

McCann Lists Good, Bad News for Week

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The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good
1. Premier Guy Mollet and Pierre Mendes-France, his co-leader in the French government, put aside their differences to join in a determined attempt to bring peace to Algeria. Mollet, addressing the National Assembly in Paris outlined a three-point program to end terrorism in France's most important overseas possession. He promised immediate economic aid to relieve unemployment and poverty, long-term economic and political reforms and free elections. The Algerian situation remained serious. But authoritative Frenchmen expressed confidence that this crisis will be solved.

2. Soviet Russia failed in its apparent attempt to cause ill-feeling between the United States and Great Britain by producing missing British diplomats Donald D. MacLean and Guy M. Burgess at a Moscow press conference. The public appearance of the two men, nearly five years behind the Iron Curtain, proved to be only a one-day sensation. The Kremlin apparently hoped it would cause bitter American criticism of lax British security screening.

3. Newly inaugurated President Juscelino Kubitschek of Brazil lifted the state of siege which had been imposed on Nov. 15. At that time, there was serious danger of a revolt which would prevent Kubitschek's inauguration and plunge the large Latin American republic into political turmoil. The revolt failed to materialize.

The Bad
1. Nikita S. Khrushchev opened the 20th Congress of the Russian Communist Party in Moscow with a speech boasting that Communism would triumph over capitalism. He showed no sign that Russia is willing to seek friendship with the West on acceptable terms. At the same time Khrushchev, who is first secretary of the party, revised the fundamental Marxist dictum that war is inevitable as long as Western capitalism and "imperialism" exist. Khrushchev held that Communism can triumph without resort to violence. Economic and political methods will suffice, he said.

2. Pakistan started a review of its ties with the United States and other Western countries. Pakistan, a key member of the Middle Eastern Defense Alliance, until recently was regarded as firmly on the side of the Western Allies. Now, it has accepted a Russian offer to negotiate a trade agreement. In Southeastern Asia, Premier Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia turned "neutralist" and went to Communist China for a visit. He, too, until recently had been regarded as firmly pro-Western.

3. Great Britain's serious financial situation was emphasized when the government raised the "bank rate" sharply from 4½ to 5½ per cent. This means a higher interest rate on loans of all sorts. The rise was aimed at curbing inflation, cutting down on public purchases of non-essential goods and increasing exports.

Jess Barker Cleared Of Contempt Charges
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Actor Jess Barker, ex-husband of film star Susan Hayward, has been cleared of contempt charges after making back support and medical payments to an actress who accused him of fathering her daughter.

Attorney S. S. Hahn, representing Barker, told Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle yesterday the actor had paid \$50 in back support and \$1113 in hospital bills to Yvonne Doughty, who gave birth to a daughter Dec. 10. The contempt charges were dismissed.

Barker was ordered to make the payments Oct. 7 pending paternity suit against him.

4-H Club News
Westside Pig Wranglers Club
The club will meet at the home of Richard Russell, Beall lane, Central Point, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Members are asked to bring new members, and assigned reports on pigs.

James Daniels
Reporter

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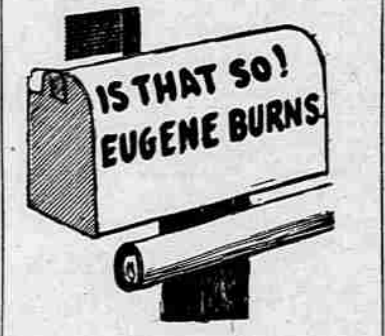
By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

"Why do Pacific Ocean salmon die when they go upstream to spawn?" asks T. R. "Isn't this a tremendous waste in nature?" This does seem wasteful and tragic, but is it?

As you know, T. R., when the Pacific salmon is still in the ocean, heavy with reserve fat and full of eggs or milt, it becomes a creature of compulsion. It leaves the vast ocean where food was plentiful and finds its way to the mouth of the river where it was born. Then it drives upstream through rapids, against swift currents, even up and over eight-foot waterfalls, sometimes for over a thousand miles until it reaches the very spot where it was born. An amazing instinct.

Once there, the female digs a bed in the gravel, lays her eggs which are at once fertilized by the male, and then in time both die.

And what handsome creatures they once were. As they swarmed in from the ocean by the



thousands—and in some streams by the millions—they had the most beautiful shape of any fish and were bright as newly-minted silver dollars! But once in the fresh water, disintegration began almost immediately. First the silver faded and then along the sides the fish took on a bronze color. With the terrific upstream struggle, they ate nothing and wasted away, becoming thin and their jaws continuing to grow out of all proportion. Wasted, weary, they rested below riffles and then with tremendous resolve, struggled onward, upward to their spawning ground.

Answer Comes Gradually
After spawning, death. But why? For many years, it was unknown. Then the answer came gradually after early efforts to establish salmon hatcheries failed.

