

Government Standing By To Aid Cities Clear Slums; After Red Tape Is Cleared

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—Jones will get first crack at a new, low-rent public housing unit, provided they're otherwise eligible.

That is one of the reasons why a lot of cities, before starting slum-clearance, probably will build public housing, also with government help.

The government's end of the deal—checking, investigating, and deciding what city gets how much money and for what—will be handled by the public housing administration, a government agency.

The program goes like this: A city has a bad slum. It wants to get rid of it. It gets permission from its state legislature to do so and it gets a small loan from the government to survey the whole problem.

This includes public hearings where people with an interest in seeing the slum stay or go can speak their piece. Suppose, then, the city decides to go ahead and tear down the slum.

This is where money, maybe big money, comes in.

Buying up the slum property and tearing down the rotten buildings may take a lot of money, more than the city can spare, even though the city gets some of it back later by selling the leveled-off land.

The government steps in. It's willing to stand two-thirds of any loss on the deal. The city must agree to bear the other one-third of any loss.

The government is willing to lose up to \$500,000,000 on slum clearance to get these blights out of the way and their tenants moved into better, low-rent homes.

So, for slum-clearance, in the next five years the government is prepared to hand out \$1,500,000,000 to the cities in loans and grants, this way:

1. Loans — \$1,000,000,000. This money all has to be paid back by the cities at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent interest. But they get 40 years to do it.

2. Grants — \$500,000,000. These grants are really gifts which cities never have to pay back. Since the loans have to be paid back, but the grants don't, the best the government figures to lose on all slum-clearance is \$500,000,000 in grants.

But—and this is important for Jones and his neighbors in the slums—the government will not help any city in any way in getting rid of a slum unless:

The slum-dwellers forced to move can be placed temporarily, or relocated, in housing at least not worse than they left and at rent within their means.

And people forced out of a slum, because the city is tearing it down,

Research Funds For Wheat Okay

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the second district of Oregon announced from Washington that \$15,000 in research and marketing act funds will be allocated for new study on the economics of conservation farming to be carried out in the wheat area of the Columbia river region and in the wheat-pulse area near Pullman, Wash., and Moscow, Ida.

Federal funds will be supplemented by funds from the Oregon state college, the state college of Washington, and the University of Idaho, whose agricultural departments plan to cooperate in carrying out the project.

In making the announcement Representative Stockman said: "I saw the great need to determine how conservation farming in the Pacific Northwest can be made more profitable to farmers than the present exploitive system. I brought this to the attention of the department of agriculture and was able to get the project included in the department's budget for approval by the congress."

"The wheat-producing areas of the Columbia river region have been faced with serious soil erosion problems, but I have observed that generally farmers hesitate to adopt conservation farming practices except to the extent that they expect future returns to exceed their costs. In order to determine the extent to which farm owners and operators are justified in adopting conservation practices, information is needed on the levels and trends of income with and without such practices."

The bureau of agricultural economics together with the colleges will make the first phase of the economic study in two areas—one in the Columbia river region in the relatively high rainfall and heavy stubble growth area where wheat-summer-fallow is the major rotation, and the other in the vicinity of Pullman, Washington and Moscow, Ida., where wheat and peas grown in alternate years is the major rotation, rainfall is in excess of 14 to 16 inches, and alternatives for both crops and livestock systems are more numerous than in areas of lower rainfall.

The new economic study in no way conflicts with the research program with respect to the use of wheat stubble to conserve water and prevent soil erosion which is already being conducted at Pendleton, Ore., but it is expected that the project already under way will furnish some of the physical data needed for the new economic analysis.



FAMILY GET-TOGETHER—Twenty-nine members of the Potet family congregated in Klamath Falls over the Fourth of July, coming from as far away as Los Angeles, Calif., and Joplin, Mo. Youngest of the group was 3 years old and oldest was 64.

Jazz Still Hot Issue In Germany

by HERMANN M. TIMM
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Believe it or not, a new American-made jazz record may cost you the legal equivalent of 30 to 60 dollars on the musical black-market in post-war Germany.

The acute shortage of discs and the lively demand from German devotees make the price high.

How do American jazz records, so highly rated by German youth, get here? Most of them made their way across the ocean in a soldier's trunk.

Real jazz is quite new to German youngsters. It still has a doubtful reputation with the older generation.

The roots for this attitude go back to Hitler's "third reich". It was Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels who told the people that jazz is something "decadent and degenerate."

Towards the end of the war the nazis were forced to make some concessions. The people had become more and more tired the longer the war dragged on. Especially the soldiers were fed up with German folk songs and Beethoven's "Eroica", which the nazis made the pride to almost every political rally.

As a result, some light dance music that had little or nothing to do with American jazz was permitted. Dancing itself was banned. "Liberation" in music took place after the war. Hot clubs were formed and jam sessions held, often organized by American soldiers. Other means of popularizing jazz were American films and radio stations.

