

Small Worlds Around Us
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What's More Miraculous Than Growth of Tiny Seed?
More miraculous than any chemical experiment ever performed in any laboratory is that strange chemistry of growth in a seed... any seed, from the largest to the smallest, and that range is tremendous.
First prize for size probably would go to the coconut, some of which are as large as a half bushel basket. On the other end of the scale, a petunia seed or the seed of a birth tree both are pretty tiny. It takes about 400,000 of either one to weigh a pound.
It must have been confusing to that early scientist who tried to estimate what size plant would grow from a certain seed. The acorn is much smaller than a coconut, yet an oak tree is larger and greater in bulk than a palm tree.

Can Get Confusing
In our attempts to classify, this seed business can get confusing. Take peas, the common garden variety, and beans, these are true seeds. But peach pits are not. The seed is the meaty part inside; the same seems to be true of wheat and corn. The bran is on the outside, the seed within.
Nature went all out in devising ways for the distribution of seeds. The idea was to carry them as far away from the parent plant as possible. They have a better chance that way of finding a fertile spot in which to grow.
In nature's repertoire of tricks she made some pretty clever adaptations. Imagine using ocean currents as conveyors, but that is the way the largest of the seeds have a chance to grow on tropical islands at a great distance. A coconut seed, dropped from a



COMPLETES COURT - Norwegian-born Reidun Meldal, above, has been selected by Marshall High school in Portland as its Rose Festival Queen candidate. The 18-year-old miss is the last of the candidates from Portland high schools to be selected. (UPI)

tree in South America may blowed, stick close to the parent plant and roll over the earth for considerable distances. Every little while a few seeds fall off, that's the idea.
For every seed that sprouts and grows to maturity, millions often are produced. Seeds go to feed birds, animals of all kinds, and many other forms of life. Nineteenth of all people on this earth live on seeds.
Peculiar indeed that asleep in a tiny seed is that mysterious spark of life that needs only the chemistry of light, moisture and a little time.

Your Money's Worth
By SYLVIA PORTER
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CONGRESS TAKING 'THE GIANT STEP'
Since March, the U.S. Congress has had the enormous responsibility of deciding whether in 1962 the United States turns outward and takes a giant step toward a trade partnership with a united and competitive Europe or turns inward and deliberately risks shrinking to the status of a second-rate economic power.
Congress is making the decision now. We are turning outward, taking the giant step.
We are laying the foundation for what will be a great trade partnership among the industrialized nations on both sides of the Atlantic. We are saying to equals who also are rivals, we will greet you as equals and accept you as rivals.
All of this and more is inherent in the brilliant fact that after months of around-the-clock debate, the House Ways and Means Committee is placing on the floor for vote by the House a Trade Expansion Act of 1962 which is extraordinarily close to the bill President Kennedy requested. The key fight has been won; the House will not substantially amend a bill on which its Ways and Means Committee has worked so long. The Senate won't be a pushover; but it won't emasculate this bill either.
Victory for Kennedy's revolutionary program is in sight, therefore, and it is simultaneously both exhilarating and sobering.
Soon President Kennedy will have the most sweeping powers ever given to a U.S. President to smash and eliminate the tariff walls which protect our industries and workers from foreign competition in return for similar moves by Europe's Common Market nations. He'll have power to erase entirely tariffs on a long list of products of which the U.S. and the Common Market are dominant producers. He'll have authority to cut other tariffs by 50 per cent.
Corporations which are badly hurt by the increased imports will get major help in the form of loans, tax relief, assistance on reorganizing and modernizing. Workers whose jobs are eliminated will get major assistance in the form of retraining, readjustment allowances, aid in moving to where jobs are available. Of course, tariffs will remain in many instances and there still are "escape" clauses but the direction of this crucial act—greatest trade through freer trade—remains as Kennedy set it.
What will it mean?
Fundamentally, it will signal the emergence of a magnificent Atlantic partnership in which we'll play a leading role and which could be decisive in winning the Cold War for the West.
It will help spur our economic growth through expanding our exports to Europe and other areas which permit our goods to come in on a more competitive basis. By expanding our exports, it'll help make jobs and profits here and also help shrink the dangerous deficit in our balance of payments.
It will give you, as a consumer, a chance to buy more quality imports at attractive prices—fine for you—and be an added defense against inflationary price hikes by our producers.
It will put intensified pressure on our industries to modernize their factories, replace their obsolete equipment so they can compete more aggressively at home and abroad. Not ever have so many factors flashed at one time the message to our nation's industrialists to modernize or die and the warning to both businessmen and labor leaders that both price and wage boosts must be restrained.
It will cause upheaval in many fields, increase joblessness and bankruptcies in industries which can't compete with foreign producers. The assistance programs, though, will be there and Europe's experience with these demonstrates the programs work.
But most of all, the law as it is emerging will say the United States is not afraid, we have faith in our own competitiveness, our own abilities, we're ready to negotiate and compete with equals as equals, we think we all will come out ahead via freer trade.
This is a turning point in our history. And the 87th Congress, living up to the best of our traditions, is in the spring of 1962 turning outward and upward to peaks never before touched.

Oregon State One Of Major Centers For NSF Institutes

Corvallis - Oregon State university will be one of America's major centers this summer for science teacher and student institutes sponsored by National Science Foundation.
It also will play host to one of the nation's biggest scientific meetings - that of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.
The meetings, held each fall on the campus of a leading U.S. science institution, will draw 4,000 scientists. Twenty-four scientific societies make up the AIBS and another 24 are affiliate groups.
Grants Total \$200,000
OSU has received grants totaling \$200,000 to offer five special institutes for 150 selected high school and college science teachers from across the country and for 80 highly-ability high school students. President James H. Jensen said.
All are part of a giant program organized by National Science Foundation to improve science and mathematics teaching and to increase the U.S. supply of top-flight scientists and teachers.
OSU was one of 16 universities picked by NSF to start academic-year institutes in 1956 and has been on the select list each year since then.

Bacterial Diarrhea Strikes at Fairview

Salem - EPI - Some 70 children and young adults are ill at Fairview Home after an outbreak of bacterial diarrhea.
Dr. J. M. Pomeroy, institution superintendent, said the disease is similar to the diarrhea which sometimes plagues servicemen.
He said the youngsters are "moderately to severely ill." None are critical.

Summer Music School Scheduled

Eugene - High school music students can get a preview of campus life this summer by attending the High School Music Session at the University of Oregon.
Outstanding high school students from 14 through 18 who have had at least two years experience in a musical organization and want specialized training in music are eligible.
From June 17-30, the band session will be held. Symphonic, concert, prep and dance bands will be included. The orchestra session will be held from July 1-14. Divisions to be included are symphony, string, chamber music and solo performance.
Applications for admission may be obtained from Ira D. Lee, director, High School Summer Session, school of music, University of Oregon, Eugene.

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Oregon City Auto Mishap Kills Woman
Portland - EPI - Margaret L. Donnelly, 43, Oregon City, died Wednesday in a Portland hospital from injuries suffered in a one-car accident in Oregon City Tuesday.
She was a passenger in a car driven by William R. Anderson, 42, that went out of control and struck a utility pole.

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