

**T SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles F. Sprague

There have been so many stabs at universal military training both before and after the second world war that the public is inclined to shrug off a fresh proposal. Another one is in the making however, and its principal provisions were un-

wrapped by John A. Hannah, assistant secretary of defense, last week. Having heard Dr. Hannah at the Editors' conference last week, the writer is aware of the great problem Defense faces in trying to provide the armed services with the necessary manpower at a minimum of cost. The turnover of personnel is expensive. Inductees are required to serve only two years and it hardly pays to train them for the highly skilled jobs which are now numerous in all branches of the service.

The program which is being whipped into shape provides these requirements, according to Dr. Hannah:

1. Youths within the 18-26 year bracket—now subject to two years' service—would take only six months of active duty. Thereafter they would be required to attend regular drills and active training in reserve units, including the National Guard.

2. Men completing two years or more of active service would attend regular National Guard training for most of the eight years of service which is now obligatory but not enforced.

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## Arrests Follow As Pedestrian Seriously Hurt

A Salem pedestrian was seriously injured Sunday night when he was struck by a car at the North Church and Court Streets intersection.

Police identified the victim as Frank Doree, about 61, linotype operator for The Statesman. He sustained a fracture of both legs, fractured right shoulder, possible skull fracture and numerous cuts and bruises, hospital officials said. He was taken by Willamette Ambulance Service to the Salem Memorial Hospital. Hospital officials said he was still in surgery early this morning and his condition was "serious."

Investigating officers said Doree was struck by a car driven by 16-year-old Ronald Lloyd Nelson, 354 S. 15th St. Nelson told police in a signed statement he was traveling east on Court Street at "45 miles an hour or better," police said.

### "Drag Racing"

Police quoted Nelson as saying he was "drag racing" with another vehicle and when he reached the intersection he swerved right to avoid another car going north across Court Street. Police reported Nelson's car, a 1941 coupe, struck the rear of the northbound car, driven by Lloyd Allen East, 605 N. 17th St., and continued to the east crosswalk of the intersection where Doree was hit. At least five persons witnessed the accident, police reported.

Police said investigation revealed Doree apparently was struck by the left front fender of Nelson's car. Doree was found in the east crosswalk about 11 feet from the south curbing. Witnesses told officers Doree was walking south when he was struck.

### No License Charged

Nelson was arrested on a charge of no operator's license, police explained and he was cited to appear in municipal court this morning. Officers said he had a learner's permit but was alone in the car when the accident occurred.

Two other drivers were arrested on charges of reckless driving at the scene of the accident while officers were there investigating. Charged with reckless driving and released on \$150 bail was Kenneth E. Pickersgill, 19, of 3515 Winola St. Robert D. Wiley, 16, of 1205 Barnes Ave., was cited to court on the same charge. Police said the two were stopped after they went through the intersection "at excessive speed."

### PLANE LOST IN ARGENTINA

BUNOSE AIRES, Argentina (AP)—A DC3 plane carrying 21 passengers and four crewmen is lost in the mountains of La Rioja Province in northern Argentina. Argentine Airways said there was no clue as to its whereabouts or the fate of those aboard.

### ANIMAL CRACKERS

BY WARREN GOODRICH



"I wish I had a buck for every doe around here."

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## The Weather

| Station          | Max. | Min. | Pre. |
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| Salem            | 61   | 31   | .00  |
| Portland         | 61   | 38   | .00  |
| San Francisco    | 65   | 51   | .00  |
| New York         | 74   | 48   | .00  |
| Willamette River | 62   | 32   | .00  |

Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today; tonight and Tuesday with little change in temperature. High today near 64 and low tonight near 32. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 45.

## Aussies Refuse To Yield Petrov

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia refused Sunday night to hand fugitive diplomat Vladimir Petrov and his wife over to the Russians. The Soviet Union has severed diplomatic relations with Australia as a result of the case.

Petrov, Soviet Embassy secretary in Canberra, who abandoned political asylum here nearly two weeks ago, has been branded a "criminal" by the Russians. They demanded that he and his wife be turned over to them.

Acting Foreign Secretary Sir Philip McBride handed the Australian reply to Soviet Ambassador Nicolai Generalov. It served notice that neither Petrov nor his wife would be handed over and reminded the Soviets they still have not given any detailed charges against Petrov.

The Russians have used the terms "swindler" and "embezzler" in describing Petrov, who brought a bulky sheaf of documents with him when he came over to the West. The data purported to show that a giant spy ring was operating in Australia. As a result of the evidence, Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies announced that a sweeping probe would be made into espionage activities in Australia.

