

Dulles Endorses 'Great Decisions'

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has endorsed as "effective and typically American" the Great Decisions program pioneered in Oregon to build informed public opinion on foreign policy. The program that started in Oregon in 1955 has now spread to many other states.

"Great Decisions . . . 1957" is sponsored here in the Brookings-Harbor community by the Great Decisions committee. The Decisions program, beginning January 20 and running for eight weeks, will provide facts on eight key

foreign policy issues that this country faces in 1957.

Dulles said, "The problems our country faces in its international relations are indeed complex and difficult. If we are to meet them, it is fundamental that our people inform themselves on the issues involved and the avenues opened to us. The Great Decisions program seems to me to be an effective and typically American way of working towards that end."

Mr. Joe Zumpfe, chairman of the Brookings-Harbor Decisions committee, emphasized that the Great Decisions program is open to every citizen through TV, radio, newspaper features, and informal home discussion groups.

Mr. Erskine Miller, chairman of discussion group organization, emphasized that informal discussion

Auto Insurance Rates Boost Fights Many

There is quite a furor in the National press about the boosting of auto insurance fees charged against single drivers less than 25 years old. One of the principal arguments is that it hits many students who can ill afford the raise. It is also contended that there will be a great many drivers in this category who will evade the insurance and who are now insured under the old rates.

groups were the real core of the Decisions program and "follow the typically American method of getting together to talk it over." Mr. Miller added that special Great Decisions materials provide the facts for discussions.

For the TV program for this area, watch KIEM on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., each week, and listen to KIEM radio on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

For further information, call or see Mr. Miller or Mr. Zumpfe

Oregon Accidents Prove Costly in '56

Traffic accidents in Oregon last year cost the state an estimated \$50,160,000.

The figure, released by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, represents about \$20 million more than was spent during the year in construction of new state highways and county roads.

This fact, coupled with recently announced boosts in insurance premiums, should point up the "economic necessity of further strengthening the state's battle against accidents," the commission's executive secretary, James R. Banks, commented.

The secretary said calculable costs of motor vehicle accidents include wage loss, medical expense and the overhead cost of insurance and property damage.

Losses are estimated on a per death basis with a ratio of 35 injuries and 240 property damage accidents for each death.



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Logging Permits Down for Year

A total of 11,830 permits were issued to Oregon loggers during 1956, according to State Forester Dwight L. Phipps. This is 770 less than that issued the previous year, he added.

The figures on the volume of timber these loggers removed has not yet been compiled by forestry department field men but it is estimated that it will reach about 8.5 billion board feet. Phipps stated. This is about a billion board feet less than the 1955 cut but it will still leave the industry in the billion-dollar income.

The reduction in the number of loggers and log output is due directly to the slump in the lumber market that occurred last year," Phipps stated. "Many mills, especially the smaller ones, closed down early in the summer with the result that the log demand fell off.

"There has, of course, been the normal closing of logging operations due to snow and road conditions but added to this is the fact that many of the mills that always close for the holiday period have not resumed operations. It is unlikely that some of these will again open until market conditions become more stable."

Phipps added that an upward trend may occur in case interest

rate on FHA loans are increased and thus made more acceptable to the banker. He also stated that the industry attention has been directed towards a more intensive advertising campaign and development of mill products that will compete with lumber substitutes.

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Health Conference Set for Janary 29

A regional Health conference is scheduled for Tue day, January 29th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Marshfield high school. The meeting is to include Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties. The topic will be "Problems and Solutions." Victor Morgan, Senior Sanitation officer of Lane co. will address the audience on the necessities of city planning and zoning.

Dan Cardwell, Curry county junior councilor will talk on work with young people and Mrs. Dorothea Miller, Curry county health nurse will discuss work in her field.

The meeting will be open to the public and everyone interested in these civic necessities is urged to attend.

Lunch will be served at 50 cents a plate in the high school cafeteria, by the students.

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