

Social Security Observes Twentieth Anniversary Today

It was 20 years ago today, Aug. 14, 1935, that the Social Security Act became law, W. V. Nussbaum, district manager of the Medford social security office, has reminded the people of this area.

"At that time only about one worker in 10 was covered by any retirement system, and only about one worker in 20 by a public retirement program," Nussbaum said.

As of January of this year, 5,150 persons were receiving a total of \$243,904 monthly in the area served by the Medford office. Nationwide, almost 8,000,000 persons are receiving over \$400,000,000 every month in benefits under the program.

Benefits Increased
Pointing out that 9 out of 10 people who work for a living can now look forward to retirement benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program, Nussbaum said that the original law provided only old-age protection. It applied to some 33,000,000 workers in commerce and industry. In 1939, amendments added payments for dependents of retired workers and for the survivors of workers who died.

It was not until 1951 that coverage was extended to the self-employed, and to certain employees of non-profit organizations, regularly employed domestic and farm workers, and some employees of federal, state, and local governments.

Some 10,000,000 more workers were brought under the program through the 1954 amendments, which extended coverage to self-employed farmers, most farm employees and workers in private households, and certain self-employed professionals. Protection was also made available, under special agreements, to more state and local government employees, and to ministers and members of religious orders.

Will Build Protection
"About 67,000,000 persons will build this protection for themselves and their families during 1955," Nussbaum declared. Looking to the future, Nussbaum said that by 1975, when there will be 20,000,000 Americans age 65 or over, four out of five of them will be eligible for benefit payments as retired workers, aged wives, dependent husbands, widows or dependent widowers or aged parents. At that time, nearly 90,000,000 people will be in work covered by the law, and 93,000,000 people will be insured, he predicted.

Burns Men Get \$14,625 Damages

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has signed a bill authorizing \$14,625 in damages to Harold Swarthout, and his father, L. R. Swarthout, Burns, Ore., for injuries and expenses received at the explosion of an Army practice bomb 12 years ago.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Wayne More (D-Ore.), provides \$10,000 for Harold, who was injured in the explosion when he was 10 years old. The remainder would go to his father, for medical expenses.

The explosion occurred while the boy was playing with the bombs at a neighbor's house. The explosives had been picked up at an abandoned farmhouse, where they had been dropped by Army Air Corps personnel.

SIX DECLINES
Detroit — (U.P.) — Six-cylinder engines rapidly are losing out in the automobile field. In 1950, more than 57 per cent of all automobiles had six-cylinder engines. That figure dropped to 39 per cent in 1954 and will fall to between 20 and 25 per cent this year.



ALOHA!—Col. John Knox Arnold of Silver Springs, Md., one of 11 U. S. airmen released after 2½ years imprisonment by Red China, gets kisses and leis on his arrival in Honolulu from beauty queens May Snively and Audrey Garcia.

Adlai in Driver's Seat in '56 Democratic Race After Annual Governors' Session

By TOM NELSON
United Press Correspondent

Chicago — (U.P.) — The nation's governors scattered from their annual conference Saturday, leaving Adlai E. Stevenson apparently in the driver's seat of the 1956 Democratic presidential campaign.

Stevenson made great strides in cementing his leadership in the party, even though he managed to dodge a commitment on whether he will be a candidate for the White House.

During the four-day 47th annual governors' conference, 15 of the 26 Democratic governors attending travelled 34 miles from the Edgewater Beach ho-

tel to Stevenson's Libertyville, Ill., farm to confer with the 1952 Democratic candidate.

Another governor talked with Stevenson by telephone and Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania was slated to make the trip to Libertyville Saturday.

Standing Aside
Gov. Averell Harriman of New York was widely regarded as a possible Democratic candidate when the conference started. But, by the time it ended Friday, it was widely agreed that the New Yorker was standing aside for Stevenson.

Few of the Democrats had any hard words to say for Stevenson, although one or two admitted they would like to know for sure whether he will run in 1956.

During the conference's closing days an old Stevenson opponent, Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, raised storm warnings of another Southern revolt if Stevenson wins the presidential nomination next year.

