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WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR STATISTICS?

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A Filipino consular official somewhere in the United States was asked by an American business executive for population data and other statistical information about the Philippines, and his reply was terse and evasive: "I am sorry, I have yet to receive the statistics from home."

Another one, this time a Filipino industrialist, traveling on business abroad, answering a question from his American host about the present living cost in Manila for an American handle, and the present living cost in Manila for an American damity, said: "I have no idea, but a Filipino laborer and members of his family (about 5 in all) can live on P120 to P140 a month."

The incidents just described are reflections of our government's failure to meet the statistical requirements of the public through the issuance of printed statistical publications containing reliable up-to-date data of sufficiently wide coverage to include every vital statistical information imaginable about the Philippines.

Conflicting Statistical Information

Here in the Philippines, we often come across conflicting statistical information that does not speak very highly of goverrment efficiency. For instance, the Bureau of the Census and Statistics has set the number of unemployed at 1.3 million; the Central Bank at 1.8 million; and third, challenging the first two estimates, set the figure at 2 million. So, on the unemployment situation, there are as many estimates as there are statistical offices dabbling in labor statistics.

On the matter of purchasing power of the peso, the Bureau of Commerce has one figure, the Census Bureau another, and the Central Bank still another.

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And here is the climax of the statistical rivalries — the Narie put the entire blame on the Bureau of the Census and Statistics for its loss of more than F8 million, sustained from importing rice not needed in the country. Why? Allegedly due to wrong estimates of the rice crop of the Bureau of the Census and Statistics. Yet, the NAIC has its own separate statistical unit, and in the instant case, it would seem as if it was only passing the buck. The writer has made his own inquiries about this serious charge. It turns out that the representatives of the Bureau of Agricultural Extension in the provinces gather and prepare the data on crop estimates which had single of the Census and Statistics availables hook, line.

But the story on rice statistics does not end there. To forestall similar mistakes in the future, or for some other good purposes, a new division to collect and compile crop statistics has been set up at the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources; meanwhile, the NARIC has taken steps to strengther its statistical department with a view to collect better and more reliable statistics on tich than before. Result: As in case of unemployment, cost of living, purchasing power of the peac, trade statistics, etc., there are, and will continue to be, as many different rice statistics as there are offices issuing them independently.

A Case of Statistical Confusion

The statistical confusion that exists today in the Philippines has already assumed the magnitude of a serious problem which the government can ill afford to-ignore any longer. The problem must have to be faced squarely and solved promptly and satisfactorily, because an independent Philippines, trying to promote the well-being of it citizenty fast is enough would not be able to do so on a scientific basis unless good, comprehensive, and up-to-date statistics are available to guide in the formulation of sound economic and social programs.

The statistical facilities should be pooled together and not widely dispersed in unrelated offices, in order that maximum efficiency out of the available resources may be attained, and the known causes of statistical deficiencies and conflicting or overlapping jurisdictions in statistical matters reported at once to the President and Congress for the necessary remedial legislation. The causes may be briefly summarized as: (1) representations of the process of the proce

Brief Historical Background of Philippine Statistics

Before proceeding to suggest measures to improve the present statistical situation, it may be pertinent to give a brief history of the growth and development of statistics in the Philippines.

A few years after the establishment of the Commonwealth Government, the late President Quezon, sensing the inadequacy and paucity of government statistics as an administration tool for the various pet social and economic projects be had long nurtured, stepped into the breech and sent to Congress an Administration Bill seeking to merge all major statistical offices then existing into one - that was in 1940. It was a measure hastily prepared, but nonetheless complete in its coverage, having for its major defect the absence of adequate appropriation to secure the services of qualified statisticians. The result was C.A. No. 591 creating the Bureau of the Census and Statistics out of a merger of the statistical units of the Bureau of Customs, Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Department of Labor, Bureau of Health, National Library and Museum, and the few remaining employees of the then Commission of Consus in 1929

Another sad outcome, as already hinted, was an office of mostly low-salaried employees numbering over 100, with a few able U.S.-educated statisticians who later left when they found better-paying jobs elsewhere.

The aforesaid Act is entitled "An Act to Create a Bureau of the Census and Statistics, to Consolidate Statistical Activities

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of the Government Therein," and the powers, functions, and duties of the Burean, as numerated in Section 2 of the law, cover practically the entire gamut of human activities for which statistics are available or could be collected, including demographic and vital statistics, crops and livestock, commercial and industrial activities, prices, employment, wages, social and economic institutions, and even national income as interred in Par. (g) of Section 2 of the Act which requires the Bureau "io make and publish, from time to time, estimates of population, agricultural production, income, and number of population, and number of population, and number of

Lack of Budgetary Support

With such a broad grant of powers, functions, and duties, the only possible instrument lacking to make of the Bureau of the Gensus and Statistics an effective agency for collecting and preparing all types of statistics is an adequate appropriation that would permit the establishment of a well-rounded statistical organization, complete in all its aspects. But there has consistently been lack of budgetary support to the Bureau all these years, with the result that the Office cannot accomplish these years, with the result that the Office cannot accomplish clency of budgetary support, it may not be amins to quote a few authorities on statistics.

"Typically, there is lack of understanding of the importance of statistics to efficient administration, economic progress and the well-being of all groups of population. Consequently, machinery for administration of statistical programme has been neglected in organizational and budgers of the statistical server the already limited statistical facilities were further curtailed by reducing the status of the basic statistical segrecy of the Government, the Bureau of the Census and Statistics, and by failure to appropriate sufficient cluuds to operate the minimum statistical programs prescribed by law."—Miss Sobbus Balicks, POA Labor Control and Cont

"The statistical situation in the Philippines has been characterized as a case of undernourishment. I am advised that the Bureau of the Census and Statistics has proposed the restoration of its former organization with some augmentation of its personnel and correction of salary differences. Unless the expansion takes place, it is difficult to see how the current information needs of the government apport of this Bureau, the activities of other agencies will become distorted in efforts to meet statistical requisites." —Dr. Meredith B. Giens, Labor Economist and Statiscal Consultant, now with the Statistical Training Center

"Budgetary appropriations for statistical agencies, in particular, for the Bureau of the Census and Statistica should be increased to meet their statistical responsibilities for the provision of reliable and up-to-date information."— Mr. William I. Abraham, National Income Expert from the United Nations.

