

## Meat Inspection Starts in Counties

The legislature's pilot program on compulsory statewide meat inspection will be in operation in all meat-processing plants in Jackson and Josephine counties for three weeks, ending March 16, it has been announced.

Two inspection teams, headed by Dr. Ray Mast in Jackson and Dr. R. L. Burnett, Josephine county, are on hand continuously during operations in all slaughter and packing plants.

### Inspect All Animals

Both antemortem and post mortem inspections are being conducted on all animals received during the three-week period. Inspectors examine everything that enters the plant, including animals brought in by farmers for custom slaughter, according to the state department of agriculture, which is conducting the program at the request of the legislature.

All carcasses passing inspection will be marked with a shield-shaped state meat stamp in purple lettering. The stamp also will appear on custom slaughter carcasses.

Ten plants are under inspection in the two counties, according to Dr. Rolls Sexauer, who is supervising field operations for the state department of agriculture.

### Direct Pilot Program

The 1955 legislature directed the department to set up the pilot program to answer the questions: Is compulsory meat inspection desirable in Oregon? Is it necessary? What will it cost? Extensive facts and figures gained from the operation will be presented to the 1957 legislature. Survey work includes considerable educational work with plant personnel and plant owners, according to J. F. Sport, director of the department of agriculture.

He and other department officials guiding the program said that plant operators have been generally cooperative and "no group of individuals is watching the program results with greater interest than those engaged in the meat industry itself."

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## Cairo Tests Defense In Air Raid Alert

Cairo — (U.P.) — Air raid sirens sounded in Cairo Wednesday night for the first time since the Palestine War of 1948 in a citywide test air raid alert.

Egyptian officials said the practice alert was timed to test civil defense precautions against the possibility of an Israeli "spring offensive."

Lights were turned off. Automobiles pulled to the side of streets and blacked out. The sound of practice bombs echoed through the darkened city and fire trucks and ambulances staged mock rescues.

## Queen Mother Has Ups And Downs in Elevator

London — (U.P.) — Queen Mother Elizabeth had her ups and downs Wednesday when she walked up from the basement to get down from the second floor at the University of London.

The queen mother, chancellor of the university, entered an elevator on the second floor. The car dropped to the basement. It zoomed back up to the first floor, but when the queen mother moved to step out, the doors closed and the car went down again. She decided to get out and walk up the stairs.

## Russian Oil Drill May Be Used in Texas

Moscow — (U.P.) — A revolutionary Soviet-designed oil drill may soon be dotting the Texas landscape, a Texas oil executive disclosed Wednesday.

J. B. O'Connor, executive director of Dresser Industries, of Dallas, said he is negotiating with Russian authorities for American rights to the drill. He described the drill as a "turbo drill" and said it operates 10 times faster than any drill now in use.

## Russell Proposes Foreign Aid Funds Be Used for Planes

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), proposed today that foreign aid appropriations be slashed by \$1,500,000,000 and the money used to assure "the strongest air force in the world" in the years ahead.

Unless Air Force appropriations are increased, Russell predicted, the United States will wind up with "the second best air force." He said the nation now has "the best air force" but won't if the present plan of austerity is carried much farther.

### Still Balance Budget

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee and a senior member of the Appropriations committee, proposed the cut in the administration's stepped-up foreign aid program as a way to increase Air Force spending and still maintain a balanced federal budget.

Russell, after secret briefings by Air Force leaders, proposed that the Air Force be given \$1,500,000,000 in addition to the \$16,500,000,000 in appropriations budgeted for it by the administration in fiscal 1957. The increase by itself would unbalance the delicately balanced budget for the coming fiscal year.

The administration has requested \$4,800,000,000 in foreign aid funds in the next fiscal year—a \$2,200,000,000 increase over the amount Congress appropriated last year. The proposed increase already has run into strong congressional opposition.

### Drafting Statement

The Air Force is presently drafting for Russell a statement of where it would spend an additional \$1,500,000,000. Russell said he thinks a large portion should go into accelerating B52 jet bomber production, but would leave the rest up to the best judgement of the Air Force staff. Air Force sources indicated that a good chunk of the additional money would go into maintenance and operation funds, which were cut \$400,000,000 by the administration.

## Man Bent on Suicide Talked Off SF Bridge

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A young man bent on suicide spent a lonely hour and 15 minutes atop a cable of the San Francisco Bay Bridge yesterday, then walked slowly off and fell into the arms of a priest and police officer who coaxed him down.

In a gloomy, drizzling rain,



'Y'ALL COME!'—Allan English (left), Oxford, Miss., disc jockey, and pilot Jack C. Adams are shown prior to their departure from Memphis, Tenn., to bombard Chicago's Michigan Boulevard with copies of the Confederate flag. "Y'All Come!" is printed on the reverse side of the 25,000 flag leaflets. A Chicago Negro disc jockey recently had Jackson, Miss., showered with hundreds of copies of the United States Constitution.

## Woman Waits 66 Years for Estate

Muskegon, Mich. — (U.P.) — Mrs. L. A. Purchis of Petoskey waited 66 years before asking for her share of a tiny estate left by her grandmother, who died in 1889.

Probate Judge Harry H. Geoghan said he received a letter from Mrs. Purchis, who is now in her 70's, asking for her quarter share of an estate of \$286.07 left by Mrs. Lotta Twiss.

Geoghan said he found records showing a guardian was named for the four grandchildren who were heirs to the estate but there was no record of distribution being ordered.

The judge said guardians were appointed in Oceana and Emmet counties, and he wrote Mrs. Purchis suggesting she check records in the two counties to determine if distribution of the estate ever was made.

police and the priest carried the youth, identified as George James Bentley of Tacoma, Wash., to a squad car.

## Nevada Community Chosen for Study

Davis, Calif. — (U.P.) — Little-known Treasure Hill in the White Pine Mountains of Nevada has been chosen for a study of the life and death of a western mining community.

The selection was made by W. Turrentine Jackson, associate professor of history on the University of California campus here.

Treasure Hill, which went boom and bust in just four years, was second only to the Comstock Lode in the amount of silver it produced. It is hardly remembered today.

Silver was discovered on Treasure Hill in 1867. In just three years, some 10,000 persons moved into the four towns of the area, 35 miles west of Ely in eastern Nevada. By 1871, the community was caught up — the main vein was never found.

### TWO CELEBRATIONS

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Roman Martin Jr., returning from Navy duty in the Pacific, crossed the international date line on Dec. 21, his 21st birthday. The crossing set the time back a day and 24 hours later he celebrated his birthday for a second time.

Early colonists settling on the South Carolina coast tried growing oranges, tea, olives and mulberry trees for silk worms.

## Celebration Shows Value of University

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Marquette University's year-long 75th anniversary celebration has drawn the attention of other universities and colleges as a means of demonstrating a school's value to a community.

Marquette's 1955 program, with its 28 public events, was outlined here recently at the 41st annual meeting of the Association of Urban Universities.

Some 75 college presidents attended. A Marquette spokesman urged other universities, mostly located in metropolitan areas such as Milwaukee, to promote similar programs in an effort to create mutual understanding between the schools and communities.

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