But no other Democrats joined Shivers' attack on Stevenson as unfit for the presidency. And at least one fellow Southerner, Gov. Frank C. Clement of Tennessee, suggested Shivers should get out of the party if he is unwilling to support the Democratic candidate.

No Haven With GOP
Another Southern governor, Marvin Griffin of Georgia, said he couldn't agree that Stevenson was unqualified for the presidency and added "There is no haven of refuge with the Republicans."

Shivers' outburst also drew attacks from former party chairman Stephen A. Mitchell and Sen. Richard E. Neuberger (D-Ore.). Mitchell said "Shivers is admitting Stevenson now has an almost insurmountable lead for the nomination," and Neuberger commented in Washington that the Texan's statement is "one of the finest endorsements Stevenson could ever receive."

The Democratic politicking overshadowed the official work of the conference and also took the spotlight from Republican conjectures about the 1956 race.

Actually, the 20 Republican governors had little to argue about since they were almost unanimous in backing President Eisenhower for a second term, predicting he would make the race, and forecasting a certain victory.

It was Smith who took her to Bemont, Ill., this week to help him dedicate a Lincoln museum. Her appearance drew an attendance of thousands of persons, most of whom seemed more interested in Marilyn than Lincoln.

World corn production for 1954-55 is estimated at more than five and one-half billion bushels.

Russians See U.S. Farm Machinery At Illinois Fair

Springfield, Ill. — (U.P.) — Midwest farmers at the Illinois state fair showed off their best crops and livestock to the visiting Russian farm experts Saturday.

The Russians flew to Springfield from Chicago at the invitation of Gov. William G. Stratton to examine the finest that Illinois farmers have to offer.

Impromptu Visit
The visit was one of the most impromptu incidents of the Russians' current tour of American farmlands.

Stratton extended the invitation to delegation leader Vladimir Matskevich when the Russian showed up at the governors' conference in Chicago Friday.

Matskevich accepted and William Wood Prince, chairman of the Chicago stock yards board, put his private plane at the Russians' disposal.

Stratton Welcomes Visit
Stratton welcomed the Russians' visit, saying it will give them "the greatest opportunity in the world to see collected in one place the machinery and the products of the farm and the people who have the know-how to operate the machinery and the farms."

Matskevich meanwhile asked Stratton and other governors assembled at the Chicago conference to visit a "great fair" in Moscow this fall.

Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah said Matskevich's visit to the conference was "embarrassing" to him. "I don't want any part of it myself," he said.

Marjorie Smith Trial Oct. 20

McMinnville — (U.P.) — The first degree murder trial of Marjorie Smith of Portland, accused of the April 21 bombing of her husband, Kermit, will open Oct. 20 in Yamhill county Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker, who will preside, announced the date Friday.

The trial was moved from Multnomah county to Yamhill county on a defense motion for change of venue.

NW Rivers, Harbors Congress Next Week

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — The 30th annual Northwest Rivers and Harbors Congress will be held at this port city next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among the featured speakers will be Brig. Gen. Louis H. Foote, North Pacific division engineer, and Col. Ralph A. Tudor, former undersecretary of the Interior department.

BLASTS ROCK SAIGON
Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — A series of explosions rocked this capital of South Viet Nam today. One of them shook the villa of Gen. Nguyen Van Vy, former inspector general of the army and now in central Viet Nam. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

EXTREME PENALTY
Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — A California assembly committee on transportation approved a measure that would prohibit a hitchhiker from being on the highway while soliciting a ride.

"What's the penalty for violation?" one assemblyman asked. "Possible death," another shot back.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bell were his two brothers and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bell and family, Tacoma, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell and two sons, Geneva, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Palmer are visiting at the Ralph Bell home from Casa Grande, Ariz. They formerly lived in Gold Hill.

GOLD SOUGHT
Hartlingen, Holland — (U.P.) — Gold fever struck this North Sea harbor today after word spread that a tavern owner who was killed in World War II had buried a box filled with gold coins near his house. Town residents began digging with all available implements.