"The Congress of the Philippines has given extremely limited appropriations for the Bureau of the Census and Staffistics. The Congress has not given funds to the Census for technical assistance or for conducting current sample surveys to furnish needed statistics."—Dr. Robert T. Mc-Millan, Rural Sociologist, POA, Manila.

"The Bureau of the Census and Statistics should have more statistically trained personnel, competent to operate it more efficiently. In this field, the Philippine Statistical Association could help the government by making available to the Bureau the services of its members. But then there is need to offer the necessary incentive, which can only be done by increasing the yearly appropriation to say P1 million, in lieu of the less than P200.000 of today. The technically trained statisticians cannot be induced to join the Bureau of the Census and Statistics with the meager salary now being paid. To improve the scale of salaries is not enough. Personnel should likewise be increased. The 121 employees manning the Bureau of the Census and Statistics are utterly insufficient to cone with the enlarged activities due to the greatly increased demand for more expanded statistical service, resulting from the increased activities of industrialization program and the demand of economic planning and development."-Don Antonio de las Alas, formerly Secretary of Finance. Law maker for many years, Executive Official of the Marsman Interests, and recently President of the Philippine Chamher of Commerce.

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From the government's side came another highly authoritative view on this lagrant inadequacy of financial support of the statistical service of the nation. It was expressed by Mr. Cornello Balmaceda, as Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Owen he was guest of the Philippine Statistical Association in one of its banquets. He said in part.

"The Bureau of the Census and Statistics is naturally interested in implementing the functions entrusted to it by the law in line with the present world trends of strengthening and expanding statistical services for the development of a more stable national economy. Much as it would like to accomplish its given task, the Bureau is not in a position to do so in view of its meager resources and inadequate facilities.

Ex-Secretary Balmaceda summarized the problems confronting the Bureau of the Census and Statistica as (1) shortage of personnel; (2) low-scale of salaries; (3) lack of qualified statisticians; and (4) small appropriation. The last-nado problem—small appropriation—could also be the direct cause of the first three problems mentioned.

Field Surveys to Be Emphasized

Definitely the present appropriation of the Bureau amounting annually to P175,500, is inadequate, as is the concerns of the experts. In the opinion of the Honorable Antonio de las Alas, it should be hiked to P1 million, which would be nearly six times the present regular appropriation. Whether or not the suggested increase in budgetary outlay is really the sum needed to re-invigorate the Bureau of the Census and Statistics, the following remarks are food for serious thought: The statistical survey work must have to be emphasized, intensified, and made nationwide as much as possible. In no other way can reliable comprehensive statistical information be collected compiled and made available for public use. The collection of primary data for general statistics must be the exclusive field of the Bureau of the Census and Statistics; and in order that the same can successfully be undertaken, a much bigger outlay than is presently set aside for the purpose, should be provided so that a corps of trained interviewers can be engaged and sent to the field and all their traveling expenses and other sundry expenses met:

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The sundry expenses allotted to the Census Bureau do not provide enough sum for statistical surveys, including traveling expenses. How can the Bureau expect to collect statistics of a wide coverage efficiently if it does not conduct periodic surveys for primary data, using for the purpose scientifically prepared questionnaires? Let us take unemployment and the cost of living as specific examples. How can the exact or even proximate number of unemployed, or cost of living in the Philippines be determined, if a sampling survey or a house-to-house survey is not done because of the exemes involved?

Now, the rice situation—how can an office correctly forecast the approximate yields of the growing crops unless an actual survey is conducted? A sampling survey in this case would be preferable, as it is time-saving as well as economical to undertake.

All statistical authorities are unanimous that the best way as to conduct a statistical survey is to send out dependable inter-to-conduct as the statistical survey is to send out dependable inter-to-viewers who know how to propound questions with tact and to tweether who will be the state of the statistic properties as the statistic properties as the statistic properties of the statistic properties as the statistic pro

But aside from providing enough funds for field work, it is also very important to do the same thing with regard to the publication aspect of the work. In other words, printing expenses must be adequate. Statisties are practically valueless published, and they should appear in decent-looking publications which would speak highly, not only about the Office responsible for them, but more particularly about the country issuing them—the Philippine—the Philippine—the Philippine.

It would be safe to state that the embarassment experienced by the two Filipinos abroad mentioned at the beginning of this article would not have taken place had there been in their hands a statistical publication containing comprehensive statistical information about the Philimines at the time

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Lack of Statistical Coordination

Mention has been made elsewhere in this article of the existing lack of coordination of the activities of the various statistical offices or units of the government. Before the last War such a problem existed and by a hold stroke of the late President Quezon, a merger of all the principal statistical offices then operating was effected. After the War the same problem again reared its ugly head, with the only difference that there is at present no law that could effect another merger, unless the Committee on Government Reorganization created under Republic Act No. 997 will attempt to do it in the interest of economy, simplicity of organization and efficiency. New statistical services came into existence primarily to collect and publish statistical data needed for the efficient operation of the government instrumentalities to which they are attached. Specialized agencies collecting and publishing statistics, some with elaborate statistical units under them, include the Central Bank, Prisco, Naric, National Economic Council, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rureau of Internal Revenue. Fiber Inspection Service, Bureau of Mines, Bureau of Lands, Department of Public Works and Communications, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Securities and Exchange Commission, Motor Vehicles Office, Department of Labor, Department of Education, Department of Justice, and the Bureau of Health. In fact, almost every important office of the Government keeps statistics of its progress in terms of figures, or collect statistics for its particular operational necessities.

A statistical expert in the person of a certain Dr. R. C. Desai, an Indian national, came to the Philippines in 1951, as a representative of the EGAFE to investigate and report to the United Nations on the various facilities for gathering statistics in this country. His report was not very complimentary, mentioning about the sub-standard quality of Philippine statistics due to neglect in providing for sufficient appropriation, the existence of so many separate statistical offices operating independently, and hinted at the present statistical confusion and wastage of resources resulting from unnecessary duplication of activities. To improve the mess, he recommended:

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"One solution would be to strengthen the Bureau of the Census and Statistics with larger budget appropriation and adequately trained personnel, so that it might collect and compile general statistical data and leave special fields to other organizations."

