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Population Bomb

By NELSON REED

Received a very interesting pamphlet in the mail recently, titled: "War, Communism and World Population." Here's the gist of it: Hundreds of millions of people in the world are hungry. In their desperation they are increasingly susceptible to communist propaganda, and may be enticed into violent action. There are more hungry people in the world today than when our foreign aid programs began. Population in the Far East is outstripping the rise in food production. U.S. taxpayers cannot feed the world. We cannot even dent the problem with dollars.

The world population is growing 5,400 every hour or 47,000,000 a year. More than the population of France is added every year. Medical discoveries and sanitation have prolonged life and lowered the death rate but birth rates have not gone down proportionately. At the present birth rate the population of Mexico will grow from 20,000,000 today to 60,000,000 in 20 years, for example.

The social, economic and political problems the undeveloped countries are facing today as a result of their explosive population growth are much graver than were the population problems in Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries when it had its fastest growth—for these reasons: (1) Huge, practically empty land masses with rich soil and good climate were ready to absorb the surplus population then. Today there are no such spaces. (2) For two hundred years Europe had no trouble in exchanging the products of its young industries for food and raw materials. Today young industries in undeveloped countries have to compete with huge industrial giants in the world markets. (3) The density of population in many undeveloped countries is already far greater than it was in Europe. (4) The drop in death rate in Europe over two centuries was much slower than it is today in undeveloped countries.

Despite increases in food production per acre, the food supply cannot keep up with the increase in population. There are probably more poverty stricken people in the world today than there were 50 years ago. Speculations on how many people the earth will be able to feed in the future as a result of scientific developments are futile. Better than half the people on earth today are underfed and more than half the 90 million babies born this year will be undernourished.

Education is vital, but where populations increase as fast as they are doing in many countries it is impossible to provide enough teachers. Where incomes are near the subsistence level the capital needed for improvement will never be accumulated. In India, for instance, where the population is increasing at the rate of 3,000,000 a year, it has been estimated that 1.5 billion dollars of new capital will be required to even maintain the present low living standard.

The only answer—lower birth rates. Improvement of living standards in undeveloped areas is impossible without a slowdown in the birth rate. Birth rates must somehow be brought into balance with death rates. Many countries are attempting to give their people instruction in birth control, but they are still inadequate.

There is a crying need for a new, simple, cheap, safe and widely acceptable contraceptive, call it a "pill." Competent authorities think it can be developed fairly promptly if given adequate financial support. A fraction of the money now spent to bring down death rates, if spent to bring down birth rates, could raise the living standards of most of the people of the earth.

America cannot long remain an island of prosperity in a sea of poverty. Hunger and poverty drive men to war. Until some practical method is developed for controlling the populations of the world, all our other efforts to raise its standards of living and promote peace are doomed to failure.

Panning

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—Panning television is a popular indoor sport today—among critics at the typewriter as well as critics on the hearth.

There is no doubt that television has been a disappointment in several ways. It hasn't cured the common cold. It hasn't solved the problem of unemployment. It is even questionable whether it has made most people drink more beer or brush their teeth often.

These facts must be faced fairly in any honest assessment of television's role in creating the better way of life and a more cultured race. Alas, it is all too true. Perfection has not come out of

that one-eyed Pandora's box in the living room.

On the other hand, in its own imperfect way television has done considerable good. And while in our house every member of the family has considered throwing out our set, at one time or another, we never have quite got around to doing it.

Critics of television complain against it not so much for what it is, as for what they feel it could be.

They feel it should take more positive stands on vital issues, and be a more powerful cultural force. Frankly, we can't go along with them on this. We feel that in our house there already are too many powerful cultural forces operating, and certainly all the powerful stands on vital issues we need.

We are not certain at all that we want to convert our living room either into a permanent lecture hall or a public forum. There are many evenings in which we prefer to be entertained, rather than be big-brothered by some pundit who is sure he knows the only true answer to the future.

Nor do we care too often to have our young daughter reply, when a neighbor kid knocks on the door while the TV set is showing a brain operation, "Come back later, Joe. We're in surgery."

As entertainment goes, however, we find TV's present bill-of-fare pretty satisfying.

By and large, there's something for everybody.

