



THE WORLD'S LARGEST MERCHANT SHIP—Dwarfing two other tankers in a Kuwait port (tonnage of the one at left is 27,000, the one at right, 38,649) is the world's largest merchant ship—the tanker Universe Apollo. The keel for the 106,416-deadweight-ton ship was laid June 30, 1958, in Japan. Less than five months later, she was launched, and on Jan.

## Social Security Quiz Answers Many Queries

(Editor's Note) Do you have any questions about Social Security? We all do, don't we? Send any question you might have to Social Security Quiz, c/o Daily Democrat. You'll find your answer in this column, which is published regularly.)

1. Q—When should agriculture wages be reported?

A—Effective with 1957, cash wages paid for agricultural services should be reported if one of the following requirements is met:

(1) The cash wages paid the employee by the employer for a calendar year amounts to \$150 or more; or

(2) The employee performs agricultural services for the employer on some part of a day on at least 20 days during a calendar year on a time basis.

2. Q—What kind of proof of my 1959 wages do I need to furnish when I apply for social security benefits early in 1960?

A—Workers who will apply for benefits early in 1960 should furnish a copy of their 1959 withholding statement, Form W-2, or some signed earnings statement from their employer. Workers who had more than one employer during 1959 should furnish the proof from all employers.

3. Q—I'm told that I may be eligible for social security disability benefits. If it is found I'm eligible for these benefits, how much will they be and will they reduce in any way my old-age benefits?

A—The amount of your disability insurance benefits will be the same as the amount of old-age insurance benefits which would be payable to you if you were already 65 years of age. The fact that you may have received disability insurance benefits will have no effect on your old-age benefits.

4. Q—My employer, for whom I baby-sit two or three times a week, states she has not collected any employment taxes from me because she does not know the procedure for collecting, reporting, and remitting these taxes. How should she go about getting this information?

A—Your employer may write to her District Director of Internal Revenue, asking for a federal employer identification number, re-

port forms, and instructions. Or she may, if she wishes, ask the nearest social security office for a pamphlet entitled "Do You Have a Maid?" This pamphlet contains a printed request to the District Director for the necessary material.

5. Q—I have heard that only my wages after 1950 will determine the amount of my social security benefit. Is this true, or will my earnings before 1951 also be considered in figuring my benefit?

A—All earnings after 1936 on which social security was paid are considered. If this gives you the highest average earnings, your payments will be based on all of your earnings. However, since earnings have generally been higher since 1950 it is advantageous for most workers to base their payments on the average earnings after 1950.

6. Q—I have been employed for 16 years and I am fully insured. If I quit work 10 years before I reach retirement age, will my social security payments be affected?

A—Yes, because we can only drop out 5 years of low or no earnings and the remaining years of no earnings would lower your average earnings and cause your social security payments to be smaller.

7. Q—I am dependent on my son for all my support. He has a wife and two children, aged 1 and 3. If he should die, how much social security could I receive?

A—You could receive whatever social security payments are payable based on your son's earnings record. The law provides that payments to dependent parents are payable even if an eligible spouse or child survived the wage earner.

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LIGHTING UP THE PAST—Ronald Lambert, an employee of the Chicago Natural History Museum, welds a new steel frame for the skeleton of a mastodon. The ancestor of the modern elephant had long hair and lived during the Pleistocene Era thousands of years ago. It was beginning to show wear and tear after years of exhibition.

### Miner Freed After Ordeal Of 15 Hours

ELY, Minn. (UPI) — Joe Mismash grinned like a man whose life had been saved — and it had — and announced that he "might go fishing tomorrow."

Then he showered up and went home to end a 15-hour ordeal that began when he was trapped 1,500 feet below ground in the sprawling Pioneer iron mine here.

Mismash, a 50-year-old veteran miner, was repairing a raise, or room-like area, 15 levels below the surface early Friday when a cascade of mud, water, rocks and earth crashed down to wall him off deep in an isolated arm of the mine.

Fifteen rescue workers, working in four-man crews, hammered away for 15 hours at a 14-foot thick chunk of ore before breaking through to the trapped miner shortly before midnight Friday night.

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