

Report Shows Population Of World On Increase

WASHINGTON (UP) — In the five minutes you spend reading this dispatch, the population of the world will grow by about 450 persons.

It has increased by 120,000 since you read Wednesday's newspaper.

By this time next year, there will be 43 millions more human beings on earth than there are right now.



ARTHUR S. GENET

Bus Service Chief To Visit

Arthur S. Genet of Chicago, president of The Greyhound Corporation, will arrive here Saturday, November 2, aboard a "Presidential Special" Greyhound Scenicruiser for a look at the West, and an inspection of Greyhound facilities, and conferences with local company officials and civic leaders.

Accompanying him is F. W. Ackerman of San Francisco, president of Western Greyhound Lines and a director of The Greyhound Corporation.

Genet, former railroad executive who became head of the nation's largest inter-city bus carrier system less than two years ago, is making his first visit to this area since the consolidation of the several Greyhound divisions west of the Rockies into Western Greyhound Lines last June.

Primary purpose of the inspection trip which Genet and Ackerman are making is to gauge the rapidly accelerated growth of future inter-city passenger movement. "We know that within the next 10 years the number of American communities entirely dependent upon buses for public transportation will increase from the present total of 50,000 to over 100,000," Genet recently told a conference of the nation's transportation experts.

Skiing Group Outlines Plans

LAKEVIEW—When snow comes the Fremont Hilaranders are ready for it. Jim Howard, member of the local ski club, reported following two meetings held during the past week.

A group assisted by John Scoville and Clyde Pencock, Warner district forest ranger, gathered at the Warner Canyon Ski Bowl Sunday for a work day which lasted from 1 to 5 p.m. They spliced the lower tow rope, burned slash, did a lubrication job on the machinery, and conducted a general checkup job in preparation for the winter season. One more work party is planned for early November at which time they hope to secure a cat for further clearing and blasting.

At a general meeting on Thursday evening, October 24, in the courthouse, organizational plans for the season were discussed. It was decided to hold election of officers at a later date. A report was made by Jack Saubert who attended the meeting in Eugene of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association. He was accompanied by his daughter, Jean, who is a junior division national ski champion.

A new tow fee schedule was announced at the meeting here. Children up to junior high school age will be charged 25 cents per day. Junior high and through high school students will be charged 50 cents a day, with a Fremont Hilaranders membership and 75 cents per day without a membership. Adults will be charged \$1.25 per day with membership and \$1.75 without. A membership costs \$2.50. It was also announced that a family season ticket could be secured for \$30, if purchased before January 1. A single season ticket, including membership, is \$20.

Acting chairman at the meeting was Norman Carothers, vice president of the club. David St. George is secretary-treasurer.

Church Women Conduct Session

Women of Peace Memorial Church met for an all-day get-together, October 29, in the church lounge. Plans for the November 9 annual bazaar were discussed, sewing projects were worked on and ideas were exchanged.

About 45 women were present for the noon lunch served by the bazaar committee including Mrs. Lawrence Birk, Mrs. William Mettler, Mrs. Guy Epperly, Mrs. Bert Shogren and Mrs. Robert Dunlap.

By the end of the present century, at the present rate of increase, the population of the world will be 5,400,000,000 people—double the present figure.

Authority for these statements is the United Nations demographic yearbook, an annual compilation of population statistics from all parts of the world.

The new edition discloses that the postwar population explosion is still in full swing, particularly in underdeveloped countries. The introduction of modern health measures in these countries has caused death rates to drop sharply, but birth rates generally remain at traditional high levels. The result is that world population is growing at the fastest rate in history, approximately 1.7 per cent a year. The rate was 1.2 per cent only four years ago. Prior to World War II, it never exceeded 1 per cent.

The most rapid increases are taking place in underdeveloped areas which are least able to feed additional mouths. Latin America leads the world with an annual population growth of 4.4 per cent. Africa and Southwest Asia are close behind with 4 per cent, according to the U.N. survey.

Both the United States and Russia are growing at a rate of 1.7 per cent—the world average.

The unprecedented speed at which the human race is multiplying has alarmed many population experts. Robert C. Cook, director of the Population Reference Bureau, calls it "one of the most ominous developments of our time... as great a threat to mankind as the atomic bomb."

Dr. J. O. Hertzler, professor of sociology at the University of Nebraska, asserts in his new book, "The Crisis in World Population," that "horrendous" problems lie

ahead "unless fairly direct and expeditious action is taken soon."

The Nebraska professor says science may be able to increase the world's food supply "greatly" in the future by increasing the yield of farm lands, by developing artificial foods, through "hydroponic" techniques in which edible foods are grown in solutions

of chemicals and water, by using food resources from the sea. But he warns that "much of this is still a hope and not a promise."

"Though there may be phenomenal increases of food for a while, this supply cannot be increased at the same rate and with the same ease forever. The earth is finite and none of its resources are in-

definitely extendable in use without eventually greater difficulty and expense."

Migration, the "safety valve" for overpopulated countries in earlier generations, is now "impracticable as even a partial solution of population pressure" because most of the good farmlands of the earth are already being "intensively utilized."

Hertzler warns that nature will intervene "in a characteristically ruthless manner" to halt population growth through famine, dis-

ease or other catastrophes unless human beings act soon to "bring about some limitation" of their own fertility.

He then expounds a view that brings him into direct conflict with the Roman Catholic Church and other religious groups which oppose "artificial" birth control: "Fertility limitation by contraception is the only acceptable means of reducing the rate of population increase."

To those who hold that contraception is immoral, Hertzler re-

plies that over populated countries, threatened with starvation, always resort to some form of birth control. If it isn't contraception, he says, it will be such "frightful acts of desperation" as

abortion, sterilization and deliberate killing of newborn babies. "The situation seems to resolve itself into a choice between contraception and some kind of murder," he concludes.

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