

Portland C of C Delegation Gains Insight on Local Aims, Prides

Portland and Eugene got to know each other a little better Thursday when 38 Portland Chamber of Commerce members were guests of the Eugene chamber and the Active Club.

At a luncheon meeting in the Eugene Hotel, opened by President Bob Cross of the Active Club, K. C. Eldridge, chairman of the trade and commerce committee of the Portland chamber, told the group that this state has been backward in many ways and that "We must dovetail ourselves in united action for the benefit of the whole state. If we of Portland confine ourselves just to development of Portland, that's wrong."

He pointed out that Portland "is the logical center for you to market goods for world distribution."

Freight Rate Stressed

President H. J. Cox of the Eugene chamber agreed that Portland is to be the biggest point of export for Lane County lumber but he pointed out that in order to hold this spot Portland must work for an export freight rate of not more than five cents per 100 pounds, applying as far south as Roseburg. The rate now varies

from five cents at Salem to 17 1/2 cents at Roseburg, Cox said.

The visitors were welcomed by Mayor Earl L. McNitt, and C. E. McLean, chamber treasurer, was master of ceremonies.

Cross introduced Coach Henry Kuchera, who presented ten members of the Eugene High School basketball squad which recently won the state championship.

Other speakers included Superintendent Henry M. Gunn of the Eugene schools, who told the group the Eugene system is second to none in the state; City Manager Deane Seeger, who outlined this city's 10-year program of civic projects; and Fred M. Brenne, chamber manager, who spoke of some local projects and problems and thanked the Portland chamber for aid on the Willamette Valley flood control project.

Invited to McKenzie

He invited the visitors to attend the McKenzie River boat parade next April just before the opening of the fishing season.

The Portlandites were introduced by Leo H. Baruh, chairman of the Portland chamber's excursion committee. Leith Abbott of KALE spoke briefly.

After the luncheon the group toured the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn. plant, the Eugene Plywood Corp. plant and the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Co. plant, at Springfield, before returning home.

City Tax Collections Nearly Completed

Eugene tax collections for the year 1945-46 are 92.87 per cent complete, City Recorder John Fields announced Friday.

Of the total amount due, \$233,579.97, a total of \$216,921.11 has been paid.

A total of \$14,732.02 has been paid on back taxes totaling \$31,870.06 as of July 1, 1945.

BOYS COUNTERFEIT TICKETS
SALEM, March 22—(U.P.)—Two Portland High School boys have confessed to counterfeiting and selling tickets to the Oregon High School Basketball Tournament which was held here last week. Tournament Manager Leslie J. Sparks said today.

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DONATES SITE—Ralph Nichols, left, presents the deed to the site for a Springfield veterans memorial building to Commander Harry Allen as other members of VFW Post 3965 watch. Nichols donated the property on Paramount Drive in east Springfield, and last Sunday ground was broken by County Judge Clint Hurd to begin construction of the memorial which will cost approximately \$25,000 when completed. To solve the problem of obtaining material for the new structure the Springfield VFW has purchased the 4L Hall at Wendling, and will re-use lumber from that building. (Howard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Exchange Head Asks Debt Study

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Congress, the Treasury, the Federal Reserve Board, the commercial banks, the large non-banking institutions and other groups to study this whole question and submit recommendations looking to the establishment of the broad national policy which is so urgently needed.

Schram said he believed the main inflation problem at the present time is to reduce the holdings of the commercial banks and to increase the proportion of federal debt in the hands of individuals and other non-bank investors such as insurance companies and mutual savings banks.

Prevent Inflation

"In this period of vast inflationary potentials and when concern as to the future purchasing power of the dollar is in the minds of so many people," he said, "it is particularly important that our national debt policy be directed:

"1 To maintaining the attractiveness of government securities to non-bank holders who might otherwise convert them;

"2 To intercepting the flow of current income which would otherwise add to the demand for goods and services;

"3 To avoiding further increases in bank holdings."

Schram pointed out that almost one-third of the total debt today is held by commercial banks, which also, during the next several years, may have to assume a substantial part of any securities issued to replace non-marketable securities held by private investors when they are turned in for redemption.

Iceland Sanctions U. S. Troops, Claim

WASHINGTON, March 22—(U.P.)—United States and Iceland officials here said today Iceland never had requested withdrawal of American troops from that country.

Their comment was prompted by reports that Soviet newspapers had displayed prominently a Tass News Agency dispatch from London saying the Iceland Socialist youth organization had distributed a pamphlet demanding immediate evacuation of the American troops.

In this connection, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace also has advocated withdrawal of those forces to ease the international situation.

Thor Thors, Iceland's minister to the United States, told reporters today "You can say that the government of Iceland definitely has not asked the evacuation of American forces."

Snell Names Prialux To KOG Committee

SALEM, March 22—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today announced appointment of a seven-man executive committee of the Keep Oregon Green Assn., which will conduct the active affairs of the conservation group during the 1946 forest fire season.

Members of the committee include A. W. Prialux, West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., Eugene. Trustees of the Keep Oregon Green organization include H. J. Cox, also of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Assn., Eugene.

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Pan-American to Use Arctic Route to Orient

WASHINGTON, March 22—(U.P.)—Pan-American Airways announced today it will start commercial service soon to the Orient by way of the Great Circle Arctic route.

The flights will be operated under contract with the UNRRA and will continue at the rate of one trip weekly this spring and summer. The first departure is scheduled for Sunday when a Constellation leaves for Shanghai with UNRRA personnel.

Although the initial flight will be via Honolulu and Midway Island, the plane will return without passengers over the Arctic route, some 2,900 miles shorter on a roundtrip. After the survey flight is completed, subsequent trips are planned over the northern route.