The recommendation of the ECAFE statistician is, however, in line with a plea for increased budgetary support to the Bureau of the Census and Statistics. It will not, however, be able to stop certain duplication of activities that are wasteful and, therefore, unnecessary. If this is to be eradicated once and for all, one of two choices should be taken, namely: (1) Create the office of a statistical coordinator, a sort of "Statistical Czar," backed up by law, whose principal functions shall be to dictate what statistical information each statistical agency should collect and compile; prescribe the forms or questionnaires to be used; issue instructions, rules and regulations in connection with all phases of the statistical work; take charge of the presentation and interpretation of statistical data, including the publication of a Statistical Journal; or, otherwise, be the chief policy-making official in all statistical matters or, (2) Make the Bureau of the Cansus and Statistics absorb each and every government statistical agency, division or section existing outside of it. In this alternative, it will be the Director of the Bureau of the Census and Statistics who will act as a sort of "Statistical Czar," a statistical dictator or coordinator who will have the final say on the collection, compilation, systematization, interpretation, analysis, and publication of government statistics.

The last-mentioned alternative, it may be added, will only require a slight amendment to Commonwealth Act No. 591 to effect. The only objection to this plan, of course, is that many of the specialized agencies must have a statistical unit with them for an efficient performance of their duties and activities, and for that reason the latter cannot therefore be detached from them. If it could be possible to keep those outside statistical units where they are to service the government agencies to which they are attached, leaving their supervision and control as a matter that belongs exclusively to the Bureau of the Census and Statistics, then this second choice proposed, usit

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cited, can be made the working basis for the much-soughtafter statistical coordination. In the meantime, however, this proposed set-up cannot include the Central Bank, Prisco, and other government-owned and controlled corporations, because those offices, not depending upon the Central Government for their yearly budgetary expenses, cannot be divested of duties or activities that they do not voluntarily relinquish; unless perhaps, the President orders them to do so. The duplication of activities, so far as these offices are concerned, may therefore, still continue as before, unless they are willing to coperate by still continue as before, unless they are willing to coperate by the other agencies for statistics that it is not their exclusive the other agencies for statistics that it is not their exclusive

The author is not sure which one of the two plans mentioned is better, but anything which will hasten the coordination of activities of the sprawling statistical units of the government should be welcome to solve the problem of statistical bediam and unnecessary rivalry and duplication of activities once and for all.

Lack of Qualified Statisticians

Last, but by no means the least, among the causes for failure to issue good dependable statistics in this country, is the dearth of qualified statisticians, and this was acknowledged by the then Secretary of Commerce and Industry when he said:

"This is one of the fundamental problems that beset the Bureau of the Cansus and Statistics. There is a dearth of qualified statistical workers who could be depended upon to carry out their responsibilities. This has led to the observation that in many cases the statistical work is at present being done by persons who have had no formal training in this line of work. It is indeed to be deplored statistical office cannot be more adequately manned."

To organize data and make them intelligible to a lay reader to take of a qualified statistician. Statistical methodology is a specialized knowledge; hence, common sense dictates that, for any statistical office, be it in the Bureau of the Census and Statistics, or in any specialized agency maintaining a statistical section or division, the choice for key statistical positions should fall on those who have had ample preparations for the job-preferably those who have taken advanced courses in statistics in any university or college of recognized standing, if they are available. In so doing, the work is entrusted in safe hands that will serve as sufficient guaranty that the questionnaires used for collecting data are properly devised; that the figures are assembled, evaluated, classified, averaged, tabulated and interest the coording to statistical rules and accepted formulas; and that it is negliciple.

In complex statistical studies, like the preparation of statistics on national income, cost of living, business indices, life expectancy table, or the application of the sampling technique in determining population, volume of trade, industrial output, etc., how can the Bureau of the Census and Statistics undertake successfully these statistical reports, if the technical know-how of the real statisticians is not available?

If the observations of a former Secretary of Commerce and Industry are true then it is high time to create more new positions for qualified statisticians in the Government, more so in the Bureau of the Census and Statistica, and decisive step to improve the quality of Philippine statistics, and so remove the grounds for insuendoes that the Bureau "is only good as a dumping ground for political appointees and not for the work for which it has been created."

CONCLUSION

To summarize, lack of budgetary support, failure to coordinate the work of the different statistical agencies, and lack of sufficient qualified statisticians constitute the main problems today of those who have in their power to improve and strengthen the statistical services of this Government, under Republic Act No. 997, authorizing the reorganization of the entire government machinery. They are all caused, directly or indirectly, by the small yearly appropriation of the principal statistical spacety of the Government.

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Failure to undertake frequent statistical researches and surveys; lack of decent-looking statistical publications of sufficiently wide coverage and circulation; unnecessary and wasteful duplication of activities; and lack of interest on the part of anapuble statisticans, such as those who have made special studies of the different branches of the science of statistics, to join the Burseau of the Census and Statistics—all of these constitute the correct answer to the question posed by this article: "What is wrong with our statistics?"

SELECTED PROBLEMS OF DESIGN IN THE COLLEGE CHICK FEEDING EXPERIMENTS*

by

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A SUMMARY 1. Introduction

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Functions

- 1.1.1. Teaching
- 1.1.2. Consultation, cooperation, service
- 1.2. Function of the design is to increase the sensitivity of the experiment and to provide for simple computational methods (Cox, 1951). The specifications of the design are often limited by the choice of the experimental runt and the methods of estimating the experimental around.
 - 2. Choice of the Experimental Unit and the Methods of Estimating the Experimental Error

a In chick feeding experiments, a pen of pc day-old chicks is assigned by a random scheme to each of r rations. If the mortality is ignored, the effect of the rations on growth, say, after twelve (12) weeks maybe studied by the analysis of variance as follows:

S.V.	D.F.	M.S.	E.M.S.
Rations	(r-1)	R	$6^2 + c6^2$
Chicks within ration	r(pc-1)	C	6 ²
Total	rpe-1		•

Contribution from the U.P. College of Agriculture and Central Experiment Station, Laguna.
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To compare rations, $F = \frac{R}{C}$ is distributed as F with (r-1) and r(pc-1) d.f. Here C (experimental error) is the denominator mean source (M.S.).

