

USO Said Vital Part Of United Crusade

Nearly 40 million visits by members of the armed forces and their dependents were made to USO clubs, lounges, and information centers around the world last year, according to the 1957 Annual Report of United Service Organizations, Inc. The report was received by Tom G. Polk, president of the United Medford Crusade.

Volunteers devoted 4,800,345 hours — the equivalent of 548 years — of their time to the USO program of serving the off-duty welfare and morale needs of the armed forces.

Harvey S. Firestone Jr., USO chairman, and chairman of the board, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., paid tribute to these volunteers for continuing to recognize their responsibility toward the 2½ million young men and women in the armed forces protecting our country throughout the world.

USO volunteers are needed now as never before, he said.

USO, which conducts independent fund-raising drives in a few places, such as New York City and Chicago, was included in 1,465 United Fund and Community Chest cam-

paigns throughout the country last year, a decided increase over 1956.

At the end of the year, there were 267 USO facilities around the world, including 22 located overseas.

However, the USO executive director pointed out that no accurate conclusion as to the extent of USO services for men and women in uniform could be drawn merely by counting USO clubs, lounges, and centers.

USO junior hostesses and their chaperones traveled many thousands of miles in all weather conditions to stage dances, and to make life generally more pleasant for the men.

USO is a participating agency in the United Medford Crusade.

There are over 1200 men and women from this area now on duty in the armed forces, Polk said.

USO is a federation of six national agencies; the Young Men's Christian association, the National Catholic Community service, the National Jewish Welfare board, the Young Women's Christian association, the Salvation Army, and the National Traveler's Aid association.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Family On Way To Spain

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction — Lieutenant and Mrs. William Kester and two children are now en route to Madrid, Spain, where Kester will be stationed at the SAC base with an interceptor squadron.

The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall, now living in Claremont, Calif., flies a Sabre F-86 jet. He has been stationed for the past three years at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash.

Bob Kester, the Hall's younger son, received his commission as 2nd lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Air Force at Pensacola, Fla., June 11. He will be an instructor in flying the T-28 at Whiting Field, Pensacola.

Both Kester boys are Illinois Valley High school graduates and were prominent in athletics. Bill graduated in 1951 and married Annamie Meyer of Grants Pass in 1955. Bob graduated with the class of 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Plumlee and children, Lonnie and Glenda, were fishing along the coast this week, camping at Castle Rock, Calif., and then going to Brookings.

Mrs. Pauline Rausch is here from Hollywood, Calif., visiting her son's family, the Roy Rausch for a month.

Mrs. Clyde Moon of O'Brien has written several children's stories for the Ore-Farmer's magazine recently. The latest one to be published is a fantasy called "The Squirrel With an Ear for Music."

On Wednesday, Roy Dennison of Gasquet, Calif., brought his daughters, Kay and Diane, to the Chod Hoovers for several days to participate in the 4-H horsemanship work. Classes were interrupted long enough on Friday to hold a picnic and swim party at the Hoover's ranch pasture.

Mrs. Harry Moore and daughter Terrence of Redding, mother and sister of Mrs. Chod Hoover, with Mr. and

planes by the pound

Farmingdale, N. Y. — (UPI) — The complexity of high-performance aircraft is reflected in cost per pound. Republic Aviation here reports that a World War II aircraft cost about \$10 a pound, by the time of the Korean conflict it had risen to \$25, and today's supersonic planes, such as the F-105 fighter-bomber, which Republic is building for the Air Force, average about \$50 a pound. Thunderchief jets require 26 times as many engineering hours as did World War II planes.

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GUILTY OF DUNKING—These five British seamen, accused of throwing a bosun's mate in the Columbia River, left Portland, Ore., by commercial airline on the first leg of their return to England. Charged with attempted murder by the British vice-consul in Portland, the prisoners were put aboard the plane without escort or supervision because airlines will not fly a "prisoner." The five are, left to right: John McGartland, Thomas Bavis, Malcolm MacDonald, Alexander Leslie, and James Tiffney.



DESPAIRING MOTHER—Mrs. Helen Smith breathes into the mouth of her baby, Althea, 13 months, in a vain effort to save her life after a heavy delivery truck ran over her carriage (right) in New York. On arrival at hospital the little girl was pronounced dead of a fractured skull.

Man With Idea Gets Last Laugh

Chicago — (UPI) — One of those fellows whose ideas were laughed at 30 years ago has been summoned from retirement — presumably to give him the last laugh.

Neal Begley, 75, now lives in Los Angeles. A former executive of the Hertz Corporation, he originated the idea of renting private airplanes back in 1927. At that time the proposal seemed ridiculous.

