

IT SEEMS TO ME

By *Charles F. Sprague*

A boy or girl who is a resident of Oregon can attend the University of Oregon or Oregon State college and the amount of his tuition and fees is \$34.50 per term. If the boy or girl is not a resident of Oregon the cost is \$50 per term more or \$84.50.

There is this exception, however: If the boy or girl resident of Oregon is a GI—an honorably discharged veteran—the cost is the same as for a non-resident, or \$34.50 per term. There exists a patent discrimination between veterans and non-veterans who are Oregon residents.

How did this come about? When the GI bill of benefits was pending the American Council of Education lobbied in behalf of the state-supported colleges and universities a provision which permits these institutions to charge the government tuition and fees on war veterans on a non-resident basis.

Then does the penalty fall on the government? Initially, yes; but the GI law contains this whip-cracker that all sums expended by the government on a veteran's education is to be deducted from whatever bonus congress may vote to war veterans. All those who believe that NO bonus will ever be voted can continue to believe that this extra charge is borne by the federal government. All others know that unless the law is (Continued on editorial page)

Army, Science Denys Defense Against A-Bomb

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Science and the army teamed up today to tell congress there is no defense against the atomic bomb except the defenses that work on other sorts of bombing.

At the same time President Truman nominated Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, over-all director of atomic developments, to be assistant to the army chief of engineers.

That shift was taken to show the emphasis the army proposes to put on nuclear energy weapons. He would succeed Brig. Gen. John J. Kingman.

Groves also was named for promotion to brigadier general on a permanent basis.

The testimony on lack of any special defense against atomic bombs came from Secretary of War Patterson and Dr. Vannevar Bush, head of the office of scientific research and development.

Said Patterson: There is no known defense "peculiarly effective against the atomic bomb."

Said the scientist who worked on its development: "There is, in my opinion, no trick way of getting rid of the atomic bomb—because it is an atomic bomb."

Their testimony differed from a report of the house naval committee which said there were "indications that an effective counter-measure to atomic bombs has been developed to such an extent that they can be exploded far short of their objectives."

Portland's Hero of Corridor Welcomed

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—This city's hero of Corridor, Maj. Gen. George M. Parker, 44, was welcomed home today.

Lean but not emaciated, Gen. Parker was met by Mayor Earl Riley and Governor Earl Snell, who accompanied him to Victory Center, where he addressed bond-buyers in a brief ceremony.

Gen. Parker at one time was commander of the Seventh infantry at Vancouver barracks, Wash., and was commander of the Second army corps at the time of the retreat to Bataan. He was taken prisoner when the island fell and liberated in Manchuria.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Mammy"

Hitler Planned to Escape in Nip Sub

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A Reuter dispatch from Tokyo tonight said a former Japanese navy staff officer had "told details of a plan for Hitler to escape to Japan with Eva Braun."

The dispatch said a Japanese officer attended a "secret meeting" in Tokyo on March 3, 1945, when final arrangements were made for the "rescue" of Hitler and his former secretary whom he married shortly before the fall of Berlin.

The dispatch continued: "Hitler had promised the Japanese that if they provided a safe refuge for himself and Eva Braun he would give them plans which he guaranteed would win the war in the Pacific," the Japanese officer said.

"Hitler also asked for and was given an assurance by the Japanese imperial staff that after the Japanese had conquered Australia and America they would help him regain control of Europe so that between them Germany and Japan could rule the world."

The navy officer, said at Hitler's request, apparently because he had reached the stage where he could trust no one in Berlin, a Japanese submarine was sent to pick him up.

"The submarine left Yokohama at dawn March 5 and headed for Hamburg. It never reached its destination and its fate is still unknown," the dispatch said.

Laval Shot After Suicide Attempt Proves Failure

PARIS, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The stormy political career of Pierre Laval, thrice premier of France, came to a dramatic end today when he was shot as a traitor after trying unsuccessfully to take his own life.

