Number of Life Termers At Oregon Pen Declines

Number of life termers at Oregon Penitentiary has declined in the past two years to 85. That's 36 less than there were in 1956, according to Warden C. T. Gladden who has completed a thorough study of the 1,400 prisoners.

The picture painted by the statistical report is that inmates are getting young—the average age has fallen from 32 to 23.3 in two years—that most of them have normal intelligence but too little education and many of them haven't been in previous trouble.

Gladden's statistical study showed that Multnomah County, with the biggest population in the state, contributed 289 of the prisoners.

It is followed by Lane with 133, Klamath 118, Jackson 85, Marion 82, Douglas 78, Linn 52, Umatilla 48 and Coos 45. But it is not safe to conclude that these figures show where the most crime is committed.

Probation Procedures

One county might have a judge who sends nearly all convicted felons to prison, while another might make liberal use of probation procedures.

Half of all convicted criminals get probation in Oregon, so they don't go to prison at all.

Warden Gladden thinks it's a good index of the increase in juvenile crime that the average age of the inmates has fallen from 32 to 23.3 in the past two years.

The number of prisoners under 21 years old has increased from 74 to 110 over the two-year period with the total prison population remaining about the same. Now 306 inmates fall in the 21-25 age bracket compared with 250 two years ago.

There are 43 prisoners over 61 years old, 13 of them over 70.

Considered Normal

Gladden's survey found there are 640 prisoners in the 90-109 intelligence quotient range, which is considered normal. There are 573 with below-normal intelligence, including 37 in the very low range below 70. Thirty-one are in the sub-genius class of 120-129 and five over 130.

About half of the prison population, 705, rated 8th-grade educational level, 85 12th grade or better and 103 are illiterates.

Of the total prison population, 499 men are serving their first sentences. There are 335 who have served once before, 132 twice, 132 three times, two have served more than 10 previous prison sentences. There are 615 men who have never served a jail term but there also are 19 who have been in jails more than 10 times.

The crime for which most men are sent to prison? Issuing bad checks. There were 349 inmates convicted of that charge.

Other convictions were for burglary, 218; robbery, 165; larceny, 159; sex crimes, 208; murder, 88; manslaughter, 29; kidnaping, 8; arson, 7.

Phone Reports Being Made On Diseases

A new system of reporting communicable diseases to the county health department by phone rather than weekly mailed reports has increased reports by about one-third in Marion County, Dr. Willard Stone, county health officer, said Thursday.

He gave his estimate at the regular monthly Marion County Health Board meeting Thursday at the county health department.

The plan of encouraging doctors to report communicable diseases by daily phone calls is being tried experimentally in four Oregon counties, Marion, Linn, Lane and Benton.

Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive director of the county tuberculosis and health association, recommended that more emphasis be placed on the age group above 40 years, where more tuberculosis is located.

Polio Vaccine Given at Stayton

Salk polio vaccine, purchased by March of Dimes funds, was given to 268 persons Thursday night at the Stayton-area clinic held at the Stayton Women's Club.

Free vaccine, which is provided by the Marion County Chapter of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will be available this evening from 7 to 9 at both the Salem General and Salem Memorial hospitals.

Atlas Explodes In Test Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Feb. 20 (AP)—The Air Force fired another two-million-dollar Atlas Missile today but after a beautiful start it exploded in a flash of flame. No reason for the blowup was given.

The Atlas, the free world's only intercontinental ballistic missile—ICBM—test-flown so far, blasted off its launching pad at 12:47 p.m. EST. Two minutes and 20 seconds later, high up over the Atlantic Ocean, it blew to bits.

Navy Captain Denies Friction In Antarctic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Navy Capt. Finn Ronne returned from a year in the Antarctic today and described as "nonsense" reports that the expedition he headed there was beset by animosity and friction.

"Every such expedition has its share of friction," the veteran polar explorer said, "because of the unusual pressures the men are subjected to."

But Ronne labeled "absolutely false" a story by Kansas City Star reporter Bill Moore about trouble between Ronne and the nine civilian scientists who shared Ellsworth Station with 30 servicemen.

Moore reported Ronne had called the civilians insubordinate and a "bunch of sissies." The civilians countered, Moore said, by calling Ronne a self-centered martinet who sought only to enhance his own fame.

"I stand on my record of 25 years in this field," Ronne told a reporter on arriving at National Airport today. He called Moore a "sourpuss" who spent only eight days at Ellsworth Station, and said the newsman was interested only in getting "a sensational story."

Blocked Roads Cause Snarl In New York

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York State, paralyzed by two straight blizzards, was proclaimed in a state of emergency Thursday by Gov. Averell Harriman.

Hundreds of miles of secondary roads were blocked, Harriman declared, isolating rural families.

