

Educational Experiment Using Television To Start Early in 1961

Plane To Carry Video Tape Over Six-State Area

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A far-reaching and imaginative experiment in the educational use of television will get under way in the midwest early in 1961.

Lessons in science, history, math, French, art and music will be telecast from an airplane flying high over Indiana to more than 500,000 students in six states.

The project is known as "the midwest program on airborne television instruction." It has three main purposes:

1. To broaden the range of educational offerings available to students, particularly in smaller school systems.
2. To improve the quality of instruction in courses that require more highly trained teachers than the average school can obtain on an individual basis.
3. To do these things at a far lower cost than would be involved in a ground-based closed circuit television system.

Based at Purdue university, the \$7 million experiment is being financed by contributions from the Ford Foundation and private industry.

Recorded on Tape

The instructional courses, recorded on video tape, will be telecast from a specially-equipped DC6 plane flying at 23,000 feet over the community of Montpelier, Ind. Tests indicate that its signal can be received over a circular area 150 to 200 miles in radius, and encompassing parts of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

There are about 13,000 schools with 5 million students in this area. At least a third of these schools are too small to provide a quality educational program under present conditions.

From February through June, the televised lessons will be transmitted on two separate channels for three hours a day, four days a week. This initial period of telecasting is for demonstration purposes, to allow schools to test the signal and the educational content of the courses.

Starting next September, a full academic year of instruction will be provided in each of eight elementary courses, four high school courses and two college courses.

A preliminary survey shows that 526,518 students will view the courses during the demonstration period. Nearly 17,000 classrooms in the area are being equipped with TV to receive the courses.

The average cost of equipping a school to participate in the program is about \$500 per classroom.

If bad weather should ground the plane which normally broadcasts the TV lessons, an identically equipped DC6 will be standing by at another location, ready to take over.

Although funds are assured to carry the experiment through June 1962, the states and school districts benefiting from the service will have to work out a system to assure continuing financial support after that date. This will require some departures from long accepted habits of school finance.

But bureaucratic inertia would be a poor excuse for passing up an opportunity, provided by modern technology, to achieve a real breakthrough toward quality education at reasonable cost.

Guilty Plea Brings Fine, Sentence

Ashland - An Ashland man was fined \$150 and sentenced to 30 days in jail Monday in Ashland municipal court for charges of indecent exposure.

Earl Homer Cook, 23, of 162 Fifth st., Ashland, pleaded guilty to the charge. Ashland police arrested Cook Sunday at the request of the parents of a 16-year-old Ashland girl. Police said Cook exposed himself to the girl from his car Sunday afternoon. The girl reported the act to her parents who contacted police. She gave a description of the car and the license number to police, officers said.

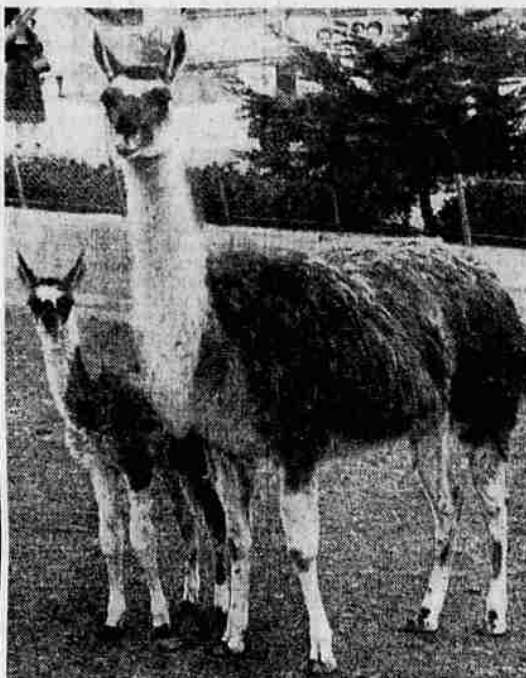
Cook admitted the offense to police and also admitted several other similar offenses which occurred during the summer, police said.

ANNOUNCER DIES

Honolulu - UPI - Funeral service will be held Thursday for Harold J. Hal Moore, West Coast announcer who called the races at Hollywood Park, Bay Meadows and Tanforan for the past 15 years. He died Monday of a heart attack.



