

Babies Eyed As Possible Cause For Any Recession

THEY are — babies — will be the cause of any recession that may be made. Since people will be having babies, the population of the United States will continue to grow at its present rate. The needs of all children will launch business and industry on another boom.

During the depression of the 1930's people had too much trouble feeding themselves to welcome any more mouths. Both the marriage rate and the birth rate went down, as they usually do in bad times.

People got pretty gloomy about America's future and talked a lot about its being a mature economy with no more growth left in it. But the war and the postwar boom sent the marriage and birth rates up again — as wars and booms usually do.

The population grew more rapidly than ever before. Good times brought earlier marriages and noticeably larger families.

People are talking now about an indefinite boom in the population and therefore in the economy. Some even wonder a little where all the food is to come from to feed so many people as most experts now predict for the America of the future.

Only a few seem to wonder, should there be another depression, would there be as many early marriages as now, as many babies, as great an urge to have large families to feed, clothe and educate.

Population has its other phases. Science steadily increased the rate of life expectancy. The army of the aged is growing at the same impressive rate as the school of young fry. Chances seem good that the number of the aged will continue to multiply.

Business has a big stake in any change in the population's gain. Many businesses will be affected if the population multiplies at the same astounding rate as now, or if it slows down again, or if it results in bigger proportions of old people and children.



EAGER STUDENTS AT FAIRVIEW school helped with the big job of moving books and equipment from old part of building to the new when the new addition was opened and seen for the first time last week. Here, arms loaded, are (l to r) Kelita Layman, Karen Hoyt, Douglas James and Linda Nidever, in the first grade room taught by Mrs. Joe (Mae) La Clair.

Miners Bolt Montana

MINERS in Montana are being driven out of the state by a new law which makes it illegal to strike. The law is being enforced by the state police and the federal government.

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Suit Filed In Shooting

A SUIT has been filed in circuit court here asking for \$15,000 damage from Rippers Gate of North Bend and the Weyerhaeuser Steamship Co.

The suit is for damages caused by a shooting incident at the Rippers Gate. The Weyerhaeuser Steamship Co. is being held liable for the damages.

Here's How Ore. Solons Voted:

WASHINGTON (AP) — How Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent rollcalls:

Senate
On confirmation, 58-25, of nomination of Robert E. Lee of District of Columbia to be a member of the communications commission: For—Cordon (R); Against—Morse (Ind).

House
On passage, 223-27, of bill providing \$741,648,788 to write off Community Credit Corp.'s losses for the fiscal year: For—Angell, Coon, Ellsworth, Norblad (all R).

SPAIN RIOTS
LONDON (AP) — Moscow radio took notice Monday of recent anti-British rioting in Spain and French Spanish troubles over Morocco. It said the United States was to blame for it all.

Records Show Business Trend

PORTLAND (AP) — Business slowed in Portland last month, a building permits and bank deposits indicated.

Buildings were reported at 500 in January. That was under last month and under January, 1953.

Value of building permits issued \$2,413,785 — \$306,755 less month and \$810,020 the previous January.

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Army To End Jim Crow Rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sept. 1, 1955 is the date for ending segregation of white and Negro children in schools on U.S. military posts, under a new plan of the Defense Department.

Asst. Secretary of Defense John B. Hannah said Sunday the details had been worked out with the Health, Education and Welfare Department, which will ask Congress for the necessary funds.

A key provision, he said is for operation of schools by the Welfare Department in those places in the south and southwest "where there are state prohibitions against operating non-segregated schools."

The U. S. Office of Education, part of the Welfare Department, would undertake in such places to operate schools independent of the state school systems, Hannah said. Ordinarily, state systems have supervision over the schools on posts.

Senate Plans Probe Of Navy Files

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Internal security subcommittee reportedly plans to question an admiral behind closed doors within the next few days, possibly Tuesday, about any wartime destruction of Navy files on Communists.

This was learned Monday from subcommittee sources who declined to identify the officer, expected to be the first of a number of admirals called in an investigation announced by Chairman Jenner (R-Ind) last week.

Jenner has quoted Adm. Ernest J. King, wartime chief of naval operations, as saying the White House issued an order in 1944 for the destruction of files on Communist activities compiled by a Naval intelligence unit in New York.

The senator said he recently learned of this from a high-ranking officer on the wartime staff of Adm. Chester Nimitz, then commander of the Pacific fleet.

The statement was reported to have been made by King in conversation with Nimitz, but both wartime commanders, now retired, said they have no recollection of such a conversation.

However, Jenner said his information had been "completely verified."

Train Plunges Into Deschutes

MAUPIN, Ore. (AP) — The lead diesel locomotive of a northbound freight train plunged into the Deschutes River 1 1/2 miles southeast of this north central Oregon town just before midnight Sunday. The engineer and firemen were feared dead.

J. C. Moore, vice president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Co., which operated the train, said two other diesels and 17 of the 57 cars in the train were derailed.

