

Pigeon Mocher Eats \$300 Worth Salted Peanuts

TOPEKA, Kan. (UP)—The most persistent mocher in town is a pigeon named Old Tom.

Take Jake Gies' word for it. Jake runs a downtown filling station, and for nearly nine full years now the fat little pigeon has been panhandling salted peanuts from him.

It was on a wintry day early in 1939 that Jake spied the pigeon picking his way around in the snow in search for something to eat.

He put a couple of pennies in the station peanut machine and fed the nuts to the bird.

That did it. Old Tom came back for more, not only every day but several times a day.

For a couple of years he brought a girl friend with him, Gies said. "She was a little white bird and Old Tom made it clear he wanted enough nuts for her, too."

"She disappeared finally, but he brings a few friends with him now and then. He eats first, then lets them take what's left."

"I think he's only a show-off." The multi-colored bird is just plain pigeon. He apparently has no special talents, like homing or carrying messages, according to a Topeka bird expert.

But the pigeon is particular about his diet, nevertheless. Gies has tried to feed him other food, with little success. Tom reluctantly accepts wheat and corn and flatly refuses popcorn. He likes those salted peanuts.

"Figured up the other day," Gies said, "that Old Tom has eaten farm near \$300 worth of peanuts. And they tell me he'll live three or four years more."

"I'm just a soft touch, and that bird knows it—the bum."

In Failing Health



A SUBJECT of much speculation by European diplomats is the health of Dr. Eduard Benes (above), 64, President of Czechoslovakia. Persons in a position to know say that although Dr. Benes does not appear ill, his condition is considered to be serious. (International)

Death Of Pepper From East Indies Is Due To Persist

BATAVIA, (UP)—The fabulous pepper trade of the Dutch East Indies presents a gloomy picture to a pepper-hungry world.

Few Dutch economic experts expect Indonesia to reach her pre-war level of 32,000 tons before 1951.

Before the Japanese "eight day conquest" of the Indies, Indonesia supplied 89 per cent of the world demand for pepper.

The estimated crop for 1948 is unknown. Nobody will hazard a guess. No figures exist on the total acreage of land now growing pepper.

Pepper is no longer produced in the "spice islands" of olden days, the Moluccas and Ceram—now incorporated into the state of East Indonesia.

It Takes Time. New bushes take three years to cultivate before they bear the precious spice. No large-scale pepper planting has yet taken place.

The source of pepper being exported from the Indies today is old stockpiles. Little of the stockpile pepper ever reaches the big American dollar market. Old pepper cannot pass rigid United States food control laws.

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Next Few Months Will Decide Fate Of United Nations Plan To Divide Palestine Into Jewish, Arab States

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The United Nations soon will face the first of a series of tests which will indicate success or failure of the plan to partition Palestine.

When the General Assembly adjourned last Nov. 29 after adopting the partition plan, it left a blueprint for a new Palestine. Implementation of the plan was left for 1948.

The current strife in the Holy Land was foreseen by Arabs, Jews, British and by most of those who supported the plan to carve Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish countries.

Problem Anticipated. When the Assembly acted, it had before it a warning from the U. N. Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) that "enforcement measures on an extensive scale may be necessary for some time."

The big questions to be answered in 1948 are: How far will the strife go? Will Britain adhere to the transition timetable set by the U. N.? Can the Arabs be forced to cooperate? Will the U. N. take adequate enforcement measures?

The two new countries are scheduled to become sovereign independent nations by Oct. 1, but much must be done before then. British evacuation must be completed, security forces set up and an economic union formed to insure a stable economy in the Holy Land. So far only a few steps have been taken.

The five-nation U. N. commission which will help set up the new regimes was called together for its planning session, starting Jan. 9 at Lake Success.

A six-nation sub-committee of the trusteeship council has begun work

BALFOUR DECLARATION FAVORED JEWISH HOME

The Balfour Declaration of Nov. 2, 1917, totals 67 words. Many millions of words have been uttered and much blood has been shed over interpretation of those 67 words.

The words are credited to Arthur James Balfour, then British foreign secretary, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Zionist pioneer and celebrated chemist.

The declaration was drafted in 1917. It said: "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

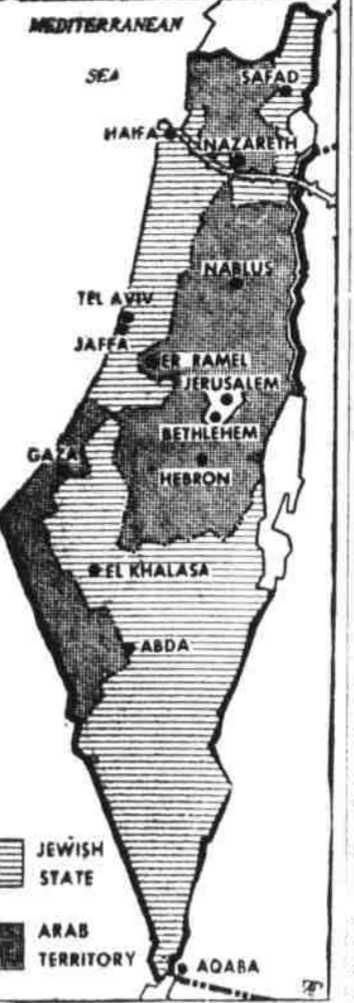
On a provisional statute for Jerusalem to be administered by the council as an international zone outside the new Jewish and Arab countries.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine has been planning for the provisional government of the new Jewish nation and for increased immigration as provided by the partition plan.

And Britain has announced it would terminate its 25-year-old League of Nations mandate by May 15 and would complete withdrawal from the Holy Land by Aug. 1.

