

State Farms Release Birds

Pheasants by the thousands! That is the report of W. V. Masson, chief upland game biologist for the Oregon Game Commission.

According to Masson's report, a total of 36,909 pheasants was released from state game farms in 1954.

This total includes 18,786 pheasants reared at the E. E. Wilson game management area near Corvallis for western Oregon counties and 18,121 pheasants reared at the Ontario and Hermiton game farms for eastern Oregon counties.

Liberations were started on March 3 and terminated on November 4. These liberations took place throughout the summer with 6,842 adults being turned loose in March. In June, following the completion of egg production for the year, 3,599 young adults were liberated. Young birds were released starting in July, and by September, 21,518 young birds from 8 to 10 weeks old had been set free. Final releases were in October and November and consisted of 5,011 adult birds.

Only 51 young pheasants were produced at the Hermiton farm this year since the station is now used chiefly for the raising of chukar partridges. A brood stock of some 275 bobwhite quail, hatched from eggs obtained from the Kansas Fish and Game Department, is also held at this station.

Approximately 8,900 pheasants are now being held at Ontario and Corvallis for spring release and the 1955 egg production.

Manila Plans Bullfight

MANILA (AP)—The Philippines is going to have its first bullfight Dec. 26—and if action in the ring is as furious as it has been outside it will be a corker.

The Philippines, although a former colony of Spain, never has gone in for the Spanish pastime. And if some legislators, civic groups and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had their way, the Philippines never would.

President Ramon Magsaysay with considerable hesitation granted promoters permission to go ahead. Builders began erecting an arena in Manila's Sunken Gardens, only 100 yards from the Legislative Building.

When word of this got around, irate congressmen descended on the promoters. A bullfight only 60 yards from the halls of Congress was "undignified."

Work was held up until the congressmen were placated. Then there was another uproar. Some opponents argued that the bulls couldn't be killed. There was a few against it.

They cited a law against the slaughter of water buffalo. There was an out, however. The bulls are imported, and they are not water buffalo.

Promoter Jes Cortes, with permission to stage six fights, has imported a troupe of bullfighters from Spain and Portugal, and 25 bulls.

Cortes says the Manila fights will follow the Spanish and Mexican style. The bulls will be killed. This has made the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals most unhappy.

Snow Covers Colorado

DENVER (AP)—A cold wave blew out of Wyoming and across Colorado Thursday, depositing snow on the mountains and puny dust and tumbledweed against fences and farm buildings of the Eastern Prairies.

One death was attributed directly to the storm. A 24-year-old Powell, Wyo., Air Force lieutenant, Zener LaFleiche, was killed when a truck hit his car after he stopped in blinding dust on U. S. 40 east of Byers, Colo.

Over most of the flat plains, farmers and ranchers moved out Friday to assess crop damage from the smothering dust. Agriculture officials were concerned particularly with the winter wheat crop.

Hollywood Group Plans GI Shows

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Penny Singleton, screen and radio actress, and actor Forrest Tucker will be among 81 entertainers departing today by Air Force transports to entertain military personnel overseas over Christmas.

The group, largest ever assembled for Christmas shows by the Hollywood Coordinating Committee, will visit the Far East, North Africa, Alaska, Europe and the Northeast Air Command.

Robber Follows Comic Book Idea

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—A lone bandit took a cue from a comic strip detective in robbing the DePaul Hospital cashier of \$100 cash and \$500 in payroll checks Thursday afternoon.

Police Chief Fred Schomokker said the holdup man's left arm was in a cast similar to that of the detective in a comic strip episode. He walked into the hospital lobby, informed a helper Kathleen Coleman he had a gun in the cast and demanded the money.

Grand Jury Issues Charges

DURANT, Okla. (AP)—A special Bryan County grand jury has wound up a 25-day investigation into local affairs, issuing 11 indictments and several reprimands.

Two of the indictments were returned against county commissioners.

One of them, Herbert Heard who is charged with perjury and "unlawfully... appropriating county property for his own use," pleaded innocent Thursday before District Judge Sam Sullivan and posted \$2,000 bond.

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Secret Votes Reject Reds

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Complete returns from Hungary's recent election show that more than 100,000 persons took the trouble to vote "no." Some of the Communist-supported candidates were defeated, for the first time since Hungary came under Red domination in 1948.

There is no recognized opposition in Hungary, and consequently there were no opposition candidates in the elections for local councils. But a new election law gave the voter at least the possibility of not electing the sole nominee.

The new law required that each individual candidate had to get at least half the votes cast in his district. This year out of a total vote of over six million, 111,295 "no" and another 21,644 "invalid" ballots were counted—2.1 per cent of the total.

The negative and invalid votes in the 1949 election came to 4.5 per cent of the total, but they barred no one from office. This time the 2.1 per cent meant a defeat for 586 of the total 104,596 candidates.

Candidates—only one for each position—were appointed before the voting at mass meetings.

There is a tremendous psychological effect on the voter of being confronted with a single ticket or a single candidate. The ballot provides no space for write-in choices. To vote "yes" one has only to fold the ballot and drop it into the box. To vote against a candidate—without having the choice of anyone else to vote for—it is necessary to go into a booth with your own pencil and cross out the candidate's name on the ballot.

Thus the defeat of 586 candidates is greater than dull figures would indicate.

Solons Blast Red Demands

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia's demand that United States forces abandon the Chinese Nationalist island of Formosa drew sharp reports today from several Republican and Democratic senators.

Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told newsmen:

"There is less likelihood that we'll get out of Formosa, where they want us, than that the Russians will have to get out of Poland, for instance, where they are not wanted. They are in Poland against the will of the people—by their power and strength."

"I'm satisfied that a free election in Formosa would decide definitely that the Formosans want us to stay. And I'm satisfied that if they could have free elections in Poland, Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia, as well as (North) Korea, they would oust the Communists."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, termed the Russian Foreign Ministry's demand, broadcast Wednesday night by Moscow radio, "an attempt to disguise the Kremlin's own perfidy and its own violations of postwar agreements."

He said a fitting reply might be that "if there are to be any withdrawals, they should start with Czechoslovakia and other Iron Curtain, Eastern Germany and Poland."

"Those are captive areas," Humphrey said in a separate interview, "held by the Russians in violation of their postwar agreements."

Sen. Green (D-R.I.), another committee member, said the broadcast seemed "a strangely informal way" for the Russians to issue a demand that this country get out of Formosa.

"Formosa is an essential element in our defense in the Pacific," he said, as well as the main refuge for the Chinese Nationalist regime.

Storms Cover Midcontinent

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow or rain fell over sections of the midcontinent Friday but generally fair weather prevailed in other parts of the nation.

Although it was below zero in sections of the Rockies, temperatures mostly were above seasonal levels in nearly all of the nation.

A wide band of snow or rain extended from Minnesota and Wisconsin southward to East Texas. Snow in the Chicago area was light, measuring about one-half inch. But Des Moines reported 2 inches, with snow continuing during the night.

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