

Nation Moves Underground Just In Case Of Conflict

By HANS DOHLBERG
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Watch your step when you go out for a walk in Sweden.

The whole country is undermined, honeycombed with caves and tunnels filled with military bases, garages, factories and oil stores.

For thousands of years the Swedes never realized the enormous advantages hidden in their

sometimes more than 50 yards thick, and giant shock-absorbing doors make the base A-bomb proof.

Included in this underground base is one of the country's biggest naval repair yards.

Bases of that kind are defended against an attacking enemy by medium range guided missiles, launched from the depths of the rocks.

The elaborate coast defense system consists of a network of fortifications, submarine pens and underground harbors into which destroyers can sail. Many of the top secret air bases all around Sweden are hidden inside rocks, too.

About 150 miles south of Stockholm the Saab airplane factory is buried some 100 feet below the land surface with workshops and accommodations for several hundred workers, including dining rooms. Air conditioning, a very essential thing due to the heat from machines, gives the air constant temperature and humidity.

At Saab, the planes are put together inside the mountain and taken out through a long slightly sloping tunnel. Several other big Swedish enterprises have blasted themselves into the mountains. They all report good results.

Swedes nowadays prefer to heat their houses with oil instead of coal or domestic wood, so there is a large and constant need for oilstores. The Suez crisis two and a half years ago also showed that a sudden break in the supplying of oil immediately causes rationing if the stores are not big enough.

And where could the inflammable stuff be safer than in the mountains? Using closed-down mines the oil companies sometimes have spared themselves the trouble even to cave the mountains.

Walking in Swedish countryside you never can be quite sure there isn't a lake of oil from the Middle East or South America somewhere below your feet.



BLY GRANGE members got together recently to clean up and paint up their Grange Hall. In the photo, from left, are Carson Chaste, Tom Ward and Terry Ward.

Despite Farm Price Drop, Food Only 1 Per Cent Lower

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department said today retail food prices in the first quarter of 1959 averaged only 1 per cent lower than in the same period a year ago despite a 7 per cent decline in prices farmers received.

"The effect on retail prices of this decrease was largely offset by an increase of 3 per cent in marketing charges," the department said.

Farmers' prices for most groups of food products in the first quarter of 1959 were lower than a year earlier, the department reported. Percentage decreases were largest for fats and oils, bakery and cereal products, and poultry and eggs.

Farm prices for meat animals, which accounted for about half the rise in the general level of farm prices last year, were down 6 per cent from the first three months of 1958.

The department repeated its prediction that farmers' prices probably will continue below a year earlier through 1959, mainly because of heavy supplies of hogs, chickens, eggs, and some other food products.

for in Egyptian pounds.

The commodities to be sold to UAR: Tobacco, \$9,000,000; rice, \$7,300,000; cotton seed or soybean oil, \$3,200,000; yellow corn, \$2,600,000; grain sorghums, \$400,000; barley, \$300,000; frozen poultry, \$500,000; and dairy products, \$500,000. Ocean transportation costs were estimated at \$1,600,000.

Sales will be made by U.S. private traders.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Members of a House poultry subcommittee confer today with officials of the Agriculture Department to find out what the department plans to do about the depressed price of poultry products.

The officials were to give their views on whether any new laws are needed.

The conference grew out of a two-day subcommittee hearing last week in which poultrymen particularly egg producers, complained that low prices were driving family farmers into bankruptcy.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Foreign Agriculture Service today predicted U.S. cotton exports in 1959-60 will increase substantially.

FAS said export sales of cotton would rise because of a new U.S. cotton export program, an anticipated rise in foreign consumption, reduced carryover in foreign countries, and a probable drop in the production of competitive foreign cotton.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department Tuesday announced a trade agreement between the United States and the United Arab Republic whereby the \$23,400,000 worth of U.S. farm commodities.

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Two Area Girls Win 4-H Awards

Scholarships to the 4-H Summer School on the Oregon State College campus June 20-27 have been won by two Southern Oregon girls in statewide 4-H livestock breeding competition.

Winners included Patty Burtleigh of Klamath Falls and Mary Lynn Fenimore of Lakeview.

Winner of the top award, a \$100 college scholarship, was Myrna Rantala of Clatskanie. The award was made for excellence of a seven-animal dairy herd she built up in six years of 4-H activity.

BIRDS ON THE BINGE
CHICAGO (UPI)—The Animal Welfare League solved the mystery of Chicago's drunken pigeons Tuesday.

The league discovered the birds have been hanging around street corners drinking anti-freeze drained from cars.

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BASIN BRIEFS

Card Party—There will be a card party at the Midland Grange on Saturday night, May 9. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Cancelled—The annual meeting of the Olene-Pine Grove Community Club scheduled for Friday, May 8, has been cancelled.

In School—Jimmy Walker, sixth

grade son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Walker, returned to the Chiloquin school last week after being out for two months with an illness.