Sunday's note was delivered as Foreign Ministry officials held a series of urgent meetings after receiving reports that the departure of the Australian Embassy staff from Moscow was "conditional on developments in Australia." Earlier the Russians had told Australian Charge d'Affaires Brian Hill and his staff to get out of the country as soon as possible.

Diplomatic sources here said the delay in the staff's departure might involve an attempted "horse trade" by the Kremlin. They said the Russians may be trying to get Victor Antonov, Tass news agency correspondent out of Australia in a hurry. Antonov, who has no diplomatic immunity, could be called in as a witness in the Petrov case.

Other sources speculated the Russians were enforcing the delay because Generalov and his staff were unable to get quick air passage out of Australia. The Australian note said all efforts would be made to "facilitate the departure of the ambassador and his suite in accordance with the normal practices of international law and practice and assumed Russia would do likewise."

McBride told officers he first thought the skull was animal bait hanging from the tree but on investigation saw the human skull and pile of bones beneath it. The skull was fastened to the tree by a leather belt about four feet above the ground, Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston said. The tree had fallen against another tree recently and apparently the skull had originally been hanging about seven feet off the ground.

Tentative investigation indicated the skeleton apparently was that of a man in his early 20's, Huston reported. Most of the clothing had rotted but the dead person seemingly was wearing an army type fatigue jacket and hat. A pair of GI shoes were in good condition. The cuff of a pair of blue denim jeans and a few shreds of a blue and white shirt were found with the bones under the skull.

Collins said no one answering the meager description of the dead person has been reported missing in the area. State and county officials along with Dr. Harris are scheduled to leave Albany at 9:30 this morning to continue the investigation.

## Death Force Drive On French Bastion Nears

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Vietminh artillery pounded Dien Bien Phu with new fury Sunday and a Vietminh broadcast heard in Hanoi warned that a death blow assault on the battered fortress was not far away.

The broadcast, naming Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, the French commander of the fortress, declared he and Ho Chi Minh's troops "will be face to face very soon."

A qualified French source who gets up-to-the-minute reports on conditions within the fortress declared the morale of the defenders was "sky high." "Extremely serious" He said their situation was "extremely serious but not desperate."

Somehow, the defenders feel that they can hold out, this informant said, no matter how often the Vietminh attack. But it looked like the French would need a lot of luck to turn back the Red tide if there is a general assault soon.

The fight undoubtedly will be decided in hand-to-hand combat. The defense area is so small that any attack or counterattack is bound to bring on body-to-body struggles, spokesman said the Communist command rebels were concentrating their barrage on the fortress' crumbling northwest defenses, where the Vietminh now holds three key French outposts.

Pound for several days The rebels have been pounding the northwest corner for several days in a dogged attempt to blast a gap big enough to let thousands of Vietminh shock troops pour through to the heart of the fort.

The French have been expecting the rebels to try to smash the fortress just about the time the Geneva conference opens. The rebels are in a commanding position to try for the kill. They hold the whole northern half of the nation's main airstrip and have squeezed Dien Bien Phu's defenses to an area less than a mile across. At some points they were dug in less than 2,000 feet from the bastion's vital core.

## Human Bones Found in Tree Near Albany

ALBANY — A human skeleton, believed to be that of a young man, was found hanging from a tree in a remote area near Crabtree Sunday, Linn County Deputy Sheriff Wade Collins reported.

Collins said the skeleton apparently had been there for two years or more but would not comment on whether the case was murder or suicide. Dr. Homer Harris of the State Crime Laboratory, is scheduled in Albany this morning to continue the investigation.

The human bones were found by Clinton McCann, Albany Route 3, and his two sons as they were hunting on what is known as the "Old Pruitt Place" about three miles north of Crabtree on the Scio road, Collins said. They were a mile west of the road in a remote and "hard to get at" place, he explained.

## Polio Vaccine Arrives



Precious cargo was a good description for four little cardboard boxes which arrived by United Air Liner Sunday. On hand to receive the cargo, vaccine for polio inoculations which begin today, were Al Graag and James H. Allenby (on the ground), and Dr. Bruce Knapp and Dr. Willard Stone (on the ramp). Heading the unloading detail was L. F. McLaughlin of UAL. (Statesman Photo).

## Polio Experts Approve Start of Vaccine Tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—A committee of polio experts Sunday gave its final approval to the start of nationwide tests Monday of a new polio vaccine. Inoculations of the new vaccine, latest entry in the quest for a means of preventing the "great crippler," are scheduled to get underway Monday in at least some of the 171 selected communities in 45 states.

