

# Eugene Chamber Directors Say Hall's Suggestion Sound Idea

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Following up on the suggestion made Wednesday night by Gov. John Hall, the board of directors of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening voted to go on record as favoring the diversion of surplus income tax collections for construction needs of the State System of Higher Education.

said that the income tax surplus which is "gathering dust in the state treasury" will grow to at least \$31,000,000 by the end of this June.  
Governor Hall suggested that the Junior Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations of the state take the lead in using the initiative petition method to place a ballot proposition before the voters in the November general election which, if approved would effect the transfer of "whatever funds are necessary" from the tax surplus to the system of higher education.  
Friday, President Ed Pape said that the Eugene Junior Chamber is contacting the junior chambers of other cities to determine the prevailing sentiment in regard to the governor's plan.

## Mission Plans Divided Greece

ATHENS—(AP)—The U. S. aid mission announced Friday plans are being drafted to decentralize the Greek government.  
Dwight P. Griswold, chief of the mission, told a news conference the plans call for division of the country into 12 districts, and for granting broader authority to local governments.  
Griswold said he is encouraged by the situation at present. He said there is better agreement between his mission and the government now than at any previous time.

## Navajos to Receive Surplus Army Goods

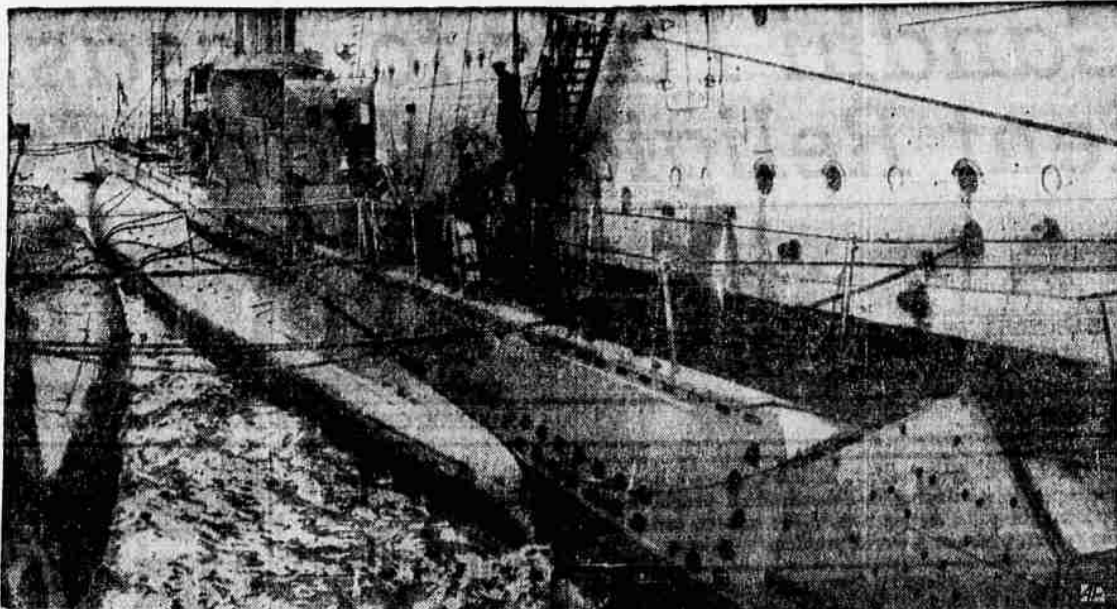
SEATTLE—(AP)—A half million dollars worth of government surplus clothing, stored at Fort Lewis and other western Washington points and offered to the poverty-stricken Navajo Indians, has been declined by the Interior Department, a War Assets Administration spokesman said recently.

O. A. Braden, regional WAA director, said the clothing had been offered if the Interior Department, in charge of Indian affairs, would arrange to have it shipped. The WAA director said he understood rejection was based on a lack of funds for such a purpose.  
The clothing includes large numbers of Army blankets and other reconditioned articles.

## Oregon Construction For 1948 Estimated

SALEM—(AP)—Oregon's construction industry is expected to reach \$200,000,000 in value during 1948, assuring continued high employment in the state, the Oregon Postwar Development and readjustment Commission believes.  
The commission listed \$11,000,000 worth of private homes to be built in the Portland area; \$15,000,000 in hospitals throughout the state and \$22,000,000 of highway work at the top of the list.

Costa Rica is about the same size as West Virginia.