The allocation of the experimental material may have been on in a different manner, resulting in a different method of estimating the experimental error. Thus, if for each of the r rations, p pens are assigned at random, and each pen consists of c chicks, then the analysis of variance is:

S.V.	D.F.	M.S.	E.M.S.
Rations ,	(r-1)	R	$6^2 + c6^2 + pc6^2$
Pens within rations	r(p-1)	P	6° + c6° p
Chicks within pens	rp(c-1)	C	62
Total	rpc-1		

To compare rations, $F=\frac{R}{S}$ is distributed as F-with (r-1) and r(p-1) d.f. Note that our denominator M.S. or error M.S. is not C but P. We can use C if our test accepts that $\phi = 0$. In general, however, $\phi \neq 0$, and as such the appropriate error M.S. is P.

If the randomization or allocation of the rp pens is carried through one way restriction, asy, time of hath or initial weight of chicks at hatch, then r similar or identical pens will be randomized to the r rations. This randomization scheme is repeated p times. The analysis of variance on a bird basis (cchicks to a pen) is:

S.V.	D.F.	M.S.	E.M.S.
Groupings (G)	p-1	G	$6^{2} + c6^{2} + rc6^{2}$
Rations (R)	r-1	R	$6^2 + c6^2 + pc6^2$
G x R (Experimental	(r-1) (p-1)	E	62 + c62
Chicks within cell (Sampling error)	rp(c-1)	S	62 8
	rpe-1		

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Again to compare rations, use $F = \frac{R}{E}$ which is distributed as F with (r-1) and (r-1) (p=1) d.f. With the above analysis of variance, one may study the effect of different values of c and p on the variance of a ration mean (Oante, 1958).

It maybe seen that different allocation and choice of experimental units will result in different methods of estimating experimental error.

Each of these pens is assumed to be balanced as to breed, age, see, initial weight, condition, and previous treatment. What are the effects of these factors on experimental error? Other factors which maybe considered are temperature, humidity, prevalence of wind, mortality, availability of feed and water, variation in the ingredients of a given ration, variation of rations due to settling of some ingredients during storage and envisions of the property of th

Will the experimental unit consist of each individual animal or will it be a lot or a pen? Are the errors independently distributed? What is the effect of competition on the estimate of the experimental error?

Experiments to answer some of these questions are now being undertaken with the cooperation of the Division of Poultry Husbandry, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. College of Agriculture and Central Experiment Station, Laguna.

3. Data on the College Chick Feeding Experiments

The Division of Poultry Husbandry, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. College of Agriculture and Central Experiment Station, Laguna, has conducted numerous chick feeding experiments, data of which are available for critical study. These data contain valuable information which maybe of use in the choice of a more efficient design in future feeding experiments. Data on the growth responses to rations of 1,556 chicks from 42 different lots or trials show the following:

3.1. Variation of the weekly variance with feeding time.
Data show that the weekly variances (s²) and the stand-

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ard deviation (s) increase with time; so with the weekly mean weights (x). Weekly coefficients of variation (C $-\frac{8}{3}\times 100\%$) show a decided tendency to increase with time. This result implies that δ or δ^4 increases at a faster rate than ρ , where δ^2 and ρ are the population variance and mean, respectively. An example of this result is presented in Table 1. It should be noted that these results are more estimates. Different sizes of ample will be required for different feeding times.

$$t = \frac{\overline{x} - \mu}{s}$$

is distributed as t with (n-1) degrees of freedom (d.f.) where n is the size of sample required. If $-\overline{x} - \mu = d$ and t is at the α level then

$$t = \frac{d}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

TABLE 1. Weekly variance (s2), standard deviation (s), mean weight in grams, coefficient of variation (C) in per cent and age or feeding time in week of male and female chicks.

Male										
Age		88	•	, ä	$C = -\frac{s}{x} \times 100$					
weeks		grams	grams	grams	per cent					
Initial		7.9	2.8	38.1	7.3					
1		52.9	. 7.3	53.0	13.8					
2		186.0	13.7	75.6	18.1					
3		461.5	21.5	113.8	18.9					
4 -		1,425.6	37.8	164.5	23.0					
5		1,908.6	46.0	203.3	22.6					
6		3,047.8	55.2	257.5	21.4					
7		5,700.2	75.5	320.5	23.6					
8		11,938.9	109.0	397.6	27.4					
9		17,533.8	132.4	494.5	26.8					
10		22,792.7	150.9	598.9	25.2					
11		30,752.2	175.4	683.7	25.7					
12		38,795.1	196.9	777.0	25.3					

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Female

Initial														9.0	3.0	37.6	8.0
1					i		i		i	i	i	ı		52.5	7.2	53.9	13.4
2														174.0	13.2	77.4	17.0
3					ì						ı			416.2	20.4	111.0	18.4
4					ì		i	i	i	i	i	ı		977.3	31.3	153.5	20.4
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which upon solving for n will give

 $=\frac{1}{d^2}$

Solution for n is by an iteration procedure and the value of t is taken at $t_{\infty} = c$, i.e., at ∞ level and infinite d.f. Since s^n changes as to time, then n will also change for any given d. Other methods for determining sample size are given by Stein (1948) and Harris et al. (1948). In these estimation procedures, an estimate of b^n (a^n) is involved in the solution for a^n is involved in the solution for a^n .

3.2. Some pooled estimates. The analysis of variance technique is used to isolate estimates of experimental and sampling error. From this analysis, estimates of 6²

6°, and 6° may be computed and these estimates will be S L '

used to effectively increase the efficiency of future designs. A total of 1,556 chicks in 42 lots of trials were used for the anlysis shown below.

