

Many Immigrants, Mostly Britons, Starting Life Anew in Australia

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Sydney — (U.P.) — The blonde five-year-old girl peeked between the railings of the great white ship and waved cheerfully.

Alongside her a group of adults silently appraised the approaching Sydney skyline, the harbor bridge and the new land where they were to live.

The ship is the P. & O. liner Strathaird inbound from London with 494 passengers, all immigrants. Despair has driven them from England; hope has brought them to Australia.

Those lining the rail speak in low, measured tones, and the men puff contentedly on their pipes, but it's all bluff. Practically to a man they are frightened; their pulses race and their stomachs churn.

Awaiting them is a strange land and an unknown destiny thousands of miles from home. They're scared of the future; frightened of the past. The only honest laughter comes from the children who race excitedly along the deck, oblivious to the solemnity of the occasion.

At Government Expense
More than a million such immigrants have been brought to Australia from the western world in the past nine years. Most of them have come at the expense of the Australian government which arranges their passage, guarantees them work and a start toward a new and better life.

Last year 95,000 came to Australia, the largest number since 1952. Nearly half of them came from Britain and about 12 per cent from Italy, Holland and

Poland. Aboard one airplane from Europe recently there were 48 migrants from 13 countries, and 31 of them spoke not a word of English.

Even the United States is contributing migrants to Australia. Thirty-six arrived last week, hoping to do better in Australia than they did in America.

The government has its own ship, the New Australia, and charters others such as the Strathaird to handle the thousands of Europeans still patiently waiting their turn to come here.

There is no Ellis Island for these people. The Australian government watches over them scoutmaster style from the time they leave their old homes until they are settled in their few ones.

Goal Of 50,000,000
Special immigration, customs, transportation and baggage officers join the ships in the outer harbor and complete all the necessary landing details before the ship docks. Attendants making the voyage are trained to handle every eventuality and do.

The big moment comes as the tugs inch the big liners to the docks. Hundreds of friends and relatives are down to welcome the new Australians, some of them brand new Australians themselves. There are frantic wavings of hands and handkerchiefs, cupped-hand shouts across the narrowing strip of water and a mad hullabaloo of whistles and cheers from ship and shore.

A Scottish piper band, tartans swaying and led by a mountainous Scot, serenades the new arrivals. The controlled emotions explode as the pipes play the old songs of the homeland. There

is a sudden epidemic of nose blowing, snorting and eye dabbing while many just let the tears roll down their cheeks.

From Sydney the new arrivals fan out through Queensland and New South Wales just as those who got off at Melbourne and Perth moved into the states of Victoria and West Australia.

It's all a chain reaction affair, with friends joining friends and relatives regrouping with relatives. As the families and clans grow, so grows Australia's population which has gone from 7,000,000 in 1939 to nearly 9,250,000 today. The goal is 50,000,000.

Icardi's Defense Seeks To Have Case Taken Off Docket

Washington — (U.P.) — Defense counsel sought to have the Aldo L. Icardi perjury case thrown out of court today on grounds that it is based on invalid congressional hearings.

Defense Attorney Edward Bennett Williams claimed that a House Armed Services subcommittee before which Icardi testified in 1953 was interested only in building up a perjury case against him.

Some courts have held that congressional hearings must have a legislative purpose in order to be valid.

Asked To Explain
The subcommittee asked Icardi, now a Pittsburgh real estate broker, to explain the strange World War II death of Maj. William V. Holohan while on a secret mission to aid Italian underground fighters in 1944.

Holohan was Icardi's superior officer. His weighted body was found at the bottom of Lake Orta in 1950 with two bullet holes in his skull.

The government claims that Icardi was an accomplice in Holohan's murder. The prosecution contends Icardi lied when he denied the charge.

The defense claims the murder was committed by Italian Communists whose postwar plans did not include Holohan.

