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CROSSING A MAKESHIFT BRIDGE into Austria are these fugitives from Russian terror in Hungary. One man carries a child on his back. A woman on the left bank carries another child. (International Soundphoto)

Great Salt Lake Mineral Extraction Getting Bigger

Salt Lake City — (U.P.)—America's so-called "dead sea," the Great Salt Lake, is very much alive—commercially speaking. And it's getting "livelier" each year as the multi-million dollar business of extracting various minerals, mainly salt, from its briny waters continues to expand at a rapid rate.

The lake, which covered the entire northwest section of Utah plus parts of Idaho and Nevada in prehistoric times, is called a "dead sea" because only small organisms—like a brine shrimp the length of a pencil point—can survive in the highly salty water.

But this fact is responsible for a lucrative tourist business that has grown up around the lake. For the heavy salt concentration makes it impossible to do anything but float in the water, and many a weary traveler takes a dip in the saline waters to put to a test the lake's slogan—"You can't sink."

Minerals extracted from the Great Salt Lake, besides common table salt, include sodium sulfate or Glauber's Salts, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and calcium sulfate.

Production of salt by evaporation of lake waters has risen 54 per cent from 116,694 tons in 1950 to 180,000 tons in 1955.

Some Myths

The Utah Bureau of Business and Economic Research estimates that this production will more than double in the next four years because of expansion of present salt producing facilities and construction of a new plant that alone will produce up to 200,000 tons of salt a year.

The new plant, built by Chemical Salt Production, will go into operation in 1959.

It is estimated that the northern Utah lake can yield enough salt to supply the total industrial and domestic requirements of the United States for 200 to 240 years.

The sodium sulfate in the water is used in the manufacture of paper, glass, in synthetic detergents as a bulking agent, and in the smelting of copper-nickel ore.

The main use of the potassium chloride in the water is as a fertilizer, but it also can be used in conjunction with the magnesium chloride to produce valuable magnesium metal.

Strange tales have grown up about the lake. Only 65 years ago newspapers reported "eyewitness" accounts of herds of whales and sea monsters in it.

A tribe of fierce Indians also reportedly inhabited the islands in the lake. And a giant whirlpool, thought to be the lake's outlet, threatened to suck boats through underground waterways into the Pacific Ocean.

But the facts about the lake—its amazing buoyancy and salt and mineral productivity—are even more startling than such myths about it.

Night Club Material Not Suitable for TV

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Too many television personalities have proved flops in night clubs because they try to use the same material that goes over on TV, according to a couple of veteran night club operators, Dave Siegel and Bert Grover.

The two operate the Cal-Neva club on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe and hire such big-name attractions as George Gobel, Jimmy Durante and Mickey Rooney.

"Television has done more to encourage talent than anything else in the history of show business," Siegel said. "But you can't just step cold from TV onto a night club stage and expect to click."

It all boils down, Siegel said, to the hard fact that a person who'll sit and watch a TV comic for free isn't nearly so demanding as the one who pays several dollars to see a floor show.

Unfortunately, Siegel added, some stars who have stepped from TV to night clubs haven't kept this in mind and sharpened their material accordingly.

The jump from night club to TV, on the other hand, is usually much easier because the performer has gone through the worst, Grover said. Facing a live audience that has spent good money to see you is the prime test, he added.

Olympic Athletes Hold Beach Party

Sydney — (U.P.)—British and American track and field athletes took over Coogee Beach for a midnight nude swimming party yesterday and sent police investigating calls of boisterous conduct and drunken revelry.

Both police and American consular officials admitted that members of the visiting track and field teams had swum nude at the suburban Sydney beach after returning to their hotels following the Commonwealth versus United States track meet Wednesday night. Officials denied, however, that attempts had been made to overturn a taxi, tear up stop signs and bundles of newspapers.

Police Sergeant Townsend of the Randwick Station said complaints had been lodged by irate residents of the Coogee area, but he said the athletes had obediently returned to their hotels when asked to by police.

Many Bills Ready For 1957 Legislature

Salem — (U.P.)—More bills will be ready for introduction at the start of the 1957 Legislature than at any previous session, Sam Haley legislative counsel, predicted today.

Haley said that as of Nov. 1, 183 requests from state agencies for bill drafting had been filed with his office which drafts most of the bills for state departments, legislators and interim committees.

Requests from legislators themselves are just beginning to come in, Haley said, with 69 on hand Nov. 1 as compared with 87 on Nov. 1, 1955.

Most of the bill drafting for legislative interim committees has been completed with a total of 44 now ready, Haley said this would give the legislative council's office more time for requests from individual legislators.

Number of horses on American farms in 1954 was about five million. In 1920 the census showed a total of 25.7 horses and mules on farms.

The greatest snowfall in New York City occurred Dec. 26-27 in 1947 when there was 25.8 inches of the wet stuff in a 24-hour period.

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