ABANDONED BABY - Bathed, fed and sleeping peacefully in San Francisco General Hospital, this day-old boy was found abandoned beneath a pile of papers in a corner of a basement garage in San Francisco. Neighbors, hearing a child crying almost continually during the night, made a futile attempt to find the source of the cries and called police who found the baby wrapped in an old drape and a length of wire mesh window screen. Police located the mother and charged her with child abandonment. (UPI Telephoto)



CHRISTMAS PRESENT - Mamma llama, Mrs. Snuffles, poses with her son, Nicholas, a Christmas baby born to her at Fleishhaker Zoo in San Francisco. The photo was made at a distance because, for the uninitiated, llamas like to spit at people. They can also kick. (UPI Tlphoto)

Belgians Clash With Police in Support Of General Strike

Brussels - UPI - A crowd of antigovernment demonstrators clashed with police Tuesday and marched through the center of Brussels in noisy support of a Socialist-led general strike for the seventh day in a row.

Socialist party sources estimated that 600,000 persons were on strike.

In Seville, Spain, it was reported that King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola may cut short their Spanish honeymoon and fly back to Brussels Wednesday in an attempt to deal with the worsening strike situation.

Break Up Demonstration

Heavy police forces moved in quickly to break up a demonstration of Socialist strikers outside party headquarters.

After the scuffle with police, several hundred demonstrators marched through the downtown area, snarling traffic and tossing firecrackers under police horses. Police made no move to break up the parade, but shopkeepers quickly closed down their steel shutters to guard against any outbreak of violence.

Elsewhere in Belgium, strikers clashed with police today at Dalzine, near Namur, and one policeman was reported injured.

The walkout was called by Socialist unions to protest the austerity program put forth by the government of Catholic

Report Forms for Bald Eagle Survey Being Distributed

Tavernier, Fla. - UPI - Field report forms to be used in the continent-wide bald eagle survey of the National Audubon Society are now being distributed to cooperators throughout the United States and Canada. Biologist Alexander Sprunt IV, the society's research director, will direct the study from headquarters here.

In a letter mailed this week to the directors of the conservation departments of the fifty states, Sprunt has solicited the cooperation of the official state wildlife agencies.

"The most pressing need at present is information on the location of active nests," he wrote the state officials. "We are also interested in locating wintering concentrations of bald eagles. We earnestly solicit your cooperation and, upon hearing from you, we shall send enough copies of a questionnaire for distribution to your men in the field."

To Take Five Years

The bald eagle project planned to take five years, was announced by Carl W. Buchheiser, society president, Oct. 31 at the organization's national convention in New York City. The study is prompted, he said, by continuing reports of a serious and widespread decline in the bald eagle numbers.

"Inventory is the essential first step in keeping this great bird that serves as our national emblem from becoming an endangered species," Buchheiser said. "Once its numbers have been closely estimated, its reproductive success measured, and its nesting and wintering concentrations mapped, future checks will then disclose population trends."

In his letter to cooperators, Biologist Sprunt said a second phase of the project would involve detailed investigations of eagle biology, including research into productivity, longevity, movements, and other aspects.

Mrs. Neuberger Resumes Publishing Monthly Newsletter

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Washington (Special) - Sen. Maurine Neuberger has resumed publication of "Washington Calling," the Neuberger newsletter which her late husband began sending out each month to constituents after his arrival in the Senate six months ago.

The new edition looks and reads very much like the original edition. It is chatty in style, containing a hodgepodge of commentary on matters which range from personal and local affairs to those of international scope. The only noticeable difference is that where there used to be two portraits of the Neuberger family at the top along side one of the Capitol buildings there is now only one, and the addition of the state seal imprinted on an outline of the state of Oregon.

"In this first newsletter, which I must write alone, I want to express my appreciation to all of you who have requested that 'Washington Calling' be continued," it began. "You have paid a great tribute to the memory of my husband and to the talent he had in presenting the work of Congress in this monthly report."

Staff Functioning

Mrs. Neuberger noted that she has a staff already functioning in the Senate office building "to give you the kind of service that you have had in the past."

In the way of news, Mrs. Neuberger told of a visit to Paris and to Tillamook, plus her hopes for early Senate action on a treaty with Canada for joint development of the upper Columbia river.

Sen. Neuberger went to Paris shortly after the election as a delegate to the NATO

Conference of Parliamentarians, along with Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Estes Kefauver.

"The name 'Paris' evokes a myriad of images in the minds of Americans, even to those who, like myself, had never before visited the legendary city. The pencil-thin spire of the Eiffel Tower, the massive rose window of Notre Dame, the pink-bow bedecked windows of the House of Dior, all conspire to make the visitor's heart flutter," she wrote. "Unfortunately, I had little opportunity, during my week in Paris, to taste the traditional tourist delights for which the French capital is renowned."

Reporting that Soviet Premier Khrushchev "is doing his best to weaken and split the NATO alliance," the Senator said a thorny problem is whether NATO itself should become equipped with nuclear-weapon power. She observed that Gen. Lauris Norstad, head of NATO, "does not minimize the threat of war which might erupt over West Berlin or some other sensitive issue. He was insistent, however, that NATO atomic weapons should be introduced into battle only in 'self-defense' and then, only after a high level decision to do so."