But Hertz began a rental plane service in 56 American cities in May. Begley was summoned here to be honored

by the firm at a luncheon attended by airline officials, aviation industry executives and transportation men.

Begley's idea of commercially rented airplanes created wide publicity in the nation's press in the 1920's, but transportation experts of the time called it "Neal's nightmare" or "Begley's blunder."

Exposure of Female To Measles When Young Gives Immunity

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York — (UPI) — In the 17 years since medical science first realized it is dangerous for expectant mothers to catch German measles, it has discovered no better way of avoiding the danger than exposing females to the disease when they are children.

That is on the word of Dr. Saul Krugman and Robert Ward, professors at New York University, who are accepted as authorities on one of the oddest of the odd set-ups between human beings and the viruses which cause many of their ills.

The German measles virus is rather harmless as viruses go, except in pregnant women. Almost always it causes only a mild illness and once you've had it, you never — or just about never — have it again. But it has poorly understood power to damage the unborn.

Damage To Tissues

Assembling the odds and ends of what science has discovered about this power to date, Krugman and Ward found the damage usually is to those of the unborn babe's tissues which are developing most rapidly at the time the mother has German measles.

If it's in the sixth week of pregnancy, the damage may be to the eyes; if in the ninth week, the ears; if between the fifth and tenth weeks, the heart. The first three months of pregnancy are those of danger. If the woman catches German measles after that, there usually is no damage to the babe.

There has been confusion as to how often German measles strikes at the unborn, and Krugman and Ward clarified the question. The first statistics indicated it happened in 90 per cent of the women who caught the disease during the dangerous months. But their analysis of later though contradictory statistics indicated the "attack rate" was about 12 per cent.

Exposure Best Method

On the vital question of what to do, they recommended large injections of gamma globulin where there was the slightest suspicion that a pregnant woman who had never had German measles had been exposed to it. Gamma globulin is the fraction of the blood

which carries the antibodies that bestow immunity to specific diseases.

But "the best method" of prevention is the long-range one, they continued, and that is "the deliberate exposure of young girls" to the virus because "one attack of this benign disease in childhood is generally followed by immunity."

The New England Journal of Medicine, which published their report, pointed out the virus is not particularly catchable. Therefore, many more persons acquire immunity to other childhood diseases when they should, in childhood, whereas German measles "plagues the high schools and colleges and, unhappily, the young married set."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Amman — Except for a splash of green the wadi looked like a continuation of the stony desert that covers so much of eastern Jordan.

Other than a cluster of domes—wild palms—the green was mainly due to a low grey cliff. As we strolled up the watercourse, bone-dry in most places, I noticed here and there what seemed like scratch marks of a bird under the stunted trees.

It was a bird, too. When we caught sight of him a little later, I thought it might be a cross between the legendary phoenix and the dodo. He took up as much space as a turkey gobbler. His portly appearance was accentuated by the disproportionate shortness of his legs. His walk had something of a barnyard gait to it, and for the best of reasons — he was studying the ground for seeds.

It was a bustard. The white bristly feathers at the base of his bill, his size and shape, and the russet and brown-barred coloration of his back were the give-away.

Something alarmed him as I trained my glasses on him and he took off around a tree. A second later he was airborne. With a canniness that seemed peculiar in a bird that couldn't have been shot

at very often, he flew low for a hundred yards or so, then climbed for maybe 40 feet before beginning a glide that brought him down far up the valley.

Others Reluctant

The others were reluctant to see him get away, and quite understandably. Bustards are regarded as wonderful eating throughout much of Europe and most of Asia and Africa. Despite their weight range of 20 to 35 pounds, which makes them bigger on the average than our wild turkeys, they have a powerful flight. That and their eating qualities have endeared them to sportsmen so much in certain areas their hunting has been restricted to the nobility.

One of the Arabs told me that a year or so ago he had come across some bustards in another wadi when he went to investigate a booming noise he had heard. He evidently didn't expect me to believe him, judging from the vehemence with which he spoke.

I believe him, however. The bird has long been said to make a booming noise during the mating season. There is a difference of opinion as to how he does it, but since full grown males have a pouch under their tongue, it maybe

WRONG CAR

Yankton, S.D. — (UPI) — William Christensen, Vermillion, S.D., asked police to help him out of a predicament. Christensen discovered his car with a flat tire and he asked a friend if he could borrow the friend's spare tire. The friend gave Christensen the car keys and he located a car answering the friend's description. The key fit the trunk and Christensen changed the tire on his own car. The next day the friend called and he learned he had taken a tire from someone else's car.

that has something to do with it.

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