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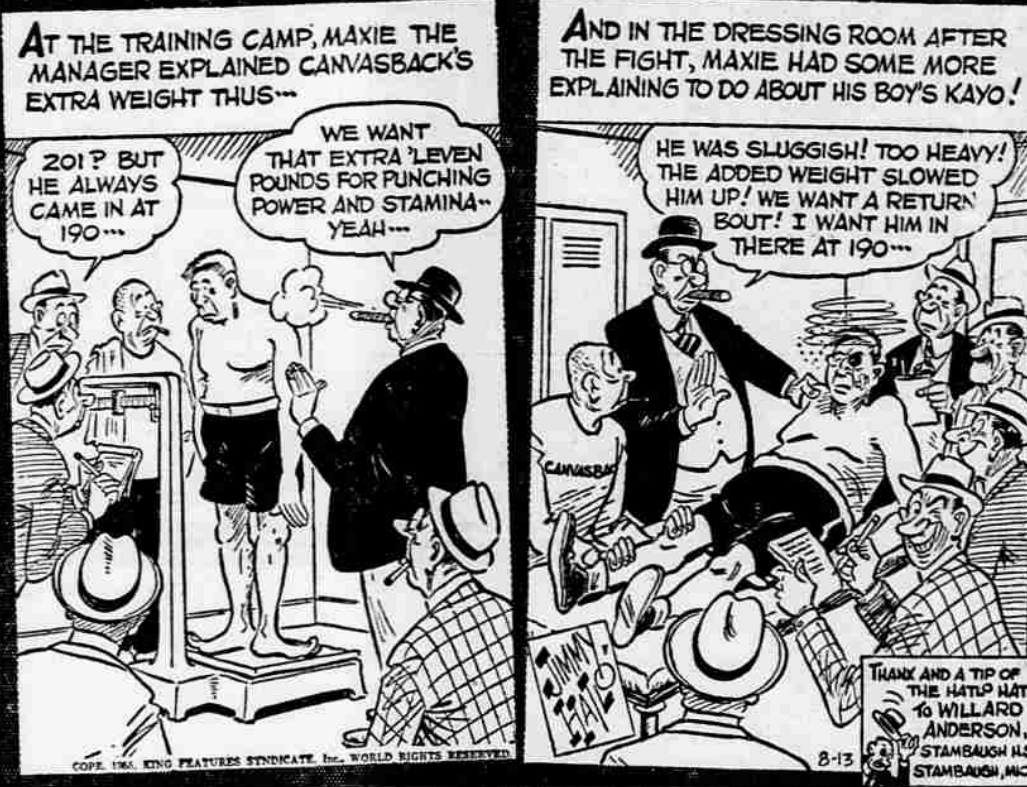
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The designer is Marcel Lobelle 62, who designed the British Navy's Fairey Swordfish anti-submarine patrol bomber in World War II. The new plane is called the ML Utility after his initials.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Mrs. Dale Collins, her daughter Gail, and Mrs. Beatrice Wimple who was visiting here from Crystal Lake, Ill., recently motored to Seattle and Victoria, B. C. Mrs. Wimple returned to her home from Seattle.

Boy Scouts of Troop 43, Gold Hill, have returned from camp. Those who attended were Charles Bell, Charles Johnson, Howard Misner, Frank Balch, Norman Atkins, Donald Fisher, Arlin White, Richard Jones. Jack Jones, who became ill at camp, was brought home.

Woman's Society of Christian Service met Friday at the home of Mrs. Frank Carter on Upper River rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin are on a vacation trip to Nebraska where they will visit with friends and relatives.

Winkie Newnam is resuming his studies at Robertson Business college in Medford.

While Mr. and Mrs. Eroll Miller are on vacation, Rex Allison is running the barber shop for Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Way, Redwood City, Calif., visited last week with Mrs. Robert Kies. Mrs. Way is a grandniece of the late Mr. Kies. Mrs. A. C. Ladd and son Robert were also guests of Mrs. Kies from Medford.

Mrs. Amy Ross recently returned from San Diego where she visited with her son, Pat. He has since sailed for Japan on the destroyer Southernland. She also visited a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coster at Spring Valley, Calif., whom she had not seen for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall have moved from Gold Hill to Central Point where he is a teacher at Crater High school.