Analysis of Variance

s. v.	D. F.	S. S.	M. S.	E. M. S.
Lots (L)	41	27,173,799.2	662,775.6	62 ÷ k 62 + k 62 e o LxS 2 L
Sex (S)	1	6,137,334.2	6,137,334.2	62 ÷ k 62 ÷ k 62
LxS	41	3,379,852.9	82,435.4	e o LxS 1S 62 ÷ k 62
Sampling error	1472	25,689,327,1	17.451.9	e o LxS

Total 1555 62,380,313.4

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4. Other problems Related to Design

Other problems related to the designs of chick feedings experiments are:

- 4.1. Effect of breed
- 4.2. Effect of mixed sexes
- 4.3. Variation in gains among chicks within pens as compared with that among pens fed the same ration
- 4.4. Effect of size or number of chicks in a pen on experimental error
- 4.5. Number of replicate pens required with different number of chicks per pen to estimate mean differences in gains with various specified precision
- 4.6. Methods of allocating chicks to pens or rations
- 4.7. Efficiencies of different experimental designs

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PRODUCTION DATA AND CROP-CUTTING EXPERIMENTS IN INDIA

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A SUMMARY

1 Introduction

The total production of a crop for a season is obtained by ascertaining (a) acreage under the crop, and (b) the yields per acre. The figures on both these aspects are collected by the crop season every year in India, and crop-cutting experiments for the more important crops are carried out every season to ascertain yields. The detailed methods vary somewhat is different parts of India depending on whether a state has village-level revenue agents or not.

2. Method in States with Village-Level Revenue Agents

- (a) These village-level agents furnish the crop acreage figures by complete enumeration.
- (b) The yield figures of crops are not, however, furnished by them. Ten to fifteen years ago, the yield figures of different districts were ascertained by revenue officials on basis of "condition factor," i.e. extent of deviation from normal condition. The estimates were really subjective.

Recently there has been a complete change in methods and the yields are ascertained by sample crop cuts. Sample fields extered all over a state are selected by stratified multistage sampling, and plots within these fields, located by a random process, are selected for crop-cutting. Then when ripe, the crops are harvested by the investigators, dried, threshed and weighed, and on basis of all the sample cuts, the average yield per acre for a state is ascertained.

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- 3. Method in States with No Village-Level Revenue Agents
- (a) Since there are no village-level agents, even crop acreage figures have to be collected in a different way. A percentage of fields scattered all over a state are selected by stratified multi-stage sampling, and the investigators go and inspect the fields during the crop season to record what part of these sample fields are under specified crops. The areas of these fields are available in land settlement records and hence the areas under a crop can be obtained by necessary adjustments. By multiplying these figures by suitable raising factors, the total acreage under a crop for a state is estimated.
- (b) To obtain the yield figures, here again, crop-cutting experiments are done. A sub-ample of asample fields is taken and within these sample fields piots are located by random process. When the crops are rips, the investigators harvest them, dry, thresh and weigh them. The average yield is ascertained on basis of all the samples.

4. Concluding Remarks

- (a) Various experiments were carried out and are still being carried out in different parts of India to ascertain what should be the size and shape of the sample cuts for the most accurate estimates of yields of different crops. The larger and smaller sizes of cuts have their own disadvantages and advantages. At present the sizes of cuts for a crop in the different parts of the country are fitted in with the degree of training of the investigators.
- (b) It will be noted that in both the methods the data are collected on an objective basis. In neither of the two methods are the figures obtained from the statements of the farmers. The acreage figures are obtained directly and also the estimate of yield is obtained directly by crop-cutting experiments.
- As compared with a possible method of obtaining production figures from the statements of farmers, the method of direct observation, although somewhat more costly, is preferred, because of the reliability of the latter method. If the

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farmers are afraid of taxes or procurements, or if they are suspicious in any way about the motives of the investigation, they may give biased replies. In fact, understatements of production from farmers is a common phenomenon in many countries. These factors as well as just off-hand irresponsible replies may considerably vitiate the figures obtained by statements from farmers. These likely sources of bias are avoided by collecting crop data by direct methods.

THE 1953 TREND OF MORTALITY

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SUMMARY

Statistical constants for the quinquenial year period (1948-1952) of selected specific causes of death are computed with a view to:

- (a) determining the statistical characteristics of the sequence of rates,
- (b) serving as a reliable measure in the interpretation of facts, and
- (c) establishing a basic principle of comparison to any subsequent annual rate.

HEALTH STATUS OF 1953. (Table 1.)

- Significantly healthy rates:
 General mortality, Tuberculosis of the Lungs, Malaria, Influenza, Tuberculosis other than Lungs, Pertusis, Typhoid fever and Rabies.
- 2. Normal Rates (Endemicity):

Infant mortality, Beri-beri under one year, Pneumonia, Beri-beri over one year, Dysenteries, and Diphtheria.

- 3. Significantly Unhealthy Rates (Epidemicity):
 - Bronchopneumonia, Bronchitis, Diarrhea and Enteritis (all ages), Tetanus and Measles.
- NOTE: The endemic index given in Table 1, (columns 3 & 4) is based upon the probable error concept. The ±3 PE

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TABLE I — Statistical Constants for the Philippines