The young hatched, but died mysteriously. Precautions to have everything sanitary, wasn't the answer. What then? Finally it was discovered that in dying the parents gave the young life: their dead bodies sank to the bottom of these quite barren streams, where they were eaten during the winter by minute forms of marine life. Then when the young were hatched in the spring, food was available: they fed on these tiny creatures made possible by their parents' death. And so, the salmon in its supreme sacrifice lived on. Wasted you ask, T.R. Indeed not.

"In our home your column rates tops. It is family reading. But we've got a bone to pick with you," writes Mrs. A.S.O. "You write occasionally about dogs. But never about cats. How come, Ranger? Now we have two Siamese..."

Frankly, I don't want to get caught in a cat vs. dog argument... but even so, I cannot forego saying something about your truly remarkable pets, the Siamese.

Come from Siam
As the name implies, the blue-eyed, short-haired Siamese come from Siam (Thailand) and if you are willing to wade through the myth, legend and pseudo-zoological talk, you'll agree with me that the cat must have a mixed background.

Because the kittens are born white and their eyes always remain blue, breeders classify the Siamese as semi-albinos.

Considering the Siamese from their emotional point of view, I think I can say that this animal is more like a dog than a cat; it has a home-guarding instinct, it is a one-man animal—given the opportunity, it selects its human friend and remains faithful no matter what the attitude or actions of the owner. And like a dog, between Siamese and man there is an abiding affection.

Britain Attacks Economic Crisis
London — (U.P.) — The government has launched an emergency attack on a growing economic crisis by hiking interest rates to their highest level since the 1932 depression and promising new austerity measures tomorrow.

Growing inflation and sinking exports have brought Britain to the apparent brink of a financial crisis similar to those of the early post-war days.

Prime Minister Anthony Eden acted swiftly to cope with it shortly after he met with his Cabinet.

The government hiked the Bank of England interest rates on loans to 5½ per cent, the highest level since 1932.

Then, R. A. Butler, Eden's majority leader in the House of Commons, announced that further steps will be disclosed to parliament tomorrow.

Yet the Siamese is still very much a cat; it is independent and there is always something about it which never seems to become domesticated. And this quality of cats, I admire—they refuse to buckle down to mere man.

As for its physical properties, the Siamese is unusual in that its head is more pointed, its body more slender; its back slopes upward about an inch to the hips and its hind legs have powerful thighs. Powerful enough to perform prodigious feats of jumping. Without so much as a running start, a half-grown kitten can jump straight up and land lightly on the shoulder of a six-foot man.

Finally, may I refute a cruelly mistaken notion of many people about pet cats: that if turned out, they can take care of themselves. Some cats may manage to survive miserably but all suffer and most die.

Sure, Mrs. A.S.O., I like cats; especially Siamese. So am I re-staged to the inner circle of your family?

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Grange

Live Oak Grange
There was an unusually large attendance at the last meeting of Live Oak Grange on Feb. 9. The agriculture committee reported a drop in egg prices due principally to influence of the outside market. Also that hog prices were fluctuating considerably, though the cattle market remained the same.

Legislative Chairman Larry Sheehan reported on several recent bills including one on rain maker control and another on the distribution of free milk to schools to help absorb the milk surplus.

Rollin Taylor, chairman of the building committee, told of a special meeting that was held and reported plans for further extensive improvements of the Grange hall including redecorating the dining room and re-finishing the outside of the building.

First and second degree work will be given to several candidates at the next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, and other Granges who have been members are invited to bring them for initiation. Forest Luce and Charles White were appointed delegate and alternate, respectively, to meeting of the recently formed flood control committee. Master Ray Frantz presented Roy Cameron with a past masters pin.

Ray Haymann, well known local square dance caller, and his wife Mae, instructed members in several dances following the business session.

Roxy Ann
Roxy Ann Grange held their regular meeting Feb. 3 with a good attendance. Before the meeting began, Dr. Thomas C. Anderson of the Southern Oregon Optical society showed film on the care of eye-sight.

Calvin Dolton was welcomed back after being away several months in the Marine corps. He has been home on leave several days and visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Eleanor Mankins, Mrs. Paul Dalton's mother, was abligated in the 1st and 2nd degrees.

The Home Economics club chairman reported 20 members at the last meeting and Marie Pfister and Bessie Wight were hostesses. Kenneth Shaw, square dance chairman, reported that a big crowd attended the March of Dimes dance Jan. 28 and 29 was turned in to the polo fund.

Next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 17 at which time the Raders, Wights and Pfisters will be on the serving committee.

Roseburg Postcard Invites Ike To Run
Roseburg — (U.P.) — "Operation Decision" was under way here today in an effort to help President Eisenhower decide his political future.

A giant four-by-eight-foot Douglas fir plywood postcard was addressed to the President in Thomasville, Ga. It read: "Dear Mr. President: Decide for US. Run again."

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