SUBMARINE HEADS FOR ARCTIC—The British submarine Ambush lies alongside the depot ship Montclare at Rothsay, England, preparing to leave for Arctic waters where an attempt will be made to keep her under water for several weeks.

## 39 Injured In Rail Wrecks

OGALLALA, Neb.—(AP)—All 18 cars and one of three power units of the crack Union Pacific City of San Francisco streamliner were derailed 12 miles east of here early Friday.

Twenty-five persons were injured, seven seriously enough to require hospitalization here. A hospital spokesman said none of the injured was in critical condition.  
Five of the cars—two pullmans, a diner, and two coaches—were on their sides or leaning.

Ambulances and doctors were sent to the scene from North Platte, Neb., 28 miles to the west. A seven-car special train was sent from Omaha to pick up the injured among the 214 passengers and return them to Omaha.

Apparently a broken wheel on one of the power units was the cause of the accident, a railroad spokesman said.

MITCHELLVILLE, Tenn.—(AP)—Fourteen persons were injured early Friday when the Louisville and Nashville railroad's streamlined passenger train Hummingbird, involved in its fourth accident in recent days, was in collision with a freight train on a siding near this town on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

Railroad officials said the diesel-powered Hummingbird, headed north from New Orleans to Cincinnati, was moving slowly on a side track when it struck the standing freight. The engine and one of the cars of the Hummingbird were derailed and a third car was thrown into the air by the collision.

Panama is about the same size as Indiana.

## Swedes Make Good Loggers

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.—(AP)—Baron Carl Gabriel Beck-Friis, 26, of Sweden was disclosed Friday to be working as a lumberjack in the northern Arizona pine forests.

He came to the United States last October through arrangements with the State and Agriculture Departments to study American agricultural and forestry methods. His family owns 40,000 acres of timber and farm land in Sweden.

"The young Swedish baron is working on a power-saw timber-felling crew at Maverick, 40 miles south of McNary," said C. J. Warren, vice-president of Southwest Lumber Mills. "He is a very good worker and can hold his own with any lumberjack in the woods."

Baron Beck-Friis will return to Sweden in October and enroll in the University of Gothenburg for a one-year commercial course to complete his education.

## Farm Groups Back Relief Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Leaders of two big farm organizations backed the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe Friday.

Even as they were telling a Senate committee they support the idea, Republicans brushed off President Truman's new plea for \$8,800,000,000 to get it started.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told a reported, "there will certainly be a cut in the amount."  
Leaders Named  
The farm leaders are President Allan B. Kline of the American Farm Bureau Federation and J. T. Sanders, counsel for the National Grange. They gave their views to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Kline said his group feels this country should help western European nations "help themselves in such a manner that it will be in our long-time best interest."

He added that this must be done without "resort to a regulated economy" at home.

Sanders said the United States may be able to double its standard of living in the next 20 to 30 years "if we can gear our economy into a long-time peaceful world economy."

Senator Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said his group is still trying to "get down to the facts of what the President really does want."

Bridges said he is not opposing the recovery plan "but that doesn't mean I'm going into it blindfolded."

All or Nothing  
The President told his news conference Thursday that he wants all of the Marshall Plan or nothing. Under questioning he said he was referring mainly to the four uninterrupted years of assistance for western Europe which the program proposes.

He emphasized, however, that he thinks the full \$8,800,000,000 asked for the 15 months beginning April 1 is absolutely essential. He said he is opposed to what he said were Republican suggestions for trimming it by \$2,300,000,000.

Such a reduction, Mr. Truman declared, would make it a relief and not a recovery program.

## Canadians Mourn Gandhi

VANCOUVER—(AP)—A special 48-hour ceremony of continuous prayer will be attended by more than 1200 Hindus and Sikhs in British Columbia mourning the death of Mohandas Gandhi, East Indian Official here said Friday.  
Eurdit Singh, president of the Khalsa Ewan Society, said the news of Gandhi's death has "left us full of sorrow and sadness and it is a terrible blow to the cause of peace in India."  
Singh said prayers would start next Friday and continue through Sunday.

There have been no demonstrations reported in the province. East Indians in the dominion are Canadian citizens and were given permission to vote last year, a government spokesman said.  
Nicaragua is about the same size as Michigan.

## Oregon Veterans Concerned About Farm and Home Loans

The most popular question asked by Oregon veterans interviewed by the State Department of Veterans' Affairs last year pertained to the \$6000 farm and home loan available to eligible ex-servicemen of World War II, a yearly roundup completed this week disclosed.

