



DUCK ON THE BACK—Sid the duck attempts to wake up his pal, Whop the dog. The pair are great friends and, according to their owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Holt of Longview, Wash., are almost inseparable. (UPI Telephoto)

Vigorous Steel Production Upturn Expected Next Month

Cleveland—UPI—A vigorous upturn in steel production is expected in October, but only small gains are on tap for the next three or four weeks, according to Steel Magazine.

The national weekly said steelmen are depending on seasonal factors, heavy output of new cars, and resumption of buying by users, who have cut their inventories as much as they dare, to bring about the upsurge.

Steel also cited such other hopeful trends as demand for oil country goods which were slowly recovering, and approval of a gas transmission line for the West Coast. The latter may generate substantial demand for plates used in the fabrication of line pipe.

Because August loadings were only slightly better than those of the previous month, September shipments won't be much larger than August's.

Steel estimates August ingot production will reach 8.5 million tons, compared with 6.5 million in July. The rate will average 54.3 per cent of capacity, topping the July rate by four points but falling short of the predicted 57 per cent.

Steelmaking operations slipped 0.2 of a point to 54.5 per cent last week as a railroad strike crippled production at the Pittsburgh plants of U.S. Steel Corp. Output was about 1,552,000 ingot tons.

District rates ranged from a four point increase to 53 at Western to three point drops to 50 at Northeastern and 50 at Cincinnati.

Steel pointed out that while the national steel operating rate has dipped this year, oxygen converters—one of four basic steelmaking processes—have been running about 80 per cent of capacity in all but one month this year. Reason for this is that the oxygen converters are said to be more efficient than the other processes, open hearth, electric and Bessemer.

The trend toward oxygen converters is gaining momentum with four U.S. producers now using the process. By 1962, at least three more producers will install it, steel predicts.

The price composite on No. 2 heavy melting grade of scrap advanced 23 cents last week to \$32.87 a gross ton. Steel said the price has fluctuated within a 43 range since last February.

The magazine said exports are providing the current market support, although one mill near Philadelphia, purchased scrap for the first time last week since last October.

Steel said the Soviet block is stepping up its purchases from U.S. under export licenses with 22 metal working products having been licensed for export to the Soviet block in the second quarter of 1960. Each license involves more than \$40,000 and among the licenses were automatic machines for making auto cylinder blocks, valued at \$5.3 million to U.S.S.R.; compressors, \$2.4 million to U.S.S.R. and ironmaking machinery, \$94,217, to Russia.

Chairman Named For Nixon Group

Portland—UPI—Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville, has been appointed chairman of the Oregon Nixon for President committee in the first congressional district, according to Anthony Yurri, Ontario, state committee chairman.

Marsh, an attorney and former state senate president, was recently elected a member of the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar.

Expedition Studies Strange Type of Mexican Mushrooms

By ALBERT W. WIESE
United Press International
Hollywood—UPI—A combined television and scientific expedition into an almost inaccessible portion of southern Mexico left here to attempt to record and study a mysterious type of mushrooms and their effects on a tribe of unfriendly Indians.

Heading the tour is Dr. Andrija Puharich, a physician and research consultant from Carmel, Calif., whose study into various types of mushrooms and their effects on humans began while he was serving in the Army.

Heading the small TV detachment, and footing the bill for the expedition, is Collier Young, producer of the series "Alcoa Presents." He hopes to be able to make the first documentary film of the rites of the Indians in eating the mushrooms, which local people believe give one the ability to foresee the future.

"Our party will be very small," Young said, "and we are not at all sure how many of us will be allowed to visit the villages of the Indian tribe."

On the scientific side of the party are Dr. Jeffrey Smith, anthropologist at Stanford University, and Dr. Barbara Brown, neuro-pharmacist at UCLA. They will carry with them a small compact laboratory to test the mushrooms, if they are able to obtain any.

