United States Welcomes Food Conference Delegates (AP)—The five U. S. delegates to the United Nations food conference at Hot Springs, Va., (back to front at right), Marvin Jones, Paul H. Appelby, W. L. Clayton, Murray D. Lincoln and Josephine Schain, welcomed delegates from other United Nations at a reception at the Homestead hotel.

15,200,000 Women Work

Washington, May 21 (U.P.) — War manpower commission officials said today that 15,200,000 women were in the labor force as of March, an increase of 1,900,000 over the figure for March, 1942.

They stressed that the increase in women workers is "surprisingly good" and presented these figures:

1. A survey of 8,000 establishments showed that in the six-months period ending in March all employment increased 17 per cent, while employment of women alone increased 52 per cent.

2. The increase was sharpest in munitions industries where all employment increased 19 per cent from March 1942, to March, 1943, while that of women alone increased 69 per cent.

3. In the aircraft production and parts industry, a subsection of munitions, the overall increase during the same period was 35 per cent, while the number of women employes increased 184 per cent.

Conchie Deserter Gets Three Years

Portland, May 21 (U.P.)—Robert Sampson McGinnis, 25, knew today what would happen if he deserted the conscientious objector camp at Camino, Cal. It was three years in federal prison.

McGinnis, member of Jehovah's Witnesses sect, was sent to the camp after his arrest here for failure to report for induction into the army.

He reportedly told the camp superintendent he planned to leave because the camp was "no place" for him, but the officer warned him, "you know what will happen if you leave."

"I didn't know, though," McGinnis told Federal Judge Claude McColloch.

"You're about to find out," McColloch said, and passed sentence.

Second Term for Leonhard Ludwig

Walla Walla, May 21 (AP)—Delegates to the American Lutheran church's northwestern district convention here yesterday elected the Rev. Leonhard Ludwig of Portland to his second consecutive term as full-time president. He has served as president in a full or part-time capacity for 15 years.

Ranking vice presidents elected were the Rev. John Groschupf of Spokane and the Rev. A.R.M. Kettner of Tacoma.

Food Conference Plans to Raise Living Standards

Hot Springs, Va., May 21 (U.P.)—China and the Netherlands today added their support to growing sentiment at the United Nations food conference in favor of a world commission for concerted international action in raising the living standards of all people. Dr. P. W. Kuo, chief of the Chinese delegation, declared in favor of the project, previously endorsed by the American and British delegations.

M. P. L. Steenberghe, chairman of the Netherlands delegation, advocated an international body which would be "equipped with greater and more independent powers of investigation and control than has usually been the case hitherto."

Herve Alphand, chairman of the French delegation, said he was confident that France, too, will join in any international organization to deal with the post war food problem. He added that he believed France—if her manpower now imprisoned in Germany is returned promptly and if seed, fertilizer and machinery are made available—will be able to help feed distressed European nations after the war.

The Chinese delegation held a press conference at which Dr. Kuo told of China's views. He was flanked by experts from Chungking who joined in the discussion as it touched their particular fields.

Delegates to the conference, however, rejected the theory that they were conjuring up a permanent system of international charity.

They described as erroneous ideas that the United States would be called upon to feed the world at the expense of its own people.

Richard K. Law, chairman of the British delegation keynoted that theme with the statement that the United States would provide some things in the post-war world, but that no one at this international conference is asking for charity.

Pennsylvania Miners Return

Pittsburgh, May 21 (U.P.) — Strikes tapered off in the western Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields today as miners responded to appeals of government and United Mine Workers officials, and union leaders predicted that operations will be back to normal by Monday.

The back-to-work move began late yesterday when workers at three mines employing more than 1,100 men returned to their jobs, and strikers at four other pits employing another 1,100 men, voted to go back to work this morning.

At the height of the strike, most of them due to resentment among the miners over developments in the prolonged contract negotiations in connection with their demands for wage increases, some 6,000 workers employed in 15 mines and a coke plant were idle. The walkouts began Wednesday.

The walkouts violated a truce declared by John L. Lewis to take effect when a previous 15-day armistice expired last Tuesday midnight.

Cat Uses Meat Stamp To Catch Mouse

McMinnville, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Ernest Mendenhall's children spied their cat toting a mouse and a feed sack label. Chirped the youngest:

"That's his meat stamp, I betcha."

Serving Uncle Sam

Delbert B. Hill of Mill City, one of the graduating seniors of the ROTC at the University of Oregon, was ordered into active duty at the infantry officers' candidate school following ceremonies Thursday attended by Governor Earl Snell. The review was probably the last until after the war and was held before Governor Snell and ROTC staff officers.

