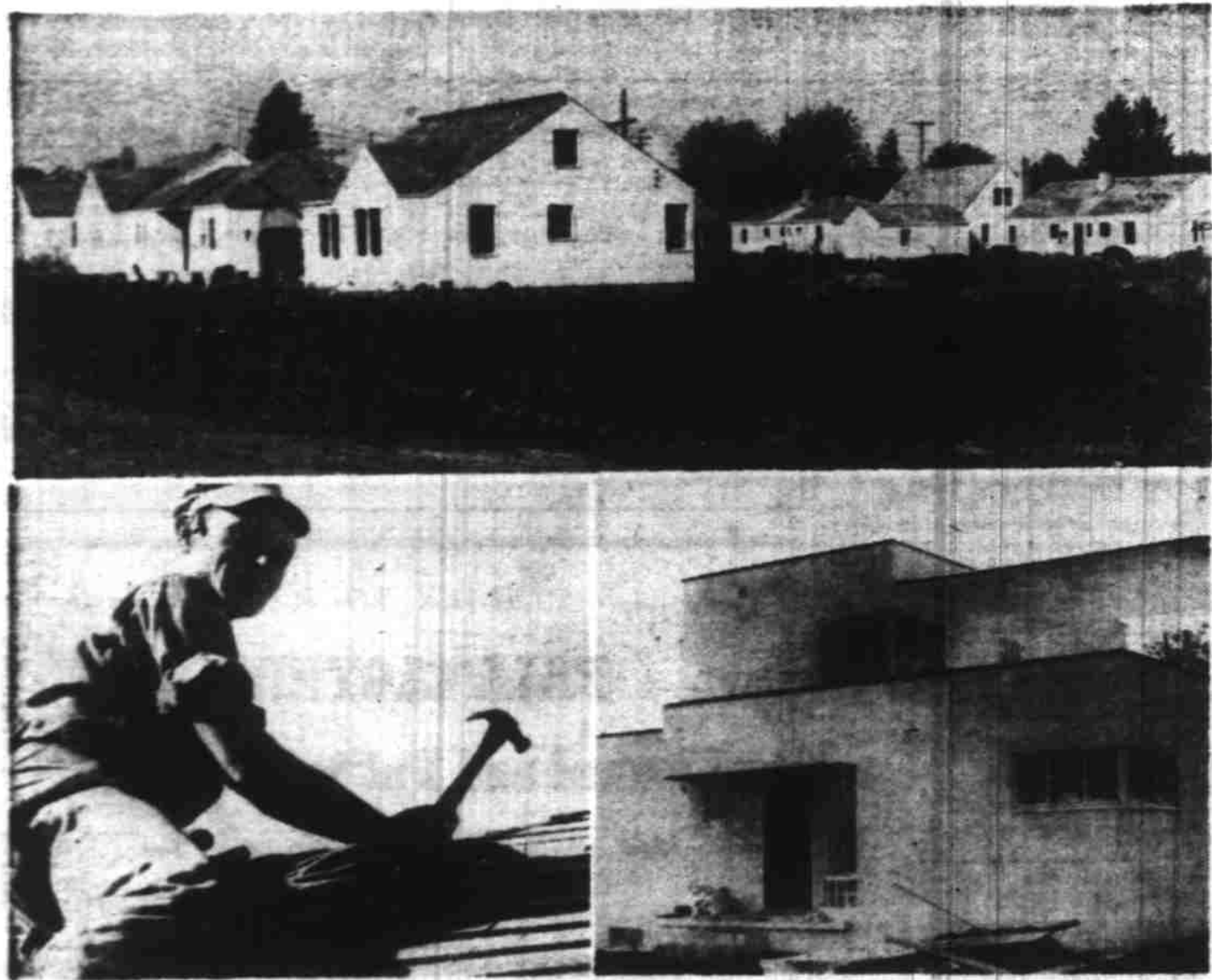


# Vandenberg Says Unity at Home Essential to Foreign Policy

## Shortages Stymie Completion of Houses



Shortages of many items still are holding up completion of scores of houses in the Salem area. Above are some of the homes being built for veterans by Dr. E. E. Getzlaff, route 4, on South 12th, all slowed by shortages. Lower right is a part of the luxurious home which C. E. Denham has been building for Cecil Clark. It was begun nearly a year ago, and was hampered by scarcities that Clark had a smaller home built into which his family could move. Finding costs increasing from 50 to 65 per cent, Clark now is selling the one pictured here. Denham hopes to finish it by the first of the year. Lower left photo is a brighter side to the housing picture—G. Van Hess, a war veteran with little experience in carpentry, is making rapid progress building his own home at 1191 Eighth st., West Salem, and if he can get plumbing and heating fixtures he hopes to finish it within a month. (Story on housing on page 6). (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Simpson

Failure of the Friday night conference of school officials to solve the problem of educating the 170 grade school children residing in the farm labor colony near the Salem airport has driven the parents of the children almost to the point of desperation. A committee of them called at the Statesman office Saturday and left a communication which we print in our Safety Valve column today. It is a plea for action which Marion county can answer only with action, and that must not be further delayed.

