AGREEMENT SIGNED–The United States and the Philippines have signed an agreement settling two long-standing financial disputes. The agreement cleared a major obstacle to congressional action settling the Philippines' $73 million war damage claim. Signing for the United States is Assistant Secretary of State for Far-Eastern Affairs J. Graham Parsons, left, and for the Philippines, Ambassador Eduardo Quintero. The agreement was signed in Washington. (UPI Telephoto)

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23 Million Women Are Working Today

Burlington, Iowa – (UPI) – The perennial image of the housewife sitting home and doing the housework is slowly disappearing.

Twenty-three million women, or more than one-third of all women over 14 years of age, are at work, according to the National Research Bureau, Inc.

99 Per Cent of Live Births in Hospitals

New York –(UPI)– About 51 per cent of all maternity patients in America today see a doctor during the first two months of pregnancy, the Health Information Foundation reports.

The foundation said 99 per cent of all live births take place in a hospital with a physician in attendance.

ENTER the Pear Blossom Festival PARADE

"Pears in Fantasy Land"

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Entries may depict any Fantasy Land Characters, such as Walt Disney, etc.!

★★★ General Rules! ★★★

1. No animal larger than a St. Bernard Dog. No motor-powered vehicles.
2. All pets must be caged, leashed or harnessed. It is permissable to harness pets for floats, etc., providing pet is trained for this purpose.
3. Any age group may march in the parade but will be judged for prizes on following basis.
   (a) Anyone up through sixth grade students.
   (b) Anyone from seventh grade and older.
4. All entries will be judged prior to start of parade. Judging will begin promptly at 1:30 P.M. All entries will receive an entry ribbon. Late arrivals will be allowed to enter line of march but **will not be judged for prizes.**
5. Entry blank must be made out in duplicate.
   (a) Send original to:
   Pear Blossom Festival
   Chamber of Commerce
   Medford, Oregon.
   DEADLINE FOR FILING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1961
   (b) Keep copy and present to Parade Marshall, 1:30 P.M. Saturday, April 8, prior to start of parade.
6. Parade will start promptly at 2:30 P.M. and will proceed East on Main from Library Park and will disband at Hawthorne Park.
7. Announcement of winners and presentation of awards will be held at Hawthorne Park.
8. The parade will form on Ivy Street between 4th and 6th Streets.
9. Bands will assemble at Library Park and will get directions concerning parade position from Parade Committee.

Deadline for Entering Is Wed., April 5

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Mail this entry to:

Pear Blossom Festival Chamber of Commerce Medford, Oregon

Name.....
Address.....
City.....
Phone..... Age.....
____Individuals
____Animals or Pets
____Vehicle Decoration
____Costumed Walking Groups
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Much Progress Reported On Program for Retarded

By the beginning of this year, 49 States and three U.S. territories had either a special demonstration, service, or training project in mental retardation as a part of their maternal and child health service programs, Mrs. Catherine B. Oettinger, chief of the children's bureau, said today.

While this represents a gain in the number of these special state programs from 4 to 52 since 1956, much remains to be done to strengthen and expand the services which these programs can make available to the children who need them, Mrs. Oettinger said.

The rapid expansion in state services was largely stimulated by maternal and child health grants administered by the children's bureau, and by the consultation which the bureau made available to state health departments, she said.

Program Grown

Prior to 1954, she pointed out, no State health department offered special health services for mentally retarded children and their families. By 1960, more than 10,000 mentally retarded children and their families were receiving services from the special health department projects initiated through the federal-state partnership. Three-fourths of the children were under nine years of age, and more than half of them had other handicaps in addition to mental retardation.

In addition, during this period, there has been a sharp swing away from institutionalization of mentally retarded children as the only solution for their care, she pointed out.

Number Increasing

In 1960 there were some 5,500,000 mentally retarded in our population, of whom an estimated three million were children. By 1970, the total is expected to exceed 6,500,000, at least half of whom will be children, many of them in the preschool-age group, and suffering from severe retardation.

The greatest gaps in service at the beginning of the federal-state program in mental retardation were in relation to infants and preschool children. "This program has demonstrated how help can be given early, and has stimulated the development of at least one such service in most states. We must continue to concentrate on the young age group because it is in this period that maximum help can be given to the child and his family to prepare for the years ahead," Mrs. Oettinger said.

There are now 14 projects, partially financed from children's bureau funds and associated with medical schools. These not only provide service to children but also teach and train medical students, internes, residents and nurses. During an average year, some 1,500 second year residents and medical students, 200 nurses, 300 teachers, and about 30 social work students are trained through these projects. In addition, almost 90 per cent of the nation's 28,000 public health nurses have received some orientation and education of the problem through programs operated by state health departments.

One Cause Found

Research has identified phenylketonuria, which is caused by an inborn error of metabolism, as a condition which can lead to a severely crippling form of mental retardation, if undetected. But, as early as six weeks after the birth of a child, a simple urine test made on a wet diaper can determine whether a child has this netabolic error. Once the condition is detected, a special diet, begun early in infancy, will usually prevent retardation and permit the child to grow normally.

While this condition occurs only in one of every 20,000 births, during the past year at least 25 infants have been found to have it through the use of the diaper test, and placed on a diet before they became retarded. If their condition had gone undiscovered, most of them would have become so severely retarded that they would have had to spend their lives in an institution.

Assuming their life span at 50 years each, some $2 million has been saved in the total cost of care for even this small group of children.

Tests Given

The impetus for the drive to detect phenylketonuria came from a technical committee, established by the children's bureau in 1958, which has stimulated screening and testing programs for PKU, now given in more than half the states.

Screening includes routine testing of healthy babies. It also includes screening high risk groups, such as children in institutions for the retarded, and those in special public school classes. High priority is given to testing newborn infants in those families which already have one child with PKU.

Mrs. Oettinger emphasized much more investigation is needed into the basic problems which cause mental retardation. As these investigations bear fruit, she said, the findings should be ploughed into programs that can immediately use them to help children.

Instant Products Result in Increased Potato Consumption

New York –(UPI)– Expansion of the instant potato products field increased per capita consumption of spuds three pounds last year over the 1959 level, says a leading manufacturer.

With 70 per cent of American families using instant mashed potato products, per capita use rose to 103 pounds, after declining in previous years, reported the R. T. French Co.

The trend it toward seasoned products. Newest are the pre-sliced frying potatoes, in quarter slices, with an envelope of blended seasonings designed to give the flavor of home fries.

Two other new instant potato products, quick-bake potato boats with sour cream and creamy cheese sauces, were introduced in a midwestern test market this month. These products resemble whipped baked potatoes in oval aluminum shells. (Betty Crocker).

Dallas—Among the spring dresses modeled for Dallas manufacturers during a recent showing was a cotton frock featuring a full shirred skirt with giant saddle-bag pockets and multicolored stripe trim on skirt and v-yoke blouse. (UPI Telephoto)

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