

Citizens Call Armed Forces 'Cumbersome'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16-(AP)—A citizen's committee declared today the nation's military establishment is cumbersome and costly in spite of unification. The members speculated that Russia may be trying to achieve "victory by bankruptcy," by forcing the United States into constantly increasing military expenditures. That appraisal came from a committee of the commission on organization of the executive branch of the government, established by the last congress. Former President Herbert Hoover heads the whole commission. Ferdinand Eberstadt, New York financier, is chairman of the united reporting on national security. Other members include educators, newspapermen and business executives. The committee said that while unification had made the United States "far better prepared," the costs of defense preparations are alarmingly high in terms of money, manpower and drain on resources.

The word "calumet" is the name the French gave to the Indian peacepipe offered Pere Marquette when he explored the Chicago territory in 1675—and in that area there remains a river, lake and harbor by that name.

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EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

Save Electricity 4:30 to 6:30 p. m. Daily
In order to keep jobs going the Northwest Utilities Conference Committee urges you to help save electricity daily between 4:30 and 6:30 P.M. Below are the household appliances which you use in your day-to-day living. Check the list and see what you can do to help conserve power.

WHY CONSERVATION IS NECESSARY
Winter brings greater use of light and equipment using electricity. It brings a pick-up in industrial production which means still more power use. All this reaches a maximum between 4:30 and 6:30 P.M. when thousands of housewives start preparing dinner and thousands start using water (most of it heated electrically) to clean up. The result is that the total power available from all present Northwest power sources can barely cope with the demand. A serious breakdown can occur unless you help during these peak hours.

Don't use these (4:30 to 6:30 p. m.):

- Sewing Machine
- Sun Lamp
- Clothes Dryer
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Toaster
- Ironer (Mangle)
- Washing Machine
- Iron
- Heater

Reduce use of these (4:30 to 6:30 p. m.):

- Water Heater
- Refrigerator
- Coffee Maker
- Range
- Radio
- Electric Mixer
- Freezer
- Lamps
- Dish Washer

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TIME TO SAVE ELECTRICITY

Lilienthal Decries 'Too Much Fear' Of Atomic Science

DENVER, Dec. 16-(AP)—There is danger in being too fearful of atomic developments, David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the U. S. atomic energy commission, said today. Speaking before the Denver Rotary club, Lilienthal said there has been a theory by some that "if you scare hell out of people, they'll do something sensible." He called such thinking "wrong." Lilienthal said the theory "underestimates man" and "forgets the divine origin of man." Contending that panic has been rare among Americans, he declared: "The American people have exercised good judgment on many important things."

George Lane Rites Today

Final rites will be held Friday at 3 p. m. from the Clough-Barritt chapel for George Lane, 75, resident of Salem for the past 28 years, who died at his home, 434 Union st., Wednesday. Interment will be in City View cemetery. Born in Patch Grove, Wis., July 12, 1873, Lane moved with his family to Montana in 1910 before coming to Salem in 1922. He was employed at the Masonic temple in Salem for 21 years until he retired in 1946. He had been in poor health about a year. He is survived by his widow, Mertie E. Lane, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Charles Pabst, Salem; sister, Mrs. J. W. Goff, Tillamook; grandchildren Kenneth Doerfler and Mrs. Warren Maurer, both of Salem, and two great grandchildren.

Storm Sweeps North California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16-(AP)—A Pacific storm swept over northern California late today bringing rain, gale force winds and snow to mountain areas. Full storm warnings were posted on the coast from Eureka to point south of Monterey as wind velocity reached 40 miles an hour with gusts up to 50 miles an hour. Snow fell at Malibu.

Civil Service Rulebook to Be Revised

A revised edition of Salem civil service rules will be prepared by the city civil service commission for distribution to all policemen and firemen who are under civil service.

Decision to have the rulebook published at an early date was made by the commission Wednesday following a discharge appeal hearing in which defense attorney Paul Burris elicited testimony from Assistant Police Chief Carl Charlton that copies of civil service rules have not been presented to new police officers in recent years.

The Wednesday hearing resulted in reinstatement of Detective Hobart Kiggins and Patrolman Leonard Weaver who had been charged with political activity. The commissioners Wednesday inquired informally why they had not received within 24 hours as required by law a report from Police Chief Frank A. Minto on the recent 30-day suspension of Patrolman Richard Boehringer as a result of an accident involving his police car while on duty. No action was taken on this matter by the commission.

In other non-hearing business the commission Wednesday elected William J. Entress as chairman. Entress joined the commission last summer when he was appointed to succeed Arthur H. Moore. Richard G. Severin assumed duties with the commission this week following appointment to replace A. A. Gueffroy, who resigned. Lyle J. Page, third member, has been on the commission several years.

Commissioners also approved the appointment of Earl Sherwood to the fire department and the resignation of fireman Dale Seifer. They set new regular meeting dates for each third Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Man Held in Aurora Theft

Alfred Ecker, 4, third man wanted in connection with the attempted burglary of the Aurora postoffice Tuesday morning, was arrested at Everett, Wash., state police reported Thursday night. Ecker had been released from the Oregon state penitentiary Monday morning after serving a term for larceny. He was arrested at the home of relatives in Everett. He will be returned to Marion county for trial.

Two Junction City men, Donald O. Gartin, 24, and Edson E. Cluver, 20, were arrested Tuesday in connection with the case and are being held on \$2,000 bail each.