Of 30,156 interviews conducted in 1947 in the Portland and Salem offices of the state veterans' agency, 5284 were with those seeking information and counseling or applying for the loan.

GI educational benefits were next most important to Oregon veterans, with 4468 interviews on this subject. Terminal leave bond applications ran third, with 3055 interviews, while GI insurance with 2859, state educational benefits with 2195, and apprenticeship under the GI job training program with 1803 interviews followed.

Counseling and assistance also were given the veteran or his dependents on disability compensation claims, pensions, employment and hospitalization, with a thou-

sand or more persons being interviewed on each of these items.  
Of the state loan interviews, 722 resulted in applications. Of these, 457 were granted loans amounting to \$1,597,725, for an average of \$3496 per loan.

A marked increase in loan applications followed liberalization of the act by the 1947 legislature. Largest month for applications was September with 109, and the greatest number of loans approved in one month came in October, with 80.

By the end of 1947 a total of 831 loans had been granted in the two years and three months of the department's operations, amounting to \$2,417,168.

## Petrillo Signs For FM Shows

NEW YORK—(AP)—Radio programs originating on standard networks may be duplicated over frequency modulation stations beginning Sunday as a result of an agreement reached Thursday between James C. Petrillo and the four major networks.

The agreement also calls for a 60-day extension of the terms of the present contract between the networks and the American Federation of Musicians due to expire Saturday midnight.

Announcement of the developments came in a joint announcement by the A.F. of L. Musicians Union president and officials of the networks—ABC, CBS, MBS and NBC.

## Stassen Favors Control Power

LEWISTON, Me.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen said Monday he was in favor of giving the government "excess inventory control power as a weapon against hoarding, profiteering and semi-monopoly."  
Nearing the end of a week-long tour of New England, the candidate for the Republican presidential nomination proposed a four-point program to deal with rising prices:

1. A new excess inventory control power in the government.
2. Limitations on credit, especially consumer installment credit.
3. Limitations on speculation in scarce commodities.
4. Complete revision of governmental purchasing powers to put them under Congress.

## Flag Drops To Half Staff

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—The United Nations Friday lowered its blue-white flag in half staff for the first time, in mourning for Mohandas K. Gandhi.

The flag here and also those over the U.N.'s building in midtown Manhattan and its European headquarters in Geneva will fly at half staff for three days. Remaining down for the same period will be flags of the 57 member countries usually unfurled in front of the U.N. offices here.

Expressions of sympathy poured into the grief-filled rooms of the Indian delegation. They were received by Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Indian minister of state and chief delegate to the U.N. During the Security Council debate on India's dispute with Pakistan.

Ayyangar, obviously affected, said the assassination "is the biggest disaster which has overtaken our country."

## Constellation Might Be 'Freedom Ship'

MARCUS HOOK, a.—(AP)—The 149-year-old U. S. S. Constellation may be restored to health and sailed back to the ancestral home of its designer as sort of a nautical freedom train.

One of America's most famous warships, the Constellation is reported rotting away at its anchorage in the Boston Navy yard.

Carl E. Mau, publisher of the Marcus Hook Herald, said Thursday he wants to restore the vessel to her original condition.

## Pittenger Posts Bail, Temporarily Suspended

OREGON CITY—(AP)—Lawrence Pittenger, Oregon City police chief under indictment of assault and battery, was free Friday on \$1000 bond but was temporarily suspended from the force.

He was accused by the grand jury of slapping a 30-year-old youth last month. Previously Pittenger resigned as Eugene police chief after slapping a youth there.  
The city commission suspended Pittenger late Thursday after learning of the indictment.

## Democrats Try Tax Substitute

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Democrats hatched a plan Friday to use the GOP tax cut bill as the model for a substitute containing a \$3,200,000,000 corporation tax.

As a way to save a part of President Truman's own tax program, it looked like a forlorn hope.

The great election year debate entered its second day with Republicans confident their bill, with its \$6,500,000,000 in tax reductions, will pass unchanged on Monday. The Republican bill does not provide any new taxes.

The Democratic leadership had just about given up any idea of putting the President's \$40-a-head tax-cutting proposal before the House. Instead, the search was on

for a compromise.  
The plan was to provide a point for Democrats no enthusiasm either for man's ideas or the GOP Chairman Knutson (R-Wash.) and Metz (D-Mo.) Democratic members House Ways and Means committee Thursday in Leader Rayburn's office.  
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