

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Records of past months replete with oddities:
When Mrs. Kay Carrier of Cornwall, started to reel in what she took to be a mighty fine trout at Crosby's Dam, Cornwall, it turned out to be a midget trout with the big fish hanging onto the little fellow's tail.
In Imperia, Italy, the shapely brunette who was elected "Miss Spring" turned out to be a deep baritone, age 17; sex, male.
Blue rain fell in Davenport, La. Scientists said the blue drops were caused by some type of vegetable material, probably pollen spores.
Near the East Wiltshire school house on the Kingston highway, a Charlottetown lady stopped her automobile beside a frog pond. Was she seeing things? She was. And one of the things she saw was a white frog singing merrily among his froggie pals. Strange but true.
In Lexington, Kentucky, W. C. Snider was stopped by police for going through a red light. On the way to court they saw another auto run through a red light. The same cop stopped it and took the driver along, who told the court she was W. C. Snider.

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Unemployment Is Still Top Problem In United Nations Economic Report

By A. I. GOLDBERG
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United Nations annual economic report says the world is still concerned with the problem of preventing large-scale unemployment in the face of cuts in military expenditures.
The study was written by the UN division of economic stability and development early this year, but made public only today.
The report notes two trends in the Communist sphere: Last year's switch to consumer goods production in the Soviet orbit, and the weakening of farm collective programs in eastern European countries outside the Soviet Union.

1953 SATISFACTORY YEAR
In its general conclusions the report says:
"The year 1953 was in several respects one of the most satisfactory years for the world economy since the war. Total production and consumption were at record levels and in most countries unemployment was relatively low."
"The force of the short-term fluctuations in prices, production and international payments that

reading the story of the persons who were kidnapped by inter-planetary invaders. And one of these days you may see such wonders in the world as to make you believe that the end of the earth is near and that strange inhabitants from other planets are getting ready to invade our sick old world.
Don't be surprised at anything you may see or hear. We are living in a strange age, a fascinating age, an age of wonders; and if ever this world is going to pass away (and we are told that it will) the time of its passing may be nearer than we think.

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NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters)—A 74-year-old white farmer Monday was rescued by neighbors after a series of sticks and stones battles with three anti-white Mau Mau terrorists.
The three terrorists raided the farm of David Silver, 20 miles from here, Sunday night after Silver had gone to bed.
The terrorists, two of whom were believed to have escaped from a detention camp nearby earlier in the day, apparently were searching for weapons and food.
Silver, who has lived in East Africa for 46 years refuses to keep any firearms in his house as a matter of principle.
Consequently, the battle of the old man and the terrorists had to be fought out with sticks and stones.

THREW STONES
First a well-timed terrorist stone put out the light in Silver's bedroom. He had several stones handy and replied in kind through a window before scrambling into the rafters as the terrorists broke the door down.
He peered down from the rafters at the trio. They spotted him and began pelting him with stones. One struck him on the head, but he managed to dodge into another room and slip outside into the bush.
The three terrorists caught up with him and began flaying him with sticks. Silver got his hands on a sturdy piece of timber and put the terrorists to flight.
For the rest of the night, he sat in his barricaded home—stick in hand—until his neighbors from two miles away made their regular daily visit to see how the old man was doing.

DISC JOCKEY FINED
QUEBEC (CP)—J. C. Picard, an 18-year-old radio ham, was fined \$1 Monday for operating a radio station without a permit. Picard was charged after a neighbor complained that the station was interfering with his television reception. The station—which Picard called "JCP"—was limited in range to the immediate neighborhood of his home.

MAJOR PROBLEMS REMAIN
"However, much of the improvement recorded in 1953 may well have been of only temporary significance and major problems remain to be solved."
"The balance of inflationary and deflationary forces was precarious and the continuance of full employment was by no means assured in the major industrial countries. The underdeveloped countries did not, in general, fare as well as the economically advanced countries and many suffered setbacks in economic activity and in investment. There were no international plans to meet possible recurrences of the frequent and often violent fluctuations in the prices of primary commodities during the past few years."
"In general, there is not sufficient flexibility in the world economy for it to withstand disturbances resulting from a substantial slackening in economic activity in any major trading country. In particular, international arrangements for dealing with the currency shortages which would arise in such a situation must be considered inadequate."

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MESSAGE FROM QUEEN
Lord Burghley read a message from the Queen, in reply to one of loyalty from the congress, in which her majesty wishes the congress success in its deliberations.
Sir Percy Mills, chairman of the council of the federation, read greetings from the prime ministers of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and Northern Ireland.

Move To Increase Dairy Support Price
WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives Agriculture Committee has voted to raise the U.S. dairy support price five per cent to 80 per cent of parity for the period between Sept. 1, 1954, and April 1, 1955.
Agriculture department sources said Monday the effect would be to raise retail butter prices by about three cents a pound and cheese by 1½ to two cents.
By a 22-to-6 vote, the committee decided to write this mandatory 80-per-cent price level for butter and other dairy products into the farm bill it will present to the House in a week or so.

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Many Countries Attend 18th Congress Of Chambers of Commerce Federation

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor
MONTREAL (CP) — Commonwealth and Empire business men were urged Monday to consider the things they have in common, rather than those which might seem to divide them.
The suggestion came from Lord Burghley, president of the Federation of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, whose 18th congress opened Monday.

If, added Lord Burghley, emphasis were put upon common interests, delegates would find that these covered nearly the whole picture.
He spoke at a luncheon tendered by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, W. J. Borrie of Vancouver, president of the Canadian body, welcoming the delegates, said the congress is an opportunity to renew economic ties.

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