Before he was led to the execution ground, Laval attempted to cheat the firing squad by taking poison, but in this, as in many other things, the swarthy chief of government in the Vichy regime failed.

Four hours later, in the courtyard at Fresnes prison, his life was ended by a pistol shot through the temple after he had been brought to his knees by a volley from an execution squad of 12 riflemen.

Just before the volley was fired Laval, condemned for intelligence with the enemy and endangering the security of the state, turned to the judges of the high court of justice which had tried him.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I simply want to tell you that I'm sorry for you and for your having carried out such a piece of work."

Then he turned to the firing squad and said:

"I regret for you that you are made the innocent accomplices of a judicial crime. I die because I loved my country too well."

He asked to give the firing order to the execution squad, but was refused. He declined to be blindfolded.

His last words were "Vive la France."

He fell forward dead at 12:32 p. m.

Buried With Darnand

His body was immediately placed in a waiting coffin and loaded on a hearse. Accompanied by a few officials and newspapermen, the hearse drove directly to Thiais cemetery where the recently executed Vichy militia chief, Joseph Darnand, was buried.

Without ceremony, Laval's coffin was lowered into a grave which had been prepared in advance. Next to it was another grave marked "Here lies an unknown collaborator."

Laval's grave was left unmarked.

Lumber Strike Negotiations To Start Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Changes for success of a negotiating meeting here tomorrow were strengthened today by the decision of four northwest lumber operators to meet the AFL's wage increase demand.

If Willamette Valley Lumber Operators and the AFL Northwest council, Lumber and Sawmill workers, reach an agreement, other employers probably would follow suit, union officials said. Negotiations will be the first since the \$1,000 AFL men staged their strike Sept. 24.

John Christenson, AFL council president, announced four plants would resume operations at once after agreeing to pay workers the \$1.10 hourly minimum. They are the Hoyt Lumber company, Columbia Falls, Mont.; York-Ellis Lumber company, Bellingham, Wash.; Van Zandt Lumber company, Van Zandt, Wash., and Hammersmith Lumber company, Tacoma.

"It is noticeable that independents in the industry are able to meet our demands while the largest and most powerful operators are conducting a lockout against us even though the entire reversion program is being threatened," Christenson declared.

Local Building Rises, Pulp Mill Due to Rebuild

October building permits in Salem soared toward a new post-depression high Monday with the issuance of one for \$37,500 worth of construction of Oregon Pulp & Paper Co., for rebuilding of the digester destroyed in the August 19 fire.

The fact that permits for small home construction are sought almost daily led to the conclusion that this month's permits will top the \$171,731 total of September, which in turn was more than the \$149,920 record of August. In September, 1944, Salem building permits totaled \$11,352, of which \$1006.15 was for new construction, \$9637 for alterations. Last month permits for new construction represented \$146,693 worth of alterations.

(Other Monday building permits on page 9).

5-YEAR-OLD GIRL BURNED

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A five-year-old girl lost her life last night in a fire which gutted a suburban house. Mrs. Lloyd Comstock rescued four children—two of them neighbor's youngsters—but was unable to get to Rose Marie. The mother and another child were burned severely.

CEILING PRICES RAISED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Washington, Oregon and California processors of packed fruits, berries and vegetables may increase price ceilings on sales to government agencies to compensate for increased wage rates. The OPA said today the ceiling increases were to offset pay hikes approved during the 1944 packing season.

British Laborites to Hold War Powers for 5 Years

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The house of commons, beating off a vigorous attack by the conservative opposition, tonight voted, 258 to 39 to extend the labor government's war time controls for five years.

Earlier the house had rejected 306 to 183 a conservative party amendment limiting the wartime controls to a maximum of two years.

Former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who led the vigorous conservative fight in the absence of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill who is ill, declared during the debate that the powers asked by the labor government "are such as no government has ever before asked for in times of peace."

Eden declared that he did not think any government should ask the house for such powers "to interfere with the daily life of citizens" without reference to parliament "after a reasonable interval."

