

**Local Groups
Ask Support
for House Bill 9****Messages to Salem
Urged by Speakers**

A plea to individuals and groups throughout the state to support the equalization features of House Bill 9, for distribution of state school support fund, was made Wednesday at a meeting of the Oregan Hotel of groups which worked for passage of the school fund bill itself.

The basic school fund bill provides for \$50 per pupil per year from state money, and House Bill 9 provides a formula for distribution which would help poorer districts by their educational programs to the level of the richer ones. The Portland school board seeking another system of distribution which would give that city about \$700,000 more basic school fund money per year than House Bill 9 would give it.

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FIRST LANE CONTENDER for the title of Miss Slick Chick of 1947 is Bridget, a light-brown Hampshire hen who roosts at the Walter Andersen home on Horn Lane. Clats Andersen acts as best, safety-pin and garland for the crepe-paper dress, hat of artificial flowers, and paper parasol which Bridget donned for her picture. (Wiltshire photo and engraving.)

**Henpecked? No, Bridget's Just
'Eggcited' About New Clothing**

BY BERNARD ENGEL
"Stay on? Sure, I had this stuff on that hen for a long time," Mrs. Andersen explained. On top of the feathers were a cluster of artificial sweet peas and a paper rosebud. Scotch tape bound the whole creation to the smooth pate just back of the dull-red comb.

Bridget flopped her earrings to and fro while bystanders waited for 18-year-old Clats Andersen to exchange her white ducky and plaid shirt for a fresh white blouse. Clats was to serve as "background" for the coming photo.

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**Truman Offers
Aid to Britain
In Fuel Crisis****President Suggests
Diversion of Ships**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman said Thursday that the United States is ready to do everything within its power to relieve the plight of the British people in their present fuel emergency.

In a statement, Mr. Truman said it may be possible to divert to Great Britain a number of colliers at sea in the vicinity of the British Isles now carrying coal to other European countries.

"This government stands ready to do everything within its power to relieve the plight of the British people in their present fuel emergency," the President's statement said.

"Although we have received no request from England for aid, I have directed Captain Granville Conway, coordinator of emergency export programs, to determine how quickly and in what quantity coal can be landed at British ports. It would take a minimum of 15 days to ship coal from this country to England. Such shipments might very well arrive too late to help England in the present emergency.

"There are, however, a number of colliers at sea in the vicinity of the British Isles carrying coal to other European countries. It may be possible to divert some of these colliers to English ports."

Mr. Truman said the U. S. representative with a European coal organization sitting in London "has been instructed to support a request for reallocation of the shipments of coal now at sea, if this is the British desire."

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee informed Parliament Thursday that the power brown-out, now enforced throughout the island, had saved 78,000 tons of coal in three days, but that "the situation remains very critical."

He said the six big power stations of London had only a week's supply of fuel and that the London Gas Co.'s coal piles had dwindled to stocks that would last nine and a half days.

While he spoke, grimy colliers beat down the east coast and scores of trains carried fuel supplies toward stilled industrial centers in battle against the economic crisis which has thrown 5,000,000 or more persons out of work.

Temperatures dropped to 23 degrees, Fahrenheit, last night and no immediate relief was forecast.

**2 Survive, 4 Die
In Plane Crash**

MEDFORD—(AP)—Two survivors of the crash of a coast guard PBV plane that killed four crewmen told Thursday how they crawled from the twisted, burning wreckage after it plowed into Diamond Rock on Mount Richter north of the southern Oregon city.

Bodies of the four killed were being brought out of the rugged, snow-bound area over an eight-mile trail by a Coast Guard search crew led by U. S. foresters and Oregon state police.

The survivors are Seaman 1-c Melvin E. Savage, Plymouth, Mich., who was badly burned, and Seaman 1-c Randolph M. Cressy, Lynchburg, Va., who was suffering only from shock and exposure. They were passengers.

The dead are: Lieut. Comdr. John Macintosh, Lieut. (jg) Ralph E. Osterberg, Aviation Chief Machinist Mate Roy Mason, Aviation Radioman 1-c Ruffin E. Crosby, all of Port Angeles.

Sgt. L. H. Harrell of the state police headquarters here reported the four men were probably killed outright.

**Gen. Arnold Eulogizes Heroes of War;
Warns World Cannot Stand Another**

By JEAN WORTH

"They did their part and did it well," Gen. H. H. Arnold said Wednesday night at the Osburn Hotel where he and 300 Eugeneans gathered to pay homage to the Ready Board's First Citizen selection—those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

"They gave everything," said the man who guided the greatest air force in history through the most terrible war in history, "so that small nations should never again be oppressed, so that the people of the world should have freedom, so that would be world conquerors could be halted on their marches of death and destruction, so that the United States should be free."

Obligation Cited
"We have a solemn obligation to our country and its future, to our children and their future," Arnold continued, "and to those who did not return—an obligation that must be fulfilled if they are not to have died in vain."

World War II proved one thing conclusively, Arnold pointed out—

Let the Sacrifice Be Not in Vain . . .

In a year of neither peace nor war we are reminded, and we make the declaration, that individuals, anywhere, who opposed the crazed outburst of bigots and brutal minded men and who did not come back were and are First Citizens.

Let the sacrifice be not in vain. We pray to dream higher and true to universal standards for a union of peoples; a union for freedom and light; a union for higher and higher law and for a federation to find and to keep that faith.

