

Federal Assets Estimated At \$262 Billion By Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The fabulous Hope diamond, variously valued at up to two million dollars, counts for zero in official totals as to what the federal government is worth.

That's because it was donated without cost to the government.

But despite that and numerous other unrealistic valuations, the value of federal assets was fixed in a new annual report at 262 billion dollars as of mid-1958.

The actual value is much greater, but most of the items are carried at their original cost to the government many years ago.

Lumber Freight Reduction OK'd

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The California Public Utilities Commission has granted a 20 per cent reduction in railroad freight rates on carload shipments of lumber within the state.

The commission acted Friday following the Dec. 20 reduction in rates on interstate shipments. The interstate rate reduction gave Oregon shippers an advantage over Northern California lumber mills on shipments to most California points.

The PUC's permission to raise intrastate rates was temporary, with a decision to come later on whether it will be made permanent.

Former Editor Dead At Age 65

PORTLAND (AP)—Fred McNeil, a former executive news editor of the Oregon Journal, died here Sunday. He was 65.

McNeil, who suffered a stroke Dec. 10, had joined the Journal in 1912. He retired as the newspaper's executive editor last March.

In World War II, McNeil, who helped organize the Pacific Northwest Ski Assn., trained Forest Service reserves who manned lookouts.

California Weather

United Press International
San Francisco Bay Area: Fair and slightly warmer through Tuesday; high today 60-65; low tonight 40-48; gentle winds.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Cloudy today; mostly fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer.

Sierra Nevada: Fair and slightly warmer through Tuesday.

Sacramento Valley: Fair and slightly warmer through Tuesday except a few patches of early morning fog likely; high both days 58-64; low tonight 34-42; gentle winds.

Northwestern California: Fair through Tuesday except cloudy in extreme north and fog and low clouds on north coast; slightly warmer inland today; high today and low tonight 58-64; Ukiah 62-68; Santa Rosa 66-67; coastal winds variable 8-15 m.p.h. except southerly 10-15 m.p.h. Eureka northward.

Five Killed In Accident

SEDAN, Kan. (AP)—Five Arkansans, en route home from a holiday visit to Colorado, were killed Sunday when their car and a pickup truck collided on a bridge near here.

Killed were Frank Zitzman, 62, his wife Jessie, 65; Sloan Rudy, 55; his wife Mary, 50; and Mrs. Lona O'Bannon, about 60, mother of Mrs. Zitzman. All lived at Imboden, Ark.

The driver of the truck, Virgil Heckathorn, Winfield, Kan., was hospitalized at Coffeyville, where his condition was reported as fair.

Undersheriff C. F. Gibbs said ice on the U.S. Highway 166 bridge may have caused the collision.

The Arkansans had been visiting a stepson of the Zitzmans, Bill Pitts, in Colorado Springs.

Leukemia Victim Dies In States

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. June Walter, 22-year-old mother of two, learned three weeks ago she had leukemia. She had one wish: to die in her native land—England.

A trip was arranged by the Military Air Transport Service and when she heard of it she seemed to perk up.

But Saturday night she hemorrhaged and Sunday morning she died — one day before she was scheduled to leave.

Her Life Ends On Happy Note

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Christmas week this year was, for 100-year-old Mrs. Dora L. Richardson, "one of the most wonderful in my life."

During the week she received visits from her 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Saturday night Mrs. Richardson retired to her room. She died an hour later.

Negro Minister Retires As Head Of White Church

STAFFORD, Conn. (AP)—Eight years ago, the Rev. Dr. Roland R. Heacock created a stir when he became pastor of the Staffordville Congregational Church.

Dr. Heacock is a Negro. The congregation at the century-old church is all white.

Dr. Heacock retired Sunday. He will be 65 Tuesday. He looked out at his congregation, which has grown in the past eight years, and said: "We have exerted a strong and wholesome influence in the field of race relations, particularly in the Christian church. . . . We are glad that we had a part in this good work."

In his farewell sermon, the pas-

Holt Airlifts 107 More Waifs

PORTLAND (AP)—A super-constellation transport arrived Saturday at Portland International Airport with 107 Korean Orphans aboard.

The children, en route to foster homes in the United States, came under the sponsorship of Creswell, Ore., farmer Harry Holt.