Harriman asked for military helicopters to fly relief missions and Army and Air Force machinery to aid in clearing blocked highways.

Two successive blizzards battered the state last weekend, leaving a death toll of 44.

The snow blanket covering New England and eastern New York ranged from one to nine inches.

Meanwhile, warming trends were noted in other sections of the nation hit by extended cold spells.

In the Western Plains and the Rockies where arctic conditions ruled at the start of the week, some localities had mercury readings in the 60s.

Florida had not yet regained its tropical balminess, but there it was merely unseasonably cool. Warmer weather was promised Friday.

The Yukon territory in Alaska has several types of orchids among wild flowers, ferns and shrubs.

South, Serra Speakers in Meet Finals

Four South Salem High School speakers and at least one from Serra Catholic High School reached the finals Thursday in first-day competition at the annual Linfield College Speech Tournament.

Saxon finalists are Lee Coffey in junior women's after-dinner speaking and oratory, Colleen Nelson in senior women's after-dinner speaking and oratory, Betti Dyke in senior women's impromptu, and Jeffrey Bodenweiser in senior men's humorous interpretation.

A Serra Catholic High School finalist was Danny Ritter in senior oratory. There may be some others as the Serra delegation returned to Salem before all finalists were determined.

About 600 students from 36 Oregon high schools are registered in the tourney. Competition will continue today and Saturday.

Teacher Hit in Face by Youth

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP)—A white teacher reported to police that he was punched in the face by a Negro youth today in the Hyde Park High School lunchroom.

Warren Medford, an English teacher, said the youth hit him and fled. Medford, on duty as lunchroom supervisor, said he had ordered the boy to leave his coat outside the lunchroom or go elsewhere to eat.

Medford told police he was not sure he could identify his attacker. He said the youth might not be a member of the student body.

Churchill Winning Bout With Pneumonia

ROQUEBRUNE—CAP — MARTIN, France, Feb. 20 (AP)—Stouthearted Sir Winston Churchill made slow but steady progress tonight in his battle against pneumonia and pleurisy.

Paroled

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 20—Nathan Leopold, partner in the 1924 thrill murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks, was granted a parole today. (Story on page 1) (AP)

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Prcp.
Astoria	59	41	.00
Baker	53	30	.01
Bend-Redmond	55	34	.00
Eugene	61	40	.00
Klamath Falls	52	31	.00
Medford	62	44	.00
Newport	59	42	.00
North Bend	61	46	.00
Portland	62	43	.00
Salem	55	39	.00

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	Max.	Min.	Prcip
Anchorage	30	18	..
Albuquerque	65	37	..
Atlanta	45	19	..
Boise	56	41	..
Boston	33	17	..
Chicago	30	18	..
Cleveland	25	10	..
Denver	67	33	..
Detroit	31	8	..
Fairbanks	12	7	..
Fargo	32	15	..
Fort Worth	48	41	..
Galveston	52	45	..
Helena	53	23	..
Honolulu	80	69	.08
Kansas City	40	20	..
Las Vegas	69	49	..
Los Angeles	72	50	..
Miami	59	42	..
Mnpls-St. Paul	32	4	..
New Orleans		39	..
New York	35	23	..
Omaha	35	16	..
Phoenix	65	53	.04
Reno		35	..
Sacramento	66	50	..
Salt Lake City	65	38	..
San Diego	68	53	.05
San Francisco	62	52	..
Washington	37	26	..

Today's forecast (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today, through Saturday, with early morning fog patches; high both days near 55, low tonight 42.

Willamette River: 10.6 feet.
Temp. 12:01 a.m. today: 46.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since start of weather year, Sept. 1

To date	Last Year	Normal
29.64	15.23	27.89

Tide Table (Taft, Ore.)

(Compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

	High Waters		Low Waters	
Feb	Time	Height	Time	Height
22	2:21 am	6.0	9:03 am	1.3
	2:27 pm	5.4	9:01 pm	1.2
23	3:53 am	6.0	9:47 am	1.2
	3:13 pm	5.0	9:33 pm	1.5
24	3:28 am	6.0	10:38 am	1.2
	4:07 pm	4.6	10:09 pm	1.9
25	4:07 am	6.0	11:38 am	1.1
	5:11 pm	4.3	10:55 pm	2.3
26	4:54 am	6.1	12:44 pm	0.9
	6:33 pm	4.2	11:52 pm	2.6
27	5:50 am	6.1	1:50 pm	0.6
	7:51 pm	4.3		
28	6:54 am	6.2	1:05 am	2.7
	8:53 pm	4.6	2:50 pm	0.2

Debt Ceiling Boost Voted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Overriding Chairman Byrd (D-Va) the Senate Finance Committee today voted to give the Eisenhower administration the full five-billion-dollar increase it sought in the national debt limit.

