

### Historians May See 1960s as Gas Light Era

NEW YORK (UPI) — Not only are homeowners cooking with gas these days, they're heating with it, cooling with it, disposing of their garbage by means of it and, just for good measure, they're lighting with it again.

Indeed, historians of the future may well refer to the 1960s as the 20th century gas light era in America.

More than 35 million customers now use gas for fuel and it provides 29 per cent of the nation's energy requirements, according to industry sources.

Gas for cooking long has been the accepted thing in many homes. Gas for heating has enjoyed steadily increasing popularity and now gas air conditioning is growing by leaps and bounds. Many modern families dispose of their trash and garbage in odorless, smokeless, gas-fired incinerators.

And, strange as it may seem, the past five years has seen really tremendous growth in gas lighting.

No, Americans haven't gone back to reading by gas light, but they are using gas lamps for illumination and for decorative purposes around patios, swimming pools and other recreational areas. Restaurants and other public places have turned to gas light for an added touch of cheerfulness and the U. S. Coast Guard has even approved gas lights for navigational aides on a causeway near Sandusky, Ohio.

Frederick H. Robinson, senior vice president of Panhandle Eastern Pipe line, a pioneer in long-distance transmission of natural gas from the field to the consumer, estimates there are 750,000 to 1 million outdoor gas lights in use today — more than in the pre-incandescent peak year of 1914 when about 300,000 gas lamps lighted city streets across the nation.

So popular have these lights become in the past five years that about 20 manufacturers are working to meet the demand, Robinson said. These lamps, he said, still use virtually the same mantle they have used for 80 years since its invention by Dr. Carl Auer Von Welsbach. Only the wire formerly used in the burner tip has been replaced by a ceramic material.

But while many of the lights of the 1880s were fed by so-called "burning springs" where natural gas had seeped to the surface, the lights in use today are fueled by natural gas that often travels thousands of miles before being burned.

Today, although few of these springs still exist, Robinson said, one is to be found near Decatur, Ill., just north of the natural gas transmission lines of Panhandle Eastern. The spring, now confined in a small concrete water pit, bubbles up every 45 to 60 seconds.

### Morse Criticizes Portland NAACP

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Wednesday criticized the Portland, Ore., chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for threatening to picket President Kennedy at Portland.

"It just isn't good manners to invite a guest to your home and then insult and embarrass him," Morse declared.

He told the Senate that "I can not think of anything that would be more impolite" than to have the President picketed after he had been invited to the city.

Morse said the Oregon members of Congress requested Kennedy pass up the dedication of a Portland housing project to avoid possible embarrassment. The Portland Negro group contended that Negroes were being discriminated against by the housing authority which operated the project.

The President did not stop at Portland on his recent western trip.

### Birth Control Clinic Opens Doors

PORTLAND (UPI) — Oregon's first birth control clinic opened here Wednesday under the sponsorship of the Planned Parenthood Association of Oregon, Inc.

The clinic has a staff of 22 physicians on a part-time basis and 20 nurses. It offers services on an ability-to-pay basis.

The clinic is operating with private funds, but will be open to state welfare patients who request help.

Mrs. Charles Fosterling, Portland, association president, said the clinic is set up to aid married couples or couples planning to get married. "We want to promote wanted children," she said.

RECOGNIZE NATIONALISTS WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department has informed Russia that the United States still considers Nationalist China as the "legitimate government in China."

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