Communities which had informed the polio foundation that they were prepared to begin the tests Monday are: Montgomery, Ala.; Jefferson County, Colo.; Fairfax County, Va.; Washoe, Nev.; Carbon, Emery and Utah Counties, Utah; and Watcom and Yakima, Wash.

The vaccine to be used will be the manufactured version of a vaccine originally developed by Dr. Jonas Salk in his laboratories at the University of Pittsburgh. The actual commencement of the trials, which may ultimately involve the vaccination of more than 2 1/2 million children, was okayed by a group of experts after final two-day appraisal of the vaccine's safety.

The group constituted a "vaccine advisory committee" to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP), sponsors of the tests. Until the committee announced its decision, late Sunday afternoon, that the vaccine was considered safe for use in the tests, it still had been an open question whether the vaccination program would be started as planned—even though the first shipments of the material already had been slated to take part.

Dist. Atty. Frank Alderson said Pigg admitted the shooting. Pigg was jailed without charge, pending the outcome of an autopsy scheduled Sunday afternoon. Police Chief Orville Hamilton said Pigg employed Durham's wife in his photography business. The shooting climaxed an argument, Hamilton said.

Durham was employed in the First National Bank here. He was shot in the back with a .38 special revolver.

## Blossom Day Here Attracts Many Viewers

Throngs of Salem residents and visitors crowded area roads Sunday to view cherry and prune orchards during the annual "Blossom Day."

Salem Cherrians were along the two predetermined routes to direct motorists through the orchard-lined Eola Hills west of Salem and into the Liberty-Sunshine district. Signs also aided the visiting drivers. Partly cloudy skies and slightly cooler than predicted temperatures did not deter the annual caravan.

Streams of visitors also toured the state capital and an added attraction this year were organ selections relayed through loudspeakers. Blossom Day officials declared they were well pleased with the manner in which so many participated in the activity.

MAN SHOT TO DEATH NEW YORK (AP)—Vincent Macri, brother of Benedetto Macri, who was acquitted of killing a garment district labor organizer in 1949, was found Sunday shot to death and stuffed into a trunk of a parked car in the Bronx.

## British May Aid French

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill met with his top ministers in an atmosphere of crisis Sunday and they were reported to have considered lending military support to save embattled Indochina from the Reds.

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Show of Force Shows force of this kind would be aimed at bolstering morale in Indochina and stiffening the backs of the French themselves, many of whom want to make big concessions to get a negotiated peace.

Britain, like the United States, considers that political concessions would give the Communists enough of a foothold so they could eventually swallow up the country.

A crowd of several hundred jammed the pavement outside No. 10 Downing Street, Churchill's official residence, while ministers, chiefs of staff and foreign diplomats arrived and departed in scenes recalling the crisis days of World War II.

Two Conferences The 79-year-old Prime Minister held two emergency conferences with ministers and military advisors—his first formal Sunday sessions since the war.

The conferences were set up after Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden unexpectedly flew back from Paris late Saturday night and drove to Chequers, Churchill's country home, for midnight talks.

Eden had just conferred with U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in preparation for the Geneva conference on Indochina and Korea opening Monday. Eden flew back to Paris in an RAF plane Sunday night, making only a noncommittal comment to reporters about his trip.

## 49 Persons Hurt as Two Trains Crash

CHICAGO (AP)—Forty-nine persons were injured early Sunday when a slow rolling suburban train rammed into the rear of another commuter train which was pulling away from a downtown station platform.

Most of the injured were treated and released from three Chicago hospitals. Seven were hospitalized several hours after the accident but attendants said none was in serious condition. Some 400 passengers on both trains were shaken up.

Motorman R. W. Marshall, 56, of Chicago, said the brakes of his six-car Illinois Central Railroad electric train failed as he was approaching the platform from which a two-car electric South Shore Lines train was pulling away.

The incoming train hammered the rear of the shorter train sending it rolling 150 feet down the track. Both were bound out of the city.

## Fire Destroys Family's Home At Waconda

WACONDA — Fire destroyed the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Johnson and five children near this community north of Salem at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. The family fled in their nightclothing and nothing was salvaged. Cause was unknown. There was no insurance on household effects.

The house was on the farm property of Fred Zelinski by whom Johnson was employed. Brooks fire department answered the call.

Henry Davis, Route 1, Box 20, Brooks, said he would accept contributions of clothing, furniture and other items for the family. It was expected they could occupy another smaller house on the Zelinski property if it could be furnished.

The Johnson's children are Joyce, 15, Steve, 13; Judy, 11; Linda, 9; Bert, 4.

