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HOLDING BILL FOR ONE CENT from Treasury Department for income tax, Mrs. Ruby Crosby, Los Angeles, says it will cost her 15 cents to obtain check plus three cents postage to settle overlooked account. *(International)*

Truckload of Fish May Travel Unmolested Now

Geneva — (AP) — The United Nations is split over nuclear fission, but it is united on fish.

While diplomats argued atomic problems at U.N. world headquarters in New York, technicians at European headquarters here quietly negotiated a far-reaching agreement knocking down some European customs barriers.

The pact, arrived at by the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe, makes it possible for a truckload of fish to travel from Denmark to Italy without being being opened for Inspection at every border between. That means fish arrive faster—and fresher.

Fish is just one of the subjects dealt with at the U.N. headquarters here which occupy the spacious, campus-like grounds of the old League or Nations where on a clear day one can see snow-capped Mount Blanc towering in the distance.

In this peaceful setting, many an international agreement has been reached on such matters as the sale of lumber, the distribution of perishable food and the movement of refugees across borders.

Better Than New York

The World Health Organization has sent out vaccines and serums from Geneva to inoculate tens of millions of persons throughout the world. A narcotics control agency here tracks down illegal shipments of opium or heroin to their sources.

Representatives of management and labor from nations throughout the world turn U.N. International Labor Organization conferences into noisy sessions that sometimes sound like collective bargaining meetings about to dissolve into strikes.

But such sessions do not bring vetos or threats of walkouts. One of the most hectic conferences ended with the setting of minimimum international standards governing working and living conditions for millions of persons around the globe. Now the labor-management groups are debating the problems of automation in an atomic world.

U.N. officials transferred here from world headquarters in New York say they miss the bright lights of Broadway and big city spare-time diversions, but as far as their jobs are concerned they like Geneva better. For one thing, they don't have to fight rush-hour crowds in this city of 175,000 persons. For another, they feel they get more work done here.

"There is a certain pyschological factor here," one of the transferred officials said. "There is a greater exchange of ideas and information among the people in different grades and organizations."

Experts, Not Diplomats

In New York, he said, the biggest jobs are done by diplomat who ranks as ambassadors, but here the work is carried out by interational civil servants.

"The meetings here are attended by experts, not very often by lawyers," he added. by experts in whatever is being talked about. The atmosphere is one of discussion by technicians on a technical level. It is impossible to say there never is any politics, but there is very little of it. More practical work is done in Geneva than in the whole 39 stories of the U.N. in New York."

There is still a cold war chill in relations between eastern and western representatives here, however. The Russians are allowed to live where they choose in Geneva, while in New York they live where their bosses tell them to. But most Americans steer clear of their Communist colleagues except during working hours or at official functions.

"The Russians I meet on the job do not seem to be very interesting persons," a U.N. technician expert explained.

Recent figures give the U.N. a total of about 4,000 employes throughout the world, with 3,000 of them in New York. These figures do not include the specialized agencies. A total of about 500 U.N. headquarters personnel work here, along with about 1,500 or 2,000 members of specialized agencies, most of whom come from academic, rather than diplomatic backgrounds.

Sleep in a German Castle For One Dollar Per Night

Frankfurt — (AP) — You can sleep in a castle in Germany for a dollar a night.

The price does not include armor, serf service or other princely privileges. But it does provide a good night's sleep in surroundings where everything but the plumbing and the inner-spring mattresses are medieval.

About 30 of the dozens of castles and palaces throughout Germany now take in tourists. Most of the others are used as museums or government offices. Only a few of the castle-dwelling caste can still afford to heat 40 or 50 rooms and pay the wages of a corps of servants.

Putting up tourists solved the financial problems for many of the old families. They continue to live in their castles, in a small apartment of a dozen or so rooms tucked away in a remote wing, and rent out the rest.

The Oldest

The biggest bargain among the moated hotels is Kropsburg, a 750-year-old castle near the French border in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. A room with full board there costs $1.78.

In the dollar category — for rooms only—are Falkenburg, near the Czech border 100 miles northeast of Munich; Zell, on the Moselle River, and Schnellenburg, near Dortmund.

Berlepsch and Trendelburg castles, about 70 miles north of Frankfurt, are among the oldest of the lot. Berlepsch was built in 1369 and Trendelburg in the 13th century. In those days no one had even heard of the New World, let alone the hordes of tourists that leave it each year for Europe.

Kronberg, in a mountain village near Frankfurt, is brand new by castle standards. It was built in 1889 by a daughter of Britain's Queen Victoria who married a German prince. After World War II, Kronberg became a U.S. Army officers club and was the scene of the million-dollar jewel robbery committed by an army colonel and a WAC captain.

A Golf Course

Kronberg is surrounded by a golf course, and it boasts giant fireplaces, damask hangings and deep carpeting. Its rates begin at four dollars a day.

Some of the castles have built-in legends, but ghosts are rare. Hagsthausen, overlooking the Neckar River south of Heidelberg, was the home of the 16th century knight with the iron hand, Goetz von Berlichingen. Castle guests can watch Goethe's drama about the knight enacted in the courtyard during the summer.

