

Mrs. Roosevelt, Planning To Slow Down, Continues Active

Washington—(UPI)—It probably can be assumed that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt no longer does nightly headstands for her health. However, don't bet money on it.

She is 74 and plans to slow down sometime. She won't say when, though.

Mrs. Roosevelt is here for a meeting of something called the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor. It's just like old times.

William L. Batt Jr., secretary of labor and industry of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, introduced her to the group in what obviously was the only way possible—as "The First Lady of the World."

The meeting on the seemingly timeless problems of migrant farm workers brought a note of nostalgia to this time. It was like the late 30s all over again.

The committee, meeting at the Mayflower, organized itself like a congressional hearing. Most of the testimony could have been the echoes from the pages of John Steinbeck's novel, *Grapes of Wrath*, which dealt with the dust-bowl victims of the depression.

The burden of it seemed to be that people have been talking since 1936 about the terrible conditions under which

migrant labor works and lives, but that nothing much has been done about it.

There was Mrs. Roosevelt, at the head table, acting as co-chairman with Batt. Later she was to reside at a banquet. The list of committee members, seated up front with Mrs. Roosevelt, sounded like a playback from New and Fair Deal days.

There was Dr. Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina and former senator; Louis H. Bean, former economic analyst and political sage of the Agriculture Department; Norman Thomas, who finally has quit running for president; and former Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, of California.

Warmly Interested
Most of all, there was Mrs. Roosevelt, still as warmly interested in fighting abuse of human beings as ever she was during her more than 12 years in the White House.

Busy as always, she still found time to listen to a couple of the impertinent kind of questions that reporters have put to her thousands of times before.

There were reports she was going to slow down, she was told. Was she ready to say yet when this would be?

No, she said, smiling and hurrying on, not yet.



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
Presides at Meeting

ASSUME PARTY CONTROL
New Delhi, India—(UPI)—Mrs. Indira Gandhi, 42, daughter of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, took over the presidency of the ruling Congress party in simple ceremonies during the week end. She succeeded U. N. Dhebar.

TV NAMED SPUTNIK
London—(UPI)—Sputnik is the name of a new Russian portable television set, Moscow radio said today. The Sputnik set weighs 15 pounds and production during the current seven-year plan calls for the manufacture of 12,500,000 sets, the broadcast said.

SIGN TRADE PACT
Cairo—(UPI)—The United Arab Republic and Communist Czechoslovakia signed a new long-term trade agreement during the week end calling for an equal exchange of goods worth \$89 million over three years.

Castro Suggests He Might Request Clemency for Nye

Havana—(UPI)—Revolutionary leader Fidel Castro hinted Saturday that if former U. S. Navy pilot Alan Robert Nye were convicted of participating in a conspiracy to assassinate him he might recommend clemency.

The bearded rebel leader told a press conference he had no intention of intervening in the case at this stage. He said he had received a letter from Nye's mother, Mrs. Daniel Lynch, 50, asking him to release her son.

"But I am too much personally involved," Castro said, to intervene in the case until it has passed through the normal channels of justice.

'Use My Influence'
If Nye is tried and convicted of conspiring with supporters of former dictator Fulgencio Batista to kill him, Castro said, he would be inclined to "use my influence in a review of the case."

Meanwhile, the provisional Cuban government pruned 1,066 officers and men from the regular army in a sweeping reorganization of the armed forces.

Castro, 32-year-old hero of the Cuban revolution, moved in on the labor front also and appealed to Cuban workers to hold off on their demands even though just until the government gets on its feet.

More trials and appeals of "war criminals" were scheduled to start at Habana shortly, and reports from Camaguey Province said more than 100 defendants were on trial before various tribunals.

The labor force of the United States contained 69 per cent of men over age 65 in 1950 as compared with only about 42 per cent in the 1950 census.

Tree Planting Needs Include Patience, Care and Thought

Edward Scanlon, Olmstead, Falls, Ohio, nurseryman and landscape architect, said in a recent visit to Medford, that anyone can grow a tree with enough patience, care and thought.

He urged the Medford street committee to distribute a booklet with instructions on how to plant a tree, and how to stake it. The committee now has the booklets available for those planting in the street tree program.

Scanlon said many people believe a young tree should have a straight trunk, but that is not true. Many species never have been intended to have straight trunks, he noted.

