

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The ground observation corps of volunteers who have been doing plane spotting over the country is being released from duty, though whether this is a complete dismantling of the project, or not I do not know. Revived a few years ago in response to fears of a surprise attack, observers scanned the skies and reported flights to filter centers, after the manner of wartime. The reason given now for winding up this work is the lessening fear of attack by manned aircraft. In addition new installations, such as the SAGE being constructed at former Camp Adair, provide a superior system of detection and gives direct coordination with defense units.

This was an Air Force project though it did require recruiting of civilian volunteers for the work. The civil defense organization remains, but it continues to run into a vast amount of public inertia. People refuse to get alarmed over possible local danger, or else take a fatalistic attitude toward it.

One civil defense proposal has never gained favor, that was the building of underground shelters. As developed by research engineers of the National Academy of Sciences this would have initiated construction of shelters to protect some 135,000,000 people. The cost was variously estimated at from \$20 to \$34 billion. Aside from the staggering cost another factor has lessened any enthusiasm for the project and that is the shift in weapons. If attack came from manned bombers flying at 600 mph there still would be several hours' time (if our warning system worked) to alert the people.

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## Cost of Inflation Said \$13 Billion

### Figured for First 9 Months of '57

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Inflation cost Americans nearly 13 billion dollars in the first nine months of this year, official government figures indicated today.

Government economists figure prices may continue to rise slightly during the balance of the year, dip a bit in January, then level off in a period of comparative stability.

Officials said the figures should not be taken to mean that Americans as a whole were 13 billion dollars worse off. Many received wage or other income increases, they said, which contributed to the increase in prices, but at the same time eased the effect of higher prices on those who got the raises.

## Elected



Robert D. Gregg, elected Wednesday as 1958 Salem Chamber of Commerce president. Gregg is dean of Willamette University's college of liberal arts. (Statesman photo.)

## Dean Gregg New Chief of Salem C of C

Dr. Robert D. Gregg, dean of the college of liberal arts at Willamette University the past nine years, was elected 1958 Salem Chamber of Commerce president Wednesday evening.

He succeeds Claude Miller who will assume new duties as the Salem Chamber's national chamber representative.

## Dean Gregg Chamber Second Vice-President

Dean Gregg, this year's Chamber second vice-president, has an impressive civic record. He now serves on the U. S. Chamber committee on foreign policy and is the committee's disarmament subcommittee chairman. He is a former president of Salem Rotary and Knute and Fork Club; a member of the Salvation Army board of directors and was the first chairman of the Salem Chamber's Metropolitan Planning Division.

While praising the directors' choice of a new president, Chamber manager Stanley Grove commented that Dean Gregg is a "leader, hard worker and a man who represents an institution which annually contributes over a million dollars to Salem's economy."

## New Peace River Bridge Planned

VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 20 (CP)—The British Columbia highways department will build a new bridge over the Peace River at Taylor, B.C., to replace one that collapsed recently, with the federal government footing the whole bill, B.C. Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi announced Wednesday.

## Woman Blind 18 Years Sees Light With Electronic Aid

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 20 (AP)—A woman who has been blind for 18 years has been able to see light flashes by use of a photoelectric cell connected to wires in her brain.

Her doctor predicted that with adequate funds, medical science could refine the apparatus so that within five years almost all blind people could see by means of electrical stimulus of the visual centers.

"The device would be something like a radarscope or television set," said Dr. John C. Button, a neurologist who lives in nearby South Orange.

His patient is Betty Corstorphine, 35, who has been blind for 18 years because of the pressure of an inoperable, benign tumor on her optic nerve.

A regular patient of Dr. Button's, she volunteered for the tests which were begun Oct. 28 in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles.

"Oh, I can see the light," she said when wires from her brain were hooked up to a photo-electric cell.

"I saw flashes, at one time a bright flash like an electric light bulb, and at another time a grayness as though a light had just gone out."

