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Canal Idea Revived in European Plans

By ROBERT D. GRAFF
United Press Staff Correspondent
PARIS (U.P.)—The Panama Canal would look like an irrigation ditch compared to a canal connecting the Atlantic and Mediterranean currently being considered by the French government.

The proposed canal would be deep enough to take the biggest battleship or aircraft carrier from Bordeaux on the Atlantic side 150 miles across the south of France to the Mediterranean port of Sete in 30 hours.

Such a shortcut would cut three days steaming off the present round-Gibraltar route. It also would provide an alternate war-time lifeline between the western allies and their eastern bases.

Idea Is Old

The canal idea is three centuries old and has been proposed many times before. Current "cold war" talk caused the plans to be hauled out and dusted off once again.

The big switch is the time and money required to dredge the ditch and to install its eight locks. French engineers estimate it would take 30,000 laborers eight years to finish the job, at a cost of \$600,000,000. American capital is wanted to finance part of the digging.

Actually, a rowboat-size canal built by Louis XIV back in the 17th century runs along the proposed canal route. Engineers figure on widening it to 400 feet and dredging it to 40 feet to take any ship afloat, except perhaps for the Queen Mary.



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United Nations Reports Warn Of Shortage

By GEORGE SALERNO
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ROME (U.P.)—Even a bumper harvest in 1948 will leave world production of crops far below world needs, the Rome office of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization reported.

In a general survey of world food conditions, the FAO regional office warned that world-wide conservation would be needed to maintain supplies of the most essential scarce foods.

FAO urged that governments take all measures to reduce food losses due to lack of conservation, insect and rodent infestation and animal losses, which were estimated to be one-tenth of the total annual world production.

The regional office, describing its activities in Italy, announced that it had arranged for semen obtained from American Holstein and brown Swiss bulls to be shipped to the Spallanzani Institute in Milan, to enable Italy to start a program of artificial insemination of Italian livestock. The plan is to restore depleted livestock herds.

Home Canning Urged
Home canning projects and food demonstrations were conducted regularly all through last winter in Florence, Padua and Naples.

Forestry specialists have been here since 1947 helping the ministry of agriculture develop and execute forest programs. Projects planned or underway include analyzing and testing of windbreaks destroyed by the war and experimental work in exotic forest species.

Meanwhile, the urgency of agrarian reform was stressed by Paolo Bonomi, Christian Democrat member of the Italian national assembly.

Bonomi said it is necessary to "increase production to a maximum, thereby contributing to the solution of a social problem, especially in the south of Italy, where the peasants not infrequently live in primordial conditions."

Oldest Dog Is 26
NEW YORK (U.P.)—Vamp, a 26-year-old female Pomeranian, is the oldest dog in the city, according to the SPCA. Next are Buddy, 22, a male poodle; Petro, 21, a female Irish terrier; Prince, 19, a male fox terrier, and Ling Toy Lee, 15, a male chow.

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Food Pill Devised To Alay Hunger In Emergencies

By ROB ROY BUCKINGHAM
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON (U.P.)—Dr. Hellmuth Edhardt Heitz, one of the world's leading authorities on concentrated foods, says future generations need not fear the advent of capsuled beefsteaks or pillbox strawberry short cake.

Heitz, who began experimenting with food concentrates nearly 20 years ago after getting the idea during a big game hunt, asserted in an interview that solid food could never be substituted as a permanent diet.

However, he believes capsuled food has its place, and an important one, especially in an emergency.

The naturalized Briton, who studied medicine at the University of Vienna, is now the head of Allied Laboratories, Limited, which manufactured emergency rations in tablet form at the rate of 2,000,000 a week.

Used During War

Heitz's ration is contained in a pill the size of a quarter, called Etagone. It was used during the war by the British merchant navy, commandos and ambulance units and is now being converted for peace-time.

The stocky, gray-haired doctor said a large scale test would be conducted shortly in a famine area. He said Etagone also would be a fit luncheon for a harassed office worker.

"It is far healthier to have one of my pills than to gobble down a badly made sandwich and suffer indigestion," he contended.

Heitz said Etagone, which will keep a man comfortably for five and a half days without food or water, comes in many flavors. The favorite flavor during the war with the British navy was a banana and caramel mixture.

