



**FAMILY RETURNS**—Thomas E. Tait poses with his wife, Rita Marie, holding Tyrone, 2½ months, as their eight other children line the railing of the liner Independence at New York. Tait, an administrative officer of the U.S. consulate in Munich, Germany, and his family have re-

turned to this country for a visit at the home of Tait's mother in Bloomfield, N.J. All of the children were born abroad in such places as Malaya, England and Germany. From left, they are Kathy, William, Jonathan, Bryan, Geoffrey, Christina, Christopher and Tod.

(UPI Telephoto)

## Experimental Dimension Is Added To Merit Program

Chicago — A new experimental dimension has been added to the National Merit Scholarship Program, John M. Stalnaker, president, has announced.

He said 85 special four-year National Merit Scholarships will be awarded this month out of the Merit Corporation's own resources. They will cost NMSC more than \$400,000 for the period they are in force, he said.

The special National Merit Scholarships will be of four types:

1. For students whose records suggest promise for exceptional creative performance. 25 scholarships.

2. For students of marked academic ability who also have demonstrated an exceptionally determined effort to overcome severe financial or similar disadvantage. 20 scholarships.

3. For students who, while showing superior attainment and promise in one field, are not as distinguished in many fields as the typical National Merit Scholar. 20 scholarships.

4. For students who have shown an ability to depart from the traditional academic time pattern by entering college, with the approval of their secondary schools, with less than the full four years of secondary school education. 20 scholarships.

Recipients will be among the Merit Scholars who will be announced April 26, Stalnaker said, and all have been selected from among the Finalist group in the current competition.

Not Identified

However, he added, the particular students receiving the awards, for obvious reasons, will not be individually identified—either to the public or

to the recipients—as holders of the special scholarships in the experimental program.

Additional funds to finance the special scholarship were authorized by NMSC's board of directors at its last meeting. Many of the students were chosen with the aid of the National Merit Scholarship Selection committee, a group of educators who met last January to name National Merit Scholars.

"This experimental program results from three considerations," Stalnaker said. "We wished to apply the find-

ings of research, to incorporate the lessons of experience, and to strengthen certain aspects of the Merit Program in ways not previously possible.

"It is likely that the results of this practical experiment will lead to further improvements in the Merit Program. But this is not our only goal. We hope too that the findings will in time have a value for all persons and organizations concerned with the discovery and development of the nation's talented young people."

The Merit Program's research studies and the studies of others have shown that among very superior students, like the Merit Finalists, scholastic achievements has little relationship to creative performance, Stalnaker pointed

out. Similarly, he said, the traditional measures of scholastic aptitude are of little or no value for predicting creativity within the very superior group.

National Merit studies in this area began in 1958. The findings led to efforts to devise an experimental method to obtain some indication of a student's creative performance and potential. The work was conducted during 1959 and 1960. The results led to asking for various kinds of additional information from the Semifinalists in the current competition.

It was on the basis of information obtained in this way and through information provided by school counselors or principals that the special awards in the first category were made, he stated.

## Ethiopian Troops Kill Somalis

Mogadiscio, Somalia — Ethiopian troops using machineguns and bombs have killed more than 100 Somalis in Ethiopia near the French Somali and independent Somalia borders, according to delayed reports reaching here today.

Other shooting incidents involving Ethiopian troops and Somalis were reported from other areas in a renewal of violence that first broke out along the ill-defined frontiers three months ago.

A group of 92 Somali refugees from the Ethiopian town of Daghbur reached Hargeisa, in former British Somalia, and reported the massacre.

They said that on April 4 a large force of Ethiopian soldiers marched on Daghbur and razed the Somali section of the city after Somali leaders had asked the district governor for independence.

Child Unaware of Death of Relatives

Opelousas, La. — Five-year-old Tena Andrus remained in serious condition today, unaware that her sister and six other relatives were killed in a car-train collision on the outskirts of town.

State police said the driver of the car, Mrs. Charles Bernard, 30, apparently did not hear the Missouri-Pacific passenger train as she approached the deserted crossing Wednesday.

The train, moving slowly, dragged the car about 50 yards. The impact threw the occupants from the vehicle.

The dead were identified as Walter Andrus, 63, and his 61-year-old wife, and Mrs. Bernard's three children, Charles, 5, David, 3, and Mark, 2, and Joanne Andrus, 3, a grandchild of the Andrus couple. Mrs. Bernard was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrus. All lived in Opelousas.

## Child Slightly Hurt In Four-Story Fall

New York — Mrs. Theresa Sheenan's daughter, Margaret, 2, fell out of a fourth-story apartment window Wednesday while her mother was talking on the phone.

The girl landed in a courtyard but suffered only cuts and bruises, Mrs. Sheenan said she was so preoccupied on the phone she did not know the girl had fallen until neighbors informed her.

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## University Faculty Salaries Said Not In Strong Position

Eugene — Faculty salaries at the University of Oregon are not high enough to place the university in a strong bargaining position in today's competitive academic market, according to a study of the salary picture made for the Association for Higher Education of the National Education association.

