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Youth Knows No Other Life Than Modern One

Not quite 20 years have passed since the end of the World War, and yet we live in a new world.

In viewing today's world and the confusing things that are going on in it, this should be remembered: that the youngest layer of people taking part in today's affairs have no personal remembrance of what life was like before the World War.

In Metz, France, a class of young conscript soldiers was taking an examination the other day. It was a written test on some phase of their duties as part of France's border-defense system that faces uneasily eastward.

What was the chagrin of the officers conducting the test, do you suppose, to find this: out of the 350 taking the test, an even hundred did not even know there had been a war in 1914! Many others, whose own fathers died in that war, knew nothing of where or when their fathers died, nothing of the circumstances or principles involved, nothing, except that they died.

Now let us suppose that these young French recruits were not of the highest caliber, or possessed of much education. Yet the country in which they have grown up reeled 20 years ago with loss of blood, almost on the very ground where they stood as they recorded their answers and the fact that they did not recall hearing about any war back in 1914-18.

There is something here to give pause to every man and woman charged with responsibility in teaching or public affairs, everyone who tries to understand what is going on today.

Let them remember that in Russia, the whole stratum of the younger soldiers, factory workers, farmers, has never known of any governmental or social system than the particular version of socialism being unfolded there by Stalin.

To the younger German soldiers, the kaiser and the whole of precise, orderly, stable pre-war Germany has no existence except in some smattering of reading in a textbook. All they remember is a long nightmare of confusion—and then Hitler.

To the younger generation of Italians, any other government but Fascism is unthinkable, because no other has any reality to them. And let us remember that a whole generation of millions of young Americans now taking their place in social and public life was not even born when the transports pushed off from Hoboken and Woodrow Wilson thrilled a nation and a world with the golden promises that were so soon to crumble to ashes.

The marvel, then, is not so much that the world is changing, but that it is changing so little, and so slowly.

"Scientists still are debating the question, 'What is coal?' Isn't it that black stuff janitors throw in the furnace a lump at a time?"

In Russia, a hit-skip driver was shot. The American type usually is only half shot.

The French name for Christmas is "Noel," and for Santa Claus, apparently, "Uncle Sam."

FAMOUS COLORADO RIVER DAM NEARS COMPLETION



UPPER—Photograph of the almost completed Buchanan Dam, the upper structure of the Lower Colorado River flood control and conservation program.

UPPER LEFT HAND INSERT—Harold L. Ickes, the first Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior ever to officially visit Texas. Secretary Ickes is to officiate Friday, Feb. 19, at the ground breaking ceremony which will inaugurate construction of the Marshall Ford Dam, eighteen miles above the city of Austin. This dam will cost approximately ten million dollars and will furnish a storage reservoir forty miles long, and have a storage capacity of 700,000 acre feet. It will be 3,000 feet long and 190 feet high.

CENTER SECTION—A drawing showing the storage reservoirs of the Lower Colorado River project, impounding more than two million acre feet of water, sufficient storage space to store, if necessary, the entire annual runoff of the Colorado River. This project will save flood damage bill of four million dollars per year and pay its cost in flood control alone in five years' time.

Harold L. Ickes To Visit Colorado Dam Project On Trip Into Texas

AUSTIN. — Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Friday will be the guest of the lower Colorado River Authority for an inspection of the largest government-financed flood control, irrigation and power project in the Southwest. At the close of the day's inspection, he will visit Austin, and, by invitation, address a joint session of the Texas legislature.

The cabinet officer will be escorted by Lieutenant Governor Walter F. Woodall, Clarence McDonough, general manager, and members of the board of directors of the Authority, from San Antonio to the Buchanan Dam early Friday. Governor James V. Allred will join him there for the inspection tour. The tour will include Buchanan Dam, the upper dam in the project, Roy Inks Dam, three miles below Buchanan, and will end at the site of Marshall Ford Dam, eighteen miles above Austin. There he will officiate at the ground breaking ceremony for this \$10,000,000 structure, largest in the series of dams for the purpose of harnessing the longest and wildest river in Texas.

Secretary Ickes is in Texas this week on the joint invitation of the National Contractors' association which is holding its national convention in San Antonio, the Governor of Texas, and the Colorado River Authority. He is the featured speaker on the program of the contractors' association in San Antonio Wednesday, and Friday he is to address a joint session of the Texas legislature.