There were cries of "Vote, vote!" ringing through the house after Home Secretary Chuter Ede had replied for the government.

Victor Raikes speaking for the opposition, charged:

Declared 'Reichstag'

"If that which is to be done in this bill were to be carried over everything in this country, this parliament would be nothing more than a reichstag -- and men and women will forget what freedom is."

Raikes said the labor government's opposition to the conservative amendment was "the most frightful confession of failure that has ever been put upon statutory papers."

When you go to the bottom of it all," he cried, "there is nothing but a lust for power and the determination to retain power."

Eden Asks

Eden addressing the house said: "How long are these far-reaching powers to remain force . . . ? The powers we are asked to give are very wide, they are sweeping. They are such as no government has ever before asked for in times of peace."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach said tonight the government effort to settle the widespread soft coal strike had collapsed but government seizure of idle mines is not in immediate prospect.

Schwellenbach told reporters he had adjourned the eight-day conference of John L. Lewis, representing the united mine workers, and mine operators indefinitely. He said he had done this after the operators rejected five separate proposals for settlement.

The way was left open, however, by the labor secretary to resume negotiations if disputing parties should find some common ground.

President Truman today conferred with the war labor board on methods of ending the strike wave and on postwar wage-price policies—but the status of the board itself remained uncertain.

No conclusions were reached at the White House discussion with the WLB on:

1. Whether the board should handle reconversion labor disputes in the interim between now and conclusion of the November labor-management conference.

2. Whether the WLB or some other agency should mold a wage price pattern to cut down the number of strikes over pay.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The office of city sanitary inspector would be abolished and in its stead Salem would have an assistant health officer if an ordinance introduced Monday night by the committee on health and sanitation is passed when presented for final reading two weeks hence.

Not discussed in the council in recent months, the change is similar to one proposed approximately two years ago and defeated on personal grounds. It was then said that the move would remove Batty Cooper, who holds the inspection job and has many friends on the council and throughout the city. At that time the proposal was merely to place the inspector's post under the authority of the health officer instead of under the authority of the council.

No Personalities Involved

Members of the health committee declared Monday night no personalities were involved in their proposal, but did not deny that the recommendation came partially because army sanitary inspectors recently moved in and closed to army personnel eight Salem restaurants as unsanitary. They later intimated that they had found it difficult to secure action from capital city's two-headed health and sanitation setup but agreed to have one of their officers work with Cooper on the job.

Without argument the council passed, 7-5, a resolution instructing the mayor and city recorder to sign contracts for the trial installation of 450 parking meters. The contract as presented would provide a means of termination of the contract at any time within the six-months' trial period.

Zone Change Read

Proposed ordinance vacating streets and alleys in Rosedale additions was given first and second readings. Members questioned the wisdom of going further with the action until the school board's plans concerning establishment of a playground had been clarified. All action to change the zone to permit establishment of a playground was canceled automatically when more than 89 per cent of the neighboring property owners objected. There would be no objection to establishment of the playground on a limited permit which would not make the property available for business uses should it later be sold, some of the petitioners have said. (More about the council's action on page 2.)

Health Group Asks Council to Change Office

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Hope for a balanced federal budget in 1948 was held out by Secretary Vinson today in urging the senate finance committee to substitute the treasury's tax reduction program for the bigger one approved by the house.

Under questioning by Senator Byrd (D-Va), the treasury head said it was estimated the deficit in the fiscal year ending July 1, 1947, would be \$5,000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000.

That is a "terribly rough estimate," Vinson said, but added that if the forecast proved correct the country would be "pretty well along the road" toward a balanced budget in the next year.

Vinson Hopes To Balance '48 Federal Budget

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Samuel Goldwyn announced today that 50 per cent of the stock in his motion picture company has been acquired by his employees, that the company was being reorganized, and that he would relinquish the presidency to James A. Mulvey. Goldwyn will continue as chairman of the board of directors.

