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## UNEMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE SETS RECORD

### PRESIDENT HOOVER NOTES BIRTH OF SEAN BAIRD



#### NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, Herbert C. Hoover, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Sean Baird on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1931.

The White House sent a bouquet of carnations, the flower for the month of January, to the family.

### Celebrities Share Jan 1st Birthday

January 1st seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Xavier Cugat, Dana Andrews, Don Novello, Frank Langella, Nancy Lopez, and Paul Revere.

It's interesting to note that as of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, Sean will have been alive for 28,490 days!

### Cardinals Win 1931 World Series

ST. LOUIS - It was celebration time in St. Louis as the Cardinals captured the 1931 world title. It was a hard loss for the Philadelphia Athletics of the American League, as the National League team took the series four games to three.



### Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$6,796.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that twenty-five cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that thirty-seven cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$898.00, many members of the House felt that eight cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

Vice-President Charles Curtis noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to twenty-four cents, he said that the American public had, in 1931, more buying power than ever before.



### NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1931

- Financial Crisis In Europe
- Britain & Japan Abandon Gold Standard
- Japan Invades Manchuria
- Revolution Flares In Spain
- Paul Karrer Identifies Vitamin A

### The 4th Annual Academy Awards

"May I Have The Envelope, Please?"

HOLLYWOOD (TBC) - It was the stars' night out as The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences honored the industry's finest. The most eagerly awaited award of the evening was Best Picture of 1931, won by "Cimarron."

Best Actor honors went to Lionel Barrymore, and Marie Dressler took center stage for Best Actress. Rounding out the evening's ceremony was the Oscar for Best Director, captured by Norman Taurog for 'Skippy.'



### Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '31

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Dream A Little Dream Of Me," and "Save The Last Dance For Me," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "I Found A Million Dollar Baby," or stop humming, "Lazy River," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1931 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

### Chinese Celebrate Year of The Horse

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Sean Baird might be cause for great joy in the Chinese community. After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar Year 4,598, the year of the Horse, a very auspicious year!

Persons born in this year are said to be popular, attractive and impatient. Today's fortune cookie says, "It's A Good Time To Be With Friends!"

