

## Europe Forms Defense Group

LONDON, May 1 (AP)—The western European alliance set up a permanent military organization for defense today, and with the United States was reported to have drafted plans for making western Germany a partner in democracy.

Defense ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg held their first meeting under the Brussels pact and announced that they had created a permanent organization to "examine common defense problems."

Simultaneously Britain, France, the United States and the Benelux countries were reported by diplomatic officials to have agreed to set up a western German government this year with broad powers over domestic affairs.

## Delegates Sign Hemisphere Pact

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 1 (AP)—Delegates to the 21 American republics formally approved and signed Friday a series of pacts binding them into a solid regional bloc under the United Nations.

The signing ceremony was held in the home of Simon Bolivar, famed South American liberator.

## Results of Poll Show Movie on Human Growth Approved for School Use by Salem Viewers

(Editor's note: For the first time in Salem, results of a poll on "Human Growth," the Hollywood-produced social hygiene motion picture for use in teaching the basic facts of sex to school children, have been released exclusively to The Statesman by Lyle M. Nelson, director of information at the University of Oregon. The film was shown to 125 adults at the First Methodist church, April 24.)

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Salem schools are going to the barn and into the classroom," (as Time magazine put it), if 93 per cent of a group of local adults polled on the subject have their way.

This conclusion is based on opinions expressed on secret ballots by 125 men and women, the majority of them parents, who saw "Human Growth," the nationally-publicized Oregon-originated sex education film, here Monday. The film was prepared by Dr. Lester Beck, University of Oregon psychologist, and financed by the E. C. Brown trust.

**Not Yet Compulsory**  
Contrary to reports in Time, Better Homes and Gardens, and other sources, the film is not yet compulsory in Oregon schools, Mrs. Dorothea Moore Massey, state supervisor of physical education and health, emphasized at the meeting Monday. Legislative action to make sex education in

the schools mandatory was blocked by Catholic groups in the state, and wisely, Mrs. Massey said, because too many teachers are unqualified educationally and emotionally to handle the subject satisfactorily.

It is the policy of the state department of education to give parents an opportunity to view and judge the film before it is shown to pupils. It is now available for use in health, science, hygiene, social studies, biology or other classes and is recommended by the department as an integral part of teaching.

**"Treated Naturally"**  
"Sex should not be set apart or emphasized unduly," Mrs. Massey told the parents. "The subject should be treated naturally in the course of other studies. The film is designed only as a teaching aid; not as an end in itself."

After seeing the film, 96.7 per cent of the local group indicated they wanted their children to see it sometime during their school career; 56 per cent felt the film should be shown to boys and girls at the same time (25.8 per cent wanted separate classes); and 93.5 per cent thought the beginning of adolescence a good time to show the film.

The importance of well-prepared teachers was stressed when 96.7 per cent of the audience said the success of the film would depend largely upon the competence of the person using it as a teaching aid.

**Some See Danger**  
Inasmuch as this film does not stress the moral side of sex, 4.9 per cent thought it would be dangerous to show in school, but their opinion was overwhelmed by 84.7 per cent who indicated the moral question does not enter the picture here. Ten per cent were undecided on this question but on most other questions only a very minor per cent expressed no opinion or weren't sure what they thought. Some people contradicted themselves, too.

In an opinion poll taken before the film was shown, the majority showed their viewpoints toward the over-all question of sex education for youngsters were liberal and enlightened. They believe that teachers should not shy away from the subject of human mating and reproduction when discussing the importance of the family in our society, that the basic facts of sex should be taught in school to students before adolescence, and that sex education should not be confined to personal discussions between parent and child or between doctors or ministers and children.

**Opponents Scared**  
This majority—often by a wide margin—agreed that parents should have children help prepare for the arrival of a new baby, using this event to teach facts about human reproduction.

Only 8.3 per cent thought children should be given no sex education in schools and 2.5 per cent believe teachers should avoid the subject of sex entirely.

As a cross section of the local populace, this group of 125 was probably as varied as possible in a voluntary meeting of this sort. Their one common denominator was an interest in children and the schools.

They included farmers, merchants, teachers, college professors, ministers and many others. Married persons totaled 94.4 per cent of the audience. Of the women 57 per cent were housewives. There were three persons under 20 years old and 17 over 50; the majority were in the parent-teacher age group—34 per cent between 20 and 30, 40 per cent between 31 and 50. The large majority were Protestants representing at least a dozen church denominations; Catholics comprised 9 per cent, a few professed no faith.

## C. A. Kells to Leave on Tour

G. A. Kells, executive secretary of the Salem YMCA, will leave Tuesday for a transcontinental trip on which he will attend four conferences and his daughter's wedding.

Accompanied by his wife Kells will stop first at Spokane where he will attend the annual conference of Pacific Coast Community Chorus and Councils.

At Detroit he will be official Oregon delegate to the national council meeting of the YMCA. From Detroit he will go to Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend the tri-annual conference of YMCA secretaries May 22 to 28, and to New York for another Y meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kells will witness the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to E. Morgen McCollin, an architect. The young couple graduated last spring from Yale where Miss Kells graduated in sculpturing.

## Machinists to Hold Union Shop Votes

Union shop elections have been slated by machinist union mem-

bers in Salem and Dallas plants. It was reported here that about 40 members of Machinists union, local 1506 will vote at Salem Iron Works May 7. The election, under the Taft-Hartley

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act, is required whenever a union shop contract is involved. Another election is scheduled May 14 at the Gerlinger Implement Co. at Dallas. Approximately 100 machinists will vote, according to Herbert Barker, executive secretary of the Salem trades and labor council.

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