

Seeking To Transform Australian Desert Land

Woomera, Australia (Reuters)—As superatomic missiles howl into the sky at this joint British-Australian rocket range, a group of men tend plants which may one day transform great areas of Australian desert and tree-less land in other countries.

These men are experimenting with plant growth in the semi-desert country 300 miles northwest of Adelaide where this range is situated. Their garden, about a quarter mile from the village which houses the scientists, is called the arboretum.

In the arboretum, amid the red soil and grey-green saltbush of the range country, is one of the greenest and smoothest lawns anyone could wish to see. It is formed by South African couch, grown specially at Woomera to test its suitability in this area.

The Woomera nursery supervisor, E. F. Martin, is watching the progress of what he called the Israel bush, a greyish plant from the Holy Land. The Israel bush, thriving here, is believed to have a higher nutritional value for sheep than the local salt bush, Martin explained.

Locally produced sheep yield some of the finest merino fleeces. Scientists believe this is because Woomera soil lacks no important trace elements.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ANNIE JULIA HATCH
There passed away March 19th, 1956 at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. G. Morrill, Amesbury, Mass., Mrs. Annie Julia Hatch, widow of Alonzo A. Hatch, in her 92nd year.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown, of Pownal, P.E.I. The greater part of her life was spent in the United States, but she was a frequent visitor to her native home. Processed of a jovial and friendly nature she made many friends where ever she went.

Left to mourn her passing are one son, Raymond B. Brocton, Mass., two daughters, (Beulah M.), Mrs. Ver on MacKinnon, Union Road, P.E.I. (M. Pearl), Mrs. E. G. Morrill of Amesbury Mass., two brothers, William F. Brown, Orwell, P.E.I., Charles Brown T. oma, Washington, U.S.A. and two sisters (Alice L.), Mrs. Seymour Farquharson, Southport, P.E.I. and Margaret H. Brown, Andover, Mass. Also twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Sampson Funeral Home in Brocton, Mass., Rev. A. C. Moxley of Porter church officiated. Mr. Bradstreet, soloist, sang very feelingly, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide with Me."

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Pine Hill Cemetery, West Bridge Water, beside that of her husband who predeceased her May 26th, 1926.

Eisenhower Signs New Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Monday signed into law the new farm bill passed by Congress as a second-best substitute for the wide-ranging measure he vetoed last month.

The bill is built on the president's oil bank plan—a program for payment of up to \$1,200,000,000 a year to compensate farmers for taking land out of surplus-producing crops.

The principal provision of the bill makes \$750,000,000 a year available through 1959 for acreage reserve payments to farmers reducing wheat, cotton, corn, rice, peanuts and tobacco below established acreage allotments.

An additional \$450,000,000 a year would be payable through 1960 to farmers for retiring other land to soil-conserving uses such as grass, trees or water storage facilities on 10 to 15 year contracts.



MRS. ISENER, B.A.
U. N. B. GRAD

Mrs. Gertrude Barratt Isenor, wife of R. Isenor N.Sc., and youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Barrett, Wheatley River, P.E.I., who received her Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Biology at the convocation of the University of New Brunswick recently held at Fredericton.

Mrs. Isenor attends Prince of Wales College and University of Acad before entering U.N.B.

Jordan's New Premier Says "Neutral Policy" Is Planned

By RONALD BATCHELOR
AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters)—Jordan's new premier, Said Mufti, declared Monday that he will pursue a "neutral policy" within the divided Arab world.

He also hinted that when his new government is formed, it will review the 1948 Anglo-Jordan treaty under which Britain gives military aid to this country.

Mufti, 58, an independent, granted an interview as he sat on the veranda of his green-and-cream villa high on a hill overlooking Amman.

Twenty-year-old King Hussein asked him Sunday to form a government after accepting the resignation of Premier Samir Rifai. The sovereign was reported to have disagreed with Rifai's policies but details were not known.

Mufti served as premier last December when Britain made a determined but abortive effort to talk Jordan into joining the Baghdad pact. Iraq, the only Arab league member in the pact, defied Egypt's bitter opposition to join the alliance along with Britain, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.

Asked about Jordan's relations with other Arab nations, the new premier said: "Jordan will pursue a neutral policy. She will adopt a friendly and independent attitude within the Arab world."

The premier said one question above all dominated Jordan's policies—that of Israel. He did not elaborate on this remark.

Mufti said he expects the question of the Anglo-Jordan treaty would be discussed by his cabinet. There was dissatisfaction in the country over the terms of the treaty, he said, mentioning his efforts to amend it when he was previously in power last year.

Asked directly if he would press for abrogation of the treaty, the premier said he could not reply at present. In answer to a further question, he expressed the wish for "good relations and full understanding" with Britain.

Mufti resigned the premiership last December after rejecting the invitation to join the Baghdad pact. His successor, Premier Hazza Majali, who favored the pact, held office for only five days, amid growing tensions which led to widespread riots and attacks on western embassies.

Hussein tried to dissolve parliament during the anti-pact agitation but was forced from doing so by the constitutional council.

On Jan. 9, Rifai formed his government on a promise that Jordan would join no new alliances but would strengthen her relations with other Arab states.

Insurance Man Comments On Health Insurance

MONTEBELLO, Que. (CP)—Governments should supplement and not supplant health insurance now being supplied by private agencies, E. C. Gill of Toronto, president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association, said Tuesday at the association's annual meeting.