My wife likes a good drama. I like the children's programs. Our daughter likes the gory Westerns, and our cat cries real tears over "Lassie." We no longer have to trudge through the winter snow to see a second-rate movie.

Those vital discussion programs that serious-minded people find so absorbing have a cultural impact in our home, too. All I have to do to cure my Sunday afternoon insomnia is to tune in on some such topic as, "Whither the Hydrogen Bomb," or "Fear Versus Freud," and stretch out on the couch. Morpheus and peace arrive moments later, and I rise refreshed.

What's wrong with television? As that fellow in the cereal commercial says, "When you've got a good thing, let it alone."

Let's not improve it to death.

Hope

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. And what do we have to be thankful for?

For two things, mainly:

1. That we're still alive at a time when the United States and the Soviet Union have enough atomic and hydrogen bombs to make the human race look like a piece of wrapping paper that was burned in an open field years ago.
2. That so long as there is no war we can go on hoping that war between the East and West, between the Communist and non-Communist world, can be postponed until in the end there will be no war.

But every year ahead—from one Thanksgiving Day till the next—will be an uneasy one.

Communism is a crusading belief, bent on capturing the world. The Western democracies have the task of building dikes against the tide, with aid and arms, hoping in the end their way of life will look more attractive.

It won't be easy. In the struggle between the two beliefs, the democracies may have to move further and further towards socialism, and communism further and further towards individual freedom.

In the end—if peace can be preserved—communism and capitalist democracy may have lost so much of their original identity that they will have become some-

thing different from what either side imagines now, and almost identical.

The best reason for thinking so is that life itself—and life means both ideas and men's desire—is steadily undergoing change.

At this moment when the West is giving aid to more backward peoples—and still trying to balance its budget—it feels that it is doing the best it can. Years from now, if communism wins, the West may feel it did far less than enough.

Communism, both in China and in the Soviet Union, is straining its utmost to come abreast of and surpass the West in a matter of a few years. As an example: the recently announced Soviet economic plan.

The West has no reason to be self-satisfied. It's in a life and death struggle. Because it has led the world for centuries—in production and living standards—it is no guarantee it can continue to do so.

What is unknown now, and seldom talked about, is the potential of the backward people, in Asia and Africa. That potential will become clearer when they get started on the road to the 20th century and begin to perform with the energy all men are capable of.

It is these people with the black and yellow skins who, when they begin to assert their potential, may change the course of history and the direction of both communism and capitalist democracy.

One thing is sure: On this Thanksgiving eve the West, proud and self-assured for so long, cannot look into the future and be positive that on some future Thanksgiving Day it will be the winner.

Day Of Grace

By SAM DAWSON

AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—You can find plenty to be thankful for Thursday if you try.

Look over the business scene and just for one day at least put aside worries about the queasy stock market, the disturbing world trouble spots, the high cost of living (and the fears it may go higher or later on), burdensome taxes (and the threat that they may go higher still), and the hard core of unemployment.

Just remember how much better a lot of things look today than a few months back.

The turkey on your Thanksgiving table costs a little less this year than last. And the government says food prices may ease enough for awhile to keep its cost of living index on the same even keel it has held since July.

Fears of further inflation, especially of the runaway kind, are easing a bit now, too.

They are based largely on expectations of continuing federal deficits and of still more twists in the wage-price spiral. But Washington now tells us that rising tax collections next year and the government's new determination to hold down spending should keep the coming year's deficit lower than first feared.

Business earnings are picking up. They're not back to where they were last Thanksgiving, but they're healthier than they were last Easter. If profits continue to improve, it will make the stocks you hold look safer and the returns on them as good or better.

Corporations have learned cost paring tricks that partly offset rising wage scales. This can hold down prices or steady profits or both.

Industrial output has been rising, bringing some of the jobs back to work and lengthening the work week for others. The government says manufacturers' new orders are gaining, promising still greater industrial activity next

year, which in time will whittle at the total of the jobless.

Most individual incomes have held high. Strikes have pulled the total down a bit, but as they are settled incomes are expected to climb again.

Merchants talk confidently of record Christmas sales this year. They say that general business recovery has perked up consumer confidence.

And, finally, while hopes of much easing in the cold war are mighty slim, even here there's something to be thankful for. So far it's been mostly a war of words. As long as they keep talking, they may stave off the shooting.

