

'Y' Director Highlights Club Aims

To promote understanding between schools is part of the purpose of the YMCA's high school conference, "Youth Faces the Future," said Carl Metzger, the "Y" Shasta district director, at the conference which was held in the Methodist church Tuesday.

Eight high schools participated in the youth conference, including Bly, Henley, Tulelake, Gilchrist, Butte Valley and KUHHS.

Registration of the 72 delegates was completed early in the morning and started the round of events for the day. Discussion groups followed the introduction of the delegates and panels conducted in the morning concerned parent education, preparation for homemaking and cliques and gangs.

Topics for the afternoon discussion groups were, dating boy-girl relations, recreation and student-parent relations. These subjects were chosen by the high school students themselves at a previous meeting during which plans for the conference were made.

Guest speaker for the affair was Dr. Ralph Eckert, consultant in parent education, state of California.

US Woman Convicted Of Nazi Leanings

MUNICH, Germany, April 28 (AP)—A Bavarian denazification court has convicted Baroness Erna von Redwitz, a native American citizen, of being a follower of nazis. Charges have been filed against a second U. S. citizen.

Both actions were taken in the absence of the defendants. They were the first denazification charges to be filed in Bavaria against any persons other than German citizens. The Germans obtained permission from the military government to proceed.

Baroness von Redwitz, now presumed to be living in Chicago, was fined 2000 marks. (The mark, valued at 10 cents at the military rate of exchange, is now held at 30 cents for most purposes in the American and British zones). In order to regain property she left in Germany she must come here and present a claim.

Richard J. Franke, 42, a German-born American citizen, has been indicted by German officials as an early member of the Nazi party. Franke, an interior decorator, is listed as a resident of Detroit, Mich. Both the baroness and Franke were repatriated to the United States after the war because neither had lost American citizenship.

Defense In Alaska Hit

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (AP)—Alaska's Governor Ernest Gruening says maybe Soviet airmen have flown over Alaska recently—but he doesn't believe it. They don't need to, he adds; Russia already knows "everything we have there."

Alaskan defenses now are as inadequate as they were when the last war began and Japanese seized Kiska, he told interviewers here yesterday. He said that for many years before the war Alaska's defenses were 200 infantrymen—without machinegun or anti-aircraft guns.

Gruening said he thought the territory never would be developed fully unless it achieved statehood. Blocking statehood, he said, was "a monopoly of Seattle shipping interests, absentee mining interests, and others they have convinced." But he added that "we have every hope that the Alaska statehood bill will get through the house this session."

King Conducts Radio Orchestra

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 28 (AP)—King Frederik IX conducted the radio broadcasting orchestra at the Copenhagen broadcasting station privately Tuesday. The music was recorded for the king's collection of concertos conducted by himself.

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Boyle's Column

Diamond Business Gaining As US Moves Into Top Spot

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—The dry ice business—the sale of diamonds for the glitter trade or industrial use—is getting more of an American accent. And Uncle Sam is buying heavily.

Before the war 75 per cent of the world's diamonds were marketed in the United States.

"Now it's about 85 per cent," said Joseph Baumgold, secretary of the world's largest diamond cutting firm, "and business is up 35 per cent over last year."

The number one customer is the man who wants to plunk down \$200 to \$500 for a ring as a gift to his wife-to-be or an anniversary present for his wife.

That will get him a stone of from one-fifth to one-half a karat—depending on its quality—or a ring made of "melee"—diamond fragments smaller than one-fifth of a karat.

Mass Business
Diamonds are a mass rather than a class business. Only 15 per cent of it is on the luxury level—over \$500 a stone.

Biggest buyer today after the prospective bridegroom is—Uncle Sam.

"The government is stockpiling diamonds again," said Baumgold. "They are a strategic mineral."

He wouldn't go into any detail. The two things diamond dealers dislike discussing most are the extent of government purchases and those by moneyed men who buy diamonds for women they aren't married to and don't intend to marry. Smart buyers tend to get diamonds for their wives at one store and those destined for other ladies at another shop. It cuts down embarrassing errors—the kind a man doesn't like to make.