	Rat	es per 1	00,000 po	pulation	unless of	herwise	specified			
					19	48	1952			
	RATE		MICITY		Standard Devis- tion	Chance		LEXIAN	Charlier's	
	1953	Maximum Fluctus- tion	Minimum Fluctus- tion	Mean Rate		Disper- sion	TREND	PROPER	Trend Excluded	end Coeff. of
Crude Death Rate (1)	11.5	12.3	11.5	11.9	0.42	0.024	0.2±0.1	17.3	13.7	3.3
Infant Mortality (2)	105.3	111.0	101.0	106.0	5.66	0.387	-2.8 ± 1.2	14.6	10.3	5.3
Brancho pulmonary	261.0	253.9								
disease Bronchopneumonia	117.5	107.7	235.3 101.1	244.6 104.4	10.27	1.109	-0.7 ± 3.0	9.3	9.2	4.2
Bronchitis	108.6	104.3	101.1		3.61	0.728	0.1 ± 1.1	4.9	4.9	3.3
Pneumonia	34.9	38.5	34.7	103.6 36.6	0.80	0.7.20		1.1	1.1	0.3
Tuberculosis	128.2	163.5	151.1	156.8	2.05	0.429	-0.8 ± 0.5		4.0	5.5
Tunes	120.4	154.7	140.1	147.4	7.46	0.888	-3.3 ± 1.8	8.5	6.6	4.7
Lungs Other Organs	7.8	9.7	9.0	9.4	7.96	0.860	-3.0±2.1	9.2	2.1	5.4
Beriberi	116.2	130.4	113.2	121.8	0.39	0.217	-0.3±0.04	1.8	6.0	3.4
Under 1 year	82.2	91.4	80.6	86.0	9.48 5.92	0.784	-5.8±1.5 -3.8±0.8	12.0	3.8	7.7
Over 1 year	34.0	39.2	32.4	35.8	3.66	0.659	-2.0±0.7	8.6	5.5	6.8
Diarrhea & Enteritis		76.6	65.0	70.8	6.37	0.424	1.2±1.9	10.6	10.0	8.9
Under 2 years	55.0	50.8	42.8	46.8	4.36	0.486	0.7±0.6	8.1	3.8	9.2
Over 2 years	27.5	26.0	22.0	24.0	2.28	0.486	0.5 ± 0.7	6.5	6.1	9.4
Malaria	32.2	48.9	35.9	42.4	7.07	0.458	-4.7±0.8	15.4	5.3	16.6
Influenza	21.7	31.5	27.0	29.2	2.48	0.384	-1.0±0.6	6.4	5.0	8.3
Tetanus	7.0	6.8	5.8	6.3	0.54	0.115	0.2±0.1	4.7	4.0	8.0
Measles	11.9	7.3	2.8	5.1	2.46	0.160	0.2 ± 0.6	15.3	12.8	48.0
Dysenteries	5.0	6.0	4.1	- 5.1	1.02	0.159	-0.6±0.1	6.4	3.5	19.8
Pertusis	2.7	3.5	2.8	3.1	0.36	0.126	0.1±0.1	2.8	2.5	10.7
Diphtheria	1.3	2.1	1.3	1.7	0.45	0.093	-0.1±0.1	4.8	4.4	25.0
Typhoid fever	0.7	1.7	1.1	1.4	0.32	0.078	-0.2±0.1	4.1	1.0	22.0
Rabies	0.9	1.8	1.1	1.9	0.99	0.077	0.05 0.01	1.0	1.7	4.1

NOTE: (1) Rate per 1,900 population (2) Rate per 1,000 live births

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TABLE II PHILIPPINES

SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH Rates per 100,000 population unless otherwise specified

CAUSE	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1958
Crude death-rates *	12.7	11.9	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.5
Infant mortality **	114	108	102	105	101	105
Bronchopulmonary	244	250	243	241	245	261
Bronchopneumonia	100	110	106	101 .	105	117
Bronchitis	104	103	103	105	103	109
Pneumonia	40	37	34	35	37	35
Tuberculosis	172	152	149	158	153	128
Lungs	162	143	139	149	144	120
Other organs	10.0	9.4	9.5	9.0	8.9	7.8
Beriberi	140	122	117	116	114	116
Under 1 year	97	87	83	83	80	82
Over 1 year	43	35	34	33	34	34
Diarrhea & Enteritis	71	72	59	78	74	83
Under 2 years	46	49	39	52	48	55
Over 2 years	25	23	20	26	26	28
Malaria	55	45	39	38	35	32
Influenza	. 33	30	27	26	30	22
Tetanus	6.5	5.4	6.0	6.4	7.0	7.0
Measles	1.3	6.2	7.2	3.1	7.6	11.9
Dysenteries	6.9	5.5	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.0
Pertusis	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.7	3.3	2.7
Diphtheria	1.6	1.8	2.4	1.8	1.0	1.3
Typhoid fever	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.7
Rabies	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.9

Notes: Data taken from the Bureau of Health.

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is considered significant or as not within the limits of random sampling. Certainly, there are events occurring in life which would mean disaster to neglect a deviation of ± 3 PE.

CRUDE DEATH-RATE

The general mortality (all causes) in 1958 has greatly improved. It is as low as 11.5 per 1,000 population, the lowest so far on record. In the previous 5-year period (1948-1952) the average rate is 11.9 and the average of 15 pre-war period (1926-1940) is 16.8. The highest post-war rate is the rate of 1946 (15.1).

The dispersion of the rates about the mean in the quinquenial period, is hypernormal. This corresponds to the Lexian Series. The rates therefore included in this period vary significantly.

The trend of mortality is definitely downwards. This trend exerts little influence in the lowering of the rates to the category of the Bernoullian Series. The rates are subject to outward perturbing influences.

Lower rates are expected if health conditions continue to be the same in the following years.

INFANT MORTALITY

The ratio of deaths below one year of age to the total number of live births in 1953, shows no apparent improvement over the ratios of previous years. The mortality however is within the normal fluctuation rates.

In the quinquenial period, the most unfavorable rate is the 1948 (114) which reaches the epidemic level. This rate notwithstanding, is significantly lower than the average of the 15 pre-war years (149).

The trend of infant mortality though small is definitely downwards which is useful for statistical contemplation. This healthy sign however may be perturbed by faulty registration of births and many complex factors. Because of faulty registration of births, infant mortality in the Phillippines is overstated. For example, it is incongruous to have a crude death-rate as low as 11.5 per 1,000 population in 1953 concomitantly with an infant mortality as high as 105 per 1,000 liveliths. It

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follows that the limits of the endemic rates become exceptionally high.

The significant variation of the rates included in the quinquential years, suggests that the factors causing this variation are not perturbed by the instituted measures of prevention, or that these, are not so intense to affect them sensibly. There is strong evidence that the measures instituted are not in the right direction.

Lower rates however are expected in the following years.

TUBERCULOSIS

In 1953, the mortality of this disease shows great improvement over the rates of previous years. The trend of the 5-year period is negative but insignificant. No less than ninety per cent (30%) of the mortality occurs in the Lungs. It is fifteen times greater than the joint rates of tuberculosis of other organs.

The mortality of Tuberculosis of the Lungs is as low as 120 per 100,000 population in 1953, the lowest so far on record. The average of the 5-year period is 147 and the average of the 15 years before the war is 220.