Correction

Salem (To the Editor)—In your November 11, 1958, edition in a column headed "Case Lost by SIAC," in a news item from Lakeview, Oregon, you noted that Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster granted an involuntary nonsuit in the case of SIAC against M. F. Remsen. Unfortunately, your informant was entirely wrong as to the plaintiff in the case, inasmuch as all reference to the State Industrial Accident Commission should have been the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Roy G. Green,
Actuary and executive
secretary of the State Industrial Accident Commission

Quotes

United Press International
WASHINGTON—James R. Duffee, civil aeronautics board chairman, in revealing congressmen but not the White House tried to influence an airline route decision:
"If one came from the White House I would have seen it."

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Rear Adm. J. G. Monroe, commander of the Pacific missile range, on the planned firing of the first ballistic missile from the range next month:
"Anything the mind of man can conceive can be handled from the new range."

NEW YORK — Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan, in a speech discussing criticism of the court's rulings:
"A large part of it (the criticism) ... has been ill-informed, unworthy, on the part of some who should know better, and often of the type more usually associated with the heat and excesses of political campaigns than with the administration of justice."

GORHAM, Maine — Russell W. Moses, 65, a partly-blind jobless carpenter, in telling police he beat his deaf wife and invalid daughter to death with a hammer:
"I couldn't stand the pressure. I figured the only way out was to kill them."

WASHINGTON — Edward E. O'Neill, attorney for the Seneca Indians, on a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling that the government can build a dam that would flood most of a Seneca reservation on the Allegheny River in New York State:
"If this stands, no Indian treaty is worth the paper it's written on."

WASHINGTON—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, on reports Communists have urged he be given a "South American type" welcome to Britain:
"I expect to find a friendly welcome from the traditionally hospitable British people."

ATLANTA—Governor-elect Vandiver, on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upholds Alabama's pupil placement law "on its face":
"This ruling has held only that the Alabama ... law is 'valid on its face,' which means that when the law is applied to preserve segregation, it will fall at the hands of the members of the same court who today upheld it."

WASHINGTON—Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.), expressing confidence the Democrats won't go on a big spending spree in the next Congress:
"There is going to be a lot of disappointment on the part of the Treasury raiders."

DENY MASS REPORT
PARIS (UPI)—A German press report that Maj. Gen. Jacques Massu, Alger security chief, would be named French commander in Berlin, was termed ridiculous today by a spokesman for the French National Defense Ministry. Massu was one of the generals who masterminded the May 13 uprising in Algiers which helped bring Gen. Charles de Gaulle back to power in France.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

WITH NOTHING ELSE TO DO YOU FINALLY START A STORY IN ONE OF THE DOGS OLD MAGAZINES...



SO YOU GET REAL INTERESTED... AND IT SAYS CONTINUED ON PAGE 116... SO YOU TURN TO PAGE 116...



ASKS RED ASYLUM

BERLIN (UPI)—West German air force Sgt. Klaus Wolfgang Wunschik, 21, has fled to Communist East Germany because he was disgusted with the "Prussian drill" and had food of the West German Bundeswehr, the Communist East German Adn news agency reported today. The agency said Wunschik and his wife applied for political asylum Tuesday and hope to start a new life under the Red regime.

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Water Line Completed

OREGON CITY (AP) — City Manager Chris Strommeyer said Tuesday a temporary water line here was completed.

The temporary line, he said, circumvents a break in the main city line, which supplies Oregon City and neighboring West Linn. The line, broken by an earth slide Monday, brings water from the South Fork at the Clackamas River to reservoirs in Oregon City.

There was enough water in the reservoir to supply the city's needs while the temporary line was under construction, but a few homes supplied directly by the line were without water Monday and Tuesday.

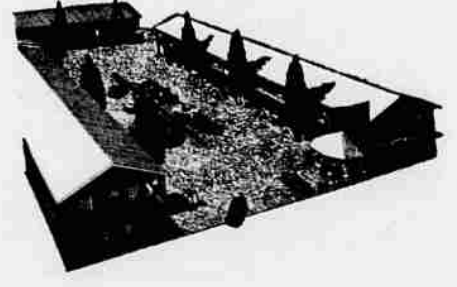


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