Byrd, who is retiring from the Senate after this year, tried to hold the increase to three billion, contending this would give the Treasury ample leeway in its financial operations.

The Virginian said he will not press his fight when the bill comes up on the Senate floor, probably next week.

"I made my fight in the committee," he said.

Tunisian Police Expel Five French Consuls From Country

TUNIS, Feb. 20 (AP) — Tunisian police tonight expelled five French consuls from their posts in this country.

Three of the consuls arrived tonight in Tunis under the escort of Tunisian police, but were released when they reached the capital city.

Two others, from Gafsa and Gabes in the deep south, were spending the night at Sfax and were expected at the French Embassy here in the morning.

Tension spread as French soldiers surrounded a village on the Libyan border.

Destruction of a French military truck by a land mine, the seizure of Tunisians by French troops and the closing of the French consulates cast new shadows over conciliation efforts of the United States and Britain.

Removed Forcibly

Georges Geara, the French consul at Medjez el Bab, was the first to be removed forcibly from his consulate and brought to Tunis by police.

President Habib Bourguiba ordered the consulates closed 10 days ago but the French refused.

The consuls of Kef and Souk el Arba were brought here after having been told to leave their posts within 24 hours.

The remote village of Remada, where earlier French troops had held prisoner the deputy governor, one Tunisian national guardsman and a villager, was the scene of added friction.

The Tunisian ministry of information flew in reporters who found French troops posted 20 feet apart in a circle around the town of about 700 persons, next to the French base.

Tunisian charged French troops had broken out of the barricaded base and kidnaped the trio. A Foreign Ministry note to the French called the incident aggression. Tunisia also complained to the U.N. about it.

Held Overnight

The French said the three had been held overnight only for questioning about the blowing up of the French military truck by a mine planted on the base. Two French soldiers were wounded in the blast.

The three prisoners were released on direct orders of the French commander in Tunisia.

The deputy governor, C. Ahmed Deheche, told reporters, "It was impossible for anyone in our town to have placed the mine. The French guard the air strip all the time and don't let civilians or animals cross it."

Col. Maurice Mollot, commander at the base, said only one end of the strip was guarded and the mine had been placed at another end.

Takes Serious View

A Tunisian spokesman said the government took a serious view both of the arrests and of the cordon at the village. He said both show "the French think they still command here" in their former North African protectorate.

Bourguiba canceled the weekly radio speech to his people, scheduled for today. He would have had to refer to the Remada incident if he had made the speech.

He fired off a letter about the case to U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, but asked for no U.N. action.

On their part, the French authorities said Gen. Fernand Gambiez, commander of French forces in Tunisia, personally issued orders for the release of the three Tunisians. The French Foreign Ministry said investigation showed the destruction of the vehicle was an accident.

The French said nothing about Tunisian charges that French soldiers invaded Tunisian government buildings to get the men.

Racial Blood Labels Lose In Georgia

ATLANTA, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Georgia House today shouted to death a Senate bill to require whole blood available for transfusions to be labeled as to race.

Introduced by Sen. Quill Sammon, the measure passed the Senate 35-0.

But when it was called up in the House, Rep. W. C. Parker moved to table it indefinitely. On a voice vote, the House shouted approval, with only a few "no" votes heard.

As Parker made his motion, Rep. Jamex Mackay rushed to the microphone and said the bill was opposed by the Georgia Hospital Assn., and individually by persons connected with Red Cross blood banks.

Parker later told newsmen that "If I were dying I wouldn't care what kind of blood I got if it saved my life. And besides, I think I have enough white blood that it would overcome any little dab of any other kind I might need to remain alive."

The Sammon bill would have required whole blood to be labeled as to Negro and several other races.

Bull Prices Up at Annual Hereford Sale

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP) —Higher average bull prices were reported as the fifth annual sale and show of the Oregon Hereford Assn. ended here tonight.

The average sale price for bulls sold at the show was nearly $125 higher than last year's average.

The association said 59 bulls sold for an average of $629.10.

The bull judged sixth best at the show brought by far the highest price.

Champion honors went to a bull owned by Chandler's Hereford Ranch of Baker. It was sold to John Gregory of La Grande for $935.

The sixth place bull, however, was sold to Harold Eakin and Earl Gentry of Grass Valley for $2,000 by Walter Egg of Milton-Freewater.

VanBlockland's Hereford Ranch of Joseph received the top price for heifers. The ranch sold one animal for $525 to Mike Wagonblast of The Dalles.

Fourteen heifers brought an average price of $295.71 at the show. Last year 11 heifers brought an average sale price of $377.93.

Nobody Worries As House Burns ---On Purpose

An ancient house burned Thursday morning in the 900 block of Trade Street SE—but nobody worried about it. Due for razing, the frame structure was set ablaze by firemen as an exercise in fire fighting.

