hotel and the other grandiose projects changing the face of glamorous Caracas, the nation's capital, and other places. The liquid gold from this area accounts for 73 per cent of Venezuela's huge output and has been the country's

biggest money-getter since 1922. "Something old, something new" is always on tap here at the same time. Item: A burro, weighed down by two wooden boxes almost as big as itself, holding up a line of sleek cars on the road from the airport while a somebrero-wearing peasant tries to coax it to one side. And it happens in front of the most modern Sears Roebuck store you'll find anywhere.

Ateen airport architects: The one here, called Grano de Oro

grain of gold, features an interior patio with a garden of colorful tropical foliage. The airline ticket counters ring the romantic scene.

The bars in the poorer sections of this town, which is an exotic mixture of modern, air conditioned homes and old, multi-colored stucco houses with barred windows, have swinging doors. Not because they're old fashioned. The swinging doors were ordered up a few years ago to give the cops a better looksee into the places.

Seen and heard on a plane flying west across the lake and over jungles where Indians still live in a primitive state. The pilot spots a clearing, swoops low and banks the plane for the benefit of camera bugs. Not a sign of life around the brown thatched huts, only well-marked trails from the low entrances of the nearby jungles. The pilot rights the plane and as it climbs somebody puts his hand to the floor, grabs an imaginary object and quips: "Anyone want an arrow?"

On a road leading west toward the Colombian border, pelicans swim in an adjacent stream. Perched high on a water tower a dozen big vultures look down. People watchers?

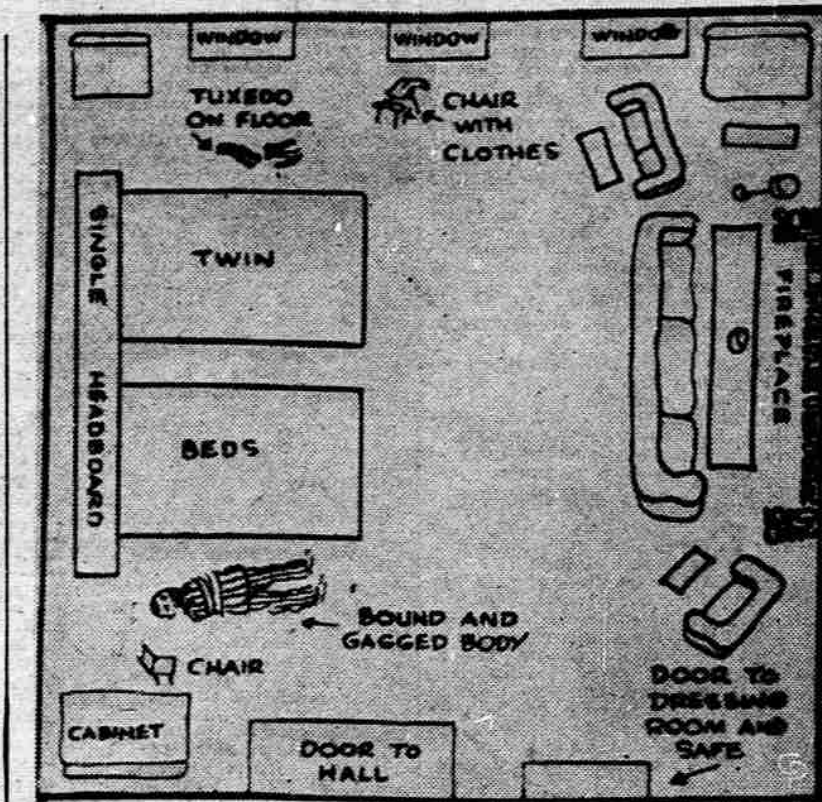
International departments: Watching palm trees wave in a breeze from the lake while sipping Heineken beer and listening to an orchestra that's playing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

From the air again—oil derricks, tanks, pipes, jungle. More derricks, tanks, pipes. It's nothing like beautiful Caracas, but it's what picks up the biggest tab for the boom in this amazing country.

## Ladejinsky On Way To Viet Nam Post

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Wolf Ladejinsky, central figure in a recent "security" controversy arrived in San Francisco last night on his way to Viet Nam, where he will serve as a land reform expert for the U. S. Foreign Operations Administration.