Intrigued With Discussions

Mrs. Neuberger said she was especially intrigued with trade discussions which "made abundantly clear to me the importance of freer international trade and the need to abandon doctrinaire isolationist economic policies." She allowed that "liberalizing trade is a policy which many American politicians dread facing their home constituencies" because it is hard to explain to local economic interests who fear foreign competition.

She reported that she suggested that NATO plans to pool scientific and cultural information among member nations be expanded to include sharing medical re-

Crosby Paternity Trial Nears Jury

Los Angeles - UPI - The paternity suit accusing crooner Bing Crosby's son, Dennis, of fathering Mrs. Marilyn Scott's daughter was expected to go to the jury today.

Only final arguments remained in the superior court trial which began a week ago Monday. A jury of nine women and three men have heard Mrs. Scott, 28, a divorcee, tell of two nights of love making with Dennis, 26, nearly four years ago.

Dennis, who married Las Vegas showgirl Pat Sheehan six months before Mrs. Scott's 1957, admitted being intimate with Mrs. Scott but said he did not believe Denise Michele Scott was his daughter.

Dennis' attorney concluded the defense's case Tuesday after having witnesses testify that Mrs. Scott had been intimate with at least two men during the same time she made love with Crosby.

Mrs. Scott denied knowing either man when she was called back on the witness stand as a rebuttal witness.

PARTY FOR NIXON

Washington - UPI - Republican admirers are planning a 48th birthday party here for Vice President Richard M. Nixon on Jan. 9. The reception and dinner at the Mayflower hotel will be sponsored by the Capitol Hill Club, a Republican social group. Tickets will cost \$15 a person or \$25 a couple.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Oyster Just Hasn't Got A Chance—He's Too Good!

The home-loving oyster remains fixed in one place for life, once it attaches itself to some solid support. If nothing disturbs it the oyster will grow, and along with its fellows will establish a colony. They may grow on top of one another until the poor guy at the bottom, or in the middle, may starve to death or be smothered.

Any vibration, or even a passing shadow, may cause all the oysters in a colony to close up tight and remain locked in until quiet is restored. Although the oyster demands quiet while feeding, he evidently does not object to the noise made by other oysters.

A feeding colony of these bivalves makes considerable noise. The opening and closing of several hundred oysters sounds like a bucket full of BB shot rolling down a set of bare stairs.

Many other gourmets, aside from man, have found these succulent "shellfish" to their liking. The oyster has many natural enemies; enemies who never heard of the superstition that this bivalve shouldn't be eaten during any month that did not contain the letter "R" in the name; they prey upon the oyster every day of the year.

Different Attack

Each of these natural enemies has a different method of attack, and each is effective. Man uses a knife to open the shell and sever the adductor muscle; of all the methods of opening this "treasure chest" of deliciousness, this probably is the crudest.

The star-fish gently wraps two or three of its many arms around the shell, and exerts a steady, relentless pull. When the two shells separate the

Klamath Forest Sells Timber

Yreka-Pine Mountain Lumber company, Yreka, was recently awarded sale of 17 million board feet of timber in the Cecil Creek unit, Salmon River district, Klamath National Forest.

Since no bidder was apparent when the unit was first offered last summer, forest service regulations provide that the award may be made to any qualified bidder.

The sale was the first large sale in the Cecilville area, and the first to utilize the full length of the recently completed Callahan-Cecilville timber access road.

Timber volumes included Ponderosa and Jeffrey pine, 3.6 million board feet; Sugar and Western white pine, 2.8 million board feet; White and Red fir, 3.6 million board feet; Douglas fir, 7 million board feet; Incense cedar, nominal; and Knobcone pine, nominal.

slightest crack, the star-fish projects its own stomach into the oyster body and sucks out the juice.

The "oyster-drill" a small augur-shaped mollusk, drills a hole in the oyster shell. The file-fish and the sea-drum, both true fish, have a more refined way. They catch the oyster with their shells open. This procedure requires patience and reflexes of a high order. The fish holds himself still with his mouth a quarter of an inch from the tightly closed shell. The oyster is doomed, he may wait a minute, or an hour, but of course he has no eye to blink; neither can he change his position. Cautiously the oyster opens his two shells, everything seems quiet, the entering water brings in food that tastes good and he is hungry. He opens wider—and it happens.

The fish exerts a suction like a vacuum cleaner and the soft body of the oyster flows out in response. Instinctively the oyster-muscle tries to snap shut, but it is too late for already much of the soft body is in the fish's mouth.

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