

Miller Favors Indian Claims

WASHINGTON.—Chairman Miller (R-Neb.) of the Senate Public Lands Committee said today he believed the Klamath tribe of Oregon should be given \$1,250,000 to the United States treasury to stop paying interest on the tribe's 1857 members citizen-

ship. The money could be used for the purchase or improvement of land, construction of homes, purchase of household equipment, repayment of loans from the government, purchase of feed, repair of farm equipment and purchase of other necessary equipment. It provides that during minority the share of each minor Indian would be used solely for his education.

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Before abandoning ship, Captain Sampson, unable to stop the engine, lashed the helm hard astarboard and the tug traveled in 600-foot circles for 45 minutes, making about 11 knots. Langstaff, 19, was in the galley cooking when the blaze broke out.

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JO ANN AMORDE, 20, blonde blue-eyed Roseburg, Ore., grade school teacher, was crowned "Miss Oregon" as that state's first entry in the annual Miss America contest. (AP Wirephoto)

'Miss Oregon' Returns Home

ROSEBURG.—(AP)—Miss Oregon was to be the guest of honor at two receptions in this area Tuesday as civic boosters and residents turned out to welcome home Miss Jo Ann Amorde, the 20-year-old blue-eyed blonde who won the state beauty title at Seaside.

The Sutherlin grade school teacher wore the banner of the City of Roseburg in the state's first Miss Oregon contest that takes her to Atlantic City in September to compete for the national title.

Roseburg's Paul Bunyan club members will escort her from the airport to the city, where Mayor Albert G. Flegel will present the keys of the city. Later another reception at Sutherlin will welcome her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Amorde.

Housing Office Offers Civil Service Position

A civil service position as a management aide (accounting) is now open in the local office of the Federal Public Housing Authority, the agency's area general manager, R. G. Campbell announced Tuesday.

Women applying for the position which will carry a CAF-4 civil service rating should be prepared to do general office work including bookkeeping and typing, and one of the duties of the job will be management of a local housing project, Campbell said. The position will pay approximately \$2400 a year. Interested persons are asked to call 5515 between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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State Board Okays Flax Crop Payment

SALEM.—(AP)—The State Board of Control Tuesday approved advance payment of half of the contract price on the 1947 flax crop delivered at the state prison flax plant. This year's crop is 3000 acres.

This year's prices are \$50 a ton for No. 1 grade, \$24 for No. 2, and \$14 for No. 3.

The Board also approved continuation of the payment of a 9 per cent bonus for re-tying bundles to protect the straw from wastage.

L. L. Laws, head of the state flax industry, said this year's crop is of high quality.

Justice Douglas Gets Operation on Tonsils

PORTLAND.—(AP)—Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court entered a Portland hospital Tuesday for medical treatment including tonsillectomy.

"I have had a severe throat infection, which has put me in bed half a dozen times this year," the justice said, "and on one of these occasions pneumonia developed. I have decided that it's time to do something to prevent future recurrences of the condition."

Justice Douglas said he hoped to be back at his Eastern Oregon summer home at Lapover on the Lostine River in a few days.

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Onetime Eugene Newsman to Visit

Richard Johnston, assistant editor of "Life" magazine, and his wife, Laura, who is an editorial assistant on "Newsweek" magazine, will visit his mother, Mrs. Sarah W. Johnston, in Eugene early in August, it was learned Tuesday.

Johnston, formerly a reporter on the old Eugene Daily News and later the Register-Guard, graduated from Eugene High and attended the University of Oregon Journalism school. He also worked with the Portland Journal, the United Press in Portland, and "Time" magazine. He was a U.P. war correspondent during World War II in Shanghai, China.

Mrs. Johnston, the former Laura Margaret Smith of Albany, is a graduate of the U. of O. Journalism School and a former society editor on the old Eugene Daily News. She was later employed by the Portland Journal, the Oregonian, and the Honolulu Advertiser.

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Army to Give ORC 'Umptee' Course View

Local army reserve officers may apply for a three-day flying trip to Ft. Knox, Ky., to observe the experimental universal military training unit there on active duty status.

Application forms are available in Room 7, new postoffice, the Army announcement said Tuesday. About 60 reserve officers from the Sixth Army area will be selected for the trip.

The courses begin on Aug. 12, 18, 26, and Sept. 2, 9, 16. Applications for the Aug. 19 and later courses will be forwarded by the local office of the Organized Reserve Corps.

The classes at Ft. Knox last

two and a half days and air transportation to and from Kentucky will be furnished by the Army.

Sixth Army Headquarters announced that applications must reach San Francisco at least 15 days before the starting date of the desired course.

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