

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Copenhagen, — with SAS — Another batch of mail has caught up with me just as I'm about to return on my SAS north polar flight tour.

"What is the biggest dog ever known?" inquires TRT, a reader of the Phoenix Republic.

"I know kittens and puppies are born blind," writes SAR, via



the Pittsburgh Press, "but what other animals? And which ones can see and why?"

Largest Dog — Hold on, you will find this one difficult to believe. That's because what was once a huge dog is now a comparative midget. It's the pekingese and, reputedly, he once weighed as much as a full-grown black bear, right around 400

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pounds. That's because in early days, the Chinese developed him for a war dog. Then gunpowder came along and a heavy dog was of just about as much use as an armored knight. So the Chinese, able dog breeders, reversed the process and bred him down until he became a Mandarin sleeve dog. But as you know, the peke often doesn't realize he has been reduced in size and acts as though he could whip a Great Dane or a St. Bernard, even.

Born Blind: Not only the kitten and the puppy are born blind but also many others—in fact, all felines (cat family) and all canines (dog) are born with their eyes closed and that includes tigers, lions, wolves and foxes. Along with it, most rodents—not all—are born blind including rats, mice and rabbits. In contrast, all hooved animals are born with their eyes open and can see at birth.

Probably the reason is that preying animals can protect their young and the rodents can burrow and build, secure nests. But deer, moose, antelope and buffalo cannot. So they are endowed with other life-saving devices at birth. Some are adept hiders and have spotted coats, as does the deer. Others, like the buffalo, are able to run several miles an hour within one day—enough to keep up with a migrating herd. While a ranger, I have seen newborn antelope outrun a man the first day it was born! And the second day, I'd say it would even outrun an average horse.

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Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: IS THAT SO; care of The Mail Tribune, Box 375, Sausalito, Calif.

Babson Discusses Future

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., (Special to the Mail Tribune) — Since President Eisenhower's great address at Pennsylvania State University last week, I have been much more hopeful of the years ahead. This world may be entering a new Industrial Revolution commensurate with the two previous great Industrial Revolutions of a century and more ago.

Great Industrial Revolutions
The first was based upon the invention of printing by movable type, upon the development of education combined with Bible reading, and upon the discovery of America. Thus, the three great men of that day were Gutenberg, John Rogers (my ancestor,) and Columbus. The second Industrial Revolution was due to the harnessing of steam and steel, the development of democracy, and the building of railroads and steamships. Thus, the three great men of that time were Watt, Washington and Stephenson.

My purpose this week is to impress upon readers that future history may show we are now entering a third great Industrial Revolution. This could come from the harnessing of uranium, the development of labor unions accompanied by the redistribution of property, and the possibilities of aviation. The three men responsible for these developments were Einstein, Roosevelt and the Wright Brothers. The first two Industrial Revolutions, with the exception of the discoveries of Columbus, were largely confined to nations and bounded by national lines.

Airplanes Making Changes
Let me now state that any third revolution will know no national boundaries, but must be a world revolution. For instance, uranium is found everywhere and can be used anywhere; the masses all over the world are demanding property, education, and opportunity; while airplanes, telephones, and television know no boundaries. They are reducing the size of the world to the size of an average country a generation ago. Today I call London by telephone as freely as I called New York a few years ago. Members of my organization are lunching with me today; and they are having breakfast in London tomorrow morning. Furthermore, the difficulties of communicating with the people of other nations,

which handicapped the two previous industrial revolutions, have been eliminated by radio and television.

The stock market, of course, will have bad breaks. Then will be the time to buy more of the stocks which will profit from this new Industrial Revolution. The main purpose of this week's column is to get you to become world conscious and to recognize the great possibilities ahead. Some look upon advances in electricity as bringing on a new era; but no, electricity is simply a new method of distributing power already manufactured by coal, oil or gravity. This same applies to electronics and many other inventions which people are going crazy about. Actually, these are incidental. Great new eras are based on the use of a new power; material, spiritual, political, or a combination of all, as "Billy" Graham is preaching.

How to Lose Money

All kinds of speculative promotions followed the inventions of Watt, Stephenson, and especially Columbus. Hundreds of new companies were formed and floated to get gold from Mexico or Peru, to enjoy the Fountain-of-Youth in Florida, to import sugar, spices and slaves from the West Indies, to get timber and ore from Virginia or New England. The settlement of Gloucester — my home city — was undertaken by an English company to make money by gathering the cod, halibut, and mackerel which were said to fill Gloucester Harbor. A few of these companies made money, but some of them, including the Gloucester enterprise, went broke.

Too many investors of those days thought only of themselves and tried to get rich by speculating in individual companies; but they lost out. Those, however, who did not attempt to speculate in these new companies but who got the vision that a new industrial revolution was fanning out before them, applied this vision to their own business, whether banking, insurance, manufacturing, merchandizing, or foreign trade. They became wealthy. I forecast that those who now get and so usefully apply this vision will be likewise rewarded.

Let Us Now Be Optimistic

So, I close with this appeal. Let us forget, for the present, World War III, Russian Communism, threatened Stock Market Collapses, Juvenile Delinquency, and all the other pessimisms featured today. Instead, let us think of what Aviation, Chemistry, Wonder Drugs, Television, Weather Control, Cybernetics, Automatic Factories, and, the greatest of all uranium will do for us who get this vision and are anxious to work. Even this does not mean bothering your head to find some uranium stock to buy. The fact is, future history may look back upon the present stock markets as you and I look back on horses and bugles! Therefore, may we awaken to a new vision. May we think how we can use airplanes, uranium, and especially advertising, to develop our own business, and help our children and grandchildren. Without doubt some stocks are good short sales at the present time; but don't now sell the world short!

One more thought: On the 6th of last December I completed fifty years in very active business. This year, 1955, I am devoting to selecting 2,000 enthusiastic persons — preferably those physically handicapped as I have always been, but who have the Vision — to represent me and the United Information Service in 2,000 cities. A list of these selected cities will be sent, on request, by my Babson Park, Massachusetts, office. Any reader who can help in this work will be doing a good thing both for the person selected and for the merchants of the community in which he or she lives. If you doubt it, read in the Bible the first sentence of Verse 18, Chapter 29, of the Book of Proverbs.

53 Anti-Reds Executed, Imprisoned by Chinese

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Red China today admitted growing unrest of the Chinese mainland with the announcement that at least 53 anti-Communists have been executed or imprisoned. Communist Peiping Radio broke into its broadcasts twice today to report mass arrests and convictions of anti-Communist agents in Shantung, Anhwei and Kiangsu provinces.

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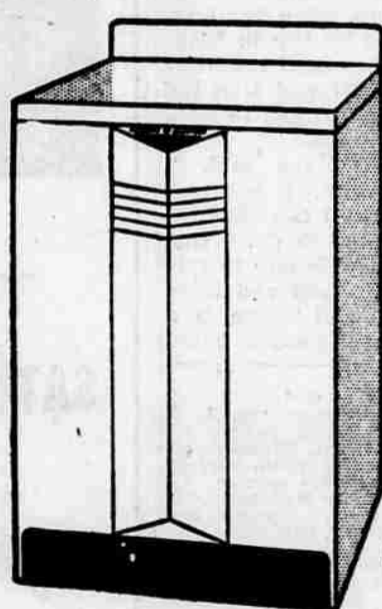
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