French Refuse To Free POW's

WASHINGTON— (U.P.) —France in effect has rejected a United States request that she return 620,000 German prisoners of war to their homes without delay, it was revealed Thursday.

The French made a counterproposal that a third party—probably a non-governmental agency—be asked to study the problem and prepare a long-range plan of repatriation.

The French government's position was that manpower shortages make it mandatory—even 20 months after V-E Day—for France to retain the German prisoners and use them on French farms and factories.

The United States is concerned because the Germans actually are American prisoners of war. They were captured by U.S. forces and turned over to the French for custody in the closing days of the war.

French unwillingness to return these prisoners make it difficult for the United States to press its case with Russia on the following prisoner issues:

1. The 800,000 Japanese prisoners that the Soviets are still using at forced labor in Siberia. The United States and China have repatriated several millions and consider their job completed.

2. The undisclosed number of German prisoners that the Russians still hold. The Russians have never given an official accounting of these.

Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes took the initiative in trying to get all prisoners returned home last fall. He was preparing for the forthcoming German treaty negotiations and wanted the U.S. to have "clean hands" when it came to discussion of prisoners of war.

He asked the French, Belgians, Dutch and Luxembourgers to take immediate steps to release prisoners turned over to them by the Americans. All but France answered satisfactorily.

WAA Carnival Plans Laid by Committee

Plans for the annual WAA carnival, sponsored by the University of Oregon women's athletic association and scheduled for January 31 in Gerlinger hall, were announced this week by Virginia Scholl, Vancouver, WAA president.

Barbara Borrevik, Reedsport, and Barbara Fullmer, Wenatchee, Wash., were appointed co-chairmen of the carnival. The program includes dancing and novelty booths, and will be open to students and townspeople from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., they announced. General admission will be ten cents.

Other committee chairmen are: Coralie Thompson, Vida; Betty Jean McCourry, McMinnville; Thelma Chaney, Oswego; Renee Cowell, Oahu, T. H.; Carol Becker, Maryanne Hansen, and Nancy Petersen, all of Portland.

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Chancellor Reports Favorite Major Courses

PORTLAND — (AP) — Enrollment at Oregon's colleges is running strongly to business and engineering courses, Dr. Paul C. Packer, chancellor of the state system of higher education, told a Portland group of the National Office Management Assn. Wednesday night.

Packer said Oregon State expects 9000 students for the fall term of 1947, but doubts it will be able to handle that number.

Flood Commission Will Meet in Salem

Representatives of Eugene Chamber of Commerce will attend the annual meeting of the Willamette Basin Committee Jan. 29 in Salem, Fred Brenne said Wednesday. Brenne is secretary-manager of the Eugene chamber and publicity chairman of the basin committee.

Committee members will discuss Congressional appropriations and state and county budgets. Colonel O. E. Walsh, Portland Army engineer, will report the status of flood control work and Chester Moores, Portland's First Citizen of 1946, will talk on businessmen's attitude toward Willamette valley projects

The Salem Chamber of Commerce will act as hosts for the meeting.

GETS SUN FIRST

MILLINOCKET, Me.— (U.P.) — When the sun rises each morning, the first American soil bathed by its rays is the summit of Mount Katakdin (altitude 5267 feet), the highest peak in Maine.

Despite Labor Record Harvest

Oregon farmers succeeded in harvesting a record volume of crops last year with comparatively little loss from labor shortage, according to a year-end summary of the activities of the O.S.C. Extension service farm labor survey just issued by J. R. Beck, state supervisor. The federal estimate of 4,658,000 tons of all field crops, exclusive of animal products, constitutes a new high for the state, 7 per cent above 1945 and 5 per cent above the previous record in 1943.

With the elimination of large wartime labor groups such as German prisoners of war and Mexican nationals, continued success this year will depend to a great extent on farmers providing housing either on the farm or in community labor camps, Beck believes. Major effort of the farm labor services throughout the west will be in recruiting and directing transient help from state to state and within the states to provide them with ample work and farmers with adequate labor at the peak seasons.

Farm labor work last year was handled through 41 placement offices, nearly half of which are now on a year-round operating basis, Beck added. All Willamette valley counties now have all-year offices as do Hood River, Umatilla, Deschutes, Malheur, Klamath, Jackson and Josephine counties.

Portland Loan Firm Held Up by Bandit

PORTLAND — (AP) — A gunman held up the second floor office of the Consumers Credit Co. Wednesday and fled with $658 in cash.

Police said the man posed as a customer needing a loan until the manager came at his request from an inner office. The robber then pulled a gun on the four office workers while he removed the money from several drawers.

Bus Chartered For Ski Jaunt

A bus to Santiam ski area will be sponsored Sunday by the University of Oregon Ski Club, it was announced Thursday by Phil Edblom, publicity chairman. Although university students will be given preference, townspeople will be welcome if space is left, Edblom said.

Skiers interested in taking the bus to Santiam may contact Maxine Jamison at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house on the campus, telephone 1307. The bus will leave the campus at 6 a.m. and will arrive back in Eugene about 7:30 p.m.

Time trials for slalom and downhill and possibly for cross-county will be held by the University ski squad at Hoodoo Bowl Sunday. Oregon State College skiers will hold trials at the same time, with runs beginning about 10 a.m. Results of the trials will be used to compute team positions.

Thursday Addresses Slated by Dr. Frankfort

Two lectures Thursday by Professor Henri Frankfort of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago are planned as part of the university lecture series.

Delayed one day because of cancellation of plane flights, Professor Frankfort arrived on the campus Tuesday and spoke on "Egyptian Gods: A Problem in Polytheism."

At 4 p.m. Thursday Dr. Frankfort will address the assembly of students, faculty and townspeople on "The Egyptian Way of Life; Truth as the Law of Existence," at 101 Physical Education building on the campus. Thursday night at 7:30 in 207 Chapman Hall he will talk on "The Egyptian Hope: Life in Death." Dr. Frankfort will close his series Friday at 4 p.m.

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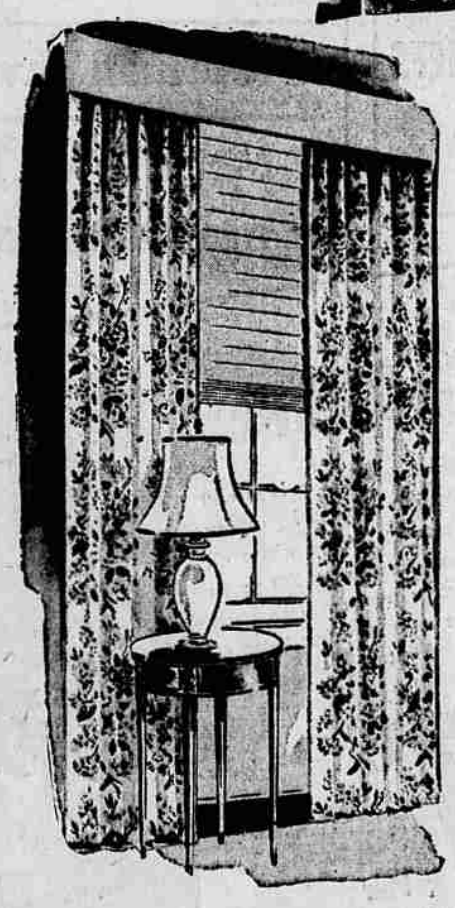

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