The Arab Threat. Meanwhile, the Arabs have made no move to set up a provi-

PALESTINE PARTITION



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struggle to the end against the partition plan.

This raises the vital question: How can the U. N. enforce partition? The program approved by the Assembly made no provisions for enforcement, despite warnings that force would be needed to put partition into effect.

This is certain to be a major issue before the U. N.

Top U. N. officials agree that as long as the Palestine mandate remains in effect Britain will be responsible for maintaining order. But once the British pull out there is nothing to prevent U. N. intervention.

Question of Force. Under the U. N. charter the Security Council can use force if the Palestine situation threatens international peace.

The Council's big problem will be to determine what forces should be used.

At present, there is no U. N. military force. The council might set up a provisional force for Palestine or it might call upon individual nations to send troops to the Holy Land.

If the council should fail to act, then the "Little Assembly" undoubtedly would take up the problem and recommend a special session of the full Assembly. The U. N. already has taken steps to retain the temporary Assembly chamber at Flushing Meadow Park, New York, for such an emergency meeting.

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LAUGH OFF DROUGHT WE SHOULD LIVE... LLANO, Tex. (UP)—Drought, described by some ranchers as worst they remember on the Edwards plateau of Texas, is not causing the cattle and sheepmen any financial loss. High price of meat makes it possible for the ranchers to sell their livestock at a neat profit, if the range is not sufficient to feed them through the winter.

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NEW RESEARCH STARTED IN PARALYSIS FIELD

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UP)—Causes of paralysis resulting from poliomyelitis and cerebral palsy are under study at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

The research, being conducted with a cathode ray oscillograph and a movie camera, is under direction of Dr. Wilbur K. Smith.

Through his oscillograph studies, Dr. Smith hopes to learn to what extent paralysis and other neuromuscular disorders may be alleviated. He thinks it may be done through operative techniques, drug therapy, or through the training of other muscles, nerves or brain cells to carry on the functions normally done by the affected ones.

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STONE WALLS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE

BUTTE, Mont.—(AP)—A Butte city jail prisoner was given permission to use a telephone and walked out while the jailer's back was turned. Picked up a short time later as he strolled near the jail, he explained "I just wanted to get a little exercise before dinner."

BROADWAY By Jack O'Brian

THE ONE BIG NIGHT FOR A STOOGE TURNS OUT TO BE HIT

NEW YORK—Ted Collins, who leads in such diverse items as professional football and Kate Smith, has chosen one of America's best-dressed men of the year (1947) while wearing 1946 suits. Just hadn't got around to unpacking new suits yet. Of all the records we've heard of tunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Allegro," best is Jo Stafford's waxing of "The Gentleman Is A Dope."

D. W. Waite, a New York gent vacationing in Mexico, hung around the set of John Ford's "The Vigilante," snapping 16 mm. movie shots wherever possible. When it was finished he assembled shots of his wife, cut them into the others, and he now has an amateur movie entitled "My Wife Chases Henry Ford."

He just substituted shots of his prettier half for those showing J. Carroll Nash, the villain of the piece. And RKO Radio Pictures takes the paternalistic corporate attitude that it's all good clean fun—so long as it remains an amateur motion picture and is shown only within the confines of the Waite home.

It's become common on Broadway to promote a big night in the arid saloons to honor one celebrity or another on his umpteenth anniversary as a star or some such gimmick, not always exactly according to the calendar but good for business. The other evening, however, one such "celebrity" party was attended by more than the usual coterie of Broadwayites.

The annual rainfall of the earth has been estimated at 30,000 cubic miles.

Household Hints

For easier and more efficient washdays in winter, home management specialists offer a few reminders to housewives.

Washing machines kept in a cold place, such as an outside porch, should be brought into a warm room several hours before using. Otherwise, the oil or grease in the machine may be so stiff that the starting load will be heavy enough to blow a fuse in the circuit.

Clothes that freeze stiff on lines suffer more wear and tear from whipping in the wind than soft clothes. Therefore, on very cold days it may be better to dry clothes indoors.

If lines are rubbed with vinegar before hanging up clothes, the fabric is less likely to freeze to line and stick. However, if the clothes stick, pull them very gently from the lines to prevent tearing.

Lothes pins warmed in the oven a few minutes before using help keep fingers warm and thus hasten hanging up job.

Never hang wet wool clothes or blankets outdoors in cold weather. Wool is sensitive to sudden change in temperature. It shrinks and is damaged by going from a warm unit to cold winter air. Wash and rinse in lukewarm water and dry in room temperature. Avoid extremes of either heat or cold.

Long Live the Lean. Thousand men and women still do not realize that pounds of extra flesh just be paid for by fewer years or arth. Life insurance statistics prove it. Lean bodies of men live longer than fat bodies and remain healthy and vital longer. This statement comes from Dr. C. M. McCay of the New York State (Columbia) Experiment Station whose series of experiments on the aging of laboratory rats shows why: remium should be put on keeping the body thin though well-nourished in the basic foods "Overnutrition," says Dr. McCay, "may be just as dangerous to health as undernourishment or food deficiencies."

Question: How can I better manage my dairy farm?

Answer: Extension dairy specialist at State College say that by following certain practices, a dairy farmer can greatly increase his annual income.

Free access to water of medium temperature is essential to maximum milk production. The milking cow of average size requires from 8 to 10 gallons of water per day. Milking should be done quickly, completely and at regular intervals. Dairy cows should be kept comfortable, by ample pasture shade during the hot months and adequate housing and good bedding during the winter. A dairy cow needs a rest period of from six to eight weeks during which time she should be given ample amounts of feed to put her in good condition for freshening time. Handle the cows gently; rough treatment and high production are

Malaria carrying mosquitoes land on their heads when they bite.

The earliest modern form of commercial insurance was for ships and their cargoes.

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