As administrator of the P. W. A., Secretary Ickes is deeply interested in every government financed construction project that is under way in this country. His passion for a knowledge of detail made it possible for him to come to Texas with an intimate picture of the development on the Lower Colorado. Photographs, detailed reports, auditors' statements, budgets, and the other things which go to make up a paper record of a government project, have made Secretary Ickes well informed about this entire program. Another connecting link between the Secretary and this project has been that when the national program for the improvement had been approved, Congressman Buchanan was successful in securing for the manager of the project, one of Secretary Ickes' very capable department heads, Clarence McDonough, who was at that time the chief engineer of the P. W. A.

But the Secretary is this week getting a part of the picture that he could never get from reports. He is seeing with his own eyes, the great gorges and natural reservoirs of granite mountains which extend for a hundred miles or more above the capital city of Austin. At Buchanan he gets a close-up view of one of the finest pieces of construction of this kind that has ever been done in this country. He sees two miles of concrete tying together two granite cliffs, and anchored securely into a floor of granite to form a reservoir that will reach out and make a lake with a surface of 23,000 acres and a storage basin that will hold 1,100,000 acre feet of water, which is the estimated annual flow of the 52,250 square mile drainage basin of this stream above Buchanan Dam.

One of the appealing features of this project has been the splendid

States. Three separate and distinct types of construction are used in Buchanan Dam, the multiple-arch, the gravity and the rolled-fill. This view is from the lower side of the dam. Penstock openings for turbines are shown in the central arch. The water side of the dam presents semi-circular arches laid at an angle in order that the weight of the water may add to the stability of the structure.

now known as Buchanan Dam. This work is being handled directly by the Authority under the direction of Manager McDonough, with R. B. Alsop as construction superintendent. Only one more pier remains to be completed on this dam. The work schedule calls for the dam to be completed by next July, and it appears now that it will be ready several months ahead of schedule.

The Buchanan Dam will have a generating capacity of 25,000 kw. The Roy B. Inks Dam, which is being built by Morrison-Knudsen company, will be 65 feet high, 1,800 feet long, and make a lake three miles long.

Marshall Ford Dam, named for a ford in the river, will be 190 feet high, 3,000 feet long, and will make a 700,000 acre-foot lake forty miles long.

Behind the Scenes in Washington

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WASHINGTON.—The administration's five-billion-dollar public works program, in its function as something to be used quickly against any future depression emergency, comes as a relief to many economists here who are none too sure that the next depression is a long way off.

Predominant administration policy is now based on the gamble that the upward swing in business activity will continue for the next two or three years. The budget-balancing, Federal Reserve, taxation and relief phases of the policy all tie in with that gamble.

Economists here differ in their speculations and predictions, but their charts and tables show that if the present upturn continues more than three or four months longer it will break the previous longevity records.

The two big previous upturns were that of 1921-23 which lasted 46 months, and that of 1915-18, which continued 44 months. War figured in each instance. The present steady rise in business activity is now in its 48th month.

Records—which of course do not govern the future—show that a business expansion period usually runs about one-seventh longer than the preceding contraction period, which in the 1929-33 period lasted for 43 months.

ROUGHLY speaking, administration policymakers tend to divide into two groups at this time.

One is a fiscal group which bets on steadily increasing production, bigger profits and rising federal revenue.

The other group, including many of the more liberal New Deal economists, believes that mass purchasing power has been and still is the key to recovery, and

The Authority now owns a small power dam at Marble Falls, which has been rebuilt to furnish power for construction purposes.

The rebuilding of the Austin City Dam will call for an investment of approximately a million dollars.

This program is far out in front of any other flood control, conservation, power and reclamation project in the middle west.

A brief picture of the Authority's work is: 130 miles of river with ninety miles of lake created. Four big dams will be constructed.

The river valley below Austin will be protected from floods. The rice farmers of South Texas will have ample water at all times for irrigation. A plentiful supply of fresh water will be assured for a large area.

Secretary Ickes will get a close-up picture that will probably give him a pleasing conception of the way public funds can be used to harness rivers and benefit the people.

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*Gerald P. Nye*  
HON. GERALD P. NYE  
U. S. SENATOR FROM NORTH DAKOTA

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

THE SKY APPEARS BLUE BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THE SUN CONTAINS RAYS OF ALL COLORS, THE PARTICLES IN THE AIR REFLECT THE BLUE RAYS MOST STRONGLY.

SEVERAL VARIETIES OF TROPICAL TREES DEVELOP BUTTRESSES AT THE BASE, WHICH KEEP THE TREES STANDING LONG AFTER THEY OTHERWISE WOULD TOPPLE TO THE GROUND.

THE spreading buttresses of tropical trees still are somewhat of a mystery. Although they perform admirably in holding up the tree, it is not clear why tall temperate climate trees have not developed similar buttresses. Some trees in the open have come and the

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