The rates are erratic in course as shown by the insignificant trend.

The mortality of tuberculosis of other organs remains normal in 1953. Based upon its significantly downward trend which exerts great influence in the lowering of the rates, lower rates are expected in the followine years.

BRONCHO-PULMONARY DISEASES

Bronchopneumonia, Bronchitis and Pneumonia

The mortality of this group of diseases averages 245 per 100,000 ropulation in the quinquenial years, whereas in 1955 the mortality is as high as 261 reaching the peak of epidemicity. The majority if not all of the deaths occurs in children and infants. The mortality of tuberculosis of the Lungs already stated averages 147 in the quinquenial years. This mortality is currently claimed as the number one killer of lives in the Philippines. While this is only true as regards the adult population, the group of bronchopulmonary diseases,

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certainly is the number one murderer of the infant and child population.

The mortality of Bronchopneumonia in 1953, indicates ill-health of high order since the rate reaches the epidemic level. This disease oftentimes arises as complication during the course of illness of various specific diseases, Nosology in this case is obviously difficult.

The trend of the disease is insignificant and the course is erratic. Perturbing influences are present which are unaffected by measures of control.

The mortality of Bronchitis in 1953 has also reached the epidemic level. The mortality in the quinquenial period is stationary and with normal dispersion.

The mortality of Pneumonia in 1953 remains normal. In the 5-year period the rates of 1948 is beyond the rates of epidemicity. The trend is insignificant.

In general, the group of bronchopulmonary deseases, constitutes a serious health problem in terms of mortality, a problem that failed to come across the searching knowledge of public health administrators.

BERI-BERI

This vitamin defficiency disease in the Philippines no longer appears clinically in the classical form, making diagnosis in most cases difficult. The mortality in 1953, remains normal. The average rate of the 15 pre-war years is 129; in the last 5-year period, 122 while the rate of 1953 is 118, which approaches the rate of 1952 (141) the lowest on record.

In the quinquenial years, seventy per cent (70%) of beriberi mortality occurs in infants. The trend of mortality in infants is definitely downwards. It exerts some influence over the rates but not sufficiently great to bring its dispension to normalcy. Perturbing influences are still present unaffected by instituted measures of control.

The mortality over one year of age is also normal in 1953, but the trend is negative of great value.

In both cases, lower rates are expected in the following years.

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DIARRHEA AND ENTERITIS

The mortality of this group of diseases has reached the epidemic level in 1953 as is the rate of 1951. In the quinquenial period the healthiest rate is that of 1950. The trends though upwards is valueless. The rates fluctuate greatly, and suggests the presence of variability of infection and treatment. Scores of death included to this disease entity in reality are dysenteric in nature often proven epidemiologically and backed up by laboratory results.

The mortality is high in the group of under two years of age with positive insignificant trend. Outward factors affecting the rates continue to exist.

The mortality above two years of age has the same statistical characteristics as in the group of under two years. In both cases the course of the rates is erratic.

MALARIA

In 1953, the mortality of malaria is as low as 32 per 100,000 population the best on record. In the quinquenial years, the average rate is 42 and in the 15 pre-war years 83. The rate of 1948 is in the epidemic norm. The trend of mortality though small is significantly downwards. The dispersion of the rates is lightly influenced by the trend but the dispersion is still **Mpersormal** suggestive of the presence of variability of toxicity and treatment. Notwithstanding, lower rates are exceeded in the following votas:

INFLUENZA

The mortality in 1953 shows significant improvement over rates of preceding years. It is as low as 22 per 100,000 population the lowest on record. The average of the 5 previous years is 29 and the average of the 15 pre-war years is 64.

The trend in the quinquenial period is negative but insignificant which has no influence in diminishing the rates to normalcy. The dispersion of the rates is any eth hypernormal. The rates are subject to outward perturbing influences as reflected by the variability of infection, toxicity and treatment.

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TETANTIS

The mortality of this disease in 1958 is as high as the rate of 1952. Both rates are in the borderline of ill-health. The trend is significantly positive. The rates are subject to perturbing influences. Higher rates are expected.

MEASTES

In 1983, the mortality of this disease has reached the epidemic level (12). The average rate of the preceding five years is 5 per 100,000 population and the average of 15 pre-war years is 7. Obviously the 1985 rate is comparatively high. It is as high as that of 1980 (11.3) but lower than the rate of 1926 (23.4). The highest rate however is that of 1946 (34.6) and lowest (1.3) is the 1948.

The trend of the disease is positive and insignificant. The great variation of the rates indicates variability of infection unaffected by whatever measure of control. Fatality occurs only in infants invariably to bronchopulmonary complicationsbronchopulmonal specifically.

DVSENTERIES

The mortality of this group of diseases in 1953 continues to be normal. In the preceding 5 years the average rate is 5 per 100,000 population whereas the average of the 15 pre-war years is 36. In this period the highest rate is 75 corresponding to 1995.

The trend of the 5-year period is definitely downwards of high significance since it has some effect in the lowering the hypernormal dispersion of the rates. There are perturbing factors researt left unknuched by measures of control.

PERTUSIS

Another healthy sign in 1953 is the mortality from Pertuais. It is to close to the rate of mortality of 1950 to lowest on record. The epidemic rate is that of 1951. The trend of the quinquenial years is insignificant and exert no influence in diminishing the rates to normalcy. The rates are created in ourse.

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DIPHTHERIA

The mortality of this disease in 1953 (1.3) is normal, approaching the rate of 1952 (1.0). The average of the preceding 5 years is 1.7 whereas the average of the 15 prewar years is 0.9 per 100.000 population.

The trend of the quinquenial years is negative but insignificant. The rates assume an erratic course.

The dispersion of the rates is still hypernormal, which suggests presence of variability of infection, toxicity and treatment.

TYPHOID FEVER

Another very healthy rate in 1953 is the mortality of this disease. It is as low as 7 per million population against the average of 14 in the preceding 5 years, and 87 in the 15 prevar years.

The trend in the quinquenial years is downwards which is of great significance. It exerts a great influence upon the rates bringing them to the level of normalcy. Lower rates are expected in the following years.