CRUDE OIL PRICE REDUCED
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 16-(AP)—The Phillips Petroleum company announced tonight the price of crude oil would be reduced 35 cents a barrel at 7 a. m. tomorrow—cutting it back to the \$2.65 level prevalent September 28 when the price increase was posted.

Joe Stalin Best British Recruiter

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 16 (AP)—"The best recruiting sergeant we have got is Joe Stalin," Maj. Gen. G. W. Richards of the British army said today. "Last October, when Joe was thumping the table, was the best recruiting month we had." "Now Stalin has quieted down and recruiting has quieted down, too." "When the man in the street thinks we are in danger he will jump to it straight away."

\$15,000 Bill Considered by Liquor Board

PORTLAND, Dec. 16-(AP)—An attorney's claim for \$15,000 for legal work in Oregon's purchase of two whisky distilleries during the war was taken under advisement by the state liquor control commission today.

Wilber Henderson, the attorney, told the commission that legal services actually were worth \$40,000 to \$50,000, but that he was charging only \$15,000 since at the time he was also regular commission attorney.

Commissioner Thomas L. Gatch said he did not think the commission could legally pay Henderson at all, since there was no written contract.

Korea Asks For China Aid

SEOUL, Friday, Dec. 17-(AP)—President Syngman Rhee said today that "to throw China into the lap of the communists at this time or any other time is unthinkable." "The moral effect of such a mistaken policy will be far-reaching," he told a news conference, "and the communists everywhere will utilize it as a great victory for communism." Rhee did not blame any specific nation for "a mistaken policy." He told reporters he was referring to

Smoza Denies Backing War

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 16-(AP)—Gen. Anastasio Somoza, war minister and "strong man" of Nicaragua, denied today he had pledged any support to invasion of Costa Rica. He issued the denial in connection with statements of two prisoners captured by Costa Rican authorities in fighting at La Cruz, 17 miles south of the Nicaraguan frontier.

The prisoners said Somoza pledged full support for the invasion and declared the organizer was Dr. Rafael Calderon Guardia, former president of Costa Rica.

GREEK AID BACKED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16-(AP)—President Truman wants the program of aid to Greece continued, Ambassador Henry F. Grady said today after a call at the White House.

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Birth Rate in Marion County Behind 1947

Although 216 babies were born in Marion county last month, the 1948 total of 2,191 is 254 less than the number of births during the same 11 months of 1947.

These figures were released Thursday at a meeting of the Marion county health department executive committee. An equal number of boys and girls were born last month. Boys have edged in the 11-months total.

A total of 81 deaths occurred in November, bringing the number since January to 755 compared with 770 during the first 11 months of 1947. Heart disease took the largest toll of lives last month with 30 deaths attributed to it and 246 so far this year. Cancer accounted for 12 lives last month, apoplexy for seven, diabetes four and automobile accidents two.

A special graph covering the past 20 years was exhibited at the meeting showing that Marion county's tuberculosis death rate is lower than the state average but the infant death rate here is higher.

In the communicable disease report for November the department indicated there were 25 cases of mumps, 37 of chickenpox, 16 of amebiasis, two of measles and one poliomyelitis case in the Detroit area. This brings the yearly total of measles in 1948 to 223 as compared with 18 in the same period last year, 210 cases of mumps this year against 69 last year and 50 cases of ringworm, compared with 14 in 1947.

Influenza, however, is down this year with only 92 cases reported compared with 174 last year. Scarlet fever, too, has dropped from 68 cases reported during the first 11 months of 1947 to only 19 so far this year. Chickenpox is about even with 119 cases so far in 1948 compared with 103 last year.

Training School Escapees Sought

NORTH BEND, Dec. 16-(AP)—Two Portland boys who escaped from the training school at Woodburn December 8 were in jail here today, accused of thefts at Eugene, Grants Pass, and North Bend, and the theft of five cars. Officials said the juveniles admitted stealing cars in Woodburn, Albany, Eugene, Oakland, and Roseburg; taking clothing from a Eugene house, \$15 from a Grants Pass store, and \$64 from a grocery here. They were arrested last night in a Coos Bay bowling alley.

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VIM GONNA STAY WHY BACK OF THE GUY - IM AFRAID WE COULDN'T STOP QUICK ON THIS ICE
ME TOO!
OR
LOOKT HIS FACE IN HIS MIRROR - HE AFRAID HE CANT STOP QUICK!
ME TOO!
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Skeeter Horde Invades Texas

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 16-(AP)—What the estimated 300,000 people living in the Beaumont-Orange-Port Arthur triangle would like for Christmas is a good, brisk north wind.

The reason — a mosquito invasion — billions of them, the Orange Leader said. This skeeter invasion, unprecedented in recent history, has the entire area in a state of mass heebie jeebies, the newspaper went on.

Normally, at this time of year the pests are in a state of hibernation. But the recent siege of unseasonably warm weather brought them to life again.

Greek Guerrillas Free Portlander

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 16-(AP)—Carl A. Graessner of Portland, Ore. was released early today in the Mount Olympus foothills by communist Guerrillas who had kidnapped him eight days before. Graessner, an engineer for American contractors, reported by radio to Athens that he was feeling well. He was kidnapped while traveling south along the Kozane-Servia highway in central Greece.

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