Final Luncheon Sees Salem United War Chest 95% Full

With \$95,365.80 of their \$100,288 quota paid or pledged, Salem United War Chest workers are not yet over the top although formal conclusion of the annual one-week campaign was planned for yesterday.

A series of minor hindrances, together with major industrial unrest, caused several divisions to fall short of assigned goals, chairmen declared as they presented their reports at Monday's "Victory" luncheon (see page 9).

The women's division, with \$12,380.97, or 123 per cent of its quota, led all the rest when tallies were taken. Dorthea Steusloff, reporting the final returns, spoke of the "350 women who first contributed generously themselves and then went out to raise the rest of their quota."

Schools of the city were next in the victory parade, with \$4270.33, or 116 per cent of their quota. Carl Aschenbrenner, chairman, introduced a grade school group of solicitors who, he said, represented similar groups over the city that worked hard to raise the money. The mercantile division, of which Leo Page is chairman, had \$12,826.50, or 107 per cent of its quota.

The professional division, which had taken an early lead, was

Soft Coal Talks End In Failure

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30-Hour Week Urged by State Building Men

A 30-hour week (five days of six hours each) is urged in a resolution adopted here Sunday by the Oregon State Building and Construction Council.

The short week would increase efficiency and would provide employment for thousands of men and women leaving war work and the nation's service, it was argued.

Volney Martin, Portland, was re-elected president. John O'Neill, Portland, and Charles Cray, Medford (formerly of Salem), were re-elected secretary and vice president of the organization.

Among the resolutions adopted by the council was one urging return of all prisoners of war to their respective countries without unnecessary delay, while another commended the federal employment service and the U.S. army for their action in removing prisoners of war from construction projects.

Approximately 150 delegates represented various portions of the state at the meeting, the 18th annual convention of the council.

Mrs. Bonney Improved

SILVERTON, Oct. 15.—(Special)—Mrs. Hartley Bonney, accidentally shot Sunday afternoon by a rifle her 16-year-old son was cleaning at their home near Monitor, was reported slightly improved tonight at the Silverton hospital.

83-Year-Old Man Dies from Injuries

SILVERTON, Oct. 15.—(Special)—Alex Halverson, 83, who came here 18 months ago from Canby, fell downstairs at his home, 211 South St., tonight and died before a physician could get there.

A widow, he is survived by a niece, Mrs. N. J. Brekke, Woodburn, and a nephew, George Halverson, Seattle. The Ekman Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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Conservatives Compare Move With 'Reichstag'

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PFC Denzil D. Miller Freed From Prison

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(Special)—The war department today announced a list of army men recently liberated from Japanese prison camps, including PFC Denzil D. Miller, son of Mrs. Annie L. Miller of route 5, box 166, Salem, Ore.

State Attorney To Handle Case

Attorney General George Neuner, at the request of Governor Earl Snell, personally will take charge of the Multnomah county grand jury investigation of the death of Ervin Jones, Negro, who recently was shot and killed by Bard Purcell, Portland detective.

The investigation will get under way at 10 a.m. Wednesday. District Attorney T. B. Handley, Multnomah county, joined in the request to have Neuner present the case to the grand jury.

A coroner's jury in Portland a few days ago held the shooting justified. At the time of the slaying Purcell and another officer were at Jones' home seeking another Negro wanted for questioning in connection with a murder case.

3 New Polio Cases Found in Montana

BILLINGS, Mont., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Three new polio cases were reported today by Dr. E. M. Farris, Yellowstone county health officer, who said two of the patients are brothers, 2 and 3 years of age, residing in Laurel. The other case is that of a 2-year-old boy who lives west of Billings.

The new cases bring to 45 the total polio illnesses which have occurred in Yellowstone county since outbreak of the epidemic.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain.
San Francisco	61	36	0.1
Salem	72	42	0.0
Eugene	73	43	0.0
Portland	65	49	trace
Seattle	64	50	0.0

Willamette river—3.4 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fog 16 clear about noon with scattered clouds in afternoon; highest temperature about 70 degrees.

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