Two customs the dealers are trying to encourage: The buying of "melee" diamonds for women's wedding rings and the practice some wives have developed of giving their husbands gold wedding bands containing one to three diamonds.

Worn as Warning
They figure it's worth the money to them if they wear the ring that warns other women that their man's

off the matrimonial market," said one dealer cheerfully.

War has changed the diamond market in several ways. Few people know or remember that the diamond is the hardest thing on earth—tougher than a banker's heart in a depression. Industry has found nothing to take its place to cut and grind metals.

"Before the war 95 per cent of the diamonds here went into the gem trade," said Baumgold. "Only 5 per cent were used industrially. Now it's about 25 per cent."

It is one business where they can't afford the old industry slogan: "Let the chips fall where they may."

Warning Given On Medicine

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—The food and drug administration issued a nationwide warning against use of a particular brand of injection drug, and said a country-wide search for missing bottles is under way.

The material is called "Code No. C M 8164 of 5 per cent glucose in normal saline" and it is manufactured by Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, Calif.

"This product is contaminated and may cause injury," the administration said.

Glucose-saline is the most commonly used intravenous fluid for treatment of patients suffering from such conditions as shock and collapse.

But the FDA's warning was issued only against the code number CM 8164 product manufactured by the Cutter laboratories.

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Better Pay Asked For Ministers

BOSTON, April 28 (AP)—The Methodist Rural Fellowship Tuesday prepared a demand for better training and paid county ministers.

The request will be presented at the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist church which opens here tomorrow.

Professor C. M. McConnell of Boston university told a Fellowship group last night that special attention should be given to the needs of the rural church.

He suggested some sort of a minimum salary arrangement to be paid from a pooling of money for pastoral support.

He said that rural churches had little representation at past conferences, although they served an area containing 42 per cent of the church population.

"In the past," he said, "not more than a couple of delegates at a conference could milk a cow."

Painless Baby Never Cries Over Hurts

AKRON, O., April 28 (AP)—Year-old Beverly Smith never cries about a fall, a cut or a burn. She never will cry about them, either, because they cause her no pain, say children's hospital officials.

Doctors are calling little Beverly the "painless baby."

They say she was born indifferent to pain. A pin prick brings a laugh. Bumps and bruises never bother her. Aside from complete indifference to pain, Beverly is a normal, active child. She cries when hungry or angry, for example. Her 3-year-old sister, Barbara, is normal.

Mrs. Victor Smith, her 24-year-old mother says she first noticed Beverly was immune to pain when the child bumped her head on the floor at the age of six months and did not cry.

"Then one day she laid her little hand on a hot stove," Mrs. Smith added. "She didn't cry then, either. She just looked at me and laughed."

Doctors have decided her lack of feeling to pain is "a state of indifference to injury of congenital origin." The doctors said they had heard of only four or five similar cases. They said she should never feel any pain.

Row Raised Over Pike's Resting Place

SACKETT HARBOR, N.Y., April 28 (AP)—This little village was up in arms Tuesday over reports the remains of Gen. Zebulon M. Pike would be transferred to Pike's Peak in Colorado.

And that's precisely what Mayor Carl Jackson promises to use—arms—to keep the famed soldier-explorer's remains in this community on Lake Ontario's eastern shore.

"We have taken a liking to the general and we're going to keep him up here," said Jackson.

"If anybody tries to move General Pike from here, we'll have an armed guard waiting for them. And they'll have to do it over my dead body," Jackson asserted in final emphasis.

Pike, for whom the renowned Rocky mountain peak was named, was killed in the war of 1812. He is buried here in a former military cemetery.

It was announced in Washington yesterday steps had been taken to remove Pike's remains to the peak he discovered in 1805.

US Steel Income Shows Small Loss

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—U. S. Steel Corp. reported Tuesday its net income for the first 1948 quarter was \$38,957,341, equal to \$3.18 a common share.

This compared with \$39,234,511 or \$3.78 a share in the similar period a year ago.

Directors declared the usual \$1.25 dividend on common stock payable June 10 to holders of record May 7.

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