

Dr. Stapran Tells Jaycees of Life In Latvia Under Nazis, Reds

There was little difference between the Nazi and communist occupations of the Baltic countries during the war, Dr. Theodore Stapran, who has lived through both occupations, told the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting in the Marion hotel Tuesday.

Dr. Stapran, who has been a surgeon at the state hospital here since his arrival in the U.S. 16 months ago, lauded the recently passed legislation in congress to admit 200,000 European displaced persons to the United States. The surgeon, stating that he perhaps was the first displaced person to settle in Salem, pointed out that the displaced persons had an opportunity at the end of the war to return to their former countries, but many of them, like himself, "could not return to occupied lands where we could not breathe fresh air."

Formerly Independent

Dr. Stapran portrayed a clear picture of life in Latvia despite his lack of familiarity with the English language. He explained that Latvia, along with Lithuania and Estonia, had maintained an independent status from the end of World War I to 1940 when they were overrun by Russia.

The communists polled only 7 per cent of the vote in the last free election in Latvia prior to the Russian invasion, the doctor stated, describing the Russian system as a "dictatorship" rather than a communist regime.

Thousands Deported

The Russians brought with them a reign of terror, he said. No one was safe, he added. In one night in Latvia, 34,000 people were rounded up, placed on cattle cars and shipped to Russia without trial. "When your friends and relatives disappeared, you were not allowed to ask questions," Dr. Stapran said, adding that 18 of his own relatives were among those missing.

With the arrival of the Germans in 1942 the terrorizing continued, the doctor stated. The main difference being that many of the Jews were slain.

Dr. Stapran was sent to Germany with a slave labor battalion by the Nazis and when he was liberated in May 1945 by the Americans he chose to wait in a displaced persons camp for an opportunity to live in a western country rather than return to his homeland which is still under communist control.

Silverton — R. E. Borland, city manager, reported recent building permits at Silverton to include dwellings for W. B. Robbins, \$10,000; J. F. Murlough, \$1,500; T. Tuftesko, \$5,000; J. F. Martel, \$3,000; R. H. Van Hess, \$4,000; garage, E. C. Owens, \$350; store building, A. J. Seifer, \$5,000.

surgeon at the state hospital here

Camp Fire Girls Camps Prepared For Summer Use

Members of 28 families from Salem, Dallas and Corvallis spent last Sunday working at Kilowan, Blue Bird and Camp Fire Girls vacation area three miles west of Falls City, preparing the camp for its opening June 29.

Cabins and lodge were cleaned by Camp Fire mothers, assisted by some of the older girls. Men in the party worked on the road being built through Kilowan, constructed a lifeguard tower for the lake, completed a tent house. Camp chairman present were Fred Ramsey, Corvallis, head of camp maintenance for Willamette area council of Camp Fire Girls; Dayl Burres, chairman for Salem district; Abe Regier, Dallas, and E. R. Headrick, Corvallis.

Dr. Smith to Speak At Sorority Meets

Willamette university's President G. Herbert Smith will leave the campus next Tuesday to attend the opening of Kappa Kappa Gamma national sorority convention at Sun Valley, Idaho, on June 23. He will give a keynote speech on the 24th.

Then he will journey to French Lick, Ind., to attend the national convention of Pi Beta Phi sorority beginning on June 27, where he will also speak.

Tom Churchill to Handle 'Weed War'

The Salem city engineer's war on weeds shifted into high gear Tuesday with the announcement that Tom Churchill, 635 N. Summer st., has been employed for the duration of the summer to handle the campaign.

Churchill, a Willamette university law student, will conduct the entire weed elimination program, posting signs on troublesome lots and serving notices on the property owners.

Girls' Staters Arrive



Early arrivals at Willamette university for the American Legion sponsored Girls State, being held in Salem for the first time, are the three girls shown above swinging onto the campus with their luggage. Left to right, the girls are Martha Wiley, Warrenton; Marjean Freeman, Culver; and Betty Goodrich, Warrenton; who will be learning the basic tenants of government along with approximately 175 other Oregon girls during this week. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

City, County Officials Named By Delegates to Girls State Here

County and city officials were elected in Tuesday's session of Girls State now in progress at Willamette university.

