

Sweden Said Operating Capitalistic Society in Welfare State

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 STOCKHOLM (UPI)—Sweden, the "great neutral" of Europe, operates a capitalistic society



"GREAT NEUTRAL"—Sweden, shown in this map, is known as the "great neutral" of Europe. Swedes enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. The country has not been engaged in a major war for almost 150 years. (UPI)

in a welfare state and Swedes enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. The country has not been engaged in a major war for almost 150 years. It most notably stood out of both world wars in this century. Swedes are apt to be a little touchy about their "neutrality" which they maintain is strictly a military one. The country's political sympathies lie squarely with the West. To the Swede, there is also a wide misunderstanding of the country's "socialism." It is not a socialistic state in the accepted term. Sweden has been governed since 1932—except for an all-party wartime coalition—by a labor majority government. But the economy is largely a

free enterprise one and more than 90 per cent of industry and business is privately owned and operated.

Firmly Established
 In this framework of democracy, the welfare state has become firmly established. The state takes care of the unemployed, the sick, the disabled and mentally ill; health insurance is compulsory for every citizen and includes maternity benefits. There are state allowances for all children under 16 years of age; all Swedes get a government pension at the age

of 67 and at the same age every man or woman who has held a job receives by law an additional pension based on earnings. The "working pension" is paid by employers.

In Europe, only France, Spain and the USSR are larger and the country covers 173,378

square miles in which live slightly more than 7 million people. More than half the population lives in the country's cities. Stockholm, a city of modernistic business and apartment buildings, is the capital. More than 1,125,000 persons live in Stockholm and its environs.

Highest Standard
 Industry, enterprise and natural resources have given Sweden Europe's highest standard of living. Swedish steel, gun bearings, pneumatic drills, guns and matches have for many years been among the nation's

major exports, and in more recent years Swedish glass and furniture.

WEATHER BUREAU BEAMS
 ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI)—The normally staid U.S. Weather Bureau here enthused over the brightness and position of the moon Wednesday night sent the following note on its teletype wire:
 "Hey everyone... look at that moon... to the east... wowee."

In labor relations Sweden has set standards much of the civilized world has tried to copy. The last major labor strife in Sweden took place shortly after World War II. It was Communist-led and resulted in a major defeat for the Reds who since then have had very little voice in Swedish labor unions.

Workers Well Paid
 Skilled workers are well paid in all forms of enterprise. The country's average national income in the last year reported, 1961, was 10,919 crowns \$2,160

which represented a climb from 1959 of more than 2,000 crowns \$400. Wages have climbed again since.

Sweden is a constitutional monarchy with a government similar to Britain's. Its King is Gustaf Adolf VI. In present day Sweden there is discussion of whether the monarchy should be abolished. The King is in his 81st year and the Crown Prince, Carl Gustaf, is not yet 18. Proponents of doing away with the monarchy have argued that upon the King's death the succession could be done away with.

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THE Lighter Side...
 BY DICK WEST
Golfing Farmers May Break 'Parity'

By DICK WEST
 WASHINGTON (UPI)—Back in the days before Arnold Palmer was invented, people in rural areas used to ridicule the game of golf by calling it "pasture pool."
 This rude jest was particularly amusing to the golfers in my home town in Texas because the course they played on actually was an old pasture.
 Being unable to afford a groundskeeper, they used to let the cows graze on the links to keep down the jimson weeds on

Crater Logging Bids High for Timber

Crater Logging company, Prospect, was high bidder recently for 1,010,000 board feet of national forest timber in the Minnehaha Blowdown area, Union Creek Ranger district, Rogue River National forest.
 Forest Supervisor, C. E. Brown said the high bid totaled \$12,248.50, compared with the forest service appraised price of \$11,916, an increase of 3 per cent.
 Next high bidder in the oral auction was Kogap Manufacturing company of Medford.
 Timber in the unit consisted of 150,000 board feet of Douglas fir bid at \$26 per thousand board feet; 250,000 board feet of western white pine, ponderosa pine, and sugar pine bid at \$12.50 per thousand board feet; 160,000 board feet of Shasta red fir bid at \$10.85 per thousand board feet, and 450,000 board feet of white fir and other species bid at \$7.75 per thousand board feet.

Enrollments Being Accepted for Class

ASHLAND—Those interested in taking Math 200, Analytic Geometry and Calculus taught by A. L. Siebenlist, Southern Oregon college assistant professor of mathematics, may enroll this week during the day and from 6:15 to 7 p.m. through Thursday in the registrar's office at Southern Oregon college.
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