The engineer was E. H. Barton, Vancouver, Wash. The fireman was E. P. Sutton, Wishram, Wash.

Moore said the lead engine hit a huge rock, apparently from a slide caused by recent heavy snow, and left the track. The bodies had not been recovered at midmorning. Trains were sent from Klamath Falls and Bend to right the derailed units.

The train was completing a run from California to Wishram.

Water Committee Plans Meetings

PORTLAND (AP) — The State Water Resources Committee will begin a series of meetings Feb. 15 to draw up a long-range water development program for Oregon.

Lyle F. Watts is chairman of the committee which has scheduled these meetings: Arlington Feb. 15; La Grande Feb. 16; Ontario Feb. 17; Burns, Feb. 18; Redmond, Feb. 19; Klamath Falls, March 1; Medford, March 2; Roseburg, March 3; Coos Bay, March 4; Tillamook, March 5.

Queen To Australia

Abroad The Royal Liner Gothic (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, en route to Australia, will visit traditional British naval bases Monday for all hands on the New Zealand cruiser Black Prince to "splice the mainbrace."

The extra lot of rum was the monarch's farewell to the cruiser which has escorted the royal liner Gothic for the past seven weeks.

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Rosenberg Lawyer Dies In Bathtub

NEW YORK (AP) — Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney for executed atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is dead.

The body of the 52-year-old Bloch was found Saturday partly slumped into a filled bathtub at his home. An autopsy Sunday fixed a heart attack as the cause of death.

Bloch represented the Rosenbergs through more than two years of bitter and complex legal efforts to save them. They were convicted of conspiring to give atomic secrets to Russia.

KOREA

SEOUL (AP) — Lee Chong Yung, a member of the South Korean National Assembly, was killed Monday in a jeep accident on an highway.



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McKay Backs Deschutes Reservoir

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Interior McKay Monday approved a report proposing construction of the Haystack equalization reservoir, designed to provide a more stable water supply for the north unit of Deschutes irrigation project in Central Oregon.

The secretary has forwarded the officials of the state and federal Reclamation Bureau's report to agencies concerned for their comments before submitting it to the Budget Bureau for clearance. This procedure is necessary before congressional authorization can be sought.

Reclamation Commissioner W. A. Drexler said the proposed reservoir would increase agricultural production on 50,000 acres served by the north unit of the irrigation project by increasing the water supply by an average of more than 6,000 acre feet a year.

The reservoir would be created in Haystack Draw, southwest of Culver, by construction of an earth and rock-fill dam. It would cost an estimated \$1,600,000. At present, storage for the north unit lands is in Wickiup Reservoir, more than 100 miles from the project lands.

Drexler said the water users had indicated willingness to repay the cost by including the amount in an amortization repayment contract which already has been approved by Assistant Secretary Fred G. Aandahl. Since it would increase the repayment period from 40 years to about 75 years, it would have to be approved by Congress.

Clark Gable Announces End of Long Contract

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The king is back at MGM but not for long. Clark Gable announced today he will end his 23-year contract with the studio March 3.

His was probably the longest star contract in Hollywood history. There has been talk that he might sign on for another term as MGM has been urging him to do. He put an end to such speculation.

"As of March 3, I'm a free man," he told me. "Twenty-three years at one studio is long enough for any man."

Gable, who is 53 today, was back at the Culver City lot for the first time in 2 1/2 years. It has been so long that he even forgot which was his last picture here. (It was "Across the Wide Missouri.") Since then he has made "Never Let Me Go" in England, "Mogambo" in Africa and "Betrayed" in Holland.

He returned to the studio for more scenes in "Betrayed" with Lana Turner and Vic Mature. Looking trim in an English officer's uniform, he appeared to have changed little. A trifle grayer at the temples, perhaps, but as crisp and dynamic as ever.

He spent a large part of his first morning at work reuniting acquaintances; he asked for his same veteran crew on the picture, but he made it clear that sentiment wasn't going to keep him at the studio.

His plans for the future? "I have no plans," he replied. "I suppose there have been pictures offered to me, but I will not discuss them as long as I am under contract to the studio."

There has been talk that he might do "Guys and Dolls," but he said that was news to him. Besides, that's a musical, isn't it? He commented, indicating he wouldn't favor that.

Gable said he found picture making abroad very interesting and he may do more of the same. "But I have no plans," he added. He said he liked to travel at this point in his life and had just flown in from Arizona the night before reporting to the studio.

Gas Explosion Kills Four

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — An underground gas leak set off an explosion which killed four persons, leveled a three-family home and heavily damaged another early Sunday. Three other persons escaped amid flames, smoke and rubble.

All seven persons were asleep when the explosion literally tore the house apart at 5:50 a.m.

The dead are Edward Brown, 50, and his wife, Esther, 47, Charles Epstein, 62, and his wife, Rose, 50.

Twenty minutes after the first blast a second, less severe explosion rocked the house next door but the family was out of the home before it occurred.

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