

State USES Head Says Jobs Scarce

PORTLAND, Jan. 26—(AP)—The U. S. employment service director reported today that 58,000 persons, 15,000 of them veterans, are out of work in Oregon with little prospect of finding jobs.

"It's no use kidding ourselves," said Lee C. Stoll, "the picture is black."

With job openings at a new low, and unemployment up 17,000 within the last six weeks, he predicted that many jobless soon would be forced onto relief rolls.

"Leaders in our state," Stoll said, "have been very definite in promising that all veterans will find jobs when they return from service, yet today practically no suitable jobs for them are on file in Oregon's 28 USES offices."

Stoll declared that even the construction industry, expected to boom after July 1, will not much improve the situation unless housing can be found for skilled workers who would be needed.

"We are making the same mistake now that was made during the depression years in poor planning," he said. "All projects will be ready for employment at approximately the same time, instead of being spread over a much longer period."

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Army Jet—

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Beach this morning with Smith in the lead.

Fog Held Take-Off
Fog delayed a dawn take-off and when Smith cleared the airport only half the runway was visible. Council followed with only slightly better visibility. Babel took off last.

At Topeka, Smith took four minutes to refuel, Babel six. Council, upon his arrival here, said that he passed them on the ground. He checked by radio with Salina, Kans.

His plane carried special fuel tanks, containing 300 gallons, attached to the tip of each wing, and in addition had an auxiliary 100-gallon tank installed in the nose. The wing tanks jettisoned when empty. The flight consumed 1,025 gallons of kerosene.

The P-80 is a Lockheed built plane, powered by a General Electric 1-40 turbo-jet engine. It is said to be the most powerful engine yet produced in America.

Flew In Stratosphere
Locked in a pressurized cabin and using oxygen, Council streaked through the stratosphere at an altitude of 35,000 feet from Long Beach to St. Joseph, Mo. From St. Joseph to New York he went even higher, flying between 40,000 and 41,000 feet, he said.

Council claimed the flight was not an attempt to set a speed record, but was "a sustained cruising operation."

Mahlon Sweet Linked To Early Aviation Here

Mahlon Sweet, to be toasted as Eugene's First Citizen at a Realty board banquet February 14, is linked with early aviation as well as highway development, in this area.

When the first plane landed in the Conger field beyond Eleventh Avenue west in 1919, Sweet was in the group to meet it. He remembers it was a Curtis "Jennie."

Later the same year Sweet was instrumental, with Gov. Ben O'cott and Earl Simmons, in stationing forest patrol planes near here.

And when it came time to talk of an airport for the city, Sweet helped in plans for its opening. When it became obsolete he was in the front ranks of those working for the present modern field north of the city. It is no coincidence that this field has been over the new port but it has now named after Mahlon Sweet. During the war the government took been turned back to the city of Eugene and daily United Airlines planes land and take off there.

Tickets for the First Citizen banquet, where Sen. Wayne L. Morse of Eugene will speak, are on sale at the Osburn hotel. They are limited to 500.

Iran Delegates—

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ly one week ago had not altered their determination to bring the issue before the world peace organization.

Ample Proof Promised
The 2,000-word memorandum to Makin was signed by S. H. Taqizadeh, head of the Iranian delegation. It accused Russia of distorting the facts of the controversy to forestall a security council investigation and promised that ample proof of all Iran's charges would be presented when the council meets next week.

The Iran-Soviet dispute is the number one item on the agenda for Monday's security council meeting and the Iranian delegation's unexpected move promised to make that session a stormy one. A showdown was expected when the 11-nation security council meets to discuss the Soviet-Iranian issue and Russia's countercharge of British interference in Greece and Dutch Indonesia.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin already had gone on record as "welcoming" a security council investigation of the Russian charges even if the council decided to drop the Iranian matter.

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HEADS YWCA BOARD—Mrs. Harold B. Jensen, above, was elected president of the YWCA board of directors at a meeting of the group Friday. Other officers chosen from the slate presented by Dr. Marian Hayes Miller were Mrs. Stanley R. Summers, first vice-president; Mrs. Nathan Rubenstein, second vice-president; Mrs. Clarence Hines, secretary, and Mrs. C. A. Barnes, treasurer. The board will meet next the third Thursday of February.

Last Confederate Stronghold In Country Joins The Union

TOWN LINE, N. Y.—(AP)—Jeff Davis' confederacy lost its last stronghold in the United States as residents of this small country hamlet voted to rescind their forefathers' allegiance with the south of Civil War days and rejoin the union.

In an atmosphere more hilarious than serious, 113 villagers yielded to community pressure, Hollywood glamour and the stirring battle songs played by a 44-piece high school band to vote 90 to 23 in favor of recognizing the union.

Bolstered by a free lunch of barbecued veal sandwiches and coffee, the hardy residents braved cold, damp weather to gather in open air mass meeting before a dilapidated old blacksmith shop where the original articles of secession were signed in 1861.

Retired For Movie
After a brief opening ceremony by village heads from the back of an old hay wagon resplendent in red and white bunting, the assemblage retired to the local firehouse to witness the premier showing of the 20th Century-Fox production, "Col. Effingham's Raid."

Returning to the cold environs of "Truman square," crossroads center of town renamed in honor of the president last fall, villagers received official ballots and the vote was taken.

Film stars Cesar Romero and Martha Stewart, making personal appearances in conjunction with the film showing, labored the votes, experiencing great difficulty in arriving at a final count as a stiff breeze persistently whipped the ballots about.

Romero acted in a semi-official capacity, having just been made an honorary sheriff of Town Line and charged with "protecting" nearby Tioga creek and its tributaries.

Some anxiety was experienced by the village heads just prior to the voting when the official ballots could not be found. At first it was believed they had been stolen but a somewhat frantic search unearthed the ballots in the possession of Alvin E. Weber, chairman of the village reconstruction committee. He had the ballots in an envelope under his arm all the time.

Eugene Veterans Memorial Plans Near Completion

Plans for Eugene's Veterans Memorial building are in their final stages and will be ready to be let to a contractor by March 10, Committee chairman John Snellstrom has announced.

Sponsored by all veterans organizations of Eugene as a memorial to all service men and women, the plans are that the structure will be erected on south Willamette street.

The finance committee, with Frank Strong as chairman, has urged the support of all individuals and business organizations who wish to contribute to the memorial.

Arrangements have been made at both Eugene banks so contributions can be received and credited to the veterans memorial fund.

Clarence Urey, general chairman of the memorial committee, has expressed his thanks for the reception accorded members of the sub-groups in their contacts.

Salvation Army Plans Crusade For New Year

SPOKANE, Wash.—(AP)—One of the Salvation Army's principal fights this year will be against a "black market" in babies and the abortionists who are serving unwed mothers, according to Brig. Ruth Papan, area supervisor of maternity hospitals in the western states.

Meeting with the staff of the salvation army women's home and maternity hospital and social workers today, Brig. Papan said she was convinced that a black market in babies exists. "We will fight the racket with a publicity campaign that will reach persons who have knowledge of a girl's condition, often a physician," she said.

She alleged that racketeers, learning of a girl's condition, offer her money to "sell" the baby. The girl often cooperates and the racketeer peddles the baby to persons anxious to have a child.

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Originally sentenced to serve 22 life sentences consecutively for setting the disastrous blaze, Holman today was sentenced on a ruling by the state supreme court that he serve the sentences concurrently.

Under the law he now will be eligible for a parole after serving seven years of the concurrent terms.

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