These children occupy homes on government property situated in the Rickey and Pringle school districts. They are eligible to attend the school in their district, as much entitled by law to attendance there as the child living next door to the schoolhouse or who has lived in the district all his life. In fact, the law compels attendance unless the element of distance interferes.

The schoolboards of the two districts say they haven't money to take action, and that must not be further delayed. Mrs. Booth, county superintendent, has worked hard to solve the problem. Baffled by refusal of the schoolboards concerned to take action, she intends to call a meeting of the district boundary board to see if the area can be transferred to the Salem school district. However, the latter says its budget is all committed for the current year.

Some sword must be found to cut this Gordian knot that keeps these youngsters out of school. Five weeks of school are already passed, and it will be difficult at best to bring them up to grade in the time remaining. The responsibility rests on the school districts, on the group of business men and farmers who set up the colony to provide farm labor, on this whole community. We must not longer neglect the duty that lies at our door. Read the letter in today's Safety Valve and see if you are not moved to demand action.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Under the circumstances you'll have to eat fish and like it!"

## Demands War Talk Stopped

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) tonight described "America's bipartisan foreign policy" as one of peace, not war, and predicted it will succeed "unless it is scuttled here at home."

"Asked the flat question whether war with Russia some day is inevitable, Vandenberg replied that 'it must not be allowed to become inevitable.' He declared 'American groups which over-zealously seek to make their own peace ideas impressive by using war as the frightening alternative.'"

"I wish we could quit talking about 'war,'" he said. Vandenberg expressed his views in an interview here with George Cushing of radio station WJR, Detroit, for a Columbia broadcast.

"Is it a fair prediction," Cushing asked, "to call this new bipartisan American foreign policy a 'get tough with Russia' policy?" Those were the words used by Henry A. Wallace in the critical New York speech which led to his ouster from the cabinet. "Friendly firmness," Vandenberg replied. "Friendly firmness" is the correct phrase.

Wallace was not mentioned directly in the broadcast, but Vandenberg assailed "appeasers" and "missionaries of confusion here at home. . . I hear much more war talk here than I did in Paris. . ."

"In my opinion, if it happens it will come from some tragically unfortunate incident which may well be the result of somebody's miscalculation as to how far we will tolerate some policy which either threatens our own security or which violates our conception of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Vandenberg pleaded for a united American foreign policy, supported by both major parties, "so there will be no delusion abroad that we are vulnerable because we are at the mercy of internal divisions."

## OPA Attorneys File Demurrer In Koehler Suit

A demurrer by OPA attorneys was filed in Marion county circuit court Saturday in the injunction suit brought several weeks ago by Henry B. Koehler, local landowner, seeking to enjoin OPA from establishing rent control in Marion county.

Defendants demurred to Koehler's complaint on grounds that it does not state sufficient facts to constitute a suit, that the court has no jurisdiction over the subject of the suit or of the defendants and that Paul A. Porter, administrator of OPA, is not named as a party in the suit but that his presence is necessary to determine the case.

The demurrer is signed by David London of the chief appellate branch of the OPA, Francis E. Harrington, Portland, OPA district enforcement attorney, and by Howard Bergman, special trial attorney of OPA from Portland.

Defendants named are E. J. Edmonds, state OPA head; Jackson Moore, state OPA rent control director; and Don C. Wilson and Carl A. Lee, field representatives for OPA.

At the outset of the proceedings one day after local landlords began registering with OPA, Ralph T. Moody, attorney for Koehler, said that main contentions in the complaint are that OPA expired last June 30 and that when congress voted to extend it, it was extending an act that no longer existed and that rent control here is illegal because this area has not been designated as a defense housing area.

## Shoe Controls To Continue

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—Estimating the present shoe shortage at 550,000,000 pairs, officials emphasized today that price ceilings will be held on leather and footwear as long as possible despite the decontrol of livestock.

"If we pulled off controls now, leather and shoe prices would skyrocket," an OPA authority told a reporter.

He explained that the controls on hides can be retained even though the cattle from which they come are decontrolled under President Truman's order.

