

### Earlier Language Teaching Urged

Chicago (UPI) — Many school officials would like to see earlier foreign language instruction for American youngsters, says the magazine, "Nation's Schools."

Seven of every ten administrators queried advocated teaching a second language on elementary school level, though most felt it should be optional throughout both elementary and secondary schools.

A majority thought the courses should start in the fourth grade, and 98 per cent gave their vote to two to four years of language study in high school.

One official, the magazine said, voted for progress toward a universal language "that will have some benefit worldwide."

"One foreign language is no good," he said, "if when you travel 200 miles, you find yourself in another country."

Preferred languages were Spanish (34 per cent) and French (22 per cent).

### STOCKPILE REDUCED

Washington (UPI) — Some of the items in the government's \$1.1 billion stockpile of strategic materials recently declared unessential and to be disposed of are: 18 million carats of sapphires and rubies, 12 million ounces of quinine, 51,000 pounds of poppy seeds and nearly 2 million pounds of hog bristles.

## Tests on Aluminum Rockets Upsets Old Notion of Strength

Los Angeles (Science Service) — Tests on rocket engine cases made of aluminum have upset an earlier notion that aluminum is "too weak" to contain the riot of forces in a solid-propellant rocket motor.

The year-long tests, conducted by the Aluminum Company of America jointly with a major propellant manufacturer, showed that aluminum is actually stronger than steel on a weight basis.

In addition, aluminum proved to have a "volumetric expansion" of five per cent — meaning that under severe stresses an aluminum engine case could "give" five per cent without exploding.

**Excellent Indication** — "This is an excellent indication of the reliability of aluminum cases," W. C. Woodward, manager of aircraft and missile sales said.

"Testing has been limited but highly successful, and we feel certain that aluminum cases soon will be classed as production items."

One such case, 12 inches in diameter and 45 inches long, now is on display at the Society of Automotive Engineers National Aeronautic meeting here.

Aluminum already is used to line the fuel tanks of some rocket motors, chiefly those of liquid-fueled rockets such as the Titan, Jupiter and Thor. In liquid-fueled rockets, the fuel burn-rate can be controlled and the nozzle ab-

sorbs most of the stresses of combustion.

In contrast, solid fuel is packed into a container which must be strong enough to handle all forces generated as the fuel burns freely within it.

### Economic Promise

The new findings, believed to hold economic promise, may lead to use of aluminum in big rocket motors now under development. Some of these are expected to demand metal strengths higher than those now commercially available in steels.

Metallurgists long have known the tensile strengths of sheet aluminum, but it was found that classical figures "did not exactly apply" to aluminum after it was fabricated into rocket engine cases. The changes in the metal's performance were linked with more-complex patterns of circumferential and longitudinal stresses, as opposed to a simple tensile stress.

### PER CAPITA INCOME RISE

New York (UPI) — Per capita income in the United States rose to \$2,057 last year from \$1,491 in 1950, the National Industrial Conference Board reported. Connecticut led the nation with a per capita income of \$2,817. New Mexico showed the sharpest jump between 1950 and 1958 — about 58 per cent to \$1,838.

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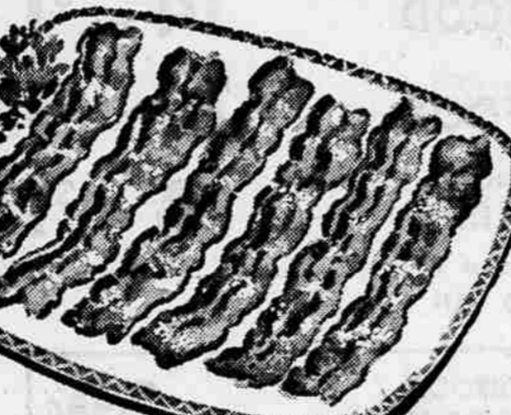
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