

European Situation Explained Tuesday At Rotary Club By An Ex-Army Officer

H. P. "Bos" Bosworth, of Medford, member of the Rotary club of that place, and an ex-army colonel of engineers, who was in Europe with the military government in Berlin at the beginning of occupation, told the Rotarians Tuesday of his impressions of the situation and his final analysis of the situation.

The speakers' experiences in Europe were varied. He helped re-building an electric plant at Caen, a few days after Normandy under shell fire. He was in Holland for many months helping to clean up that country after the condition left by the Germans in their evacuation. He displayed a map to show how the Hollanders first planned a defense, how all this had been added to by the Germans, and how the U. S. army had to remove millions of land mines, restore sewers, bridges, and at the same time keep a supply of materiel flowing to the allied armies then advancing toward Berlin.

Holland, a thickly populated nation, has an area about an eighth of the size of Oregon, but in that territory live over nine million people. With German occupation, with the Germans laying up fortifications in case of an allied invasion through the north sea, Holland's economy had been completely wrecked by the war. Most of the Holland houses and business buildings in the cities had been leveled by the warfare.

At The Hague a Russian ambassador told the military government officials that Russia had five objectives in the peace settlement, two of which were reparations for the destruction to the Soviet union. Russia wanted undisputed control of the Darde-

Central Transfer Is Sold To Coos Bay Trucking Operator

Dave Franklin, Coos Bay truck operator for a number of years, last Friday announced locally the purchase of the Central Transfer Company, and the appointment of W. S. Chadwick as local agent.

Mr. Franklin told the Pilot it would be his first endeavor to re-establish the good-will which the transfer line once held, and that he would give the best possible service from Portland and from Crescent City.

The main office of the company has been moved from Bannock to Coos Bay, at 161 East Date Street, phone 142.

nelles, an open port both on the Baltic and in Korea. To date, the speaker said, he had seen no material change in these demands.

Russia's plan in Berlin was to loot Germany of her resources in reparation. Everything was moved that could be moved. The Mark was inflated in the Russian zone, Russian soldiers, not paid for a year or more were paid in this inflated money, beginning the big black markets in the Russian-occupied territory.

Russia is about to lift the Berlin blockade, to save her face in Germany, but the speaker emphasized that Russia, in the meantime, had trained a police force, and had set up a Communist government which Russia hopes will complete the job of making Germany a Communist country when all military occupation is withdrawn.

Russia's movement to set up a ring of "buffer" states all around Russia is for the purpose of preventing another war from ever reaching Russian soil. Russia lost 19 million in the late war, and has claims of much property damage and loss. Germans are paying for this by and through slave labor today, together with the looting being carried out.

Perhaps Russia has lost face in Germany, the speaker concluded, but she has gained an end by setting up her type of government which Russia hopes will be strong enough to seize the nation if military occupation is ever recalled from that country.

Mr. Bosworth was decorated with Legion of Merit award by General Eisenhower, for the assignments he carried out while with the engineer corps. He is assistant manager of California-Oregon Power Co., at Medford.

Several visitors were present: Ben Russell of Bend, purchaser of Chetco Inn; George Milford and Dr. Doan of Red Bluff, Calif.; C. O. Pyles, of Crescent City, local manager of COPCO; H. E. Shillander; and Dean Hamilton.

Co. Service Office Reports To You:

BY C. E. SEGER
Gold Beach, Ore.

Most of the major legislation introduced for veterans, including a move to liberalize the farm and home loan, an increase in education benefits, and financial aid to counties employing county veteran service officers, and war veterans' organizations, was acted on favorably by recent legislature, the state department of

veterans' affairs reports.

The following measures were passed:

1. An amendment permitting veterans who came to Oregon after World War 2 to obtain the maximum, \$6000, 4% farm and home loan, provided they have resided here for two years between the time of separation and Dec. 31, 1950. This measure goes before the voters in the Nov. 1950 general election.

2. An amendment raising the state educational benefits from \$35 to \$50 a month for Oregon veterans taking full-time undergraduate college courses.

3. An act providing state assistance for county service officers and accredited war veterans' organizations offering rehabilitation service to veterans.

