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## A TOUGH DECISION

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's city councilmen are wishing tonight for the wisdom of Solomon. Faced with necessity for a decision either to keep or remove rent controls from the Roseburg area, councilmen know they cannot act without drawing criticism. Tenants will be irate if rent controls are lifted, while landlords will be wrathful if controls are continued. So pity the poor councilman!

Much may be said on both sides of the issue. Roseburg still has a housing shortage and so long as a shortage continues danger of excessive rental charges exist.

On the other hand, we find many gross inequities, inasmuch as newly built homes and apartments are not under control, while older units are subject to rates that do not even match tax increases and high upkeep costs.

Another factor which must be considered is that of the Korean war. If the war is of materially long duration it will result in greatly increased activity in this area which will, in turn, influence rental charges.

### Percentage Of Controlled Units Small

One argument, in our opinion, provides good reason to lift rent controls. That pertains to the small percentage of rental property under control. The majority of rental units in the Roseburg area are of comparatively recent construction and are not affected by rent controls. The small minority of units still regulated suffer from discriminatory regulations. It would seem only fair that all rental property should be on an equal basis.

Yet, just to argue both sides, a good many tenants probably will be adversely affected if the council should decide to be fair to the landlords.

We're very glad we don't have to make the decision.

### War Scare Good For Business

Merchants report a flock of hoarders riding the war scare. Many stocks of merchandise have been recently nearly depleted as buyers rush to stock up on items which they fear will be in short supply if war is long continued. As a result, business is booming at a time of year when it normally hits a slump.

Should a major war develop, the impact will be keenly felt in the Umpqua basin. The boom which started with the last war will be mild in comparison with local activity resulting from another large-scale conflict, for we learned that wood is one of the most vital of our defense materials and the Umpqua basin has the nation's largest undeveloped body of merchantable timber.

The Pacific coast will be the beehive of activity and our own community will be a hub for one of the principal production efforts.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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a huge earthwork behind which our defenders are sheltering.

Anyone who happens to remember the fighting in Normandy, after the landing, will get the point about this dike. Normandy was crisscrossed with hedgerows growing on shallow mound-like ridges of earth, and behind these natural obstacles the Germans sheltered and plastered our assaulting troops with everything they had (which was plenty).

That's what we're planning to do, of course, with this dike, which has the further advantage of a river in front of it.

All down through the history of warring mankind, rivers have played a big part in military history. As far back as history reaches, the military strategy of western Europe has been built on the Rhine. The Rhine has sheltered defending Germans against advancing Frenchmen. It has sheltered defending Frenchmen against advancing Germans. Always getting across the Rhine has been the big problem in western Europe's wars.

It's a new experience for us to rest our fate on a river, but (in the sense that if we win decisively in South Korea we'll probably bluff the Russians out of going to war now) that is what we are doing today at the Kum.

As I tried to make clear here Friday when you bast a defense line on a river you fight WITH THE RIVER IN FRONT OF YOU. While you're getting set with your

### Control Of Liquor Sale To Minors, Aim Of Assn.

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — The National Alcoholic Beverage Control association has decided to conduct an intensive survey on methods to control sale of liquor to minors.

The resolution was adopted at an enforcement conference attended by delegates from the seven western liquor monopoly states. William H. Hammond, administrator of the Oregon liquor control commission, was named to coordinate the study which will cover all 48 states.

The question was brought up by Jesse Stechel, New York City, representative of the licensed bev-

### Reedsport Substation Job Will Soon Start

Construction of the Reedsport substation is expected to start within the next three weeks with award made Friday of the contract to the Electric company, Port Angeles, Wash., on their low bid of \$23,321, according to W. E. Trom-

mershausen, manager of the south-western district office of the Bonneville Power administration.

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## What a Time for Him to Move In!



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

How little we know, as we picture a successful author tossing off book after book, collecting monetary reward for some, what that writer may be carrying as a cross, either seen or unseen by others!

I was thinking of Pearl Buck's beautiful article in the May Ladies' Home Journal. In this deeply moving and bravely told story of a mother's heartbreaking realization that her child, whatever her years, would remain mentally a child of four, Mrs. Buck opens the door to her heart and so enables this child, through her, to make its "contribution to humanity."

The child, or rather the great need to earn money with which to provide for her and to make sure her future will be as safe as humanly possible to insure it, has been the driving force behind Mrs. Buck's work. It is a tenderly told, courageously written story of a mother's spiritual progress, as well as the unfoldment that came to her in her human footsteps to help the child developed as much as possible.

