

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Furs are going to be scarce in France this winter, quite as scarce as they were during the German occupation in the late war. Stocks are said to be 70 per cent below normal and about 100,000 workers in all branches of the fur trade risk unemployment if the crisis continues.

Europe. It was France that bought the largest percentage of the fox production of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland and these furs processed in France were sold largely to visitors to that country.

Eladio Lamas, Uruguayan fur breeding expert, asked by a furrier why the nutria in the district of Minas, Uruguay, have a blue tint differing from the shade of nutria in other regions of his country, said, an analysis of the waters in Minas showed that they are saturated with mineral and radioactive salts held responsible for the bluish-grey tone of the fur of the nutria from that district.

The fur world was deeply shocked by the death of John Cobb, one of the managing directors of the American Fur Breeders' Association, who was killed at Loch Ness, Scotland, September 29th, in an effort to break the world's speed-boat record.

Here is a typical big city ad in the U. S. A. ... Sacramento, Cal.: "Hardly believable," says an advertisement of Green's Furs, here in copy promoting "Masterpieces

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Wars greatly reduce food supplies by removing the workers from the land during the fighting, not only for the armed services, but for the production and transportation of war materials.

On the cover of the National Fur News appears a photo reproduction of a young lady wearing a Palomino Mink jacket from pelts designed by Cairns Fur Farm, Edmonton, Alberta.

The National Fur News, Denver, reporting the meeting of the American Fur Breeders' Association held in Denver, states that the opinion was expressed that fox is slowly coming back into the spotlight of fashion.

The 2nd annual Live Fox Show and 5th annual Mink Show will be held in the Fox Show Pavilion at the Provincial Exhibition, Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders' Association, November 10th to 13th.

WAR AND WANT

These activities are all being continued, but the establishment of the Expanded Technical Assistance Program, to help the nations help themselves, has developed so greatly that a major part of F. A. O.'s total activity is going into this great work.

World food production has risen so that it was last year about nine per cent over the five-year average of the period 1934-38, before the war.

The present Director General, Dr. N. E. Dodd, stated: "In spite of these difficulties the year has marked a turning point towards greater achievement." In a previous report he had explained the four major kinds of activities carried on by F. A. O.

or advisory agent, mobilizing modern scientific knowledge for increased production, improved handling and processing, and better distribution of food and other farm, forest and fishery products.

There has been a demand for more information concerning the effectiveness of the activities that F. A. O. has carried on, concerning its successes and difficulties and this has been given in a recent report.

It states: "The United Nations Charter came into force on October 24, 1945. In the same month and year the Food and Agriculture Organization was born."

This movement to wipe out mass hunger by applying modern scientific knowledge to the development of the agricultural resources of the world is the greatest forward movement that has ever been made against want and helps to satisfy the basic need for everybody to have a chance to develop, to the full his dignity and worth as a man.

France Refuses Advice From U. S.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—(Reuters)—France has refused United States advice on how to spend U. S. dollar aid, it was disclosed last night. The incident was reported to have developed into the worst diplomatic blow-up between the two countries since the war.

The Paris Conservative Press described the affair as "a crisis in Franco-American relations."

Pinay demanded that U. S. Ambassador James Dunn, who delivered the memorandum and an accompanying letter, withdrew them. The Ambassador complied, according to the spokesman.

There are fifteen of these technical assistance projects, from National Program-Building and preparatory missions, crops, live stock, etc. to rural community industries, institutions and services.

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