Ladejinsky planned to go to Tokyo first to wind up some personal affairs there. He flew to San Francisco aboard the same plane as his



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The center, commanded by Lt. Col. Eleanor C. Sullivan of Lawrence, Mass., receives all new recruits and gives them basic training. It also provides officer candidate courses, advanced courses for officers and special instruction in clerical procedures and stenography.

Basic trainees are taught to march, make beds Army style, and the fundamentals of Army life and discipline. They can learn to shoot a rifle if they want to.

16 Graduates Sixteen officers were graduated from the feminine "West Point" this month. They were the first to receive bars since WAC training was moved here from Fort Lee, Va.

Ever since the Women's Army Corps was organized in 1942 its headquarters had been "pushed around" from place to place. The permanent headquarters here was dedicated last September by Chief of Staff Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

"In time," Ridgway said, "the center will occupy the place in the history of the Women's Army Corps that Fort Benning does



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## Texas Longhorn Cattle, Once Nearly Extinct Breed, Being Saved in Nebraska

Valentine, Neb.—(U.P.)—Texas longhorn cattle, whose breed once ranged the dusty plains of the Southwest, are being saved from extinction in the strange northern climate of Nebraska.

Being the ornery critters they are, they take to blizzards like they did to Texas sandstorms.

A herd of 100 longhorns is sheltered in the Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge here as a living museum exhibit. Until the government stepped in to save them they were going the way of their prairie cousin, the bison.

John Connors, manager of the Niobrara refuge, said the longhorns have become more accustomed to fences than they were when they snorted and stampeded across the barren ranges to the south. And they "came through just fine" during the severe cold and blizzards of 1948-1949.

"They're much meaner than ordinary cattle," Connors said. "But their respect for a man is increased considerably when the man is perched on the horse. None of my cowhands has ever been hurt."

The two chief herds of longhorns remaining in the United States are here and at the Wichita Mountains Refuge near Cache, Okla., where there are 376 head. The animals were brought to North America from Spain in 1521.

The hot-tempered longhorns spread from Vera Cruz through the old Spanish provinces that now make up the American Southwest. Cowboys in the wild west era would drive them up the Chisholm Trail by the thousands to railheads in Kansas and Nebraska.

Cattlemen finally abandoned the longhorn in favor of breeds that had shorter horns but more meat. By 1920, the longhorn was virtually extinct.

Wildlife authorities admit the longhorn is not a game animal like others it protects, but the species is being preserved because it is "so prominently identified with the early history of the West."



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## Youths Should Learn of Worse Thing Than 'Chicken'

Chino, Calif.—(U.P.)—Today's parents better know how to explain to their teen-age children that there are worse things than being called "chicken" by other teen-agers, according to Frank Graves, youth authority.

Graves is director of Boys' Republic, about an hour's drive from Los Angeles. He feels that teen-agers get into trouble in most cases because they are more afraid of being called "chicken"—today's equivalent of "yellow-belly"—than they are afraid of police.

Parents of the teen-agers who start breaking society's laws rather than their own "gang" laws are confronted with a situation that requires immediate action, Graves said. He warned also that pre-teens frequently are spurred to their first illegal acts by the same fear.

Graves bases his views on his general background, training and experience at Boys' Republic, a privately supported institution for boys who are underprivileged, come from broken homes or are "pre-delinquents."

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**GETS APPOINTMENT**  
 Washington — (U.P.) — Appointment of Jon L. Sullivan, Salem, Ore., as U. S. Executive Secretary of the Joint United States-Canada Civil Defense Committee has been announced by Val Peterson, Civil Defense Administrator. Sullivan will continue in his present post as special assistant to Harold A. Aitken, Peterson's executive assistant administrator.

## National Forest Harvest Sets Record

Washington — (U.P.) — Timber harvested from national forests during the Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1954, period totaled 2,300,970,000 board feet, a new record not likely to be exceeded for many years, the Agriculture Department reported today.

The harvest for the full quarter of last year surpassed by one-half billion board feet the previous record set during the July 1-Sept. 30, 1953, quarter. Ira J. Mason, chief of timber management for the Forest Service, said the value of timber cut during the final 1954 quarter was \$25,071,110.

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