

U.S.-Europe Military Pact Said Distant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—(AP)—Military alliance between the United States and western Europe is now regarded by some top ranking diplomatic officials as a long range, but not an immediate, probability.

Proposals for a system of mutual defense treaties were first advanced in connection with the European recovery program. Interest in the subject now has been revived here by American endorsement of Britain's plan to organize a western European union.

The alliance idea has been studied at the state department, it was understood today, in connection with Secretary of State Marshall's grand strategy for trying to get western Europe back on its feet and check Russian expansion.

Hayesville Youth Fractures Wrist

HAYESVILLE, Jan. 24—Donald Van Cleave, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Cleave, fractured his right wrist at 3 p.m. today while attempting to crank his father's tractor. Donald has been a Statesman carrier for more than a year on the Hayesville route.

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Two Tons of War Electronic Equipment Sent to Willamette

By Jim Oakes
Statesman Campus Correspondent

(Picture on page 1)

Willamette university, through the state educational agency for surplus property, has received approximately 50 crates of electronic equipment totaling over two tons in weight—all for the freight and handling charges which totaled \$145.

The equipment is destined for use in the university's physics laboratories and for research in Geiger counters in association with nuclear physics.

Dr. Robert Purbrick, assistant professor of physics, with the help of Elwin McCarger, a physics student, has spent a large part of the past week sorting and cataloging the electronic equipment. In an attempt to evaluate the total equipment sent to the university, Purbrick said no estimated value was tagged with the equipment but that it must have cost the army and navy originally "anywhere from \$100,000 up."

Though some of the equipment was damaged by handling and some of it is incomplete, it has taken three storerooms in the science building to store it and they haven't unpacked it all yet.

Many Radio Tubes

Among the thousands of pieces of electronics gear, Purbrick estimated that the agency sent them some 3,000 radio tubes ranging from one inch diode tubes used in proximity fuses to two foot cathode ray tubes which measure one foot in diameter. Of the 3,000 tubes it is estimated that

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Boy on Scooter Collides with Car

Sidney Steinbock, 7, of 609 N. Front st., was in Salem General hospital today suffering from a left leg fracture and face abrasions received Saturday in the 200 block on Marion street when he rode his scooter into the path of a car driven by Bayard S. Chambers, 745 McNary st., West Salem, city police reported.

Investigating officers said the youth rode his scooter out of an alley into the street, and Chambers was unable to stop in time to prevent the collision. Hospital authorities late Saturday said young Steinbock's condition was "good."

Final Session Of State Labor Meeting Today

Representatives of state American Federation of Labor councils from Oregon and Washington will meet at the Salem Labor temple today in the concluding session of the annual two-day convention of the Oregon state building trades council.

Mayor Robert L. Elstrom addressed approximately 200 delegates of the convention at the opening session Saturday afternoon. He stressed that Salem has one of the best labor-management arrangements on the entire Pacific coast and emphasized the important part organized labor has played in the development of this city.

Elstrom also congratulated Salem's labor groups, pointing to their cooperation in many civic ventures and particularly mentioned the unions' donation of the city's new first aid car.

Changes Proposed

A number of resolutions proposing changes in the federation's state constitution were introduced in the opening session. They were referred to the various resolutions committees and will be passed out of committees with "do" or "do not" pass recommendations for action by the entire body in today's session. Exact nature of the resolutions was not disclosed.

Saturday night delegates attended a banquet at the Marion hotel. The dinner was strictly social and no business was discussed during the evening.

Lawyer to Talk

Principal speaker at today's session will be James Landye, president of the Portland Bar association, who will discuss the Taft-Hartley labor act and its effect on labor and employers.

Volney Martin, Portland, president of the State Building Trades council, is presiding throughout the session. F. D. VanSwearington, business agent of the Salem building trades council, and A. E. Kizer, local president, are handling convention arrangements.

Nearly all of 75 delegates of Oregon locals representing construction and building trades who met in Salem Saturday, have stayed on for today's sessions. Albert Chivers, Salem local 441 delegate, made arrangements for this group.

Groups Talk of Change in Vote Qualifications

PORTLAND, Jan. 24—(AP)—Representatives of 30 Oregon groups conferred here today on a state constitutional amendment campaign aimed at removing property ownership qualifications now required of voters balloting in school bond and tax elections.

C. W. Pusey, representing the Oregon Education association, said the group would ask Oregon voters to approve the same vote qualifications required for other state and local elections. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said the property tax limitation has disenfranchised 39 per cent of the population who have arrived in Oregon since 1940.