Conscious of human frailty, we make a covenant with these our own and all earth's heroes: That not by our greed for wealth or power, not by idle folly, neither by division nor by craven thought shall the heritage of a free and lighted world be lost.

(Resolution adopted unanimously by the Eugene Ready Board, written by Robert Prescott and James A. Rodman.)

"In the 1930s the handwriting was plain on the wall, but we wouldn't believe then that there could be another war," the general said, shaking his white head. "We were so pollyannish that we wouldn't face the truth. We buried our heads. We sent a man with an umbrella to Munich when we should have sent 80,000 men with guns and perhaps have prevented World War II."

"Sure, we'd have killed a few thousand Germans, and we'd have

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**Boy Thief 'Ring'
Broken by Police**

The arrest of three 14-year-old boys at Ninth and Charnelton Sts. Wednesday night led to the cracking of a gang of juvenile thieves and the recovery of over 200 stolen items from the gang's headquarters.

City police picked up the three juveniles with stolen property in their possession, and subsequently were led to the home of one of the boys where a large cache of stolen property was found in a basement bedroom.

Questioning revealed the names of five other boys who allegedly are members of the gang. A statement from one of those picked up by police showed that eight places of business had been robbed of small articles, including five stores, a fraternity house, and two schools. The boy's statement said they also had taken tools and accessories from numerous cars in the city.

Property Found
Police found a combination padlock on the door of the basement bedroom, with the combination known only by members of the youthful gang.

Inside they found everything from fountain pens to bicycle wheels. Some of the property found in the room included 12 flashlight batteries, three flashlights, ten packages of razor blades, three car aerials, a boat propeller, 22 pairs of assorted socks, two steering wheels, two tent poles, ten rear-view mirrors, one blowtorch, eight bicycle wheels, five car robes, and one school globe.

Truckload of Loot
Police Chief L. L. Pittenger said his department had "almost a truckload" of stolen loot which may be claimed by the owners. Much of the goods has never been reported to the police department as stolen.

The parents of the boy who had the bedroom gang headquarters did not know the combination to the padlock, according to police. In the boy's statement, he said his father had asked him several times where he got the articles, but that he had told him they came from the city dump or that they were given to him.

The letter was found at headquarters of the South Korea Labor party, the official Communist organization in the American zone. It allegedly was written by Maj. Nichol Guseinov, education officer with the Soviet Red Army at Pyongyang, capital of the Russian zone. It was addressed to He Hun, Labor party chairman.

The letter instructed Ho that in order to "strengthen the situation" of the Red Army in Korea, a "revolutionary movement" should be timed to coincide with the Big Four foreign ministers' conference scheduled for Moscow March 10.

The letter "urged" Ho to "agitate all students in south Korea to fight against their schools and the U. S. Army Military Government." Students in south Korea have been striking for the last two months, nominally against "military government interference."

Johnson to Address
Rental Housing Meet
Representatives of construction and financing concerns in Lane County, labor and veterans' organizations will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the East dining room of the Eugene Hotel to consider the problem of rental housing in Lane County with Federal Housing Administration men.

Folger Johnson, state FHA director, will be present to give full information about the FHA program to aid private industry in providing rental housing for World War II veterans.

Weather
U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast:
Eugene and vicinity, partly cloudy Thursday night with light showers becoming cloudy Friday with light rain. Little temperature change. Oregon, same, with snow over mountains, and moderate to fresh southerly wind off coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Wednesday, 61 degrees; low Thursday morning, 47 degrees; 24-hour rain ending 10:30 a.m., .38 inch; total for month, 2.10 inches; normal for month, 4.65 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, plus 1.50 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., South 18; prevailing Wednesday, South 12.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Friday, 7:16 a.m. and 5:39 p.m.; Saturday, 7:15 a.m. and 5:40 p.m.

AUGUST TIDES
High 7:09 a.m. 7:28 p.m. 17 ft.
Low 12:46 a.m. 12:52 p.m. 1.2 ft.

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**Revolt Seen
Against Slash
In Army Budget****GOP Responsibility
Cited by McCormack**

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A bipartisan uprising developed in the House Thursday against reduction of Army and Navy funds in a recommended overall \$8,000,000,000 slash of President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget.

Rep. Edwin A. Hall (R-N.Y.) told the House, "I want to issue a warning to look and listen before we cut the armed forces." He declared:

"Now is a time for circum-spection and a look into the future. We should go along with great care before cutting the security forces of this country."

The Democratic whip, Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, immediately arose to congratulate Hall on his speech, and declared "It is important to the world that America maintain its power—power for good."

Protests Cited
"I am very much concerned at reports of planned cuts in the armed forces," he said. "We cannot ignore the protests of the Army and Navy against such cuts."

"After the last war we took a course of 'back to normal,' and then isolationism. We don't want to follow an isolationist course again."

GOP "Responsible"
The responsibility, he said, "rests with the Republican party," now in control of Congress.

Criticism by some House members of the intention to slash the armed services funds in the overall cut of Mr. Truman's 1948 budget estimates came as Republican fiscal managers stood firm on the reduction already voted by a 20-man Senate-House budget sub-committee.

A show-down is scheduled Friday when the sub-committee submits to the 102-member Senate-House Budget Committee its formal recommendation that Mr. Truman's spending estimate be pared from \$37,500,000,000 to \$29,500,000,000.

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