The house was burning briskly about 9:30 a.m. and heavy smoke drew the curious. Several pieces of department equipment participated in the exercise.

Theater Time Table

ELSINORE
"WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION": 8:45
"THE LAST PARADISE": 7:00, 10:30

CAPITOL
"DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER": 8:45
"THE TIN STAR": 7:00, 10:31

HOLLYWOOD
"PAL JOEY": 7:00, 10:45
"JOHNNY TROUBLE": 9:25

Judge Rules Union Strike Pay Taxable

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 20 (AP)—U. S. Dist. Judge Kenneth Grubb ruled today, in a decision that is expected to affect thousands of striking union members, that union strike benefits are taxable.

Judge Grubb reversed a federal court jury which last November ruled that strike benefits are deductible from income as gifts, and tax free.

The case was brought against the government by Allen Kaiser, 29, of Sheboygan, a former Kohler Co. worker who went on strike with Local 833 of the United Auto Workers April 5, 1954. Kaiser received $565.54 from the union in good vouchers, clothing and rent payment in 1954. On his income tax form he listed that amount as a gift, but the government assessed him $108 plus interest.

Kaiser paid and took the case to court. Although he won his case, the government held up his refund pending a request that Judge Grubb review the jury's decision and issued a directed verdict.

Attorneys who represented Kaiser and the union, said an appeal would be considered.

Langley to Run For D.A. Post

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP) — Former Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley—removed from office last May after being convicted of failure to prosecute gambling—said today he will seek Democratic nomination to the office.

Langley has appealed the circuit conviction in the first major trial stemming from Portland's year-long vice investigation.

Langley said today he "definitely will file" for Democratic nomination to the office in the May 16 primary election.

Navajo Council To Visit Chemawa Indian School

CHEMAWA, Feb. 20—Three officials of the tribal council managing the affairs of 80,000 Navajo Indians will visit Chemawa Indian School Monday and Tuesday.

The school's nearly 700 Indian students are all Navajos.

The three officials from Window Rock, Ariz., will inspect the institution and observe the progress the students are making, Victor Hill, superintendent, said.

They are Paul Jones, chairman of the tribal council, Dillon Platero, chairman of the education group and Maxwell Yazzie, travel counselor.

Canby Lad Nominated For Merchant Marine Academy by Norblad

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) today said he has nominated Darrel O. Kraxberger of Canby, Ore., for admission to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Kraxberger is a senior and student body president at Canby High School.

Morse Attacks Post Office Modernization as Handout

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Sen. Morse (D-Ore) today attacked administration proposals to finance a proposed post office modernization program as "little more than a handout to business and to bankers in particular."

"It would be hard to imagine a program that would do more good for a few bankers and less good for the nation's economy," he told the Senate. "As a public works program, it is simply a sham."

Morse devoted most of his criticism to proposals under which private industry would construct the post office buildings and then lease them to the government. But he objected also to the administration proposal to increase the first-class letter postal rate to five cents on inter-city letters.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said yesterday he had decided "with reluctance" to support the administration request for a five-cent rate as a means of providing revenues with which to help finance postal pay increases and the department's building program.

Morse said improved postal service is desirable "but I shall not favor putting the burden of its cost on users of first class mail, when it is only first class mail that is paying its own way now."

He said it is second and third-class mail that is causing the postal deficit "and if there is to be any boost in rates it should come in those classes."

Private construction and leasing provisions of the administration program, he said, "means the taxpayers, instead of constructing a building with their tax dollars which they would then own, would be paying rent; rent including, of course, the profit for the builder and the interest on the money that has borrowed to construct the building."

"The interest rate right now for construction loans is just under 5 per cent," Morse said. "At the end of the lease, half the government's money—the taxpayers' money—will have gone for interest and there will be no property or buildings to show for it, if this administration plan is put into effect."

Unlike the recent lease-purchase program, Morse said, the administration's post office proposal, as outlined by Postmaster General Summerfield, makes no mention that the buildings would belong to the government at the termination of the leases.

Morse said the nation needs public works to offset "an ominous economic decline—but we do not need bankers' boondoggles."

"What we need," he said, "are useful public works, such as roads, dams, post offices, and schools that will belong to the people who paid for them. And we need to have their construction financed with appropriations so that the expenditure will go primarily for construction and not for interest."

Economy Pickup Forecast by U.S. Chamber President

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP) —This nation's economy will start picking up by June, the president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said here tonight.

Philip M. Talbott of Washington, D.C., said "I don't view the present situation with any particular alarm in our type of economy."

The nation's "basic economy is just as strong as ever" in spite of the present recession, said Talbott, here to speak tomorrow at a business meeting.

"Look What's Here... 'South Pacific'"

by Peer J. Oppenheimer

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