



**MASS BLOOD TYPING** in answer to appeals from the walking blood bank at Cottage Grove hospital was a project recently of the Loyal Order of Moose. Wally Barrong, lab technician, is shown taking a sample of blood for typing from Delmar Rearick. Others waiting their turn in line as potential donors are (left to right) George C. Anderson, George E. Anderson, A. W. Thomas, James Easley, Art Cooper, Ben Lokkin, Jess Forester, Chauncey Starr, J. E. Arnold, Lloyd Swanson and Gus Walther.

## May we take this opportunity

to express our thanks for the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed the past year and to wish you and yours a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## Killing Power, Not Firepower, Is Army's Aim

(Editor's note: Following is the first in a series of six articles comparing a U. S. Army combat infantry division with the infantry division of the Soviet Russian Army.)

The American public has been told that a Russian army infantry division has ten per cent more firepower on a man-for-man basis than a larger United States army infantry division.

This is true. This statement has led many Americans to believe that Russian divisions are organized more efficiently than American divisions.

The U. S. army division is a highly technical fighting machine, and because of its organization it is the most lethal the world ever has seen. It has more killing power than any similar combat unit ever created.

This has been proved in Korea, where the Reds have suffered ten battle casualties to our one.

A U. S. infantry division moves faster, gets into action quicker, kills more efficiently, and sustains itself in combat longer than any division of any other army anywhere in the world—on either side of the Iron Curtain.

### U. S. Better Equipment

Not only does the U. S. army have more killing power than any other, it also provides its soldiers with better weapons, equipment, clothing, food, and medical care than any other army in the world. High morale—essential to an efficient fighting force—is maintained in the U. S. army through services available to no other army. The American public would not stand for abolition of a single one of them.

The single word that has misled many Americans is "firepower."

"Firepower" is synonymous in the minds of most Americans with killing power.

Yet in the U. S. army—which created the word "firepower"—there is a distinct difference.

Firepower is a yardstick used to measure the maximum capability of weapons. It is not a gauge of a fighting unit's efficiency.

In using firepower as a yardstick to compare effectiveness of a U. S. infantry division with that of a foreign division, one assumes that all weapons are employed with full effectiveness.

Full effectiveness of every weapon never has been achieved at any one time by any division in any army. It never will be. Full effectiveness would mean absolute accuracy of every shot fired, perfect target selection, and perfect concentrations of fire—with every weapon of the division in action and unaffected by the fire of an enemy.

No Simple Formula  
Clearly, this is impossible. Hence, firepower, in itself, is not an accurate system of measuring a division's combat efficiency.

There is no simple formula that will show a combat unit of one country to be 10, 20 or 50 percent better or worse than a unit of another country.

A division's combat efficiency—killing power—depends not only on the number of weapons it has but also on the skill of the men who use them, dependable communications for fire direction, ability to get the weapons to the proper place at the proper time, a ready supply of ammunition, maintenance, and myriad other factors.

This means an effective combat force must have many highly-skilled specialists who, although not actually firing a gun themselves, are necessary for the unit to bring its full firepower into action on a given point at a moment's notice.

This is effective firepower—killing power—and the U. S. army infantry division has far more of it than any similar unit in any other army anywhere.

### WELFARE GROUP SEEKS BOOSTS IN PENSIONS

PORTLAND—A newly-formed National Institute of Social Welfare seeking old-age pensions adjusted to national living costs has been announced here by Floyd K. Dover, President of the Oregon Institute of Social Welfare.

Dover's announcement followed a Tri-State Conference of Oregon, Washington and California pension leaders in Los Angeles called to unite the three powerful Pacific Coast states in a nationwide drive for the needy aged. Delegations were headed by Dover, of Portland; H. G. Clark, Bellingham, Washington; and George McLain, Los Angeles.

### GUARD ANTIAIRCRAFT UNITS SEEK PERSONNEL

Designated National Guard Antiaircraft Artillery units in Oregon and Washington are now accepting original enlistments of men who are 44 years of age or younger and reenlistments of men who are 55 years of age or younger.

Announcing these new age limits for units in 28 states and the District of Columbia, Maj. Gen. Raymond H. Fleming, Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, said they have been set in order to bring Guard AAA outfits to peak operational efficiency and strength in the shortest possible time.

## Governor Advised Of Campus Needs

EUGENE—Board of Higher Education President Edgar W. Smith this week transmitted to Governor Patterson the 12th biennial report of the Oregon System of Higher Education.

Smith directed the Governor's attention to three sections in the report.

(1) An inevitable upsurge in enrollment has already begun which will reach a peak at the end of this decade when an estimated 23,000 students will be on our eight campuses—nearly double the present enrollment. A 22 per cent increase in the freshman enrollment this fall indicates larger numbers are already on our threshold.

(2) One of the chief problems of the board has been to obtain and retain good staff members. Competition in salaries comes both from institutions of higher education and from outside sources such as business, industry and the federal government.

(3) The long-range building program of the board is about at its mid-way point and it appears to us, after careful study, that it is wise for the state to move steadily along on this building program during the next three bienniums. Unless this is done, there will be a tremendous financial load on the state beginning about 1958 when all the tax resources available for higher education will be needed for the large increase in operational expenditures.

If we cannot settle our difficulties with ballots we are doomed—bullets have no brains.

Where there's a will there's a way and when there isn't there's usually a family row.

## Korea Orphans Need Help, CARE States

CARE's Mission chief in Korea has sent a pitiful picture of the forgotten children in Korean orphanages. They are there, he said, because their homes were in the path of war, their parents its victims. They were left alone, dirty, sick, suffering from malnutrition and exposure and in many cases near death.

There are 777 children in Seoul's Chonjin Won, Hamjong Children's home, Wonbulgyo Bohwa, Sam-song Hakwon and Mulka Children's home.

All these children are friendly, frightened and most of them have been attacked by vermin. Many

have worms. These orphans have been picked up lying on the streets, at garbage dumps and along railroad tracks where they were foraging for food and fuel. Although the orphanages are filled to capacity, they operate on the principle there is always room for another. They need food and clothing for these children to whom they have given sanctuary, sympathy and understanding.

A CARE \$10 food package contains meat, fish, flour, sugar, rice, egg powder and other things which will feed a child for a month. A Korean underwear parcel has three pairs of long, warm underwear and several pairs of stockings and socks. They await orders from American donors. A contribution in any amount may be sent to CARE, 215 S. E. 9th Ave., Portland.

### ROTC GRADS MAY EXPECT DUTY CALL IN MID-1953

ROTC graduates who are commissioned in the Army in all branches except the Corps of Engineers, may not expect call to active duty until mid-1953 due to the overstrength of officer personnel now on active duty.

Graduates commissioned in the Corps of Engineers will continue to be called as before, but others will wait until July 1, 1953, before receiving their call to active duty.

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