

### Birth Control Provision Tacked To Aid Program

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a move certain to trigger a political uproar, has urged the administration to supply birth control information to underdeveloped nations seeking to "maintain a reasonable balance of population and resources."

The committee's amendment, sponsored by Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) was tacked on to a \$4.2 billion foreign aid authorization bill sent to the Senate for action by the committee Tuesday. It marked the first time the committee had specifically authorized aid funds for such use.

**Trimming Expected**

The committee bill, headed for expected trimming in the Senate, fell below the \$4.5 billion asked by President Kennedy. It was about \$700 million more than the \$3.5 billion voted by the House, however.

The bill, with its emotion-charged birth control amendment, comes up for formal consideration by the Senate Monday, although there was a chance that Fulbright would deliver his opening statement today. A floor fight seemed likely.

At present the Agency for International Development (AID), which oversees the program, is not legally barred from dispensing birth control information, though it has not done so.

**EXPLOSIVE**

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — A high school student here was discouraged about a chemical mixture he was preparing in his basement laboratory. He called his teacher to list the ingredients and ask for advice.

"Don't touch anything," the teacher spat. Next the teacher notified Army authorities asking them to send a bomb demolition squad to the boy's home. The student had unwittingly concocted a quart of nitroglycerin.



**PRODUCT OF REVOLUTIONS** — Modern Mexico is a product of four major revolutions in the last 450 years, and of a territory of highly diversified topography and climates. This UPI newspaper shows Mexico. (UPI)

## Modern Mexico Is Product of Four Revolutions in 450 Years

**EDITORS NOTE:** Here is another in the series of articles on nations of the world written by United Press International correspondents living and working in the various countries.

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MEXICO CITY (UPI)—Modern Mexico is the product of four major revolutions in the last 450 years, and of a territory of highly diversified topography and climates, as well as of a population with a wide range of ethnic, social and economic influences.

The Spanish conquest in the third decade of the 16th century was the beginning of the consolidation of Mexico as a nation. This revolution brought a new religion and a new way of life to an area of semi-nomadic tribes and of established native Indian empires such as the Aztec and Maya. It also established the biological basis for today's typical Mexican — the "Mestizo"—a mixture of Spaniard and Indian.

The political revolution that brought Mexico independence from Spain in 1821 ended the colonial status of a land whose territory extended from Central America far northward to much of what is today the United States' Southwest and Far West.

The reform movement in the 1860's overthrew a feudal government which was choking back progress.

The 1910 revolution, known in Mexico today as The Revolution, was a social explosion against repression that had reached unbearable degree under Porfirio Diaz, a military hero who clung to power until overthrown by the Francisco Madero insurgent movement.

Following a decade of bloody civil war, during which an estimated million lives were lost, Mexico adopted a new ad-

vanced constitution in 1917, a document which has been the blueprint for construction of today's Mexico.

**Property of State**

Although some regard the constitution as "socialistic," the official view is that it is "social democratic" and that it incorporates centuries-old social, legal and economic ideas.

Article 27 of the constitution, one of the controversial sections, establishes that all land and waters are originally property of the nation, and that private property originates by the transfer of public property.

As a result of the provisions of Article 27, Mexico was able to expropriate the foreign-owned petroleum properties in 1938. The government by then already owned the railroad system, and the domestic telegraph system, and later acquired the international lines, as well as radio communications. Last August, the Mexican Telephone Company gave the government a 40 per cent interest and a place on the board of directors.

Three years ago the government bought out the electric power systems owned by two international combines, and there has been official talk about taking over all Mexican airlines and setting up a single Mexican flag line.

The government also owns steel mills, meat packing plants, motion picture theaters, fertilizer plants, hotels, automobile assembly plants, and many other industries and businesses.

**Jobs Are Scarce**

Labor is cheap and the labor market is chronically overcrowded. That is why this country has accepted, with some reluctance, the annual temporary emigration of several hundred thousand farmhands (braceros) to the United States. The braceros also bring in a substantial amount of dollar exchange. And their exodus helps relieve some of the economic pressure, especially in the rural areas.

The daily minimum wage in Mexico City is 17.50 pesos (under \$1.50 in U.S. money), and in most other places it has been much lower. Assembly line skilled workers in most plants earn in a day what their counterparts make in an hour.

More than a million of Mexico's total estimated population of 38 million do not speak the country's language, Spanish. The 30 or more native tribes in various parts of the country speak that many dialects.

Although education has made great strides (the government spends more in this field than it does on the armed forces), the actual number of illiterates in the country is greater than 20 years ago. But the percentage of illiteracy has gone down substantially.

Rural underdevelopment, in contrast to expanding industrialization, accounts for another basic problem—the lack of domestic markets to consume what the newly built factories can produce. This low purchasing power has slowed the country's growth, and no real solution is in sight.

