

DDT Will Not Upset 'Balance Of Nature'

"Nature is grossly out of balance when there are extensive outbreaks of insect pests." This is one of the comments of Dr. P. N. Annand of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, in regard to frequently expressed and widely published fears that DDT is dangerous because it may "upset the balance of nature."

Dr. Annand emphasizes the pressing need for a great deal

more research into just such problems. He says that ever since DDT has been available in quantities that made fairly large scale tests possible, the scientific workers of his bureau in cooperation with other interested agencies, have been making increasingly comprehensive tests of DDT in experiments that would give authoritative information as to the effects of the chemical on beneficial insects, birds, and other wildlife.

He emphasizes that results have been generally encouraging. One of the early fears was that DDT would destroy too many bees, which are useful as honey collectors and even more valuable as pollinizers of many crops, particularly legumes and fruit. Tests indicate that DDT is not as deadly to bees as was feared. In work so far it has appeared less deadly than the arsenical sprays now commonly used, and there is evidence that beekeepers may come around to view DDT as a promising relief from arsenic poisoning of bees.

In regard to large scale use of DDT, which appears to offer for the first time a practical control for some forest insects, Dr. Annand says: "The occurrence of these outbreaks in itself is evidence that the beneficial insects, birds and other predators have failed in holding the population down, and that a supplement is needed to bring the insect population more nearly in balance with the vegetation on which it feeds."

Dr. Annand pointed out that when a forest area is almost completely killed by such a pest as the spruce budworm, the effect is a disturbance of the "balance of nature" that can be compared to the effects of a forest fire. Wildlife, birds, other insects, and even fish are displaced and destroyed rather completely by the forest fire or by the death of most of the trees. In contrast, fairly large scale tests of DDT indicate that DDT may check a pest that is on the rampage and thus actually restore the balance of nature that would otherwise be destroyed. Birds, wildlife, and beneficial insects are soon able to return to treated areas, although a killing of the trees by the pest, if not controlled, might keep them out for years.

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Mrs. Alice Hershberger smiles as she gives up the keys of Hershberger's cafe, established by her late husband 12 years ago, to the new owner, Lewis Taylor.

Lewis Taylor Purchases Hershberger's Cafe Here

Another business change occurred in Klamath Falls when Mrs. Alice Hershberger relinquished the keys of Hershberger's cafe, 421 Main, to the new owner, Lewis Taylor on Wednesday.

Taylor purchased the business established 12 years ago by the late Jack R. Hershberger, from the heirs, Mrs. Hershberger, Elizabeth Jane and James Ronald Hershberger, together with the building on January 9.

The late Mr. Hershberger was a pioneer in restaurant business, taking an active interest over 25 years ago. Twelve years ago he opened the cafe which operated under his name, later purchasing the building which housed it. Two years ago he remodeled and modernized the restaurant.

After his death August 12, 1944, his widow took over the management of the business. She will take a rest for a few months before making any further business plans.

Taylor, owner and operator of Lakeshore Inn and until January 1, partner with William Elliott in the Waldorf pool room, plans to retain the name "Hershberger" for the restaurant. The only changes will be remodeling the storm doors at the entrance. Later, when sugar rationing is

lifted, a bake shop will be incorporated in the restaurant which will be operated by R. W. "Bud" Graham, Taylor said.

Taylor was released recently from the armed forces after three and one half years' duty with the army in South America as a troop carrier commander and glider pilot instructor. During his absence Elliott took care of his business interests here and bought his share in the Waldorf on January 1.

Pickets Called Off Coffee Shop Patrol

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 10 (AP)—Pickets at the Redwoods coffee shop were called off their beat Wednesday afternoon after an agreement was signed between the shop and local No. 329 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance.

Picketing was begun December 18 in an effort by the union to gain recognition and an agreement on wage scale.

The agreement was signed for the coffee shop by Mrs. Coral Robertson, manager, and Mrs. Marjorie Barnes, secretary for local 329.

Stewart Takes Forester Post

Lt. Col. Loran L. Stewart, now on terminal leave from the army and formerly on the staff of the Fremont national forest, will assume a position on the regional forester's staff in Portland about March 1, according to word received here. Col. Stewart returned to Oregon in December after approximately two years' service in the India-Burma-China theater of operation where he recently has been with the Chinese combat com-

mand. He is the wearer of the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service and has received the Chinese Grand Star of Honor medal from the Chinese government.

Before his induction on May 16, 1942, Col. Stewart had worked on the Fremont forest staff since he was transferred from Baker, Ore., in July, 1939. He was in charge of timber sales and land exchange activities on the Fremont. In his new job in Portland, Stewart will work in the private forestry section of the division of state and private forestry assisting private land owners with their forestry problems.

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The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP World Traveler

PARIS, Jan. 10 — One of the cardinal principles of the De Gaulle government is absolute freedom of the press, not only for publication in France but for collection of news in this country to be printed abroad.



MACKENZIE

There has been no censorship of any kind since V-J Day. You can write anything you wish, always assuming, of course, that you keep within the laws of libel and similar statutes.

These are days when the world at large is engaging in a good deal of double talk—saying one thing and meaning another—but there is plenty of evidence to indicate that the French government means business when it talks of freedom of the press. Despite the shortage of newspaper, which has to be imported, any legitimate newspaper can be started.

Three Dozen Papers
So far as is known the government hasn't refused a single license for the starting of a newspaper. The result is that the capital now has three dozen newspapers, which is twice as many as it had before the war.

Naturally Paris can't support so many papers, and they are one-page affairs. Also a goodly number are political party organs and don't pay their way. However, the government is giving everyone equal opportunities for publication.

The government itself, by the way, is said to have no newspaper representation.

In order to prevent abuses of freedom of the press, the government is preparing a new press law—something France never had before. This will make it obligatory to disclose to the public the names of all those who are backing a newspaper, so that the complexion of the paper may be quite clear. The law, as projected, also will prevent the subsidizing of a newspaper by a foreign government.

Lt. Ory Heads Post Building

Lt. Francis J. Ory, public works officer of the U. S. navy civil engineer corps, arrived December 29 from Davisville, R. I., to take charge of completing construction at the Marine Barracks.

He is replacing Lt. Comdr. W. N. Hedlin who went on inactive service on that date. Construction yet to be finished at the Barracks includes work on the PX cafeteria, the additional wing on the ward building, putting another boiler in the heating plant and completing the second story on the administration building.

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Interest Low In Election

SALEM, Jan. 10 (AP)—Only some 40,000 of the 147,085 persons registered are expected to vote tomorrow in the special election in the first district to pick a successor to the late U. S. Rep. James W. Mott, Salem, who died last November 11.

There has been little interest displayed in the brief campaign between Walter Norblad, Astoria Republican, and Bruce Spaulding, Salem democrat.

Political observers here predicted a close race despite the fact that there are 81,774 registered republicans in the district, compared with 62,580 democrats. Spaulding, who will appear on the ballot as an independent, has a considerable following among republicans.

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