Potet Family Travel Far For Family Reunion Here

The Fourth of July was a big get-together time for the Potet family who came from far and wide to Klamath Falls to visit while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Potet, of Joplin, Mo., were spending the week here.

Members of the Potet family living in Klamath Falls are Charles A. "Peanut" Potet, Bill Kendall, Corinne Maudlin, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alexander and son Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potet, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Potet and daughters Carolyn and Ruth Ann.

From Newberg were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herring and daughter Barbara Kay, Norma Potet and Mrs. Pearl Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Foyle and children, Mary and Jimmy, came from Los Angeles, Calif., to join the family convales, as did Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Potet of Corning, Calif. Besides the C. N. Potets, also from Missouri, were Mrs. T. J. Cook and granddaughter Jackie Lintz, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Daugherty.

It has been around 12 years since the parents had seen all the family together although they have made frequent trips to the coast to visit the children separately and the children have been back to Missouri at various times.

Trips to Crater lake and fishing excursions were arranged to entertain the visitors who were here for a week, and all those here for just the week-end attended the Klamath Basin rodeo.

'Mal De Minas' Cure Sought

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivia's social workers and the federal health ministry are working to rehabilitate thousands of tin miners suffering from "mal de minas". The disease is a form of silicosis.

Bolivia's labor laws provide cash indemnity for the afflicted miners. But the money soon burns through the pockets of Indian housewives. Few miners put anything aside for the rainy day and many look forward to the day they can quit with "mal de minas" and an indemnity ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 Bolivianos (\$50 to \$500) in their pocket. Mine sickness takes few lives.

Most of the mines have dust respirators for the miners. However, mining tin two miles or more above sea level calls for all the oxygen they can get. Many respirators are tossed aside.

Indian Jose with his indemnity in his pocket is among the "new rich" in the mine fields. But within two or three months his pockets are empty.

The ex-miners return to the farms where they scratch out an existence with crude farm implements or migrate to the cities where, if their lungs are not too badly damaged,

Housing Project Figures Gaining

NEW YORK (AP)—Within a few years it is expected that one out of every 25 residents of New York City will be living in a housing project.

The new apartment projects, besides changing the face of Manhattan by removing many of the old tenements, also is upsetting an old pattern where by neighborhoods were dominated by people of similar national backgrounds.

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they become transportation or factory workers. Others become public charges or burdens for their families.

English Use Now Cause For Fine

GWALIOR, India (AP)—A government servant in Madhya Bharat who uses English in official work will face a fine or dismissal when the Hindi use bill becomes law.

Officials of the union of Princely States say the measure is necessary because most of the people can't understand orders issued in English. Only Hindi in the Devnagari script is to be used.

FIBERS "COMBED" OUT
Comber yarn in the cotton textile mills means yarn made from long staple cotton, from which the short fibers have been "combed" out.

Some Birds Like To Travel While They Raise A Family

CHICAGO (AP)—You'll never find a pair, or succession of pairs, has made its nest and raised its young in one of the open baggage cars. Members of the train crew have taken an interest in the birds and put up a cigar box for a safe place for their nest. Here the family seems to prosper, undisturbed by people, baggage and clutter of the train.

Austin L. Rand, curator of birds at the Chicago Natural History museum, reports: "Tree swallows nest on ferrisboats that ply between Ogdensburg, N.Y., and Prescott, Ontario, across the St. Lawrence river where it is more than a mile wide. The nests are tucked into suitable openings on the ferries, and the frequent trips back and forth and the docking at different piers do not seem to disturb the birds. They gather their nesting material of feathers and sticks and leaves from either shore, and when the young are being fed, insects may be gathered on the Canadian or U.S. shore, depending on where the ferryboat is docked."

So much for the wave riding international set. There are others who like to gad on land. Rand says: "Barn swallows have been noted nesting on railway trains that run across the two mile portage between Ailin Lake and Carrsons on Lake Marsh (in Yukon territory). In the summer the train makes the trip almost daily, and for many years

Polish Scouts Now Socialist

WARSZAWA (AP)—Polish Boy Scouts now are being educated in the Socialist way.

Their whole organization has been converted into an "active subsidiary" of the Communist-controlled Polish Youth association.

Both Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations have withdrawn from the World Scouts association because of its alleged reactionary and hostile attitude towards Poland.

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"Medical Worker" claims that most American egg powder sent to Europe is infected with bacteria of the salmonella family, dangerous bacteria held responsible for epidemic meat poisoning and other serious diseases.

"Medical Worker" cited an essay by a German doctor which appeared in the American zone of Germany. The Soviet paper said the German doctor had been exceedingly careful not to draw any conclusions from his study, but that he had given the basic facts.

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