Mr. Gill, who is also president of Canada Life Assurance Company, said more than 6,500,000 Canadians now are insured by private agencies as compared with 1,000,000 in 1942 and that in Ontario alone 3,750,000 people, or 70 per cent of the population, carried such protection.

The areas of real need which private agencies could not take care of were sufficiently small that government action directed specifically at them should be much less costly than a universal plan.

Of all types of social insurance, Mr. Gill stated, health insurance is the most difficult to administer. Leaving aside clearly fraudulent cases, which were rare, many policyholders were inclined to demand more hospital and medical care than they actually needed.

Private insurers were able in some measure to apply a brake on over-use, but governments would find it difficult to apply any real control.

The need for setting upon a logical line between social insurance and private insurance had never been so great as in the health insurance field.

E. J. Faulkner of Lincoln, Nebraska, president of the Health Insurance Association of America, said in both Canada and the United States the existence of a substantial amount of voluntary health insurance was an indication of the ability of the vast majority of people to finance the costs of their own health care.

JUDGMENT RESERVED
TORONTO (CP)—Mr. Justice G. A. Gale has reserved judgment in a Supreme Court of Ontario action for \$900,000 by the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd., against 12 insurance companies.

He said it will be considerable time before the judgment is handed down. Ford is suing the companies for damage to its Windstopper plants during a 1951 work stoppage.

Bell Telephone Authorized To Raise Capital

OTTAWA (CP)—The board of transport commissioners Tuesday authorized Bell Telephone Company of Canada to raise an estimated \$63,400,000 in new capital by sale of 1,725,000 shares of stock.

The authorization followed a morning hearing before the board at which Bell officials outlined plans for raising the money and purposes of it.

The company proposed selling the stock, having a par value of \$25, at not less than \$37 a share, and to distribute the issue on the basis of one share for each eight held by the shareholders.

Norman A. Munnoch of Montreal, the company's vice-president and general counsel, said the new capital is required to meet the company's expansion plans. New construction requirements for 1956

After taking into account all of the company's internal resources and available funds, including proceeds of \$49,000,000 worth of bonds sold last January, \$23,400,000 in additional capital will be needed in 1956 and \$92,800,000 in 1957, he told the board.

Even if the requested share issue is completely successful, it will produce only about half the capital needs.

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New Proposal For Economic Aid To The Underdeveloped

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associatic Press News Analyst

Two economic experts have come up with a proposal for an international program of aid to underdeveloped countries which might serve to compromise some of the major differences between the U.S. Congress and President Eisenhower's administration.

The current administration program calls for presidential authority to make long-term commitments for large construction projects.

There is strong opposition to this in Congress. At the same time there is increasing pressure for eliminating the grant system and putting practically the entire program on loan basis.

Max Millikan and W. W. Rostow, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the centre for the international studies, have combined the two ideas.

They suggest the United States take the lead in organizing a pool composed of the industrialized nations which would set up a system of loans to continue for five or 10 years, until industrialization begins to generate its own capital in the countries to be aided.

Banking practices would apply, through a set of international standards under which countries seeking loans would have to qualify on such points as usefulness of projects, public support, and concrete planning for repayment.

The authors deliberately move away from the idea that such a system would win friends in the cold war, or try deliberately to establish free enterprise. They say its fundamental purpose would be to supply a "sense of direction" for the underdeveloped peoples, demonstrating to them that economic improvement can be accomplished without resort to radical

Chester Bowles, former U.S. ambassador to India, has been advocating a non-political, non-coercive aid program in his writing and speeches ever since his return.

Many others have adopted the theory that only a truly international effort, conducted through the United Nations, will do the job. Secretary of State Dulles has suggested at least part of it might be done through NATO.

Congress has clung consistently to a program labelled "American" in his letters.

But neither Congress nor the administration is satisfied with the results, and changes are going to be made.

NEW PORTRAIT SHOWN
LONDON (Reuters)—A new portrait of the Queen, dressed in her uniform as colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards, was displayed for the first time Tuesday at an exhibition commemorating the 30th anniversary of the regiment's formation.

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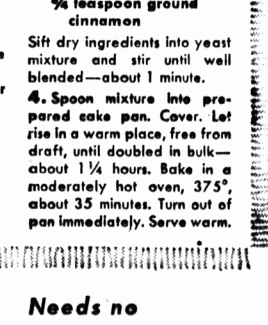
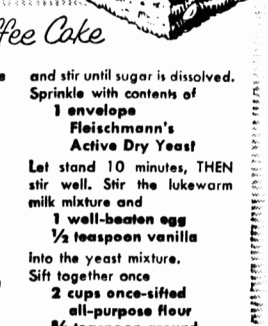
2. Scald 1/2 cup milk. Remove from heat and stir in 1/4 cup honey, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup shortening. Cool to lukewarm.

3. In the meantime, measure into a large bowl 1/2 cup lukewarm water, 1 teaspoon granulated sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with contents of 1 envelope Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast.

Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well. Stir the lukewarm milk mixture and 1 well-beaten egg 1/2 teaspoon vanilla into the yeast mixture. Sift together once 2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon.

Sift dry ingredients into yeast mixture and stir until well blended—about 1 minute. Spoon mixture into prepared cake pan. Cover. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 1 1/2 hours. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 35 minutes. Serve warm.

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