

Chemawa Indian School Holds What May Be Last Commencement On Historic Site

Education of Race Main Keynote at Final Exercises

The prospective closing of Chemawa Indian school is unfortunate, but the forcing of Indian students into public schools at least constitutes another step on the road to self-reliance, the school's 1947 and possibly last graduating class was told Monday.

Commencement speaker was George P. LaVatta, district tribal relations officer and graduate of Carleton, who urged the 14 graduating seniors to return to their families, homes and reservations with the determination to exemplify the value of education to others of their race.

The graduates at their final ceremonies, on the widely-known campus just north of Salem, were in conventional graduation clothes -- dark suits for the boys and pink formals for the four pretty Indian maids.

A large audience of relatives and friends applauded lengthily when Jim Chocktoot of Klamath Falls, class valedictorian, expressed the desire of himself and his classmates to aid their race through education and personal effort.

Chemawa, moved here from Forest Grove in 1885, will be closed next week unless congressional budget cuts are rescinded. The school, with enrollment of 440, has a plant of 447 acres and more than 100 buildings.

Both scholastically and athletically, Chemawa has long been a prime factor in Willamette valley educational fields.



Congratulations and goodbyes mark the end of Chemawa's 1947 (and possibly last) commencement. At upper left, Jimmy Chocktoot (center), Klamath Falls, valedictorian, shakes hands with Levi Wilson, Lapwai, Idaho, salutatorian, with Reginald Tulsee, Hurrak, Wash., another salutatorian, looking on. At lower left is the S.F. railroad station which long served the school. The 1947 graduating class is shown at left-center above, diplomas in hand, leaving the auditorium after Monday's final exercises.

The graduates, left to right, are Gayle Stone, Blackfoot, Idaho; Joe Pinkham, Yakima; Philomena Halfmoon, Pendleton; Gene Lahr, Brownings, Mont.; Charles Hollar, Marysville, Wash.; Richard Burke, Pendleton; Herbert Murchison, Metlakatla, Alaska; Levi Wilson; Blanche Bouchard, Centralia, Wash.; Jim Chocktoot; Jessie Miller, Klamath Falls; Reginald Tulsee; Jesse Tobe, Brownings, Mont. Lower scene, R. G. Henderson, Chemawa storekeeper 45 years, handing change to Raymond Eyle, Rifle, Wash.

Right-center above shows (left to right) M. W. Evans, Chemawa superintendent for four years; Dr. R. M. Tinsinger, district educational superintendent; E. Morgan Pryse, district director; George P. LaVatta, district tribal relations officer and guest speaker, and O. H. Lipps of Salem, former Chemawa superintendent. Buildings in the lower pictures are (upper left) McNary hall, older boys' dormitory, named for Sen. Charles McNary; lower left, younger boys' dormitory, and the main classroom building.

The younger children in the top right picture are among the more than 400, some from as far away as Alaska, who must find other schools for completion of their education, in event Chemawa closes in a few days as scheduled. At lower right is the familiar landmark on Highway 99E—the Indian-made totem pole at the Chemawa intersection. The figures at its base are Thelma Chaffin and Ruth Smith, both of route 7, awaiting a bus. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles S. Sprague

Recently a contemporary called to public attention "the strange fact that the state police have no insurance fund for the protection of their families and any relief for the latter must depend upon the wangling of a bill through the legislature in future years."

The "strange" thing about the statement is that it is not correct. Members of the state police are covered by the state industrial accident commission for accident or death in course of duty. So in every other employe of the state and of counties and cities and school districts in any hazardous or near-hazardous occupation.

In addition, legislators have made special appropriations to widows of state police officers killed in line of duty. No "wangling" has been necessary as the legislature has readily sensed its obligation in matters of this kind. The last case so to be compensated for was that of Officer Chambers in Malheur county.

The amount of the allowance for death, under the 1941 statutes, is \$150 for funeral expenses, \$40 per month to the widow, \$12 per month for each child or \$8 per month for each child in excess of two. On a widow's remarriage a final settlement of \$300 is made. A recently-enacted law, to be effective in July, raises the allowances to \$250 for funeral expenses, \$60 per month to the widow, and to \$18 and \$12 per month respectively for children's grants.

Whether it would be wise to create a special insurance fund for the state police is doubtful. During the history of the state police, covering nearly 16 years, seven officers have been killed. That is seven too many, but hardly enough to base an actuarial computation on for a real insurance system. The new rates make the compensation more nearly in line with needs, and the legislature can supplement the regular compensation after reviewing the individual cases.

In any event the idea should not stand that the state police are without insurance protection.

SOLOM GOES TO HOSPITAL
OKLAHOMA CITY, May 12 (AP)—Jimmie Scott, state legislator from Holdenville, Okla., who was adjudged mentally ill following his shooting of State Senator Tom Anglin on the floor of the Oklahoma senate last Wednesday, will be committed to a veterans hospital at Waco, Tex.

