

### Lt. Mogan, Police Chiefs Find Democracy in German Police

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 27-(AP)—A group of American police chiefs reported here that they found German police "leaning over backward trying to use democratic methods."

They warned, however, that there is growing danger of reversion to brutality and centralized state police systems. They expressed fear that too many nazis are creeping back into the police ranks.

The Americans criticized U. S. military government for reducing too soon and too sharply its staff of public safety officers who used to work with and supervise German police activities.

This opens the way for the return of Gestapo methods the allies are trying to stamp out, they warned.

These views were expressed at a press conference by three American police officials who came here as special advisors to U. S. military government.

They are John M. Gleason, chief of police in Greenwhich, Conn.; Howard W. Hoyt, chief of police in Klamazoo, Mich., and Lt. Farley E. Mogan, of the Oregon state police.

All agreed German police are doing a good job, considering their shortage of facilities and their inexperience caused by loss of veterans through war and denazification.

Lean Over Backwards  
They lean over backward trying to use democratic methods," said Mogan. "U. S. military government has stressed that they must observe individual rights, and in some respects they go even farther than we sometimes do in the states."

"But," he added, "The German people have not yet learned to demand their own rights and unless we Americans keep the pressure on the police they are likely to fall back into their old ways."

As an example of how former nazis are returning to police jobs, the police chiefs said 500 out of 1,700 rural police in the state of Wuertemberg-Baden were one-time party men.

Many German Police  
There are more than twice as many police in Germany, in comparison to population than in the United States, the Americans noted.

They agreed the Germans' crime detection is "superb" but complained that they paid too little attention to crime prevention.

"The Germans keep big groups of men in reserve to rush out when a crime happens, while in America we keep our policemen out on their beat to prevent crime happening," Mogan commented.

### PTA Officers School Slated

School of instruction for all Parent-Teacher association officers and members in Marion county is slated for Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, according to Mrs. Ralph B. Sipprell, county PTA council president.

Leadership will include Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves, president of the sponsoring Oregon PTA congress; Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, vice president; Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, area vice president; Mrs. Ralph Herron, state visual education chairman; Mrs. James Bunnell, state health and summer roundup chairman.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m. Luncheon will be at the Senator hotel.

### Missionary Dies in Congo

Death of Mrs. Helen Springer, a Methodist missionary in the Belgian Congo for many years, was learned in Salem Saturday by her cousin, Eugene T. Prescott, 1064 Oak st.

Dr. and Mrs. Springer had made several visits here and had told local groups of her experiences with the natives of Africa. Dr. Springer was Methodist bishop of Africa for several years prior to his retirement two years ago. The Springers remained at Elizabethville after retirement.

CHINA REDS TAKE TOWN  
CANTON, Sunday, Aug. 28-(AP) The national defense ministry today announced that the Chinese communists have captured Lanchow, bastion of nationalist resistance in northwest China.

### GI Insurance Dividend Forms Due Monday

Application blanks for the dividend on National Service Life insurance policies will be available here Monday for veterans at the main Salem postoffice and other locations.

They may be obtained at the stamp and general delivery windows in the postoffice. They also will be available at the office of H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld, Marion county service officer, and the state library building, at the U. S. veterans administration office here and at other veterans organizations' headquarters.

Approximately 138,000 World War II veterans in Oregon will share in the \$2,800,000,000 dividend fund to be distributed to 16,000,000 policy holders, the VA announced. The first dividend checks will be mailed early in January, 1950, and the last in June of next year.

Veterans whose insurance has lapsed are still eligible for the dividend, provided their policies were in force for at least three months before the end of 1947. After the application is filled out it is to be mailed to the veterans administration in Washington, D. C.

Sports, races, vaudeville and dancing are planned. General chairman is Dave Cameron, district 2 director. Committees include Sam Randall, Neva Dallas, Paul Gemmill, activities; Frank Hutchison, Art Rockafellow, refreshments; Peggy Arnaz, Kay Vedder, Ruth Branch, entertainment; R. W. Southwick, Janeane Greenlee, publicity; John Anning, Mary Laughlin, finance; Cameron Maul, Marvin Helland, transportation.

The district includes Salem, Woodburn and Dallas. SWISSHOME TRUCKER DIES  
ROSEBURG, Aug. 27-(AP)—A log spilled from a truck at Sutherland today and killed Ben Benson, 38, Swisshome truck driver.



'IN SPITE OF' PAINTER—Arnulf Stegman, head of a publishing house in Munich, Germany, called "In spite of," which gives jobs only to disabled persons, works on a sketch with pencil in mouth. His arms have been paralyzed since childhood.

### 1,500 Due at State Employes Picnic Today

Approximately 1,500 persons are expected at today's annual picnic for Oregon State Employes association district 2 at Champsoeg park. Former governor Charles A. Sprague of Salem will be principal speaker.

The program will begin with a basket dinner at noon, for which the association is furnishing coffee, ice cream and soft drinks.