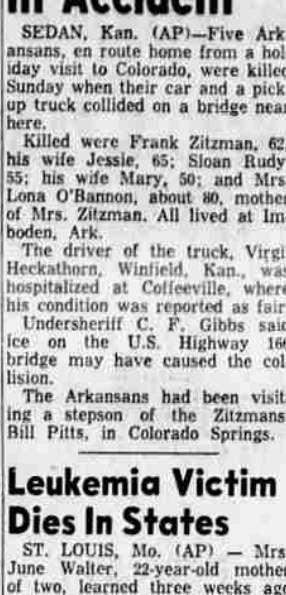
This brought the number of homeless Korean children brought to the United States by Holt to 1,178.

The children in the airlift ranged in age from 1 to 11, but most of them were under 2 years old. They came from the Holt orphanage and hospital near Seoul.

Speechless

SENTINEL, Okla. (AP)—Don Westad was given a question to answer and discuss during Sunday school. When it came time, he said he had forgotten what his wife told him to say.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"THE KIDS DECIDED THAT YOU WERE THE MOST FUN PLAYIN' IN THE HOUSE OF!"

Eight Perish In Accidents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the highways, Oregon's long Christmas holiday ended as it began — on a note of death.

Seven persons perished in highway accidents, and a child died of an overdose of sleeping pills.

Injuries suffered in a two-car accident Christmas night took the life of Mrs. Julia Brown, 58, in Tillamook Sunday night.

Earlier, Harry Gipson, 72, Salem, died Saturday of injuries suffered when he was hit by a car in Selem Christmas Eve.

Several of the holiday victims were children.

Edward Thomas Lewis, 2, and Stephen Lewis, 8 months, both died in a traffic accident near Woodburn Christmas Day.

Police said their father's car was hit by a truck. Both children were thrown out of the vehicle.

In Portland, another child was thrown out of a car and crushed. He was Dale Falkenberg, 4 months, of Portland.

Other traffic fatalities included: Mrs. Elsie Monnin, 64, Crescent City, Calif., killed when a pickup truck plunged 280 feet down a cliff near Grants Pass Saturday.

And Mabel Clark, 54, Stockton, Calif., killed in an accident near Bend Christmas Day.

The victim of the sleeping pills was Connie O'Conner, an 18-month-old Hood River toddler, police said the pills from her mother's purse.

The highway deaths ran Oregon's 1958 toll to 446 persons, including 33 this month, in the Associated Press tabulation.

Grieving Canada Father Ends Sad Journey Today

VENTURA, Calif. (UPI)—A grieving father from Manitoba, Canada, ends a long, sad journey today when he claims the body of his slain daughter whose only crime was to love her husband.

Olga Kupczyk, 30, married Santa Barbara attorney Frank Duncan, 29, last June. On Nov. 17 she was bludgeoned and strangled by two confessed killers who claim her mother-in-law hired them for \$6,000 to get rid of the attractive nurse. Olga was seven months pregnant at the time of her murder.

Her father, Elias Kupczyk, 61, a railroad worker, started his melancholy journey from Canada Christmas Day along with his son, William, 32. They arrived in Los Angeles, about 65 miles south of this coastal town, Sunday where they stayed with a friend before making the final leg of the trip that would end in their last reunion with Olga.

Olga's mother, Eustana, suffered a heart attack when she learned of her daughter's murder. Her condition prevented her from accompanying her husband.

"He's taking it rough," Steve Woytko, a friend, said. "But under the circumstances he's holding up as well as can be expected. He choked up and could say nothing when asked about the murder."

Kupczyk buried his head in his hands and sobbed audibly at the mention of his daughter's name.

It was not known when last rites for Olga will be held, but the slain woman's father probably will be here when her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 54, and Augustine Baldonado, 25, and Luis Moya, 25, are formally arraigned on murder charges tomorrow.

The county grand jury returned three indictments against all three on Friday after listening to testimony detailing how Olga's slaying was planned and carried out.

The grand jury returned the indictments after considering the day-long testimony for less than 15 minutes.

The senior Mrs. Duncan was pictured as an overly possessive mother whose fear of losing her son to a younger woman motivated her to first complete a bold plan to have her son's marriage annulled and then hire the two men to kill Olga.

The young attorney who formerly was so devoted to his mother has refused to visit her at the jail since murder charges were leveled by authorities Dec. 21, the day Baldonado broke down and led officers to a shallow grave where Olga was buried.