### Health Department Gives Wives Tips

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI)—The Washington State Health Department offers this advice to busy housewives:

"Scramble the work instead of finishing arduous tasks, one at a time, so as to use different sets of muscles."

"Avoid burying. Frequent short rest periods are more valuable than one long rest period after a job is done."

"Don't sit too long in one position."

**CAUSE**

SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI)—The Federal Aviation Agency says 61 per cent of weather-associated airplane accidents involve private pilots with a "large portion" involving flyers who did not obtain weather briefings even though the service was available.

## Records Reveal Fascinating Stories

By JAIME PLENN  
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MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Secrets of the Spanish Inquisition, including the Jewish origin of many Latin American families, are being revealed here to scholars as a result of greater accessibility of the Roman Catholic church tribunal's records of several hundred years ago.

The newly available material, provided with cooperation of Mexican authorities, was described here by a North American scholar, Dr. Seymour Liebman, formerly of Miami, Fla., who has been engaged in research for several years on a projected "History of the Jews in Mexico."

Liebman paid tribute to earlier scholars who have dug into Inquisition records in various places, including Spain and other European countries, in South America and Mexico. He also praised the scribes of the Inquisition, whose records, he said, "are almost fantastic in the wealth of detail and the completeness of some of the trials."

"Thousands of human dramas, 'more exciting than any work of fiction,' are to be found in the Inquisition records, Liebman said.

He cited one unusually interesting story, that of Francisco Maldonado de Silva, who was baptized as a Catholic but became a Jew and then discovered that his father, who practiced the Catholic faith, had been brought before the Inquisition as a heretic and released as a penitent, with a monetary fine.

Young de Silva was born about 1593 and lived in Chile and Peru, Liebman said. He then told of the influence exerted on de Silva by a book written in Spain in the 15th cen-

tury by a Jew who had become a Catholic.

"That man in Spain," Liebman said, "was Rabbi Solomon ha-Levi, who had voluntarily embraced Christianity to further his personal ambitions, according to researchers. He adopted the name of Pablo de Santa Maria, became a member of the Council of State in Spain, and co-regent for the Infante, Juan II."

Seeking to convince other Jews to follow his example, Pablo de Santa Maria wrote a book, "Scrutinium Scripturum," which bore his title of Bishop of Burgos. In addition, he also was papal delegate to the Spanish court.

When Francisco Maldonado de Silva — who became a leading surgeon in Peru eventually — read the "Scrutinium Scripturum," at the age of 18, he was deeply disturbed and, instead of finding confirmation for his Catholic faith, he felt stronger about Judaism, Liebman said.

"Young Francisco became a believing Jew, but still outwardly observed some of the Catholic practices. In an effort to convert a sister, who had remained a devout Catho-

lic, he was denounced by her to the Holy Office.

"He was arrested in 1627 and incarcerated until 1639, when he

was burned at the stake. During his imprisonment, the Church had done all in its power to re-convert him to Christianity. Fifteen disputations and debates were had between him and leading Catholic authorities."

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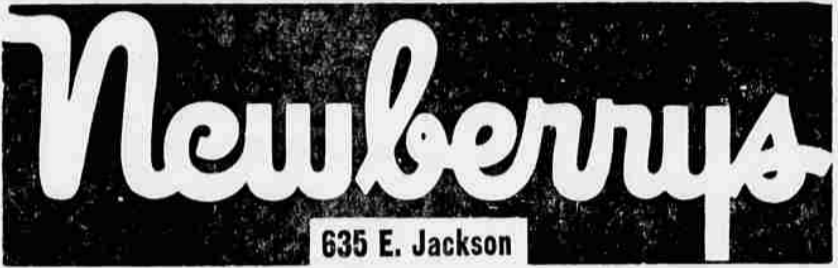
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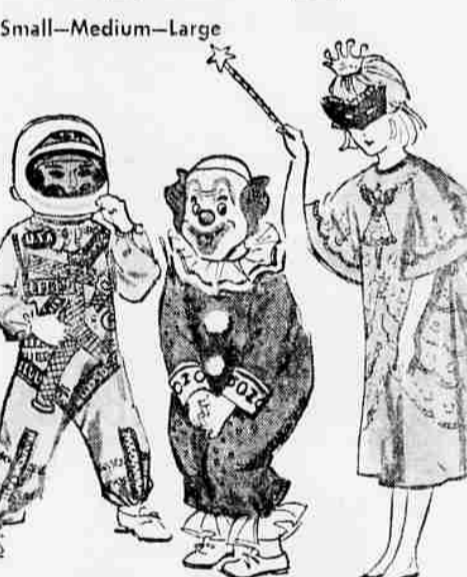


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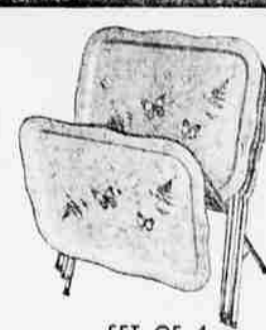


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