

# Oregon's Congressional Delegation Barraged By Letters on Universal Military Training

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WASHINGTON—Oregon congressman are getting hundreds of letters from voters in the state on the question of universal military training—one of the most controversial issues in Congress in recent years—as the forces on

both sides of this question rally for a showdown vote.  
As of now the Oregon delegation is split on the general issue, with two members opposed to UMT outright, one in favor of it and a fourth not publicly committed.

## Night's Rest Puts Tallulah Back on Stage

ST. LOUIS (UP)—Actress Tallulah Bankhead suffered an attack of acute indigestion Tuesday night, forcing cancellation of the play "Dear Charles" after one act, but she was sufficiently recovered Wednesday to return to the stage for the matinee performance.  
Miss Bankhead collapsed in her dressing room after the first act of the play at the American Theater. Manager Paul Beisman said she had been taking cold pills which apparently upset her stomach.  
But after a night's rest and treatment by a physician, Miss Bankhead notified Beisman she was ready to resume her role.

There are 1,200 miles of toll road in the United States.

Spearheaded by the American Legion and its ladies auxiliary, those who favor UMT—or national security training as the Legion prefers to call it—have been burying congressional offices under an avalanche of letters and postal cards urging the lawmakers to vote for it.

Some officers report they are also getting considerable mail against UMT, some from church groups, while others indicate they are getting only a trickle from those who want the soldiers to defeat any such conscription plan.  
Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) and Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) are determined to vote against UMT. "As of now I am against it," Coon declared. "I just don't see any need for it. That doesn't mean that at some future time I might not feel there is a need for it, but right now I'm opposed."  
"In an extended compulsory reserve and universal military training program," Mrs. Green explained, "I see the blueprint for a garrison state."  
The only Oregon representative on the other side of the fence is

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), who is on the House Armed Services Committee which has been wrestling with various reserve training schemes for some weeks. Just prior to the Easter recess they agreed on a plan which would give young men the choice of being drafted for two years or enlisting in the new training pro-

## Restrictions On Sale of Sole Sought

PORTLAND (UP)—Restrictions on the sale of sole as animal food to protect the ocean bottom fish from depletion have been proposed by the Oregon Fish Commission.  
The commission, at a meeting of ocean fishermen here Wednesday said the mink industry alone purchased 6,200,000 pounds of ocean-caught fish last year. There also was a decline in the catches of Dover, English and petrale sole, the commission said.  
The commission proposed to limit sale of the three species of sole as animal food to 15 per cent of any boat's total fish landings on any trip.  
About one American in every 16 has some kind of mental disorder.

gram for six months of active training duty plus 7½ years of reserve training, in which he would be subject to call to active duty at any time.  
Oregon's fourth representative, Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), has not expressed his view on the issue as yet.

**Stereotyped Letter**  
The arguments expressed by Oregon voters in their appeals for support or opposition follow a pattern to a great extent, particularly those in favor of UMT, many of whom have simply signed their name to a stereotyped letter or card.

Some call UMT the "best insurance for peace" and say "an unprepared nation is a vulnerable nation."  
From the opposition come reminders that "conscription is a departure from our basic American policy" or arguments that "larger armies are not the answer in the atomic age" and "we must not let the military gain control of our young men."

Congress has always in the past rejected UMT. In 1952 when it last came up, the best proponents of UMT could get through was approval of a commission to study the problem. Last year the commission recommended a lottery to determine which boys would be drafted for two years duty and which would have six months training followed by reserve status.

## U. S. Fisherman Claims Attack by Ecuadorian Boat

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UP)—The chief engineer of a Seattle fishing boat charged Wednesday from his hospital bed that an Ecuadorian patrol fired on his vessel 35 miles at sea in international waters.  
William E. Peck, wounded in both legs by machine gun fire, said the fishing boat Arctic Mate was attacked March 27. He said he was flown here from Panama for treatment at Seaside Hospital following the incident.  
Protests against the attack have been filed with the U.S. State Department, Peck said.

**MODERN VIGILANTES**  
QUITMAN, Tex. (AP)—They're setting up a "look-out" system to nab lawbreakers in this East Texas region. Citizens have volunteered to watch road intersections when called upon.

## Chicks Gain Weight Faster on Food of Preferred Size, Color

CHICAGO (UP)—A University of Chicago psychologist doing research on the development of seeing ability in chickens unexpectedly turned up a clue to their feeding habits that may save money for chick-raisers.  
The psychologist, Eckhard Hess, as part of his research gave chicks objects of definite colors, sizes and shapes.  
He found they had definite preferences. Nearly all chickens preferred to peck at something orange or red among colors, although a small minority preferred blue. They also had preferences as to size and shape.  
There emerged a clue that a chick meal made up of objects following the pattern of color, size and shape shown in the experiments increased the tendency of

chicks to peck. By pecking more at the food, they gained weight faster.  
The University of Chicago reports, discussing the experiment, said "it would seem from Hess's studies that almost a full week out of the usual 10 to 12 weeks needed to bring chicks to broiler size can be saved if the food is designed to suit their preference."

**MORSE CHALLENGED**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) Tuesday challenged Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) to prove his contention, made in a hearing at Portland last week, that the Federal Power Commission (FPC) is "obviously prejudiced...rigged...and stacked" against the Federal Hells Canyon project.

## Nationalists Rebuke Adlai

TAIPEI, Formosa (UP)—Chinese Nationalist officials Wednesday privately accused Adlai E. Stevenson of preaching "appeasement" in his speech Monday night in Chicago.  
All officials questioned on Stevenson's proposals in the Formosa situation said they were disappointed. But none of them would permit use of his name.  
One official said "anything that tends to compromise with the Communists is appeasement and you cannot get far with the Communists by appeasing them."

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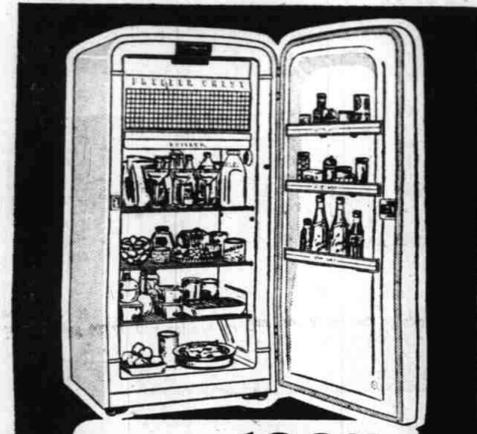
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