## School Districts to Talk of Unification

MONMOUTH, Oct. 19—Directors of 12 Polk county school districts will meet at Monmouth high school here Friday, November 8, to consider proposed consolidation. Districts involved are Monmouth, Independence, Parker, Buena Vista, Airline, Valley View, Highland, Hopville, Oak Point, Antioch, Suver and Miltoe.

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## \$600,000,000 in Public Works Plans Unleashed

### Buyers' Strikes To Increase

CHICAGO, Oct. 19 (AP)—The removal of OPA controls has sent the price pattern for most major items in the American food budget into a dizzy whirl and there were indications today of growing consumer resistance to those products which turn up with a higher sales tag.

The impact of sudden decontrols hit the markets an erratic blow and it was too early to tell how the food dollar of the near future would compare with its buying power of last week. The prices of all livestock shot up, despite an avalanche of receipts, and record

### SEATTLE, Oct. 19 (AP)—Seattle housewives, who have organized to force high prices down by a boycott, have joined forces with a similar group in Portland, their leaders said tonight.

"We have been in telephone communications with the Portland women," Mrs. R. F. Hogan, one of the leaders said, "and we find they have been in touch with a New York group. We hope to work together and interest other cities."

Highs were established in some markets before a downward trend set in. Reports of buyers' resistance to higher meat prices came from many cities. In some instances, resistance was building up against higher prices for dairy products.

The American meat institute, saying prices would be higher until demand is met, urged housewives to "shop around for the best buys." Some dealers refused to buy meat at high prices and the president of the New Jersey Independent Butchers Association urged consumers to "strike" until meat prices come down "within reason."

In Helena, Mont., housewives staged a chain telephone call movement advocating a buy-er's strike against butter prices of 89 cents to \$1.00 a pound. A similar campaign among women's groups was started against a two-cent milk price boost to 18 cents a quart in Portland, Ore.

### Brown Pleads Guilty, Fined For 'Hazing'

A fine of \$50 and 60 days was meted out to James Brown, 760 N. Winter st., after he pleaded guilty in Silverton justice court Saturday to charges of assault and battery involving the recent hazing of student John Day, 3355 D st.

Brown appeared in the Marion county sheriff's office voluntarily yesterday, returning from Corvallis where he is attending school. Dudley Slater, 370 Rural st., who was involved in the same complaint, was fined the same amount last week in Silverton justice court, and Douglas Yeater, jr., 1930 N. 18th st., named in one of the warrants, is reported to be in California.

The complaints against the three were filed recently by Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden. They charged that the three allegedly paddled Day, a student at Salem senior high school.

### By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

Rumblings of discontent among Oregon county clerks and citizens over certain long-standing sore spots in the state election laws may come to a boil at the county clerks' convention in Portland in November.

Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd, in spearheading an attack on certain "obsolete and antiquated" sections of the present election laws, is this week sending a draft of proposed changes in the law to all county clerks in Oregon. He intends that they be studied by the clerks prior to the convention.

The changes which Judd advocates include: 1. Changing time of the precinct committee ballot to the primary election from its present position at the general election. 2. Place justice of the peace and constable elections on separate ballots instead of on one ballot as they are now.

3. Place no precinct name on the general ballot thus creating a general ballot that would be identical in every precinct. Stubs could be numbered consecutively when printed to facilitate counting the amount to be sent to each precinct. 4. The county clerk to make duplicate cards for voters' registrations at the clerks' office. Thus one card could be used to compile a master index file and the other card could be filed as to precincts. The precinct cards could be kept in loose leaf lock binders and sent out precincts at election time instead of the present typed poll books, eliminating the necessity of typing up of poll books at each election. 5. Prepare both registration cards so that a change of address or of precinct could be noted on a new line and precinct copy re-

### Maze of Ballots To Face Voters Nov. 5

There is going to be a little confusion in Marion county on November 5, and perhaps afterward. But even so, it probably won't be quite so noisy as the next 15 days during which candidates for election will come out staunchly for home, mother, peace and a return to the meat standard.

The confusion, come two weeks from Tuesday, will arise when an unsuspecting body strides to the polls to exercise his right of franchise—and he handed a fist-full of white sheets of paper ranging in size from 6 by 7 inches to 9 by 24 inches. If he lives outside of Salem he'll get four such sheets, if in Salem only three. The four will include (1) the general ballot for state and county offices, state measures, non-partisan and judiciary posts and whatever local candidates are running; (2) the ballot to determine whether there should be a three-year tax levy to provide \$600,000 for a new courthouse; (3) the ballot for precinct committees by parties, and (4) the ballot on whether a public utility district should be formed outside of Salem.