ASSIGNMENT MISTAKE
Cincinnati — (U.P.) — Patrolman Earl Steirs felt relieved when his first assignment on his transfer to a new district turned out to be a mistake. He had been ordered to serve a traffic warrant made out to his wife.

Progress Claimed Made in People's Right To Know

Washington — (U.P.) — An editors' group said today that a House subcommittee investigating government information practices "has already made great gains for the people's right to know."

The editors said the work of the subcommittee headed by Rep. John E. Moss Jr. (D-Calif.) was "the outstanding development of the year" in the continuing struggle to keep information flowing unhampered from federal agencies to the public.

The editors' group is the Freedom of Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. It is headed by J. R. Wiggins, vice-president and executive editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald.

In its annual report to the ASNE board of directors and ASNE President Kenneth MacDonald, the committee credited the Moss group with "divulging for the first time in an adequate manner and dangerous effects of secrecy upon national security."

In general, the committee reported, "there have been many gains as well as some losses in the year." Among the gains were "more frequent departmental press conferences than hitherto."

In a year of trying, however, the committee was unable to get the Defense department to change information directives to which the editors objected.

Oregon PTA Opens Sessions at Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) — Between 1000 and 1200 delegates were on hand here yesterday as the 43rd annual Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers opened a three-day session.

The delegates, representing some 20,000 PTA members in the state, heard welcoming addresses by Gov. Elmo Smith, Eugene Mayor V. Edwin Johnson and Dr. B. Jacobson, dean of the University of Oregon School of Education.

Gov. Smith told the group "this could be the most important meeting of the year in the state because it is concerned with Oregon's most valuable resource—its children."

Portland — (U.P.) — A tentative 1956-57 operating budget of \$23,716,706 has been laid before the Portland school board.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

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McKay Praises State Projects

Baker — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay, continuing his campaign swing through eastern Oregon in his bid for the Republican senatorial nomination, last night praised individual and state projects in reclamation and reforestation work that have been carried out without aid from the federal government.

"A fine example of people helping themselves" he said, "is illustrated in the reforestation of the Tillamook burn, where 340,000 acres of trees were replanted by the state with no help from anyone."

"With this foresightedness, Oregon was able to keep full control of her own timber resources," McKay said.

He also pointed out that there are some 21,000,000 acres of land under reclamation projects in the United States. Only 7,000,000 of those acres were reclaimed with federal help, he told an audience here.

McKay spoke earlier yesterday in Ontario and cited eastern Oregon's Owyhee project as one of the west's outstanding examples of irrigation and reclamation benefits.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith has accepted an invitation to appear on the program at the annual meeting of the governor's conference in Atlantic City June 24-27.

Ten Hunters Seek Giant Grizzly in Wilds of Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — Ten heavily armed hunters picked their way through a wilderness area northeast of here today on the trail of a giant grizzly bear that clawed two men to death.

The victims were Everett Amos Kendall, 53, Spenard, Alaska, a barber, and Lloyd C. Pennington, 56, a registered guide from Snowshoe Lake. Their bodies were found yesterday about 156 miles northeast of here near the spot of their

fatal encounter with the enraged grizzly.

Territorial police gave this reconstruction of the killings: Pennington spotted the bear about a week ago when it came out of hibernation and decided it was a suitable quarry for Kendall who was on his fifth hunt with the guide. They left Tazlina Lodge Sunday morning by plane and landed near the den.

Signs in the area showed the hunters had poked in the den with a stick and the bear came out.

Gun Emptied
Pennington apparently was killed by the charging grizzly before he could fire a shot. Kendall's gun had been emptied and a trail of blood leading from the scene indicated the grizzly had been hit.

The bodies of the men were found 200 feet from the mouth of the den. Both had been chewed and clawed about the head.

A search started Monday when

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Movie Producer Walter Wanger, husband of actress Joan Bennett, has been released from Cedars of Lebanon hospital where he was confined since suffering a mild heart attack March 26. He was brought home Tuesday and ordered to rest several weeks before resuming work.

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