

Food Battle Lost-McDonald

Congressman Jack McDonald (R-19th District) called Friday night for a massive application of energy and imagination to stave off hunger in the world and assure peace.

Addressing the winter meeting of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, McDonald warned that while the world's death rate is dropping, the birth rate is rising and that thus far "we are losing the battle on the food front. Last season's farm output showed no gain," he added.

McDonald noted that "since the beginning of man it has taken us 2 1/2 million years to reach a world population of three billion people. But it will take just over 33 years—or till

the year 2000—to more than double it and reach six billion, if the present growth rate continues."

Noting that four out of five people in the underdeveloped countries "barely subsist on poor diets now," he warned that "history tells us that the inevitable companion of hunger is political unrest, the forerunner of war."

McDonald saw hope, however, in efforts to desalt seawater, providing irrigation for arid land and deserts; the exploitation of fish protein concentrates; prospective engineering innovations that would lead to increased fish harvests throughout the world; and the prospect of finding new sources of food in the ocean.

McDonald observed that while air and water pollution has become a national problem, there may be a shortage of engineering manpower to deal with it because the field has thus far failed to attract the glamorous professions of electronics space exploration and aeronautics.

Apply Now For Tuition Grant In Fall

Michigan high school seniors expanding their horizons in private colleges are eligible for state tuition assistance up to \$500 per year.

But they must apply by Jan. 15, if they desire to use the initial grants to help pay for college tuition in September 1968.

A survey conducted by one of Michigan's 26 eligible private colleges—Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield—shows that nine out of ten of the high school seniors and parents queried did not know about the direct payment program and/or the need to apply eight months in advance.

Seniors may obtain the tuition grant applications from the eligible private colleges and at their high schools. Or they may write to the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority in Lansing.

The student has only to indicate on the application the college he or she expects to attend full time. Registration may be at a later date.

The tuition grants go directly to the students—not to the colleges—and are given on the basis of effective family income, taking into account the number of children in the family and other factors.

For example, a family of four may have an income of \$8,500 but after permissible deductions, have an effective income of only \$4,350 which would qualify the student for \$350 per year under the tuition grants law.

The State law was passed in June 1966 when only entering freshmen were eligible. Each year the program is being expanded until in 1970 all undergraduate and graduate students will be covered.

EDISON CAPACITY
During 1966, the Detroit Edison Co. increased its electric generating capability by 405,500 kilowatts, bringing the total system capability to 4,618,600 kilowatts at the end of that year.

National News Round Up

U.S. SENATOR Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), who is seeking the Democratic nomination for President against Lyndon Johnson in 1968, recently suggested that the United States concede some area of South Vietnam to the Viet Cong in an effort to shorten the war. The statement brought immediate fire from Eugene M. Anderson, a U.S. representative to the U.N., who said that "you don't begin to negotiate with the Communists from a position of weakness if you want to negotiate seriously...."

SENATE PASSAGE of a \$14.2 billion federal aid-to-education bill was the largest aid-to-education authorization in history. Southern senators had been stalling the measure until the administration pledged to revise procedures for cutting off funds to seceding schools. The Senate passage sent the bill to a conference with the House, where further attempts to water down anti-segregation procedures are expected.

IN A 368 TO 26 VOTE, the House slashed federal spending \$4.1 billion this year, and in another separate vote of 326 to 62 the House boosted the salaries of postal workers six per cent and of other federal workers 4.5 per cent. The second bill includes proposed raises in postal rates that would raise first-class rates from five to six cents and air mail stamps from eight to ten cents. Speedy acceptance by the Senate is expected.

GEN. LEWIS B. HENSHIEY, Selective Service director, is apparently the temporary winner over the Justice Department, which has accused him of the draft as a punitive measure to punish anti-war demonstrators. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark is sure that the tactic is of questionable constitutionality. Henshey's view of the law is due for the first of what may be a string of court tests within the next month.

Blood-Gift Of Life

"December is the month for giving and many people go out of their way to give a gift to a child or a fellow worker or even Aunt Nellie. But all too often we overlook the one gift we can all give—blood," said Dr. Frank Ellis, director of the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross Blood Program in announcing December bloodmobile dates.

Locally a Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Northwest office, APC, 5122 Five Mile at the Merriman, Livonia on Thursday, Dec. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

Call 422-2787 to make a time-saving appointment.

Engineer Group Plans Yale Meetings

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers—Rough Valley Chapter—will hold a Christmas meeting and Ladies' Night, Dec. 8, in the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

U.S. Congressman, Jack McDonald, 19th District, will be the keynote speaker. His subject will be "Know Your Congressman."

BIG IVORIES

The great teeth of the hippopotamus, which weigh up to seven pounds each and have a length of more than 30 inches on the curve, were formerly used for dental ivory and are still used for ivory ornaments.

State News Round Up

GENERAL MOTORS Corp. and the United Auto Workers Union failed to agree on a national contract on the union-imposed bargaining deadline of midnight Dec. 14. This does not mean, however, that strikes will follow because Walter P. Reuther, union president, said there won't be any strikes until after the first of the year if a national agreement was not reached by the first date. Union representation and loss of jobs through automation seem to be key factors holding up all final agreement.

ACCORDING TO THE HOUSE Committee on Un-American Activities, there are an estimated 150 members in the Ku Klux Klan of Michigan. The report placed the state as one of 18 states in which the KKK remains "a vehicle of death, destruction and fear." The report cited as the reason for latest gains in national Klan membership as the riotous situations in northern cities.


THE LAST COMMENCEMENT for retiring University of Michigan President Harlan H. Hatcher was held Dec. 16, when nearly 2,000 degrees were conferred. The commencement address was delivered by Constantinos A. Dosisidis, director of the developing Detroit Area Research Project, a study sponsored by Wayne State University and the Detroit Edison Co.

STATE SENATOR Sander M. Levin (D-Berkeley) views his possible election as state Democratic chairman as a job to help pull the party together for the big battle in 1968. His ability to "rough up" opponents in debate and still have them come back with no hard feelings is said to be one of the factors which is helping the state Democratic Party choose him for the top political post.


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