### No Local Vote on PUD

Salem won't get that fourth ballot, but there have been no complaints about being slighted. It's the PUD issue, for good or bad, which adds particularly to the slight daze the day may bring if it carries, also for good or bad, the daze may last days. If it doesn't, the supreme court might clear its calendar on time.

The PUD problem, in the main, centers on the fact that 17 of the county's 56 precincts (outside of Salem) are split—part of each being in incorporated areas and part in unincorporated. Under a state law, ballots on the same issue must be identical within precincts. Under PUD regulations, ballots for incorporated and unincorporated areas must be totalled separately.

### Ballot Proves Difficult

The question which faced County Clerk Harlan Judd, therefore, was how a PUD ballot could be identical within any given precinct and yet be

### India Moslems On Rampage

COMILLA, East Bengal, Oct. 19 (AP)—Residents of this eastern Bengal city who are caring for victims of communal violence declared today that the Moslems who comprise a majority in this area are waging "undeclared civil war" against the Hindu minority.

More than 5,000 refugees from Noakhali have streamed into this Tippera district city bringing with them gruesome tales of murder, rape, arson and looting.

### STRAYER RITES TUESDAY

BAKER, Oct. 19 (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Tuesday for State Sen. William H. Strayer, veteran Baker attorney. Burial will be in the family plot at Mount Hope cemetery.

### Long-Standing Complaints Over Election Laws Cause Marion County Clerk to Draft Changes

moved and filed as the voter changes address. 6. Change from a "party" primary to an "open" primary and have no party designation on registration cards. Thus a voter could vote any party in the primary elections, and candidates would declare party affiliation only upon filing declaration of candidacy. 7. Cities over 2000 population to conduct elections in their area and keep their own registration files.

Because of the state's increasing population and economic and social changes, agitation among county officials for streamlining of election laws has become more intense, Judd said. Most of the proposed changes are being successfully adopted in other states, he declared. Before any of the proposed changes could become law they would have to arise in and be passed by the state legislature, Judd said.

### Limit On Spending Junked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—The administration tonight junked President Truman's \$900,000,000 limit on federal public works projects with an order allowing 14 agencies to spend an extra \$600,000,000 on construction in the year ending June 30.

This will let these agencies alone spend a total of \$1,500,000,000, and more increases are on the way for additional agencies.

The order was issued by reconstruction director John R. Steedman. It does not list specific projects—that is up to the agencies. It means the \$2,100,000,000 economy program mapped last August by President Truman is at least partially out the window.

### Split Vote May Arise

Several other questions in regard to the PUD issue also have arisen, such as what would happen if one precinct within a town vote for it and one against it (such as could happen in Woodburn or Silverton), and to what extent it could be disapproved and still become effective in certain localities.

The answer to the first question is: The total vote in any municipality is conclusive as to what the entire municipality will do about it—precincts within municipalities cannot act on PUD separately.

### Combined Vote Counts

The answer to the second question: If the combined vote of all 56 precincts (the incorporated and outside municipalities) shows a balance against PUD, there will be no PUD in any part of the area regardless of each precinct's vote. If the combined vote is favorable, and municipalities favoring PUD would be in it (if one is organized by the state hydro-electric commission) and if the entire unincorporated area of the county votes for it that area also would be in it. But the unincorporated area could become part of it only in toto—not by separate precincts.

Anyway, from the number of ballots which Marion county voters will use next month it appears the Boy Scouts could well put on another paper drive later on.

### Hamilton to Retire from PGE Position

William Munroe Hamilton Saturday announced his plans for retirement from the Portland electric utility company, a position which he has held for 34 years. He will leave the company's service January 1, 1947. His successor has not been appointed.

For 30-foot long model "jeep" aircraft carrier is part of a display of navy equipment which is here with the recruiters of men for the naval reserve unit being established in Salem. A complete radar unit and a model floating drydock are also included in the mobile unit.

### Women Mentioned In Windsor Theft

LONDON, Oct. 19 (AP)—Scotland Yard looked into the possibility today that two well-groomed mysterious women, guests at recent Mayfair society parties, may have helped contrive the shrewd \$50,000 theft of the Duchess of Windsor's jewels.

Secrecy shrouded the intensive 72-hour-old investigation, but the possibility that the women, thus far unidentified, might have gleaned the necessary information for the wily "cat burglar."

### CURFEW ON IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19 (AP)—The British slapped a house curfew on the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem today because of "serious recurrence of Jewish terrorist activity in the Jerusalem area during hours of darkness."

### The Weather

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	50	42	1.03
Portland	50	42	1.03
San Francisco	47	44	0.00
Chicago	40	38	0.00
New York	40	38	0.00

Forecast for Salem: Partly cloudy with light showers in afternoon. Highest temperature 54. Lowest 47.