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH



"Darling, whisper some more sweet nothings in my ear..."

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Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, May 13, 1947

Weather

Salem	69	41	66
Portland	66	45	60
San Francisco	55	32	trace
Chicago	83	45	29
New York	81	52	59

Willamette river - 4 feet
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with very light rain during early morning. Highest temperature today 70. Lowest tonight 46. Spraying will be possible all day, but winds this afternoon will be too strong for effective dusting.

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END OF OREGON PHONE STRIKE NEARS

U. N. Group Denies Probe Limit For Palestine; Greek Issue Up Senate To Vote On Labor

Arabs Declare 'Free' State Only Solution
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 12 (AP)—The United Nations assembly's political committee tentatively approved late today a clear field for the special U. N. inquiry group which will search this summer for a solution of the Palestine issue.

By a vote of 29 to 14, with 10 abstentions and two absences, the committee tossed out six proposals relating specifically to Palestine independence. The majority thus agreed with the United States and British contention that the special inquiry committee should not be restricted by any specific mandate from the assembly.

Russia, which has proposed that the special committee come up with a proposal on the question of establishing without delay the independent democratic state of Palestine, voted against a French catch-all proposal to throw out all six ideas.

Russia will have another chance tomorrow. Jew and Arab organizations clashed in their final appearances.

The Jewish agency maintained its plea for substantial immigration to Palestine and for a separate Palestine state; the Arab higher committee served notice that the Arabs would resist all Jewish immigration and all attempts to set up a Jewish state.

The Arab countries in the U. N. furthermore told the United Nations that a democratic, independent state is the only solution they will accept for Palestine.

Trunk Slayer's Freedom Short
PHOENIX, Ariz., May 12 (AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd, the "tiger woman" trunk murderess of 16 years ago, broke out of the state hospital for the insane last night and was recaptured today in an orange grove.

It was the third time the red-haired killer had escaped. She surrendered quietly to sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Judd said she fled the hospital because the superintendent wouldn't let her see her mother on Mother's day.

On Oct. 16, 1931, Mrs. Judd shot and killed two women friends, Agnes LeRo and Hedvig Samuelson, and shipped their dismembered bodies in two trunks and a suitcase to Los Angeles.

She was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but was adjudged insane at a hearing 72 hours before her scheduled execution.

Sawmill Wage Boost Agreed
PORTLAND, Ore., May 12 (AP)—Employers and AFL lumber and sawmill workers agreed today on a 7 1/2-cent hourly pay increase for the Pacific northwest fir industry.

The new minimum to \$13 3/4 cents an hour will be retroactive to April 1.

Russia Seeks Limiting of Border Inquiry
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 12 (AP)—Russia reopened the Greek case in the United Nations security council tonight with a demand that the powers of a U. N. sub-commission investigating Greek border incidents be curtailed sharply.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko remanded that the council limit the subsidiary group to special cases assigned to it by the parent commission. He also insisted that the sub-commission headquarters be moved from Salonika near the frontiers, to Athens, the Greek capital to the south.

The Russian demands came as a house-senate committee in Washington sought to work out an acceptable version of President Truman's \$400,000,000 aid program for Greece and Turkey.

The Soviet delegate said the group's "presence in Salonika may encourage activities of certain irresponsible and adventurous Greek circles." He said such acts would be "dangerous from the point of view of the maintenance of peace in that part of the world."

The council took no immediate action on the Russian points and the next session was set for Friday.

ARC Chairman Rossman Ends 19-Year Term
Supreme Court Chief Justice George Rossman Monday night announced his resignation as chairman and as a director of Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, at the board's regular meeting. He has been board chairman for 19 years.

Chief Justice Rossman expressed his deep appreciation of the boards he has served with and declared that his supreme court duties and officers in the American Bar association are requiring much of his effort. The Salem Red Cross has been accorded several outstanding national recognitions during his chairmanship.

Senate To Vote On Labor
WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Senate today (D-NM), expressed belief today that President Truman would veto the pending labor disputes bill, as the republican leadership won agreement for a final senate vote tomorrow.

Hatch, a close friend of the president's told the senate, however, that he will vote for the measure in the hope that provisions acceptable to Mr. Truman can be worked out in conference with the house. He declared that "neither party would gain" politically by a veto.

The senate will start balloting on any pending amendments, including a motion by 11 democrats to substitute a milder bill for the one backed by Senator Taft (Ohio), chairman of the republican policy committee and of the labor committee.

Sponsors of the substitute, designed to meet President Truman's recommendations on labor legislation, concede it will be defeated.

