

**Americana Annual
Now Off Presses**

Chicago—The 1956 edition of The Americana Annual, year-book of The Encyclopedia Americana, is now off the press. The new edition reviews the historical events, personalities, and most important statistics of the past year.

The annual has been published for 34 years. The 1956 edition totals more than 900 pages and features 811 main articles alphabetically arranged from "Abrasive" to "Zoology", and 340 illustrations. Approximately 400 authorities are listed as contributors of signed articles, although thousands of individuals contributed parts of articles or specific information to the work. The index of some 5,000 entries is cumulative, covering the 1956 and four preceding editions.

Special features include an illustrated index of the year's events; a listing of records and champions in all major sports; biographies of the year's important personalities, and a necrology listing of over 500 notable deaths; information on over 200 societies and organizations; reviews of all countries of the world, all states of the U.S. and major U.S. and Canadian cities; a select list of colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada; the U.S. diplomatic list; a list of members of Congress, and others.

**Chicago Nation's
Busiest Airport**

Washington — (U.P.) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration has reported that in 1955 for the fourth straight year Chicago's Midway airport was the busiest in the nation.

Administrator Charles J. Lowen said CAA traffic controllers throughout the country handled a record total of 19.48 million takeoffs and landings last year, an increase of 9 per cent over 1954. Military movements showed the heaviest rise. They were up 12 per cent. Air Lines showed an 8 per cent increase and other civil aviation takeoffs and landings were up 7 per cent, he reported.

Midway had 381,737 takeoffs and landings, or 32,374 more than in 1954. Miami, Fla., was second with 276,729. New York's Laguardia field was third with 266,058. Los Angeles was next with 263,516.

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WASHINGTON WELCOME—Three of four Soviet sailors who rebuffed Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zaroubin when he tried to talk them in to returning to Russia, are welcomed by Senator Herman Welker on their arrival to appear before the Senate internal security subcommittee in Washington. They told the subcommittee how the Reds lured their shipmates home. Left to right: Michael Ivankov-Nikolev; Ben Ermenke, Senator Welker and Victor Tatamikov.



BLINDED—Doctors in New York announced that anti-racketeering labor columnist, Victor Riesel (above), who had sulphuric acid thrown in his face by an unknown assailant April 6, has lost the sight of both eyes.

**Girl Survives
Leap Off Bridge**

Gladstone, Ore.—(U.P.)—A 12-year-old girl Sunday survived a 30-foot leap off the Gladstone railroad bridge and is in good condition in an Oregon City hospital where she was treated for multiple bruises.

Carol Rosenthal of Park Place was with a group of other young people walking on the bridge when they saw the interurban electric trolley from Portland approaching them at the end of the span.

The youngsters, fearing they would be struck by the street car on the narrow bridge, fled in panic. But Carol fell behind and leaped over the bridge to escape the train. She fell about 30 feet onto swampy ground.

Motorman Philip Jackson stopped his car when he noticed

**Warning Issued
On Eating Mussels**

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Board of Health has issued its annual warning against eating marine mussels or uncleaned clams taken in Oregon coastal waters during the spring or summer months.

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, said mussels and the digestive organs of the clams may contain a poison similar to strychnine. White meat and muscular tissues of the clams are safe to eat if all black portions are removed.

One quart of milk weighs 2.5 pounds.

The youths were frightened. He carried the Rosenthal girl back onto the bridge and put her into the trolley. She was picked up by an ambulance.

**Columbia Flood
Potential Remains**

Portland—(U.P.)—The weather bureau, though warning that the flood potential in the Columbia basin remains, was much more optimistic in its report issued here Saturday than it has been earlier.

Below normal precipitation in most of the basin during April, and above normal runoff for the month and additional flood control space created in reservoirs, were pointed out as the basis for the optimistic outlook, which says the flood potential has decreased measurably since a month ago.

The lower Columbia river has profited more from the favorable conditions during the past month than has the rest of the basin. The weather bureau pointed out that most of the northern tributary basins still have a potential flood runoff, although the threat is not as great as a month ago.

**New Plane Flies
At 10-Mile Altitude**

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force has a new plane which flies at 10-mile altitudes "as a matter of routine." The plane may prove valuable in detecting Russian nuclear tests.

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, disclosed the plane's development Sunday in announcing a new assault on the problems of high altitude flight.

Dryden said that while only a few military planes now operate above 50,000 feet, such altitudes will be routine for the jet passenger transports and military combat planes of the future.

He said the new research program was made possible by development of the Air Force plane, dubbed the Lockheed U2.

The plane, which has a big wing to give it necessary "lift" in the thin air, is powered by a J57 jet engine and has a speed of about 500 miles an hour.

**Democratic Lead
In Oregon Told**

Portland — (U.P.) — National Democratic Committeeman Monroe Sweetland has reported to the executive committee of the party in Oregon that virtually complete but unofficial voter registrations give the Democrats a margin of more than 13,000 over Republican voters in Oregon.

Sweetland reported his tabulations included complete figures from every county in Oregon with the exception of Douglas county where 600 registration cards remained to be counted. Figures reported by Sweetland were 392,376 Democrats and 379,082 Republicans.

On the basis of those figures, he said, Democrats were in the majority in 22 of Oregon's 36 counties and Republicans maintained their lead in the remaining 14.

Democrats were the majority party in Oregon once before, in 1950, but in 1952 and 1954 the Republicans held slim majorities.

Veterans of American wars numbered about 19,000,000 in 1950, or 40 per cent of the U. S. adult male population.

'Giveaway' Reward Claims Rejected

Portland—(U.P.)—Two claims for the \$1,000 offered by a Pendleton rancher to anyone who can prove the "give away" charges leveled against President Eisenhower or former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay have been rejected by the man who put up the money.

Rancher Ellis said that both claims, one forwarded by Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman and one by Charles O. Porter, a candidate for Congress from the fourth district, do not

prove fraud. Morgan had cited a recent article in a national magazine while Porter said that he would prove the giveaway charges in relation to Rogue river national forest timber.

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway Department said sealed bids would be received in Portland Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5, on \$1,300,000 in highway projects.

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