Endorsements of the drive were made by several spokesmen. However, Ben Buisman, editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin, said the grange has not taken action on the proposal and Kelly Lee, representing the AFL State Federation of Labor, said the union would not join the permanent committee but would work for the amendment.

Pauley, Stassen Continue Blasts In Senate Hearing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24—(AP)—Edwin W. Pauley today accused Harold E. Stassen of telling "falsehoods" about him, and Stassen shot back that Pauley by his own words had "confessed his guilt" of using inside government information to make a \$932,703 profit on the commodity markets.

Both appeared before a senate appropriations subcommittee which is looking into Stassen's charge that 11 government "insiders" made \$5,000,000 in the commodity markets since the war. Stassen has charged that Pauley is one of those 11.

There are more than 140,000 miles of oil pipe lines in the United States.

Lumber Union Raise Voted in Oregon Area

SEATTLE, Jan. 24—(AP)—A representative of the lumber industry said today that the 7½-cent settlement recommended to employers and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers here yesterday applied only to 18,000 workers in the Puget Sound and coast Columbia district union councils.

It was reported yesterday that the proposed settlement also was accepted by representatives of the Willamette valley and Vancouver, Wash., councils of the union as well as by the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, Inc.

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Baxter Dorm Opening Set February 7

Baxter hall, Willamette university's almost completed new men's dormitory, will be ready for the occupancy of 220 men students on February 7, two days ahead of the spring term, President G. Herbert Smith announced Saturday.

Smith, who returned last week from a meeting of the Association of American Colleges in Cincinnati, added that the dormitory occupancy will take place as scheduled last March when the building construction began.

The dormitory's cost will total \$744,000. Toward the cost, \$500,200 in cash and pledges has been raised as of January 1. The remaining amount will be raised through an amortized five-year plan, collected from room and board, and also from additional gifts to the university, President Smith said.

Planned During War

The dormitory was originally planned four years ago during the war when the university finance committee estimated that the building would cost \$321,000. However a re-estimate was made last March by the committee because of the rise of material and labor costs, and the present cost of \$744,000, which was settled upon in the building bid, was set.

The dormitory "H" shaped in construction, will house four fraternities, one in each wing, and the independent men in the center section. Approximately 30 men will occupy each of the wings and 100 men will live in the independent section.

Dorms to Spend Money

Thought the total cost of the dormitory covers all building expenses, about \$30,000 more will be spent by fraternities on furnishing their respective parts of the building. The fraternities are Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Alpha and Beta Theta Pi. All four have announced their furnishings and color scheme arrangements.

The Willamette board of trustees will inspect the dormitory on February 23 when it holds a meeting in Salem.

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Other registration figures show 1,484 voters in ward 4, another 1,640 in ward 2 and 1,899 in ward 1.

Three of the seven wards—1, 2 and 3—are hemmed in by the river and the other four wards, all of which have non-river boundaries at the north, east or south of Salem. Most of Salem's land boundary is divided among wards 5, 6 and 7, as ward 4 has only that part of the city boundary along 25th street between State and Mission streets.

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Ward strength and distribution

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200 Teen-Agers At Oskie Party

More than 200 teen-aged boys and girls were on hand at the Salem YMCA's Oskie club party Saturday night to enjoy a full evening of swimming, dancing and entertainment, Sanford Weinstein, committee chairman, reported.

The youngsters were entertained by Jack Spong, local magician, at an intermission program.

City's Growth Leaves Present Ward Structure Overbalanced

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Increasingly out of balance as fringe residential areas grow, Salem's ward structure is due for overhaul.

Although well aware of the wide variance of ward sizes, city officials have decided to withhold complete realignment of the seven city wards until they can better foretell the future course of annexation of suburban areas to Salem.

As a consequence, legislation will be introduced to the Salem city council Monday night to merely add the latest annexed territory—to the north and south of Salem—to already oversized wards 5 (in the north) and 7 (south). Also expected to fall Monday night is a new annexation petition by property owners to the southeast of Salem.

In a check of voter registrations in Salem, City Attorney Chris Kowitz found this month that city wards range in registration size from 829 voters in downtown ward 3's three riverfront precincts to 2,710 in the farflung north-end ward 5.

Percentages Vary

Alderman Claude Jorgensen's ward 3 accounts for a slim 6 per cent of Salem's current registration of 13,474 voters, while Alderman David O'Hara's ward 5 represents a shade over 20 per cent of the total.

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may well have a bearing on the election of aldermen, but in the general administration of city affairs wards as such play little, if any, part. Each ward elects one of the city's seven aldermen who, with the mayor elected at large, comprise the Salem city council.

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