Some 165 girls attending the week-long session are being housed in Lausanne hall and the dormitory was divided into six counties by room numbers for the election. Each county was then divided into two cities, under the system.

Mayors selected Tuesday are: **Coke county**—Marie Short Roseburg, Baxterville; and Gladys Young, Monmouth, Ochocho.

Happy Valley county — May Wong, Portland, Utopia; and Priscilla Meizer, Moro, Shangri-La.

Twisp county—Carol Carter, Astoria, Jerkwater; and Beverly Moore, Junction City, Skull Gulch.

Sussex county — Gary Dickey, Vale, Jinksville; and Pat Vilmer, Cascade Locks, Lomedra.

Cherry City county — Caroline Varitz, Estacada, Capitalist; and Joanie Sasarika, Canby, No-Roar-A.

Baxter county—Lorene Lynch, The Dalles, Sleepy Hollow; and Jo Lovell, Pendleton, Eatonville.

Beverly Kreuger, Salem, was elected a councilman in Utopia, and Joyce Folsum, also of Salem, a commissioner in Capitalist county.

Employment, Housing for DPs Needed

Providing housing and employment are two of the outstanding problems in connection with the displaced persons program now under consideration in many states, it was agreed by members of the governor's displaced persons committee at a meeting here Tuesday afternoon.

It also was brought out that some federal legislation would be required to place the program in smooth operation.

"Most of the displaced persons would come from sections of Germany, Italy and Austria. Members of the committee declared that, in their opinion, a large number of displaced persons could be absorbed on the farms, in various institutions and in other activities. Women, particularly, could find employment in the institutions, committee members said.

A sub-committee, headed by Harley Libby of Jefferson, was appointed to conduct a survey to determine how many displaced persons could be handled in Oregon and to report back at another meeting.

Silverton Residents Recover from Illness

SILVERTON — Oscar Overlund is recovering at Silverton hospital following major surgery.

Dennis Fantz, 6, son of the Charles Fantz, underwent minor surgery Friday.

Mrs. Charles Hartman is seriously ill at her South Water street home here.

John Tweed is considerably improved following serious illness of a week ago. He is, however, still under the oxygen tent at his home on North Water street, cared for by a nurse.

Mrs. Clayton Marcoe underwent major surgery at the Silverton hospital this week and is getting along as well as could be expected.

The petition is signed by 25 property owners in that area. Prince street lies west of North River road. The request is made in order that the name of the streets involved will conform, since Dearborn avenue is an extension of Prince street.

Centennial to Be Reunion Theme At Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, June 15—(Special)—Oregon Centennial will be the theme of the 61st annual Linn County Pioneer reunion in Brownsville Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Opening events Thursday afternoon will be highlighted by the coronation of Pioneer Queen Sarah Cochran of Albany, oldest living native daughter of Linn county. Her crown will be presented by the Rev. W. Earl Cochran of McMinnville. The welcome address is to be extended by Mayor Ben Fisher, and response given by Ned H. Callaway, association president.

The old time ball is Thursday night, and a children's parade Friday morning.

That afternoon Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, will be principal speaker.

Saturday includes the grand parade at 10 o'clock and a horse show sponsored by the Foothill Riders, local saddle club.

There are more hoofed animals in America now than when the buffalo roamed.

Rubber Welders Meet Hears Talks

Discussion of management-labor cooperation highlighted sessions in Salem Monday of the O.K. Rubber Welders district convention, attended by 47 delegates from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Speakers included Harold V. James, Denver, president of the O.K. cooperative and inventor of the tire repair process; Al Sanord, Nampa, Idaho, on advertising; and Millard James of Tennessee on merchandising. Host to the conference, in the Marion hotel, was James Sidwell, local dealer at 202 S. High st.



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