Mrs. Ethel Mays and son Buddy have rented their house and are leaving to make their home in Albuquerque, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison from Matheson, Calif., were week end visitors at the home of their son and family, the Al Harrisons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Joy, daughter Carol and son Wayne, El Monte, Calif., visited with friends here. They are former residents of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrow are on a vacation trip to Canada where they will visit Lake Louise.

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Ancient Sun Eclipses

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Accounts of the recent total eclipse of the sun visible from Asia and the islands east of there, inspired a reader to suggest some data on an article regarding ancient eclipses.

We have read stories of how ignorant peoples, greatly frightened by a sudden darkening of the sun, supposed a terrible dragon was swallowing our source of light and life, and tried to frighten it away by creating a great din. Some of us recall the radio broadcast from the highlands of Peru on June 8, 1937, when old Sol was completely blacked out there for a few minutes. An American astronomer (Dr. Clyde Fisher, as I recall) was announcing the gradual approach of totality. Just as all light was extinguished, a loud noise, as of banging on tin pans, started up. Even the announcer appeared surprised. He quickly explained that the natives seemingly were trying the tactics of all unformed peoples. They were "successful" for the edge of the sun soon peeked out from behind the obscuring moon.

Columbus Short of Food
The story is told that Columbus and his men after "discovering America" found themselves short of food. They tried to obtain supplies from the Indians, who were hesitant about granting the request. Columbus knew that a total lunar eclipse was on the program for a certain night, so told the natives he was going to blot out the moon because of their unkindness. As soon as totality occurred, the Indians relented and furnished the requested food.

Old Testament passages (thought to refer to eclipses are these:

"I will cause the sun to set at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight." Amos 8:9.

"It shall be night for you and darkness . . . The day shall become dark." Micah 3:6.

"Her sun shall set while it is still day." Jeremiah 15:9.

"The sun shall be changed to darkness and the moon to blood." Joel 2:31.

An interesting story is told in connection with the ancient total solar eclipse of May 28, 585 B.C. Thales of Miletus, then considered the chief of the "seven wise men" of Greece and known as being well versed in mathematics and astronomy, had predicted this complete blackout. The story is told by Herodotus, the historian.

On the fateful day the Medes and Lydians were engaged in a fierce battle. Evidently no one had time to look at the sky until the sunlight was rapidly fading. Suddenly night came on a long time before sunset. Were the gods terribly offended? The phenomenon made such an impression on the fighters that the battle was brought to a sudden halt and a lasting peace between the two nations resulted. Would that we could have more total

solar eclipses — and perhaps ignorance of their cause — in modern wars.

Woman Fatally Burned

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland woman died on her way to a hospital here Friday after suffering accidental burns while visiting in Longview, Wash.

Mrs. Helen Caplan, 50, was burned when a cigarette set her dress afire. She was given first aid at a Longview hospital, but died en route to Portland.

She was the wife of Ben M. Caplan, owner of the Peninsula Diamond shop here.

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1 Evening	2 Interesting	3 You	4 Wrong	5 You'll	6 Can
7 Be	8 News	9 Be	10 Sure	11 Loved	12 Need
13 Journeys	14 Develops	15 Impressions	16 Ones	17 You	18 Appreciate
19 Wind	20 May	21 Follow	22 Up	23 Aspects	24 That
25 Is	26 For	27 Into	28 Be	29 Could	30 Able
31 Taken	32 Evening	33 Best	34 Easily	35 Keep	36 Get
37 Trouble	38 Secrecy	39 Bring	40 Background	41 Sudden	42 Be
43 Be	44 A	45 And	46 Attention	47 Impulse	48 From
49 Concerning	50 Change	51 Your	52 Now	53 Given	54 To
55 Are	56 Optimistic	57 Into	58 You	59 For	60 Out
61 Matters	62 Clean	63 Now	64 Personal	65 To	66 Necessary
67 Get	68 Up	69 In	70 Attitude	71 Clearly	72 Away
73 Of	74 With	75 Trouble	76 Resources	77 Relations	78 Successfully
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