



FUN ON A SLED—Oh, what fun it is to go flying down a snowy hill on a fast sled. These Memphis, Tenn., youngsters welcomed more than an inch of snow in the city this week. (UPI Telephoto)

Malaya Economy Diversifying

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya—UPI—Malaya is now in its fourth year of independence and bright hopes of reducing the nation's almost total reliance upon its tin and rubber industries.

Historically, the Malayan economy has been ruled by the prices brought by tin and rubber. A depression in either industry has resulted in widespread unemployment and a general slackening of business to the detriment of the entire nation.

The Malayan government hopes that by industrializing and waging a campaign to improve the efficiency of the nation's 460,000 farms, its dependence upon tin and rubber will be lessened.

The agricultural program is the nation's No. 1 concern.

A five-year rural development program is now being worked out. It will include the opening of new lands, providing electricity for all rural areas and the establishment of a more diversified crop structure.

Through use of advanced methods, Malaya now expects to become self-sufficient in rice production within three to five years. Presently the nation produces only slightly more than 30 per cent of its rice needs.

And by improving other agricultural methods, general food production will be brought to a level where imports will be greatly reduced.

The result of this, speaking in broad terms, will bring greater income to rural dwellers, increase their buying power and generally raise their standard of living.

Malaya now has an annual per capita income of \$250, one of the highest in Asia. Because of the nation's vast natural resources, its foreign credits are more than double its foreign liabilities.

Malaya's rural development program has been a long time coming. The Japanese occupation and the 12-year Communist war both contributed to preventing Malaya's farm population from keeping abreast of the times. Now, the government feels, there is nothing standing in the way and it has promised to attack the project with all the energy with which it fought the Communists.

The industrialization drive has been going on for some months now and the government has granted pioneer status to many and various types of industries. The pioneer status frees firms from paying any income tax during their first five years.

While attempting to entice both foreign and local investors to start industries, the government likes to point out that Malaya has the most stable government and economy in all of Southeast Asia. The Communists have been soundly defeated and the liberal government of Tengku

Abdul Rahman would seem to have no competition worth noting. In short, the chances of industries being nationalized are remote.

Growing Market. Other factors which make Malaya an attractive investment site are its growing market, central location, stable currency and its communications.

On the opposite side of the ledger, Malaya does not have a skilled labor force of any size and wages run higher than in most Southeast Asia countries.

Since Malaya inaugurated its private industries program, there has been a rush by many companies to be granted the tax-free preferential treatment. The amount of industry has increased rapidly in the Kuala Lumpur area and there appears evidence of plenty more to come. The government has set a target for capital investment over the next 10 years of \$1 billion. Most observers don't feel this target is out of line, mainly because of the government's encouragement of private enterprise.

Today, Malaya is in a most enviable economic and political position in relation to her Southeast Asian neighbors. And from the evidence at hand, there is every indication that this position will be greatly improved within the next decade.

If all works out, Malaya

Salmon Don't Like Smell of Humans

Vancouver, B. C. (Science Service)—If a human goes within smelling distance of a salmon, it will not swim upstream to spawn, the Canadian Fisheries' Research board has learned.

Scientists built a concrete ladder on a river so they could count and watch salmon go upstream to spawn. When a human hand was placed in the water, the migration rate dropped from 34 fish to four fish each 10 minutes. Other odors tested did not disturb the salmon. U. S. scientists also observed that this was true for salmon in the Columbia river.

At the Fish Facility Laboratory at Bonneville dam, biologists noted that if a workman accidentally let his hand or foot drop into the water the salmon would not move for a half an hour or longer. Human odors disturbed them much more than noise, light and dark conditions, and other factors tested.

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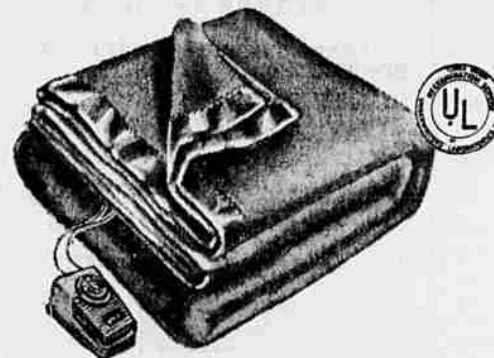
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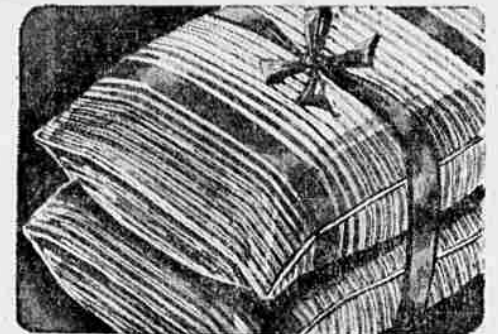
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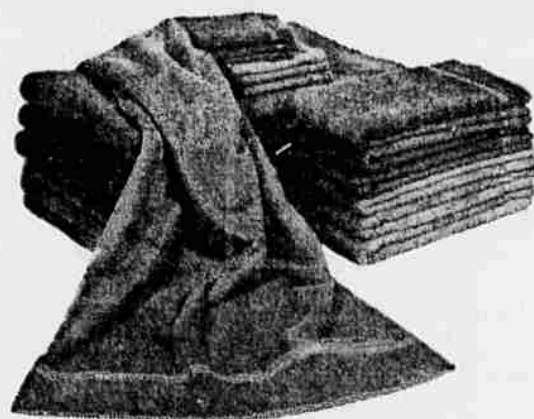
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