4. An amendment giving veterans preference to state civil service promotions as well as employment.

Lesser measures include a \$30,000 appropriation to acquire land adjacent to Lincoln memorial park, Portland, for a national war veterans cemetery; repayment of income taxes collected on terminal leave pay received in 1946; a \$1500 annual appropriation to the United Spanish War veterans for maintaining a department office at Portland and for its annual encampment expenses; and a \$1500 appropriation to investigate the need for erecting homes for aged and infirm veterans.

Write your county veterans service for further information on veteran rights and benefits, and get cheerful results.

Pie Feed Postponed

The high school's "first annual pie feed," scheduled for Friday of this week, has been postponed until Friday, May 27, to permit the Azalea Festival association to decorate the gymnasium for the flower show, which will be staged Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lynn Hampton is resting well at Room 412, Emanuel hospital, Portland, after her major operation of last Friday, it was reported here Tuesday morning. Mr. Hampton, who had been in Portland since Thursday evening, returned late Monday.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

Upcoming soon in both the house and senate will be a deficiency carrying the appropriation for the ECA (European Recovery Administration—Marshall plan). The program has been authorized by congress for another year. The actual money to be spent on it has not yet been determined. There has been some evidence that the president and ECA officials got more than they expected in the authorization bill and are now just a little worried that they may have reached too high. Not long ago, the president indicated that he thought "due to declining prices" the appropriation could be cut more than a hundred million dollars under the authorization figure. I understand there have been some even lower guesses from administration sources.

This all goes to prove that the accuracy of my comment on the floor of the house when the authorization bill was being debated. It was my opinion then, and I so stated, that the authorization figure of some five and one-half billions was carelessly calculated and should not be considered as exact or final figures. I am hopeful that the appropriations committees of both houses of congress will comb all of the optimism out of the ECA appropriation request.

On the subject of appropriations, you may be interested in

a couple of paragraphs of comment made in his weekly newsletter to his congressional district by Rep. Errett P. Scrivner of Kansas. He writes with accurate "inside" knowledge because he is a member of the appropriations committee:

"Recent news stories credit the chairman of the appropriations committee, Mr. Cannon, Democrat, of Missouri, with burning zeal for economy. Had he helped the committee during the 80th congress, we could have saved more than the three billion dollars we did save. During the 80th congress, on bills relating just to one department, Mr. Cannon offered ten amendments which, if accepted, would have increased appropriations by \$306,077,666. These being defeated, he offered two motions to re-commit carrying amendments to increase the amounts by \$289,385,710. Actions speak louder than words.

"Op to date, under Mr. Cannon, who has sat in with each committee, when it decided the amount to recommend to the house, the first five appropriation bills have authorized spending of nearly a billion dollars, \$945,316,405, more than allowed by the 80th congress in similar bills. Democrats, of course, will point out that the amounts allowed are \$389 million less than the president suggested in his budget, but that will not lighten the load on the taxpayer."

The foregoing was written several weeks ago. Several other appropriation bills have been acted upon by the house since Mr. Scrivner made his comment. The spending record of the 81st congress continues to be bad. House appropriation bills to date total more than four billions of dollars in excess of the figure in the same bills passed by the previous (80th) congress.

It seems probable that the next big test of the administration's strength in the house will come in connection with the proposed amendments to the wage and hour act. This legislation has been pending before the house rules committee for some time. The administration desires a "gag" rule prohibiting amendments and the committee has declined to do so under such a rule.

Aside from the issue over increase in the base hourly wage rates the most critical questions involve the stretch of federal au-

thority under the interstate commerce clause to cover formerly exempt employments and the changing of exemptions for certain seasonal industries.

Typical of government bureaus, the wage and hour administration has exercised all authority granted or by implication and has expanded its activities into areas of business where there is little or no authority in law. To protect its position, it now comes to congress asking for language specifically authorizing its acts and extending authority to new fields. During hearings before the house labor committee, the secretary of labor was asked what employment would not come within interstate commerce under the proposed amendments. The secretary hesitated and turned to his solicitor. The solicitor thought for a moment and replied, "the local barber shop." After another pause, he added, "probably."

Rep. Wingate Lucas, Democrat from Texas, and member of the house labor committee has introduced a substitute for the administration bill. Lucas declares, "The administration bill gives more power to an administrator than any bill ever reported during peace time by a committee of congress."

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