He told the committee that few trees, except the flowering varieties, are at their best during the first few years.

Once a tree has been selected, he said, the most common error is planting too deep. The tree should be planted at the same depth at which it stood in the nursery, he pointed out. The hole should be dug wide and deep enough to accommodate the roots without bundling or cramming.

The tree should be planted in a planting medium. Roots should be placed in a compound of 60 per cent peat and 40 per cent top soil, mixed, he said. No fertilizers or manures should be placed in

the hole with the roots or planting medium, he explained.

Every tree should be staked, he said, and the best stake is an iron fence post. The stake should be placed at the street side of the tree to protect it from damage by vehicles. The iron stake should be installed before the tree is planted, Scanlon said.

Before planting the tree, the nurseryman said, place peat in the bottom, and backfill with soil and peat to a level

slightly higher than the prescribed level to allow for settling. The tree should be placed about four inches from the stake.

There are several methods of securing the tree to the stake, Scanlon said, but one of the better ways is to slip wire through a length of rubber hose and make a figure eight around the tree and stake.

Booklets on planting trees are available from the Medford street tree committee.

Official Spurns Dog Race Money

Olympia—(UPI)—Lloyd J. Andrews, Washington state superintendent of schools, said yesterday he wants no part of a plan to use a share of dog-racing revenue to support schools.

Andrews asserted that the backers of legislation to legalize dog-racing were attempting "to drag in schools" to gain sympathy and support of a "scheme to extend gambling."

Under the bill, 70 per cent of the state's share of revenues from pari-mutuel betting

on greyhound racing would go into the current school fund.

"Who can argue against giving money to children?" Andrews asked. "It's how we get the money that counts. I am opposed to trying to extend gambling under the pretense of supporting public education."

"People of the state expect us to teach moral values in our schools. If we're going to legalize gambling to finance our schools, we have lost that objective."

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins



Magpie is Bold, Boisterous And Generally Objectionable

As if resentful of the peculiar name bestowed on them, the magpies are birds who have established reputations for being rowdy, boisterous, and generally objectionable. They seem to have more enemies than friends.

This western relative of the jay and the crow was waiting for the explorers, Lewis and Clark, back in 1804 and gave the men considerable trouble stealing meat, food or any

other article left loose around the camp. The magpie is even bold enough to grab dressed game or other food right out of a hunter's hand. Even today stockmen claim the birds are often dangerous to livestock and are reported to peck domestic animals until they are killed or blinded.

Along roads where traffic moves at a fast pace many small animals are killed. It is here the magpie works, eating the crushed flesh and awkwardly avoiding, by apparently clumsy flight, a like fate from swift moving cars.

Cousin of Crow

The magpie is closely allied with the crow, the jay, and the jackdaw, and is probably more noisy and audacious than any of the others. The magpie is a large bird, about the size of the crow, with a long, tapered, trowel-shaped tail. The upper part of the body is black, very shiny and with a high lustre, with white on the shoulders and abdomen. The black-billed or common magpie ranges as far east as Michigan, while the yellow-billed seems restricted to parts of California.

In flight the magpie seems heavy and clumsy as it flies from one tree to another. They sometimes travel in small flocks and seem to prefer roosting together in carefully selected trees. These mischievous, chattering birds make a practice of thievery; with them "shoplifting" is a normal way of life.

They steal whatever they see, regardless of whether it is edible, being particularly fond of bright, shiny objects. They have also been trained to repeat certain oft-repeated words, and are credited even by many people who dislike them, of possessing a high degree of animal intelligence.

Vocal Birds
The magpies are most certainly the most vocal of the unmusical birds, although at times they seem to imitate the song of other birds, in a raspy sort of way.

One of the most unusual traits or habits of the magpie is the nest it so carefully builds. The nest is a huge affair of sticks, completely covered over the top with sharp thorns or sticks set in such a way as to make the entire structure appear like a well filled pincushion or a rolled-up hedgehog. Inside and completely hidden from view is a nestcup where the eggs are contained. An opening in the side of the crude looking nest is the only way in or out. Perhaps the magpie, realizing its unpopularity with the humans that share the same general area with it, takes unusual precautions to protect its loud-mouthed and saucy offspring.

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