The years taught Mrs. Buck because she was thinking of the child first, that to force such a child beyond the point where she could happily demonstrate ability to do things, was a kind of cruelty. There

was the day when she found the little one was making a mighty effort to write, an effort so great that her little palms were damp with perspiration, and her face, a beautiful little face, strained with effort. Suppose the child did learn to write . . . "Let's go out and play with the kittens," said the mother and was rewarded by the joy and relief that lit up the little ones face! From then on the child was never urged to please an adult by making an effort beyond her easy accomplishment.

I have heard disabled veterans speak of the ordeal it is to leave the hospital for the outside world: the stares! In China, Mrs. Buck felt the child had had happier freedom from such unfeeling, cruel stares, and lack of kindness. It is hard to think another country is kinder . . . surely here we too may be so moved by tender compassion when we meet an afflicted one that we can see only another child of God, and not see his cross.

Ask anyone burdened with a visible cross what helps most to bear it! It will be the acceptance of him or her as a normal individual, the refusal of those with whom he comes in contact, to "see" the affliction! Surely we can do that much for our brother. Even from a standpoint of "good manners" that much is required of us.

## United States Will Have To Carry Major Burden Of Conflict In Korea

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Battlefront reports describing the first American fighting in Korea did not make cheerful news. The slogging retreat recalled the bitter days of Bataan in the Philippines at the start of World War II.

But General MacArthur has assured Washington that the situation is not critical. So our military leaders are not deeply troubled at the ground lost and the reverses suffered by U.S. forces. They are confident we can throw back the North Korean invaders beyond their boundary at the 38th parallel.

The rather unhappy beginning for the Americans emphasizes, however, that this task is not one to be accomplished off-handedly with a mild show of strength. The North Koreans are well trained and well equipped. Their 150 to 160 tanks were decisive in the early advances. Their field tactics reflect expert schooling from their masters in Moscow. In any military action so fluid as

## LETTERS to the Editor

### County's Recreational Program Draws Praise

PORTLAND—May we add our share of praise to Douglas County and its recreational area program. The program in the June Game Commission bulletin was discussed with much interest at one of our recent committee meetings.

It is heartening to learn of the steps being taken by your communities in order that present and future generations might share the pleasures of your recreational areas.

The Umpqua Basin Conservation council, the Douglas County council, and all other groups that are assisting in this program are to be highly commended.

Such actions as this by the communities of Oregon will lend invaluable assistance to our state in its need for adequate recreational facilities to meet its potential population and tourist demands.

DONALD B. PARKS

Chairman Recreational and Natural Resources Committee  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Portland, Ore.

## Neuner Bitterly Assails Federal Indian Service

SALEM — (AP) — Attorney General George Neuner has bitterly assailed the United States Indian service and asked that tribal controls be ended and that Indian reservations be abolished.

Speaking at a conference of state and federal officials and leaders of Oregon Indian tribes, Neuner said that the federal Indian service won't accept responsibility and "passes the buck to the state."

"We won't accomplish anything to improve the Indian's position until we do away with the multitudinous federal Indian laws and make the Indian a full citizen," Neuner said.

The federal Indian officials, when faced with a problem, pass the buck to the state. And these same federal officials then strut around and say they are responsible.

Neuner said he knows a lot about Indians, having dealt with their problems for eight years as United States attorney.

Liquor Ban Opposed  
He also favored repeal of the law which forbids sale of liquor to Indians, asserting "let an Indian buy a drink. If he gets drunk then prosecute him."

Neuner's statement followed a speech by Boyd Jackson, representing the Klamath Indians, who opposed the liquor ban as well as the state law prohibiting whites to marry Indians.

Governor Douglas McKay promised to check into the intermarriage ban.

Jackson said Indians demanded equal rights with the white race. But he said that if they are freed, there should be some control retained over property of the Indians who can't manage money.

Neuner agreed with Jackson that such control would be needed.

Jackson said Indians feel like outcasts because of the laws discriminating against them.

S. E. Kirk, president of the Klamath Indian tribal council, said "the Klamath Indians have been believing their heads off ever since the Klamath treaty was signed in 1864, and we have never got anywhere." Jackson said this treaty "has been kicked full of holes."

## U.S. Mistake In South Korea Told By Stanley Earl

PORTLAND — (AP) — The United States never gave South Korea a democratic government, and that proved a fatal mistake, Stanley Earl said here.

