

NHA Office Closing Recalls Assistance Given by Expediter

By JEAN WORTH
The closing of the Eugene Office of the National Housing Expediter on June 30 ends a year of federal assistance to communities, individuals and industries related to home building. The immediate objective of the veterans' emergency housing program was to get housing built for sale and rental within reach of the average veteran.

Robert Larrabee, from the regional office in Seattle, has been serving as expediter in Eugene for the past two weeks, since the resignation of Charles C. Bayles to become a private consulting engineer in Eugene.

Larrabee said Monday that he had been contacted several weeks ago by a large manufacturing concern which would employ at least a thousand persons at high wages, inquiring as to the housing facilities in Eugene.

"They wanted to move this concern to the Northwest," he said, "but I had to inform them that Eugene had no adequate housing nor any promise of adequate housing."

Larrabee viewed the loss of this industry as one of the most alarming indications which stem from the lack of adequate housing in the Eugene area.

Need for Change
"This is another lost chance for Eugene to switch its emphasis from lumber, which is a diminishing resource, to industries that do not depend on lumber as a source of raw material," he said.

"Even if lumber is put on a sustained yield basis, there's a limit to how much industry can be supported by it," he pointed out, "and a much healthier economy is one which doesn't depend entirely on one industry."

In reviewing the work of the NHA office here, Larrabee pointed out that "non-residential construction was held to a necessary minimum. Building materials were channeled into home construction. Surplus machinery and equipment were sold to individuals and companies who could contribute to the housing program."

Special assistance was given to secure railroad cars for transportation of building materials. Expansion of apprentice training programs in building trades was encouraged. Labor disputes affecting housing construction were given special attention. Spot assistance to municipalities, public utilities and builders to secure critical materials in short supply was given.

After July 1, Larrabee will be located in the Portland office of the housing expediter and from there will cover western and central Oregon. All field offices of the housing expediter will be closed around mid-July because of reduced appropriations and elimination of many features of the veterans' housing program by Congress.

Congress Kills Truman Plan for Job Agency

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress Monday killed President Truman's reorganization order to retain the United States Employment Service in the Labor Department.

The Senate voted down the plan 42 to 40. The House had rejected it previously. Under the reorganization act, both houses must vote against a plan within 60 days to prevent it from becoming effective.

As a result, the employment service will be transferred to the federal security agency.

MOB TOSSES TEAR GAS

VENICE — (AP) — Premier Alcide De Gasperi suffered slight ill effects from tear gas and more than 50 persons were injured when police broke up an attack by alleged Italian Leftists on a crowd the Premier was addressing Sunday, police reported Monday.

The influenza epidemic of 1918, originated in Asia, resulted in the loss of more lives than did the first world war.

Timber Cutting Said Too High

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less than ten years' life expectancy based upon visible raw material supply and another seven plants, with equal aggregated capacity had from 10 to 20 years operation in prospect.

Need Apparent
"The imperative need for intensive work in pruning and thinning of second growth is quite apparent."

"It is certain that positive measures must be taken if the plywood industry is to ensure in anything like its present form," Dr. Hall's report warned the 33-plant industry.

New Industry
The report noted that new industries based on use of wood are being established rapidly in the region, and that 57 per cent of the privately owned timberland is in ownership of less than 5000 acres.

It was revealed that the experiment station is working with the Bonneville Power Administration on a projected study of production and employment in the Columbia River Basin for 1955 to 1965 to form part of a report by the U. S. Army Engineers to Congress on the need for power dam developments.

'Lost' Airman Hops on Bus To Get Home

PORTLAND — (AP) — Don V. Criss rode into town on a bus Monday, startled to discover that the Army had started to search four states for him and two friends believed crashed in a private plane.

The Army air rescue unit at McChord Field, Wash., dispatched a search plane Sunday after Criss' brother reported that Criss and two companions had not been heard from since leaving Rock Springs, Wyo., Thursday.

While other air groups began planning an intensive search, Criss walked into his house here. The plane stopped for repairs in Ogden, Utah, he said, so "I just hopped a bus to come home."

Rent Control Bill Signed

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on a lease through December 31, 1948, the President said, "is voluntary" increases of 15 per cent or less is concerned." He commented:

"The tenant will naturally fear that unless he enters into such a lease he will be subjected to even more exorbitant increases when rent control is ended."

Mr. Truman also protested the "virtual elimination of controls which have prevented the diversion of building materials from homes to non-essential and defensible construction."

The reference was to a provision immediately relaxing restrictions covering all construction except a museum and recreational buildings.

It was "a deep concern" to him, Mr. Truman said, that "this most unsatisfactory law represents the only major action taken by the Congress at this session with regard to the housing problem which confronts the nation."

Calling again for prompt enactment of the Wagner-Elender-Taft long-range housing bill, the President said:

"We should be taking steps to provide additional aids to housing rather than eliminating the aids which have been in effect."

Rep. May's Trial Nears Conclusion

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Ex-Congressman Andrew J. May was variously described Monday to federal court jury as a man "who did no wrong" and as one who "substituted profits for patriotism."

The descriptions were given in final arguments by defense and prosecution attorneys at May's conspiracy trial on charges of accepting more than \$50,000 in bribes to use his influence on behalf of his co-defendants, munitions makers Murray and Henry Garsson.

Defense Attorney Sawyer A. Smith contended that the best answer to the charges is that the former House Military Committee chairman is "broke and penniless."

"Where's the money he got?" Smith shouted.

"Is May a rich man? No, he's a broke and penniless old man who did no wrong."

Smith, a former U. S. district attorney for May's home state of Kentucky, argued that the government based its case on "suspicion and nothing more" and said that prosecution argument showed the "lengths that lawyers will go to win a case."

He insisted that May was motivated by patriotism in helping the Garssons solve war time problems with the War Department.

But Assistant Government Prosecutor John T. M. Redden contended that May had "substituted profits for patriotism" and "sold himself cheap" to the Garssons. He asked the jury to convict the three defendants.

Shots Down Fugitive Attempting to Escape

Stewart Sanders, 32, of 1033 High St., was shot twice by a Eugene police officer Monday morning, allegedly in an attempt to get away. He was hospitalized for treatment of a leg and a chest wound, Chief L. L. Pittenger reported.

Chief Pittenger said the man's condition was not serious. He was arrested on a forgery warrant for Los Angeles police and was brought down by the arresting officer, (name not disclosed) when he attempted to run.

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Belgium has a population of 8,350,000 and is divided into nine provinces. It is the most crowded country in Europe, with 710 inhabitants per square mile.

THAT'S BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — The South remains unreconstructed. The city directory here lists only one Abraham Lincoln, but nine Jefferson Davises.

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7 Man Rubber Boat	75.00	62.50
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AAF Gloves	2.25	1.69
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Cotton Sox	.38	.28
Wool Sox	.64	.32
Hand Towel	.36	.21
Napkins	.45	.34
Table Cloth 48 x 84	2.25	1.95
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White Cot Blanket	2.95	2.25
Color Cot Blanket	2.68	2.15
Flashlight	.75	.35
Flashlight Battery	2 for .15	3/for .15
Hasp	.35	.25
Machette	3.95	2.25
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Rubber Tape	.15	.12
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