Ghosts of Rhine River seamen are supposed to haunt the towns along the river, but they have not been reported in the castles on the hills above town.

Tourists can find out for themselves at Schonburg Castle at Oberwesel, south of Bonn—for three dollars a night.

Children Should Remain at Table

Urbana, Ill. — (AP)— Children of pre-school age should learn to stay at the table until the adults finish eating, but most of the other "manners" will come with age.

That's the opinion of Mrs Rita McGreer, University of Illinois nursery school dietitian.

Children should be expected to learn the proper use of eating utensils, said Mrs. McGreer, but parents shouldn't be too alarmed if children bring their fingers into play when the tools aren't getting the job done as the child thinks it should be.

Pre-schoolers should also learn not to monopolize conversation and attention at the family dinner table, added Mrs. McGreer.

STOCK MARKET NOTE

Wellesley, Mass. — (AP) — Mrs. Grace Babson, wife of the famed economist Roger Babson, started playing the investment field 50 years ago on a $600 bank account. She died several months ago at the age of 82. A large portion of her $5,800,000 estate was attributed to stock market profits.

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Poison Ivy Warning Given by Health Dept.

Lansing, Mich.—(AP)—Most persons think that they can recognize poison ivy, the scourge of summer picnics, but there are some harmless plants that resemble the itchy stuff.

The Michigan State Health Department said the old couplet, 'leaflets three, let them be." is one of the best reminders for the summer.

Poison ivy grows as a vine, bush or shrub but the best way to spot it is to watch for three shiny green leaflets.

Virginia creeper is similar in appearance, the department said, but has five leaves and is harmless.

A thorough washing of the part of the body which came in contact with the three shiny leaves is the best method of counteracting its effects. Then a physician should be called immediately.

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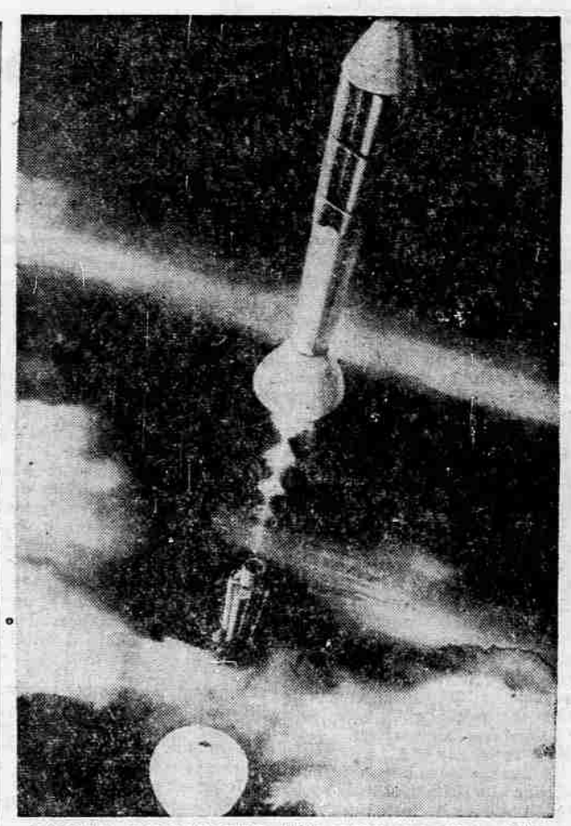

HIGHER, EVEN HIGHER—This artist conception of the Air Force plan to launch a rocket from a 20-mile-high balloon shows the balloon below with the thrust of the first stage rocket complete, having fired through the apex of the launching balloon. At top the second stage rocket is shown ignited. The project will include experimental instrumentation to record data obtained at hitherto unreached heights.

Method To Kill Bees Suggested

Madison, Wis—(AP)—The University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture suggests two methods of getting rid of bees and related stinging insects that may get established in walls of houses or hollow trees.

The first method is to plug the entrance with a cloth saturated with a concentrated oil solution of chlordane and the other is to fasten a double paper sack containing either benzene hexachloride or calcium cyanide around the entrance.

Ordinary DDT will kill the bees but not as quickly as the suggested chemicals. Caution should be taken with the latter as they are poisonous.

It is easier to destroy the bees soon after they enter a building than after they have stored a large quantity of honey. If colonies have occupied a building for a year or more, it is best to destroy them early in the spring when their honey supply is low.

Frequently bumblebees, hornets, and wasps have nests close to a house rather than in it. Even nests of hornets or wasps hanging from the eaves can be taken care of with a strong stream of water from a hose. The best time to do this is in the night because there is less danger of being stung.

If stung in the process of eradicating bees, the stinger should be scraped—not pulled out. Pulling it will force more venom into the flesh and cause greater irritation.

Use Tribune Want Ads

MOTHER GRADUATES

New England, N.D.—(AP)—Mrs. Joe Mesling watched her son receive his high school diploma in 1952 and her daughter receive hers in 1953. This year, both son and daughter sat in the audience while they watched Mrs. Mesling take her place in the graduation process after completing her high school education through correspondence courses.

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