Porter Defends New OPA Policy

NEW YORK, March 22—(U.P.)—Paul A. Porter, OPA administrator, said today there would be "some price increases" as the result of approved wage boosts but predicted that the new wage-price policy would have little or no effect upon rents or on "the average of food prices."

In a speech prepared for a luncheon of the Union for Democratic Action, Porter declared that "As far as the basic economics of our problem is concerned, we can continue to hold the average of prices to a slight increase during the coming year," and added:

"Don't Duck Reality"
"The new wage-price policy will add somewhat to the rate of creeping price increases. Let's not duck this reality. Approved wage increases will lead to some price increases which would not have occurred under the original wage-price policy. In the majority of American industries, however, prospective earnings are so well above pre-war levels that reasonable wage increases can be negotiated without raising prices."

Porter declared that "We are six months nearer the time when all-out civilian production will make most price controls unnecessary."

He continued, "Although disputes between management and labor have seriously retarded production in some industries, the recovery process is now nearly complete. It will require some months yet to build up well balanced inventories of parts and materials in all our factories."

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Dow Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 109.45 off 0.01.
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10 public utilities 109.90 up 0.05.
10 industrials 106.40 off 0.08.

SLATES OPERATION

CHUNGKING—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, will leave for the United States April 2 to undergo a minor sinus operation. It was announced today. Wedemeyer is scheduled to confer with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, T. V. Soong and Lt. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem, Jr., before his departure. Gillem will be in command while Wedemeyer is in America.

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Russia's failure to withdraw her troops has "intensified the critical conditions." **Delay Called Harmful**
"The state of affairs is very grave and further delays would inevitably result in increased harm to the interests of Iran," he said.

The Russians asked the postponement on grounds that the Iranian complaint was "unexpected" and came while negotiations with Iran were in progress.

Ala, who called on Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko for the first time yesterday, told newsmen he knew nothing of the current negotiations to which the Russians referred. Gromyko said the talks were taking place through diplomatic channels, presumably in Tehran.

Winston Churchill yesterday charged that delay in consideration of the Iran dispute might confront UNO with a "fait accompli" or establishment of a Quisling regime in Iran. In an exclusive interview with the United Press before sailing for home, the former British prime minister said it would be "very dangerous" to let matters go from bad to worse in Iran.

Former Army Engineer Hits CVA Proposals

PORTLAND, March 22—(U.P.)—Bills before House and Senate committees calling for establishment of a Columbia Valley Authority were attacked today by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Robins, former deputy chief of Army Engineers and now Portland port consultant.

In an address at the annual Portland Traffic Assn. meeting, Robins said the bills would "place the destiny of the Columbia Valley in charge of a corporation which is not properly responsible to Congress or to anybody else."

"Under a CVA," he said, "the people would have appeal only to a board of directors, which would be responsible to no one and which, under the proposed bills, would have powers almost omnipotent."

UO Medical School Ends Speed-Up Plan

PORTLAND, March 22—(U.P.)—The wartime "speed-up" program for medical students will officially end tonight with commencement exercises for 69 University of Oregon Medical School graduates.

Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon, will give the main address and confer degrees. One master's degree will be awarded.

The medical school now will resume its normal schedule of nine months' school and three months' vacation.

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Lend-Lease Takes Attack

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effectively restrictions imposed by foreign governments.

2. The Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion gave only "slight attention" to the return of civilian-type surpluses.

3. Vacillation and indecision" by Army and Navy commanders kept many ships loaded with surplus materials idle in the Pacific after V-J day, resulting in "substantial loss in dollars, manpower and delay in surplus disposal."

4. The Army and Navy declared surpluses at a "snail's pace."

5. "Ample authority has existed in the executive departments and agencies for the disposal of surplus property abroad ever since the enactment of the Surplus Property Act of 1944."

Careless With Arms

6. Failure to retain full control over lend-lease weapons and armaments may have repercussions in delicate future relations between nations.

7. The benefits received from the United Kingdom for cancellation of unconsumed lend-lease balance in favor of the United States "are nebulous and require the United Kingdom to do no more than it ought to be willing to do anyway."

8. The bulk sale of surplus goods to Great Britain was "a far poorer bargain for the United States" than the bulk sale to France after World War I.

The committee complained that Great Britain refused to let the American representatives sell U. S. goods in Britain to British individuals, either for dollars or sterling. This and other restrictions which prevented any competitive bids, the committee said, left the Americans "pretty much at the mercy of our only prospective buyer, the United Kingdom."

The report said that Britain would have permitted export of American-owned goods from the United Kingdom. It added pointedly, however, that this was subject to "the availability of transportation, which was subject to government control."

OPA Answers Challenge Of Douglas Dairymen

PORTLAND, March 22—(U.P.)—The district OPA picked up a challenge from Douglas County milk producers today and declared that it would enforce price regulations.

The Douglas County Milk Producers Assn. has announced it will raise milk prices Monday whether the OPA approves or not.

McDaniel Brown, district OPA director, replied that "it is the job of OPA to enforce the price regulations as they are set up." Court action has been used in the past.

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OPA Takes Stronger Meat Control Step

WASHINGTON, March 22—(U.P.)

—The government today put some teeth in its drive against a black market in meat which threatened to become a grave national problem in the face of an approaching seasonal drop in production. To bolster its undercover efforts to curb over-ceiling meat sales, OPA decided on the more drastic action of withholding subsidy payments from slaughterers dealing in the black market.

Under the order, the Reconstruction Finance Corp. will refuse all subsidies to slaughterers exceeding ceilings by an average of more than 2 per cent. Those who exceed ceilings by less than 2 per cent will be penalized on a sliding scale.

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