Will Allow Small Group
Dr. Puharich just returned from a month in the area of the "chinos" Indians, located 80 to 100 miles southwest of Oaxaca, Mexico. He said he made his first contact with them through a Protestant missionary, William Upson, who has spent several years studying the Indians' language and who will serve as interpreter.

"The Indians are not at all friendly," he said, "and do not like to talk about the mushrooms and their strange effects or the ceremony that goes with eating them."

"But one of the chiefs finally said he would allow a 'small' group in."

Dr. Puharich said the mushrooms are administered by the tribe's "bruhos," or witch doctor.

"Sometimes the Bruhos will eat the mushrooms along with their patient and sometimes not," he said.

Dr. Puharich said he believes he is the first white man to witness the mushroom eating ceremony and to eat one of the strange mushrooms himself.

U.S. Army Help
"I had wild hallucinations and very vivid dreams," he said. Young said the expedition was made with the cooperation of the U.S. Army Chemical Warfare Corps, which had heard about these mountain mushrooms. He said the Army was furnishing the portable laboratory and that all of the scientific material uncovered would be turned over to the Army.

"As for TV," he said, "this will probably be the first location shooting in a long time where the principals go in with sleeping bags and canned food."

He said the party would fly from Mexico City to Oaxaca, and from there to the Indian villages by helicopter.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a woman's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J. M. — She should go to college before considering marriage.

Doris M. — They only think about getting ahead.

Mrs. J. M. — My husband and I are heartbroken about our 17-year-old daughter, Doris, who wants to get married this year instead of going to college as we had hoped.

We wouldn't mind if she had chosen a boy who is interested in education and advancing himself in life, but this boy, Al, has no ideas of that sort. He is the oldest of six children in a poor family and he has been working ever since he got out of the Navy a few months ago.

Doris is an excellent student and can be accepted at a fine college. She would meet a better type of man and could make a happier marriage.

Doris M.—I am sick of all this talk about what a marvelous marriage I could make. My parents are materialists and just think of getting ahead. I hope I'll never get like them, although they warn me that I'll think differently when I'm older.

My parents have nothing against Al except that he's poor and, as they say, "a nobody." But I don't think a "somebody" is measured in terms of wealth and education.

Al and I are very much in love. We don't seem to need anyone else to be happy. When we are with other people we both feel annoyed and uncomfortable.

The Council: There isn't much parents can do in a situation like this. Doris has tied herself into a hard knot of rebellion against them and will fight for her independence even harder if they put stronger pressure on her.

On the other hand, it certainly wouldn't help much for them to withdraw from the battle if they feel she is making a mistake. The only tactic we can suggest is that they try to sympathize with her point of view insofar as she is right and keep a sharp eye open for real errors in her judgment.

For example, Doris is right in saying it is unfair to judge a person on his economic or educational status. She gives an inkling into a potential problem when she remarks casually that she and her boy friend are uncomfortable with other people.

Doris should be urged to question herself further about this matter. When two people are in love they naturally want to be alone at times, but they also enjoy being accepted as a couple among their friends. Is it possible that Doris feels Al doesn't quite measure up to the standards of her friends? Why, unlike most girls, isn't she proud to show her boy friend to her friends?


The J.M.'s are naturally ambitious for their bright daughter, but perhaps they do not realize that these ambitions may be a strain on her. We get the impression that Doris lacks self-confidence and has a real fear of putting forth her best efforts. She may be so afraid to disappoint them that she has decided to wantonly destroy all possibility of the success they hope for.

The J.M.'s would do well to cease talk of the glowing possibilities that may be before Doris and concentrate on trying to get her to put off the thought of marriage until she has completed a year or two of college—just to see if her feelings might change.

Salmon Fishing Reported 'Fair'

Astoria—UPI—Salmon fishing near the mouth of the Columbia river was reported as "fair" Wednesday.

Limits were few Tuesday out of Ilwaco and Astoria, when a few hundred boats went out. The sun was shining this morning and the angling pressure was about the same as on Tuesday.

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