"She would have to be insane to be involved in this," Duncan said of his mother after the grand jury indicted her.

Dancer Booked On Drunk Charge

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Police booked actor Dan Dailey, 6-foot-4 song and dance man, on suspicion of drunk driving Sunday after his car struck another waiting for a traffic light.

Officers said they had handcuffed Dailey and that he refused to take an intoxicimeter test. Dailey blamed the accident on the fog.

The actor suffered a cut lip in the accident, police said, and Ralph McCarthy, 26, driver of the other car, was shaken up.

Yale Pathologist Reports New Drug Halts Pregnancy

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Successful use of a simple drug which reverses pregnancy in dogs was reported today by a Yale pathologist.

"The drug, known as malucin, does not cause abortion," said Dr. Leon F. Whitney of the university's medical school staff.

When injected, the drug causes the pregnant female dog to reabsorb the embryo into her blood stream, explained Dr. Whitney.

He describes his studies in Veterinary Medicine Magazine.

He said the drug was used on many bitches between the 10th and 42nd day of pregnancy and was successful in all cases. The gestation period of a bitch is 61 days.

In an interview, Dr. Whitney said, "From a practical standpoint, when the drug in injectible form is made available to the veterinary profession, it should be a boon in the elimination of unwanted puppies."

"Beyond that," he stated, "based on the present state of our knowledge, I should not want to go."

Malucin was discovered by Dr. Ivan Parfenjev, a former member of Yale's microbiology department. He produced the drug from spent brewer's yeast. Malucin has been used as an antibiotic to destroy bacteria and fungi in the blood and to treat dogs with certain skin diseases.

Dr. Whitney said the drug affected pregnant bitches only when shot directly into the blood stream, and then only when given in large doses.

"How malucin accomplishes its result, and how the embryo is absorbed into the blood stream, is still more or less of a mystery," he said.

Weather Table

| United Press International | | Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. | |
|----------------------------|------|---|------|
| | High | Low | Rain |
| Albuquerque | 54 | 27 | 1.24 |
| Albany | 52 | 45 | .04 |
| Albany | 58 | 39 | |
| Boise | 43 | 28 | |
| Brownsville | 68 | 57 | |
| Chicago | 52 | 37 | |
| Denver | 37 | 22 | .07 |
| Detroit | 40 | 29 | |
| El Centro | 72 | 47 | |
| Fairbanks | -15 | -18 | .13 |
| Fort Worth | 67 | 38 | |
| Fresno | 55 | 40 | |
| Helena | 38 | 15 | |
| Kansas City | 60 | 31 | |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 47 | |
| Miami | 79 | 58 | |
| Minneapolis | 39 | 15 | |
| New Orleans | 53 | 41 | |
| New York | 49 | 37 | |
| Oakland | 56 | 49 | |
| Oklahoma City | 64 | 35 | |
| Phoenix | 63 | 41 | |
| Pittsburgh | 45 | 36 | |
| Red Bluff | 57 | 41 | |
| Reno | 46 | 19 | |
| Sacramento | 56 | 39 | |
| Salt Lake City | 35 | 19 | .02 |
| San Diego | 66 | 48 | |
| San Francisco | 55 | 34 | .01 |
| Seattle | 50 | 43 | .01 |
| Spokane | 38 | 33 | |
| Stockton | 57 | 42 | |
| Thermal | 75 | 45 | |
| Tucson | 64 | 31 | |
| Washington | 49 | 43 | .08 |

Hollywood News Reviewed By Wire Service Reporter

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Not in the memory of this reporter has there been a year in Hollywood so packed with news events.

One big story after another broke during 1958 to keep the news staff hopping.