Button said the test showed that the brain cells did not atrophy like unused muscle cells but could be

## This Dog's House Quite a Layout



LAWTON, Okla., Nov. 20—Spud Lawrence, who designed and built this unusual doghouse, poses with "Joe", canine resident of the little home. The tiny house was built after it became bothersome to keep the dog indoors at night, and it has now become an eye-catching sight in the neighborhood. (AP)

## State Okehs Air Service Flooded Area Uses Copters For Shopping

AURORA, Nov. 20—Hangers and servicing facilities that will convert long-dormant Aurora airstrip into a major private airfield will be built on adjacent private land, it was announced today following a go-ahead from the State Board of Aeronautics.

Earl Snyder, director of the board, said James K. Sprout, Portland, plans to build hangers, plane repair shops, an office and pilots lounge on 36 acres of private land bordering the strip.

He has been granted access to the strip and is being allowed temporary use of state property for an office and three hangers now under construction.

High temperature range today will be 52 to 54 degrees which was similar to Wednesday's high.

State police reported that Willamette, Santiam and McKenzie passes all had packed snow early this morning. They added that the highways in these areas were slippery in shaded areas. Chains also were advised on the McKenzie, police said.

## Freeze, Fog Due in Valley

U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field said the Salem area can expect a cool 26 degrees temperature tonight with morning fog. Otherwise, it will be mostly fair today and Friday.

Associated Press reported the Northern Oregon beaches fair through tonight with patches of morning fog. Low temperature range is expected to be 30 to 35 degrees, the high 52 to 58, with winds north to northeast, 10 to 20 miles an hour, they said.

## Orange Geese Appear at UO

EUGENE, Nov. 20 (AP)—Fifteen geese, their necks dyed orange and bound with orange ribbon, waddled around the University of Oregon campus today.

Orange is the school color of Oregon State College, which meets Oregon in a Pacific Coast Conference football game here Saturday.

## 'Brighter Sides' Ericksen Wins Top Honor

JOHN ERICKSEN (right), staff photographer for The Statesman, didn't take this photo. His usual "Brighter Side" space is usurped today to show him receiving a trophy from J. Richard Elmers, chief of The Associated Press in Oregon, for winning the sweepstakes in photo competition among all AP newspapers in Northwest. Cup will remain on display in The Statesman's news room.

## Former President of General Electric Dies

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—Gerard Swope, 84, who rose from a dollar-a-day handyman to become president of the General Electric Co., died today.

From 1939 to 1942, he was chairman of the New York City Housing Authority.

Swope twice left and twice returned to General Electric before he finally retired for good in 1944. He served 20 years as president.

## Leading Scientists in Russia Earn 'Up to \$50,000 a Year'

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—A top scientist in Russia apparently earns a salary equal to \$50,000 a year in the United States.

A Russian scientist suggesting an idea worthy of study can get full support from his government.

These statements tonight highlighted an unusual question-and-answer exchange between Soviet and American scientists in a radio broadcast, "Radio Beat," over CBS radio network.

Two American scientists and a newsman put questions to the Russians. Their answers were received through Radio Moscow and then discussed or analyzed by the Americans.

Asked what a topnotch Soviet scientist earns, the reply was that Dr. Anatoli Blagonravov gets 13,000 rubles monthly as a member of the presiding committee of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He also draws a regular salary at his research institute.

Harry Schwartz, Russian expert of the New York Times and who was on the American panel, estimated this meant Blagonravov may be earning 20 to 25 thousand rubles a month.

"He must be one of the top one-thousandth of one per cent of Soviet wage earners, and perhaps comparable with the same American who is making \$50,000 a year," Schwartz said.

This would greatly top incomes of U.S. scientists except in the highest positions in the industry. Famous U.S. scientists at universities earn \$10,000 to \$20,000 or sometimes more, depending on consulting fees, income from books or other sources.

Physicists and engineers in Russia start out at basic pay double the wages earned by the experienced ordinary worker, Schwartz estimated on the basis of the Russians' replies.

## Former Cannery to House Tractor Firm

A new Salem firm, the Salem Tractor and Equipment Co., will open soon in the large North Front Street plant formerly occupied for many years by Hunt Foods cannery.