## Earthquake Jolts California Area

WATSONVILLE, Calif. (AP)—A strong earthquake frightened thousands, damaged many buildings in this central California coastal area Sunday and temporarily blocked a highway five miles from here.

Only one injury was reported—an unidentified 16-year-old girl who was bruised when some 500 persons attending a dog show north of here panicked and ran into the open as they felt the shock about 1:35 p.m. PDT.

The quake's several sharp jolts were felt for nearly a minute, over a large area extending 90 miles north to the San Francisco Bay region. A slight aftershock was felt 45 minutes later.

Walls Cracked The tremors apparently were strongest around the cities of Watsonville, Gilroy and Hollister, where many cases of broken windows, cracked walls, falling bottles and dishes were reported. This is where the Hayward and San Andreas faults—source of many past quakes—converge.

Watsonville Police Sgt. J. C. Brandon said he was informed the "highway cracked and an earth slide blocked the road in Chittenden park." This road runs through hills and joins Highway 101 a few miles east.

Hollister, about 100 miles south of San Francisco, reported plaster damage to a number of buildings. The Whalen drug store reported ceiling plaster broken. The Holland Hotel said plaster fell from the ceiling in the hotel bar and bottles were knocked off shelves.

Worst Quake Sgt. Brandon at Watsonville said "this is the worst quake I've ever felt in my life—worse than the one in Santa Barbara when I was living there several years ago."

He said plaster was badly cracked in the Watsonville City Hall and a flagpole snapped off a building and fell into the street. Stores reported canned goods jarred off most of their shelves.

There was quite a bit of confusion and a touch of panic among Watsonville's residents when the quake hit. People ran into the streets, many obviously frightened, seeking information about what apparently was the worst quake ever to hit the area.

Watsonville evidently suffered a broken water main, for water con-sumption jumped 50 gallons a minute right after the quake. Water department officials said they had not yet been able immediately to find the break.

A crack 12 feet long and nearly an inch wide, extending upward from the sidewalk, was opened in the granite wall of the Bank of America building on Watsonville's main street.

The nearby towns of Pajaro and Arroyo reported electricity off, waterlines broken and dishes and windows damaged.

## Two Perish In Collision Of Car, Bus

OKAHDGE, Ore. (AP)—An automobile and a Greyhound bus collided about seven miles east of here Sunday, killing two occupants of the car. A third was injured. The 26 passengers on the bus escaped injury.

One of the victims was Norman Perkins, 22, of Willamette City, whose wife and two children burned to death two weeks ago in a tragic fire. A third child survived. Perkins was killed outright.

He was riding in a car driven by William Means, 26, Willamette City, who also was killed. A brother, Jimmy Means, 19, was hospitalized at the Oakridge clinic.

Police Chief Gordon Shaffer said the automobile collided head-on with the bus on a curve. The bus driver, John W. Noel, 27, Jacksonville, Ore., also escaped injury. Shaffer said the car glanced off the front end of the bus, flipped around and smashed into the rear.

The Means family moved to Willamette City about two weeks ago from Colorado.

## BASEBALL

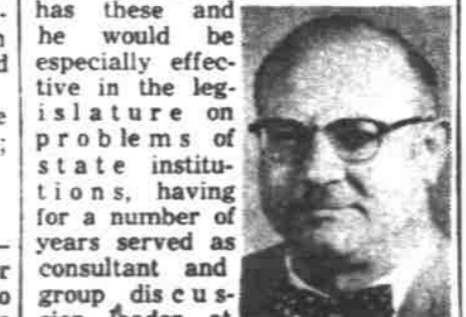
CJAST LEAGUE At Portland 3-8, Sacramento 4-5 At Seattle 3-4, San Diego 2-9 (1st 14 inn.) At Hollywood 1-3, Los Angeles 8-5 At Oakland 15-4, San Francisco 1-5 NATIONAL LEAGUE At Pittsburgh 9-2, Brooklyn 3-4 At St. Louis 1, Milwaukee 6 (12 inn.) At Cincinnati 2-3, Chicago 9-2 At New York 3-5, Philadelphia 6-9 AMERICAN LEAGUE At Washington 2, Boston 1 At Philadelphia 1-4, New York 6-3 At Detroit 8, Cleveland 10 (10 inn.) At Chicago 3-4, Baltimore 2-3

## Politics on Parade... Who's Running for What in May Primaries!

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Today's Subject CECIL J. FARNES Candidate for STATE SENATOR Marion County (D)

Outstanding public servants need human understanding and practical experience. Cecil Farnes has these and he would be especially effective in the legislature on problems of state institutions, having for a number of years served as consultant and group discussion leader at the State Hospital and other state institutions. Now operating the largest bus-



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