Here is now the top 10 news events appear from this vantage point:

1. The Johnny Stompanato stabbing by Cheryl Crane. The death scene in Lana Turner's bedroom was more dramatic than any that could be concocted for a movie. Lana's daughter was cleared in Stompanato's death, but the tragedy is not over.
2. Showman Mike Todd's death in a flaming air crash. It was a stunning blow to his devoted wife Elizabeth Taylor, who was to write an epilogue to the story.
3. The Liz-Eddie-Debbie triangle. Todd's buddy Eddie Fisher consoled the widow. They even went to Grossinger's, the New York resort where Eddie had wed Debbie Reynolds. Result: rift with Debbie amid large headlines.
4. Tyrone Power's sudden death.
5. The Dominican invasion. The gift-giver of 1958 was not a prince of the East, but a general from the South. Lt. Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr., son of the Dominican Republic strong man, made news with his gifts of expensive autos to Kim Novak and Zsa Zsa Gabor.
6. The surprise Oscars for Joanne Woodward and Miyoshi Umeki.
7. The death of Harry Cohn. The year took a heavy toll in film pioneers—Jesse Lasky, Al Lichtman, Sam Zimbalist, etc. But the most significant loss was Cohn, who had ruled Columbia with an iron hand. His passing marked the close of the P.C. studio era.
8. The rise of the millionaire star. This was no sudden news event, but it was the most significant change within the movie industry. A dozen big stars—Brando, Holden, Wayne, Cooper, Stewart, etc.—seized the balance of power from the big studios and could demand fantastic deals.
9. The death of Richard Skelton. Few events in recent Hollywood times so touched the world as the passing from leukemia of Red Skelton's young son.
10. The Jayne Mansfield-Mickey Hargitay wedding. Jayne did her darndest to make it a glamorous event.

Two Bands Of Radiation Hampering Space Travel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Man won't have to worry about radiation in space flights if he learns how to dodge two radiation bands circling the earth, according to a cosmic ray expert.

Dr. James A. Van Allen, head of the physics department at the University of Iowa, based that prediction on findings from the latest Army and Air Force space probes.

Van Allen said the earth is like a marble in the hole of a huge doughnut which in turn is encircled by another doughnut. Both bands seemingly trap high energy particles from the sun.

He said the first band is 2,000 miles thick and extends from 1,400 miles to 3,400 miles above the earth, roughly in line with the Equator. The second is 4,000 miles thick, beginning 8,000 miles out. The extent of the earth's magnetic field capable of holding small charged particles apparently is some 40,000 miles out, he said.

Van Allen addressed a meeting of the American Astronautical Society and talked with reporters. He gave detailed information from the Army's Pioneer space probe fired Dec. 8.

He said the rocket reported back good cosmic ray data almost all the way going out and returning earthward during the 38 hour flight in which it shot about 63,000 miles high.

If you assumed the high energy particles were trapped by the earth's magnetic field, he said, you could assume there were radiation-free passageways — similar to the hole of a doughnut — extending through the earth's magnetic poles.

Dr. Hugh Dryden, deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said a study of the two radiation bands will get highest priority next year from the new civilian space agency.

Dryden said during a television interview the amount of shielding needed for man to survive in space flight will be based on such explorations.

In another scientific development over the weekend, President Eisenhower announced he was creating a new federal council for science and technology. The group will work for better planning of scientific programs and the reduction of duplication in scientific studies.

Cabinet Post Erasure Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress will be asked to drop the Postmaster General from the cabinet and put the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission into it, Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said Saturday.

Porter said he would introduce such legislation, which he said drew favorable reaction from constituents and Oregon newspapers.

He said he believed the duties of the Postmaster General "have become increasingly mechanical and administrative" and too often a matter of political patronage. The proposed measure would reduce the Postmaster General to an assistant secretary of commerce.

The head of the Atomic Energy Commission, he said, "is much more responsible for our very existence" and should be raised to cabinet stature.

"I believe," he said, "that planned development and use of atomic energy is crucial to our economic future and to our very survival."

Centennial Group Meets

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Centennial Commission meets here today to set a salary for the new manager of the Centennial Exposition.

The new director is H. Quenton Cox, named last week to succeed Floyd Maxwell.

Maxwell Sunday said that he has asked the full commission to give him a full hearing at its next regular meeting Jan. 12.

"I now ask the right . . . to defend my two years of planning, organization and management of the Centennial Exposition before a full meeting of the commission," he said.

Maxwell said only six of the nine members were present when he was ousted from the job by a 4-1 vote.

AMY BROWN TU-2-0344 for STAUFFER Home Reducing Plan Demonstration

FULTON, Ky. (AP)—Farmer Otis Lecornu couldn't understand how his goat always got out of its pasture. One day Lecornu hid behind a tree. The goat climbed onto a stump in the field and started bawling. A burro sauntered over the stump and the goat leaped onto his back. Then the burro trotted to the fence and the goat bounded over the barrier.

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