New owners, W. W. Mancke and Ronald A. Madson, both of Atlanta, Ga., said the new plant will hold the John Deere farm machinery dealership.

Plans call for the business to open in December, Madson said. He is secretary-treasurer of the firm and Mancke, manager. Only minor remodeling of the sprawling plant is contemplated now.

The cannery was closed a year ago after 50 years operation in Salem. The plant was purchased by Bernard C. Davis of Salem who in turn sold it to Mancke.

Mancke was a John Deere dealer at Tinley Park, Ill., and later at Homedale, Idaho. For the past three years he has been divisional credit manager for the company at Atlanta.

He is married and has two young sons and three daughters. Madson, a graduate in engineering at the University of South Dakota, has for the last eight years been regional manager for Faultless Caster Corp. at Atlanta.

He is married and has four young daughters. Mancke and Madson plan to move their families here as soon as possible.

## Interest Rate Drop Aid to Salem School Bond Issue

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE  
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An easing of the high interest rates brought a sigh of relief to Salem District School Board Wednesday night as the school directors sold a \$1,400,000 bond issue at an effective interest rate of 3.408 per cent.

A similar bond issue last spring had gone for an all-time high interest rate of 3.789 per cent. The two bond issues together represent the \$2,900,000 voted by school electors to finance two new junior high schools, now well along in construction in South Salem and Northeast Salem.

## Youth Gangs Said Threat In Pendleton

PENDLETON, Nov. 20 (AP)—This Eastern Oregon town has five known juvenile gangs, Police Chief Ernest Gallaher said today.

In some of them, he said, youngsters must steal to be eligible for membership.

Gallaher said the clubs have a total of about 30 members, ranging in age from 8 to 15. He said the clubs are responsible for many cases of petty thievery here.

Club members, Gallaher said, were responsible for the recent robbery-at-bow-and-arrow point — of a newsboy here.

Most club members are marked, he said, by crosses made by knife cuts on the arm or leg.

Gallaher said the gang situation here could become serious.

## Death Claims Tiny Triplet

ALBANY, Nov. 20 (AP)—Smallest of the set of triplets born in Albany Sunday, died last night after surviving about 54 hours.

The child, James W. Morgan, had been in an incubator since birth. He weighed three pounds and 11 ounces.

Albany General Hospital authorities said today that the two surviving triplets, Jon and Nancy, and their mother, Mrs. J. Wesley Morgan, 2035 Jackson St., were all in good condition.

The triplets were the first children of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. Graveside rites were held today by Fisher Funeral Home.

## London Flights From Portland Start Dec. 2

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 (AP)—Pan American World Airways today said it will begin flights from Portland to London via the polar route Dec. 2.

The airline said the DC7s it will use on the flights will travel from here to London in 19 hours, with stops only at Seattle and Baffin Island.

Gov. Robert Holmes will speak at inaugural ceremonies here Dec. 2 before the first flight leaves.

## Space Filled With Matter, Soviet Physicist Declares

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP)—A Soviet physicist declared today that Russia's earth satellites have proved there really is something out there in space—billions upon billions of gas particles.

"It has been proved that interplanetary space is not a vacuum," Dr. Yakov Albert told members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow. "Cosmic space is filled with matter of a comparatively high density. Preliminary evaluation shows that every cubic centimeter contains several thousands particles of gas."

Moscow radio quoted Dr. Albert as saying his thesis "has been proved experimentally by means of the artificial earth satellite."

Albert, described as a doctor of physical mathematical sciences, was speaking at a symposium of Russian physicists. Possibly hinting at new difficulties in the way of long-range cosmic travel, he said there was reason to believe the density of interplanetary substances increases, the nearer it is to the sun.

He explained that Soviet scientists "using new radio-metric methods" have been working on the experiments.

DENVER, Nov. 20 (AP)—A rocket engineer said tonight that U. S. Navy scientists discovered in 1953 what a Soviet physicist announced today—that there are many billions of gas particles in outer space.

G. Harry Stine, until recently an engineer for the Martin Co., said the fact of extreme density of space is "nothing that should impede interplanetary flight."

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