PTA Convention—Mrs. Warren Lough and Mrs. William West have returned from Corvallis where they attended the annual PTA conference. They are Chiloquin officers of the PTA.

Sister Ill—Mr. and Mrs. John Manning, Chiloquin, traveled to Portland last weekend with his brother, Robert Manning, Oakland, California, to visit a sister who is hospitalized.

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was taken to a Klamath Falls Hospital Monday morning by the Chiloquin ambulance and underwent surgery Wednesday. Cunningham operates a sand and gravel business near Willamson River.

Home—Bud Rueck has returned to his home at Bonanza after driving Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wu to San Francisco where Jack is receiving medical care at Stanford Hospital.

To Longview—Peter Hriczisce of Langell Valley is spending two weeks at Longview with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson and family.

Houseguests—at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier of Langell Valley are Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Yuba City.

Change—The party for Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dearborn, who are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on May 10, will be held at the parish hall in Langell Valley instead of the Leavitt home as planned. Friends are invited to attend. The party starts at 8 o'clock.

Weekend—Donna Derry of Ma-

lin spent the weekend at Bonanza with her sister, Mrs. Howard Schmidt and family. Other visitors were Mrs. Schmidt's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Womack, and sons of Portola, California.

Home—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Monroe have returned to their home in Langell Valley after spending the past five months in Southern California, Arizona and Mexico.

Elected—Frank H. Brown of Bonanza was elected to the Bonanza school board at the May 4 election. The tax was voted down in Bonanza.

Turkey Dinner—Mrs. John Brown of Bonanza will serve turkey dinner on Mothers Day, Smorgasbord as usual on Saturday night.

GRANGE NEWS

Bly Grange 711 has started a clean up and paint up overhauling of its hall.

Members are tearing down a building in back of and adjoining the main hall. The substructure was damaged by fire several years ago. They will repair and paint the building's exterior soon, and they will fix ailing windows as well as touch up the interior.

Members of Juvenile Grange 217 will assist adult members in the program planned to make the building presentable to passersby.

The grange unit received a letter of commendation from the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce for work done last year in Bly.

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Serving Total Told For April

The Salvation Army headquarters in Klamath Falls announced that it served 352 persons during April.

It expended \$562 on clothing, meals, lodging and other necessities.

Of applicants for aid 260 were transient men and 12 transient families. Most were northbound—many to search for work on farms and railroads. Seven families of eight or more members were given shelter.

The Army's Adult Home League spent 55 hours in charity and social work. The League of Mercy donated 35 hours to similar work. Youth groups volunteered 134 hours of time.



country's big solid granite mountains. They were looked upon merely as a hindrance to agriculture and communication.

But when air warfare was developed to unexpected perfection in World War II it was suddenly understood that mountains could satisfy the demand for air shelters. Now the big Swedish towns have shelters which can house all their inhabitants.

The large public shelters, blasted out in the dry and silent depths of the primary rocks, have peacetime uses, too.

In Stockholm you won't find a single parking garage. But when you stroll through the quiet churchyard on the top of the Johannes mountain you would never guess that some 10 yards beneath you there is a large garage with parking spaces and a service station.

Stockholm's biggest establishment of that kind is a three-decked car park in the Katarina mountain which has room for 500 automobiles or, in case of war, houses 20,000 people. The roof of granite is 60 feet thick. Sharp angles in the tunnels leading into the shelter are designed to stop pressure waves. The air-conditioning can clean the establishment of radioactivity.

But the Swedes not only want to be sheltered in their mountain caves if the war breaks out. They also would like to keep the enemy from the borders of the country.

So, in order to protect the east coast navy from air raids, one of Europe's major naval bases is hidden in the heart of one of Baltic Sea islands. A solid granite roof,

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Animal Week Has Started

"Be Kind to Animal Week," is being observed throughout the nation in various ways, May 2 to May 9. In Klamath Falls school children are visiting the county and city dog pounds to learn how the animals are handled that are no longer wanted or that stray away.

The program is sponsored here by the Klamath County Humane Society which urges that citizens become better informed about the actual local treatment of animals; support of the society through membership and the practice of kindness to all animals.

Through the society, animals from porcupines to horses have been rescued from distress and abuse. In short, wherever suffering in the animal world has been called to the attention of the society, help has been offered.

Funds for the work are meager, being supplied by personal donations. An investigator's expenses must be paid and other incidental expenses taken care of.

Anyone interested in the \$1 membership may call TU 4-4648, or the dollar may be sent to Klamath County Humane Society, 423 Plum Avenue, Klamath Falls for membership card.

The public is invited to visit both the city and county dog pounds and the Pet Cemetery on Memorial Drive.

GRAND JURY TO MEET

The next meeting of the Klamath County Grand Jury has been called for 10 a.m. Tuesday, the district attorney's office said today. Among cases to be presented to the grand jury is the armed robbery of the Armory Tavern last Sunday in which three men are being held. The exact number of cases to be presented was not known today.

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