The Taft bill, up after the substitute, would outlaw the closed shop, under which employers can hire only union members. It also provides, among other things, for a new federal mediation agency; authorizes the government to seek injunctions against "national emergency" strikes, makes unions liable for unfair labor practices and subject to suit for violation of contract, and outlaws union-controlled health and welfare funds.

The bill already approved by the house goes further. For example, it outlaws industry-wide collective bargaining in nearly all instances and scraps the national labor relations board in favor of a new labor-management board.

Margaret Hedges Wins Scholarship For Art Exhibit
Margaret A. Hedges, Salem senior high school art student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hedges, 2330 Hayden ave., is winner of a scholarship award in a recent national high school art contest, it was announced here Monday.

The award is a one-year scholarship to the California college of arts and crafts in Oakland. She is the first Salem student to win the scholastic art award, given annually by Scholastic magazine in New York, according to Mrs. Ruth B. Stillinger, Salem high school art teacher.

Germans Find Schacht Guilty
STUTTGART, May 13 (AP)—A German denazification court today convicted Ed Hjalmar Schacht as a major Nazi offender and sentenced him to eight years in prison.

The court said the two years which Adolf Hitler's finance minister already had been held in detention would be taken into account.

If the 70-year-old Schacht's health permits he will be required to perform some labor during his term.

Schacht was one of three high officials acquitted of war crimes by the international military tribunal at Nuernberg. The others were Franz von Papen, diplomat, and Hans Fritzsche, radio propagandist. Papen has been sentenced by a denazification court to eight years, and Fritzsche to nine years.

Lower Freight Charges Held Okeh for South
WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—The south won a fight for lower rail freight rates today in the supreme court.

A 7-2 decision upheld an interstate commerce commission order for a 10 per cent increase in certain rates in the northeast—roughly including the area north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of the Mississippi, plus most of Virginia—and a 10 per cent decrease in the south and in western areas between the Mississippi and the Rocky mountains.

Southern industrialists and political leaders had led the battle for the lower rates to aid southern industry, contending they were discriminated against.

Officials of northeastern states and 33 railroads had attacked the proposed rate change as arbitrary. The opponents of the rate change now have 25 days to seek a rehearing from the court.

Willing to Return Here for \$3 Raise; Parley Continues

Striking Salem telephone workers Monday night voted their willingness to return to their jobs, probably next Monday, under the contract Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. now offers.

The contract would give them a \$3 a week pay raise, contrasted with a \$4 increase for workers in the Portland metropolitan area.

Local union members voted 108 to 3 in favor of the contract "and any additions proposed by UTTCO" after William Lockwood of the United Telephone Employes' executive board in Portland assured them union president C. M. Bixler was en route to San Francisco with board instructions to work for three last-minute company concessions but "not to lose this contract."

Lockwood said he expected the contract to be signed by Friday and work resumed by next Monday.

Attitude is 'Hold Fast'
Although a few of the strikers indicated they would return to work today, most of the 125 present at the mass meeting of Salem UTEO locals in the labor temple expressed their intention of holding fast in the strike despite a statewide back-to-work undercurrent among telephone workers.

It was made plain that the Oregon union's executive board still has final authority in negotiations, as empowered at the outset of strike notice by the union, despite some misunderstanding among the local union members that last night's vote would influence their strike-or-work status immediately.

Lockwood explained that ratification votes cannot be called for until a contract is signed by the union and the telephone company.

Union Clause Hit
Principal point still under consideration is the contract clause requiring reinstated workers to return to their jobs within 48 hours, which, Lockwood said, might mean the crossing of Western Electric "employes' picket lines.

Lovett Named Marshall Aide; Acheson Quits

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—President Truman appointed Robert A. Lovett undersecretary of state today to succeed the veteran Dean Acheson amid indications that other changes among top diplomatic officials are in the making.

Lovett, wealthy New York banker who served in wartime as assistant secretary of war for air, will take over the No. 2 state department post on July 1 if the senate confirms his nomination as expected.

The resignation of Acheson, after six years' service as undersecretary and assistant secretary, was announced today.

Other changes in prospect, which will confront Secretary Marshall with the problem of altering the lineup of his principle aides, include the transfer to foreign posts of H. Freeman Matthews, director of European affairs, and John Carter Vincent of the far eastern affairs office.

Both are career officers whose consecutive service in the state department is limited by law to a maximum of four years.

Assistant Secretary Spruille Braden, who heads up all American republic affairs, has figured also in speculation on diplomatic changes. He declined comment today on published reports that he plans to resign soon.

Salem Retail Sales Up by 40 Per Cent
PORTLAND, May 12 (AP)—Retail sales mounted throughout Oregon in the first quarter of this year, the bureau of census reported today.

Sales were up 21 per cent over the same period last year. In Salem the gain was 40 per cent for the first three months of the year.

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