RARIES

Another healthy sign in 1953 is the mortality of Rabies. The trend however of the 5-year period is positive and of high significance. Despite of the excellent rates of 1953, higher or normal rates are expected in the following years.

The dispersion of the rates belongs to the Bernoullian

THE WORLD BIRTH RATE *

BIRTH RATE LOWER THAN AT POST-WAR PEAK BUT STILL HIGHER THAN IN 1939.

Trends for Births and Deaths Point toward High Future Population

The birth rate is declining from its Post-World War II peak but is still above the 1939 level in most countries.

This trend is reported in the United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1954.

The Yearbook, described as the most comprehensive compilation of demographic figures ever assembled and published by the UN Statistical Office, provides birth statistics for 188 countries and territories for the period 1920-1953. In addition, it gives statistics on area, population, population density, mortality, marriage, divorce and migration.

Tables in the Yearbook indicate, among other things, that the long-term trend toward lower stillbirth ratios is continuing, that infant mortality is continuing to decrease and life expectancy to increase, and that the combination of these trends points toward larger populations in the future.

The Yearbook does not include current information for the USSR or all the countries of eastern Europe.

Statistics in the Yearbook show that the rise in the birth rath began with World War II and reached its peak in 1946-47 has been gradually declining since that time. Perhaps the most striking post-war change in the birth rate occurred in Japan, where the drop since 1947 has been from 34.3 births per 1,000 populatiol to 21.5, a decrease of 37 per cent.

However, 1952-53 rates are higher, in general, than the pre-war level, the Yearbook shows. For example, the birth

^{*} From the United Nations Information Office for the Philippines.

rate in France rose from 14.7 in 1939 to 23.8 in 1947 and then dropped to 18.7 in 1953. Similarly, the figures in the United States are: 17.3 in 1939, 25.5 at the post-war peak, and 24.7 in 1953; in England and Wales, 14.8 in 1939, 20.5 at the post-war peak, 15.4 in 1953; in England and Wales, 14.8 in 1953; 20.5 at the post-war peak, 15.4 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.3 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in Chile, 33.8 in 1939, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in 1959, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in 1959, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1953; in 1959, 33.8 after the war, and 36.1 in 1950; in 19

A continued decline in infant mortality, in countries for which statistics are available, is shown in tables dating back to 1920.

In some countries, the infant mortality rate in 1953 was less than one-third of the 1992-04 average. In Sweden for example, 61 infants out of 1,000 died in their first year of life in the period 1992-04; in 1985 the rate had dropped to 18.7. In Mexico the rate dropped from more than 200 to less than 100; in Greece, from more than 80 to 43.

Increasing life expectancy is shown in other tables giving proviously unpublished material for a number of countries. The highest life expectancy reported is for Norwegien women who—according to calculations based on data for 1946-80—could hope to survive almost 73 years from the time of hirty.

The impact of rapid disease eradication can be seen in the life table for Ceylon. Between 1920 and 1946 (a 25-year period), the life expectancy at birth for males in Ceylon increased 11 years, or from 35 to 44 years. But between 1946 and 1952, after malaria control measures had been initiated, the increase was from 44 to 58, an increase of 14 years of life achieved in only 6 years.

The new (1941-1950) life table for India shows an expectancy of 32 years, an increase of 5 years over the previous calculation which related to 1921-1921

The world-wide improvement in health conditions, as measured by death rates, is also reflected in cause-of-death statistics shown in the Yearbook for a large number of countries. Generally speaking, deaths resulting from tuberculosis continued to decrease in relative importance, whereas deaths from heart disease and cancer increased. There is no indication as

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to the part played by improved diagnosis, the Statistical Office commented.

All these statistics—the relatively high birth rates, the low infant and general death rates, the decreasing stillbirth ratios —point toward larger population in the future.

The world as a whole is reported to have had a total of 2.547 million inhabitants at the middle of 1958, an increase of 92 million in the three years since 1950. Part of the apparent increase reffects the influence of more accurate estimates of population based on the many censuses taken around 1960, nevertheless, the Statistical Office believes, it implies an annual percentage increase of well over 1 per cent—a fact which must be taken into consideration when future plans for economic and social development are being made.

By areas, Central Europe continues to have the highest population densities (population per square kilometer) of the world, followed by South Central Asia and Southern Europe.



WORLD NEWSPRINT PRODUCTION *

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World production of newsprint in 1953 amounted to about 9,560,00 metric tons (excluding the USSR and mainland China), some 4% more than in the preceding year, and 21% more than in the peak prewar year 1937.

Giving these figures, the latest issue of the UN Statistical Yearbook says that the United States, with a total of 5,467.00 metric tons, is credited with consuming some 57% of the 1953 supply. Next comes the United Kingdom, which used 723,000 metric tons, substantially more than in the earlier postwar years, but 42% less than its prewar average. Third and fourth on the list are Japan, with 414,000 metric tons, and France, with 370,000 metric tons, and France, with 370,000 metric tons.

Per capita newsprint consumption for the year 1963 was highest in the United States, with a figure of 34.2 kilos per person. This was followed by: Canada (21.9 kilos); Sweden (18.3 kilos); Australia (16.2 kilos); New Zealand (15.6 kilos), and the United Kingdom (14.2 kilos).

Before the war (1935-39 average) the United Kingdom headed the list with 26.4 kilos, followed by: the United States (25.1 kilos); Australia (24.3 kilos); New Zealand (21.0 kilos); Canada (15.8 kilos) and Sweden (13.8 kilos).

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Circulation of daily newspapers per one thousand inhabitanta in 1982 (the latest year shown for most countries) was easily highest in the United Kingdom, with 615 copies to each 1,000; next in order came: Sweden (490 copies), Luxembourg (447 copies), Iceland (439 copies), and Australia (416 copies). The United States figure was 346 copies per thousand in 1954.

At the other end of the scale came: Afghanistan, Laos and Liberia (one copy per 1,000 inhabitants), Pakistan, Cambodia, Haiti and various African countries (some two to three copies); Thailand (four copies); Indonesia (seven copies); and India (eight copies).

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