Earl, staff plan labor advisor to Korea for a year, said on his return to this country that the South Koreans had no faith and little interest in their government.

The former CIO secretary for Oregon said he would suggest to Congress "a full and complete investigation of the Korean fiasco."

He said in an interview that the invasion by North Koreans was a made easy by all this, plus graft and corruption in the South Korean army. He added that the government also was unable to cope with North Korean espionage.

Earl asserted that the South Koreans were near starvation, hit hard by inflation, while American diplomats continued to talk unrealistically with Korean bankers and brass hats.

"If the average Korean understood what existed as a government in South Korea to be a democracy, it is my opinion he would be inclined to turn to something else. Hunger makes Communists," Earl said.

"Some of our diplomats are too much above the people. You can't install democracy with cockatoo parties for the big shots and conferences with the bankers. Somebody's got to get out and talk to the people," he said.

## Air Raid Warning System In Oregon Nears Completion

PORTLAND. — (AP) — Northern Oregon's air raid warning system is nearly complete, the observation program is being speeded and community defense is moving out of the planning and into the organizational stage.

That was the report of the state's program from Louis E. Starr, state director of civilian defense.

In detail:  
Air raid warning — four key cities have been named. They are Pendleton, the Dalles, Portland and Eugene. In these cities, centers have been established in the offices of existing law enforcement agencies and they are linked by direct telephone line to the air force security center.

Establishment of sub-key centers, in the various county seats of Northern Oregon is now under way.

By next Wednesday, Starr said, "everything should be set up."

He said his staff, aided by local groups, was working rapidly in perfecting the routine to be followed in the event of an air alert: work from the security center flashed to the four key centers, relayed from them to the sub-key centers and from them to all of the cities and industries.

The warning system is being set up first in the northern part of the state at request of the air force, he said. No date is set for activating a warning system in southern Oregon. That, he said, will be done as soon as the air force recommends it.

Air raid observation — this is largely a matter of setting up the observation posts and obtaining personnel to man them, Starr said. He reported that a few days ago the system could be called 40 to 50 percent complete and now is farther advanced. Col. Claude Farrow Jr. is in the field making excellent progress, Starr said.

He added that the system could be put into almost immediate operation on a skeleton basis.

Local civilian defense — a report and recommendations will be mailed at once to all county judges and mayors, Starr said. This, he said, would outline the general system. No hard-and-fast organizational program can be outlined, he added, since the aim is to utilize existing agencies and these vary with the size of the cities.

## Probe Of Soviet Claim On German Prisoners Asked

LONDON. — (AP) — Britain asked Moscow to admit an impartial, international commission into Russia to investigate Soviet claims that 13,546 German prisoners of war remain there. Russia announced May 4 that repatriation of German prisoners had been completed except for that number, chilling hundreds of thousands of Germans with relatives still missing.

A formal British note to the Russian foreign office declared the May 4 announcement was received with "shock and grave concern in Germany and throughout the civilized world." The announcement said the only Germans left in the Soviet Union were those condemned for serious war crimes, those whose alleged war crimes are still being investigated and a few who were temporarily detained because of illness.

The news shattered the hopes of hundreds of thousands of Germans with relatives missing. Reaction in west Germany was bitter, with German officials declaring that 1,500,000 Germans are still missing, including "tens of thousands of deported civilians."

The U. S. state department has labeled the Russian claim "fantastic and absurd." It estimated the number of Germans still being held "at least" 200,000.

The British note accused Russia of hiding the fate of "tens of thousands" of prisoners, and urged Russia to:

1. Identify and give the whereabouts of the prisoners admittedly still being held.
2. Permit the prisoners to correspond with their families.
3. "Give full details of any persons whom the Soviet government, by classification as civilian worker or in any other way, have deprived of prisoner of war status and have thereby excluded from the prisoner of war statistics."
4. Supply full information on identity and burial place of Germans who died in custody in Russia.

EXAMINER SCHEDULED  
A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21, at the city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

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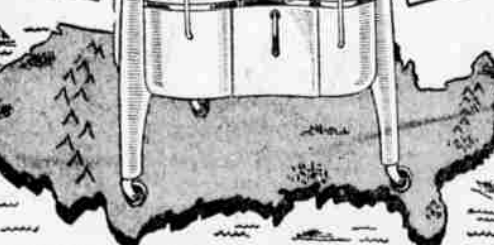


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