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### Hop Harvest To Increase Picker Need

Although additional pickers will be needed in the Salem area when the late hop harvest begins this week, a serious shortage of labor was not foreseen late last week by employment officials.

State employment officers here said that local families were expected to furnish the bulk of the labor needed in the hop and bean yards. Not since before the war have so many workers been available for peak harvest needs, the state employment service reported.

The Salem employment office estimates that at least 1,300 outsiders will find jobs in gathering snap beans, hops, cucumbers, blackberries, pears, peaches, prunes and peppermint during the next few weeks.

Meanwhile the Independence Hop Growers association, which serves growers in that area, announced Saturday that picking would start generally on August 31 with two yards expecting to open up Monday.

For the first time in many years said the organization plenty of pickers were available for the early hop harvest but additional pickers will be needed for the late harvest.

The crop was reported as being a "normal crop with light foliage." Picking conditions were reported as being "excellent" this year with most of the yards offering free camp cabins and nearby store and restaurant facilities.

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### Salem Nursing Home Changes Management

Open under new management at 3595 D st. is the Salem Nursing home, an institution designed to care for post-operative, convalescent patients from hospitals and other cases requiring special care.

Miss Bernice Struckmeier, a nurse in Salem for several years, recently took over as proprietor of the establishment, which is the former Three Sisters Convalescence home.

The 10-room home has a capacity for 22 patients. It has recently been renovated inside and new linens, dishware and other equipment have been installed. The kitchen and dining room have recently been re-equipped with modern facilities.

Twenty-four hour nursing service and special diets where required are offered by the staff of four practical nurses.

MISSOURI, Me., Aug. 27-(AP)—A 12-year-old boy, Lewis Williams, jr., lost since Thursday in the Lake Mattamiscontis wilderness, was found safe today.

The boy's grandmother, Mrs. Frank Kenney, received word that searchers had found him near Lake Cedar. First reports were that he was all right despite his experience.

Lake Cedar is about five miles from the place the boy had been last seen.

### Deaf Mute Family Victim of Wrecks

BARBOURVILLE, Ky., Aug. 27-(AP)—Fanny Smith, deaf mute daughter of Dock Smith of nearby Fount, was critically injured today when struck by a freight train while walking along the right-of-way.

Two years ago her brother, Robert, also a deaf mute, was killed by a train in the same vicinity. Another brother, Otis, also a deaf mute, was killed by a hit-run driver.

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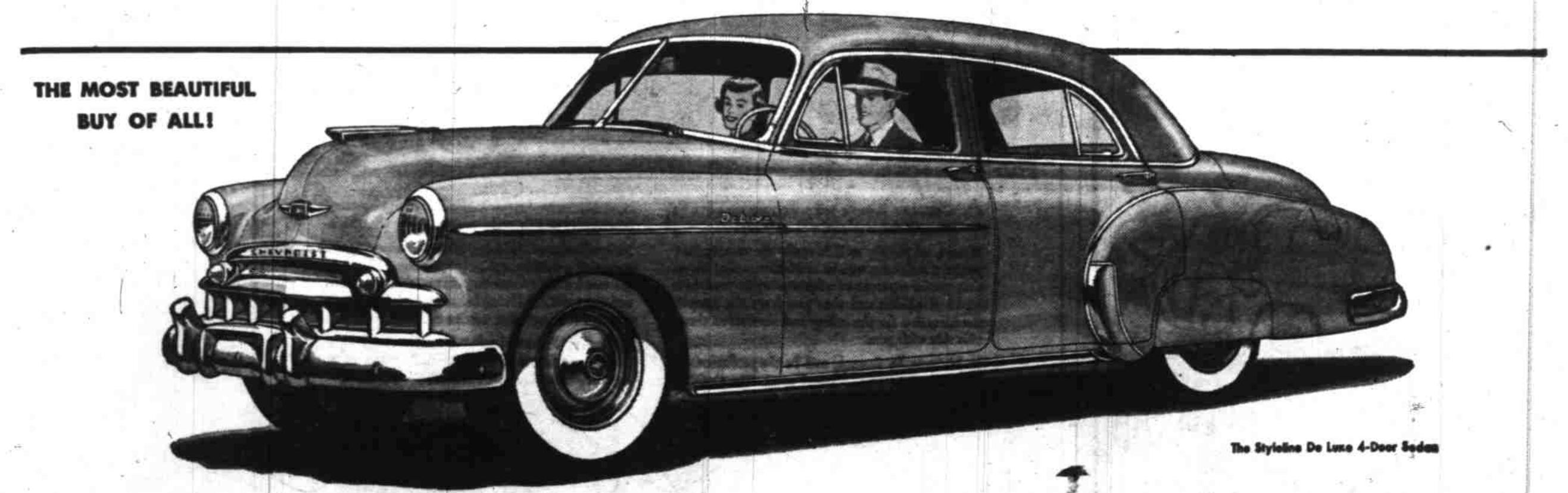
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