The study, made by Dr. C. Ward Macy, professor and head of the economics department of the University of Oregon, is part of a publication issued by the Association for Higher Education. The publication, "Compensation on the Campus," is a compilation of case studies of college and university faculty compensation practices from 1951-52 through 1959-60.

Broad salary ranges at the university, as at all institutions of the Oregon state system of higher education, are established by the Oregon state board of higher education following study within the institution and subject to legislative appropriations. Salaries increase

While academic or faculty salaries at the University of Oregon have increased at a fairly steady and strong rate during the last decade, faculty salaries at other institutions with which the university is in competition have also shown a strong upward trend and at the close of the last academic year, the university average trailed behind the 20-institutional average on which comparisons have been made.

The study also underlines the limitations on supplementary benefits, which in many institutions add greatly to the salary compensation. "Benefits in the nature of insurance, retirement, and medical care for academic personnel of the University of Oregon are very limited," writes Macy.

The university employees are covered by social security legislation and they do have a state retirement program which gives them a reasonable retirement allowance at age 65, if their service has been long enough—say 25 years or more.

Macy states that "The University of Oregon is handicapped in recruiting staff members because it lacks a satisfactory retirement program." No Live Insurance

No group life insurance is provided by the University for its academic staff, nor is there provision made for employees to participate in such

## UN President Speaks at Eugene

Eugene — President Frederick H. Boland of the United Nations General Assembly said here Wednesday night the situation that faces the U.N. is one of tension.

Boland, from Ireland, said this was caused in part by the fact that new nations were finding national independence itself had not brought them the immediate education, welfare and living standards for which they had hoped.

"If they lose too much faith in freedom," Boland said, "they may surrender their personal liberty to some foreign or totalitarian rule in belief that in so doing they may insure a better material future for themselves and their children."

Boland described the U.N. as the "furthest point to which the world community has so far shown itself prepared to go toward institutionalizing its common interests in the preservation of world peace and order."

He spoke at the opening session of a model U.N. at the University of Oregon before about 3,000 persons.

## Game Officials Criticize Udall

Portland — Oregon — The State Game Commission today criticized Interior Secretary Stewart Udall for withdrawing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service witnesses from Federal Power Commission hearings here recently.

The hearings were held in connection with rival proposals to build Mountain Sheep and Nez Perce Dams on the Snake river.

The witnesses had been developed in close association and cooperation with state fishery agencies of northwest states. It said withdrawal of the witnesses "tends to weaken the position of fish resources as it relates to water development in general."

The commission also claimed a four-year "crash" program designed to solve fish passage problems at high dams on the Snake was not a safe projection of a time schedule.

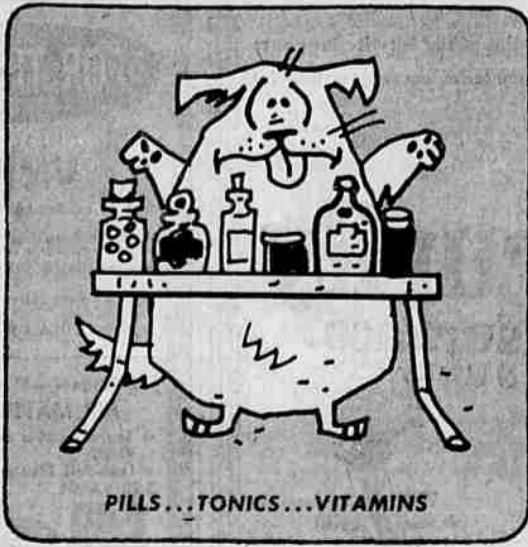
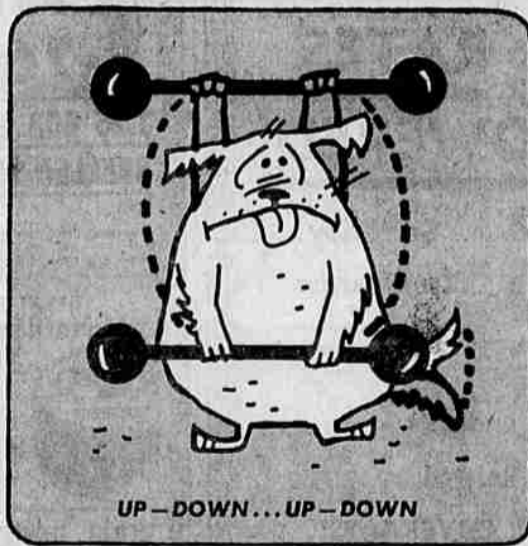
MINE OUTPUT

Hibbing — Since one open pit iron mine here in northern Minnesota was opened in 1895, it has yielded more material than was originally excavated for the building of the Panama canal.

LIVESTOCK LAND

Omaha — Two-thirds of the livestock of the U. S. is raised west of the Mississippi river.

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