Flavor Important

"This flavor selecting is a delicate thing," he explained. "We must be careful to pick one that does not produce thirst." He said that ruled out beefsteak flavor.

Etagone will be tailored to taste for various foreign countries, he said, although the ingredients are the same. He said China, for instance, might want a chop suey taste in their Etagone, while lemon probably would be popular in the United States.

Heitz said he would go to America probably late this year to see about prospects for manufacturing Etagone there.

The scientist said he conducted many of the initial tests himself. Two weeks ago he lived for five and a half days on Etagone.

Good for One Week

"I had no thirst at all and slept better than usually," he said. He hopes to store enough energy in Etagone to last a man for one week, he considered the maximum.

The tablets contain no moisture but are designed to prevent any feeling of thirst by helping the body make the best use of its water reserves. Etagone provides the equivalent of nine-elevenths of an ounce of fresh meat protein and the same amount of minerals as a day's ordinary diet, with a half ounce of dextrin and ovolactin.

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700 Men Revive 16 Worn-Out Georgia Acres

By NEA Service
WINDER, Ga.—(NEA)—Seven hundred men using a million dollars worth of equipment completely rebuilt the worn-out 168-acre Carlyle-Blakey farm at Winder in one day.

While a crowd of more than 50,000 watched—and sometimes got in the way—here are some of the things that were done:

The entire farm, half of which had been idle land, was revitalized and refurbished.

Every acre was subjected to one or more of almost 30 different treatments, according to the nature of the land and the purpose for which it was to be used.

A gully as deep as a three-story building was filled, leveled off and set to sod.

Three irrigation waterways were put in, and the land they watered was planted respectively to fescue grass, Ladino clover and sericea.

Seven acres were planted to cotton, eight acres to corn.

A good-sized fish pond was created, filled and stocked with fish.

A metal utility barn was erected.

All hillside land in danger of erosion was terraced.

All trees on the farm were thinned, treated and classified.

The making over of this farm, a project sponsored jointly by the Atlanta Journal, the Soil Conservation Service and Winder civic groups, is believed here to be much the biggest job of its kind ever done, and also an outstanding example of how to fight the farm-killing effects of soil erosion.

The Army Signal Corps maintained communications, assisted by soldiers, sailors and Marines. One equipment dealer estimated that his contribution of men and machinery cost him \$10,000. Another dealer supplied 80 tons of limestone that was spread during the day. In all 64 major and 254 intermediate types of equipment were used.



Crowds began arriving around eight o'clock. The work was completed at sundown, with time out for a formal program. Four or five projects had to be left uncompleted, but that was not for lack of time—it was because the crowds of spectators were so dense that it was feared somebody might be injured.

There was a light rain in the morning. But far from hindering the project, it is credited with saving the day by laying dust and holding down the size of the crowd.

The idea behind the demonstration was to show how a badly rundown farm could be brought back by proper treatment.

Probably many of the thousands came to see a spectacle, and none of these was disappointed. But many others came to learn the latest methods for treating a worn-out farmland. These included experts from Sweden, Chile, Peru and South Africa.

Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, said:

"What is taking place here is one of the most historic events in this state or the United States. It is a great deal more important to the progress of civilization than was the building of the pyramids of Egypt, which required centuries."



Before
As soil conservation "doctors" at Winder, Ga., got ready to perform their biggest operation of all time, spectators gathered to see what would happen to the gully erosion had carved out as big as a three-story house.

After
When farm surgeons with tractors and bulldozers had finished their work, the deep wound of erosion had neatly been sewn up without trace of a scar. Bottom photo is close-up of the "before" scene.

FAILS TO GET TRIP BUT RATES "A" FOR EFFORT
Springfield, Tenn. (U.P.)—Eleven-year-old Bob Curtis and his cronies won't go to Bedloe's island after all to help clean up the site of the Statue of Liberty.

Young Curtis read in his school paper that there were unsightly heaps of rubbish on the island. He wrote President Truman offering to organize a group of schoolboys to go to New York and clean things up if the gov-

ernment would pay their expenses. At long last Curtis got an answer from Herbert Evison, chief of information for the National Park Service. Evison, in effect, thanked young Curtis for the

offer but said he believed the Park Service could do the job all right. Mrs. E. R. Butler of Louisville is here as a guest of Mrs. W. E. Hickey over the holiday period.

Red Ryder

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