Lieut. Howard G. Roberts of Salem has returned to San Diego naval hospital, the navy having given him a post-graduate course of six months in surgery. He has served overseas about two years. Lieut. Roberts is a graduate of Willamette.

John Stanley Turnbull, husband of Marion Turnbull, 830 North 20th street, Salem, began his recruit training this week at Farragut, Ida.

Cpl. Douglas M. Drager, with the marines in the South Pacific, has returned to active duty after a period spent in a rest camp, apparently in Australia or New Zealand, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Rue Drager, 998 North Capitol. He is serving with a special weapons batallion and spent six months in the Solomons. He said that he had regained his lost weight and is feeling fine.

Joining her brother in the armed services, Miss Dolores Marie Annen, 565 North Cottage street, has enlisted in the WAVES, women's service of the U. S. navy, it was reported today by Chief Robert B. Fallon, in charge of U. S. navy recruiting substation in Salem, which handles applications for both WAVES and SPARS in the Salem area. Miss Annen's brother, Cletus J. Annen, is a private, first class, in the U. S. army, now in training at a camp in Kentucky. In 1939 Miss Annen graduated from Mount Angel academy. She was president of the senior class and captain of the basketball squad. From 1939 to 1941 she attended Mount Angel college. Her first position was at the secretary of state's office as a file clerk in June and July, 1941. Since August, 1941, Miss Annen has been a stenographer at the veterans state aid commission in Salem. She has been active here as a USO junior hostess. Miss Annen is a member of the Salem St. Joseph's parish. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Annen, route 1, Mount Angel.

Silverton—All grandsons of the C. D. Mathenys of East Hill and a grand-son-in-law, six in all, are now serving in the armed forces excepting one, Gary Gustafson, who is only 10 years old. Doris, the small daughter of the oldest grandson of the Mathenys, Earl Stam now with the engineers in Honolulu, makes her home with the John Gustafsons, parents of Gary. The last to enlist is the grandson-in-law, Fred Farley, serving in a technical aviation camp in the east, with his wife, the former Doris Matheny, daughter of the Wren Mathenys, is making her home in Silverton.

Silverton—A former resident of Silverton for many years, Miss Helen Elizabeth Scott, R.N., is a member of unit 46 of Portland, located at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Miss Scott is well known in the Salem and Silverton communities from her years of private and hospital nursing here at the Salem General hospital, as superintendent of both Lakeview and Longview hospitals prior to her enlistment with the famous unit from the Bodeen clinic. A sister of Miss Scott, Miss Clara Scott, now a stenographer in Portland, and also a former Silverton girl, is visited frequently by the John Gustafsons of Silverton who keep local folk informed of the work of the two women.

Scio—Nearly 70 names of graduates and former students of Scio high school have been listed in preparation of presentation of a service flag to the school by the Scio VFW post and auxiliary. One gold star will appear on the flag for Lane Weinberg, who was killed in action with the navy. Mrs. Hobart Hoagland, box 4, Scio, is in charge of assembling the names and requests parents and friends of former students to assist her in listing names and ranks. Her phone number is 115.

A purple heart medal has been awarded posthumously to Blaine McCord, Jr., of Woodburn, second lieutenant in the army air corps. The medal has been sent to Mrs. Pauline McCord, his widow, who with their small daughter, Ann, is visiting the lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine McCord, here this summer. Accompanying the medal was a formal proclamation, signed by Henry Stimson as secretary of war, stating that the medal "established by George Washington at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1782," was being awarded to Lieut. McCord "for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death April 12, 1943." Mrs. McCord has also received letters from Washington, D.C.

Stayton—Word was received from Henry Deidrich, USNR, this week. He stated that he was well and had left the Solomons. He was of course unable to mention his present whereabouts, but expressed a devout wish that he would be back "in the good old state of Oregon" where he could go on a fishing trip some day, when they get their "job" finished.

Mrs. Nova Jordan received a letter from her husband, Durryl Jordan Tuesday. Jordan is overseas with the army. He told of losing his wallet and all his money and requested that his wife mail him a new one stuffed with $50 bills.

West Salem — Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wells have received a V letter from Mr. Wells's brother, Private First Class LeRoy Wells who is stationed in Hawaii. He joined the armed forces in April of 1942 and for the past year has been stationed in Hawaii. He reports being in good health.

Woodburn — A group of selectees left the draft board headquarters at Woodburn Thursday morning for the induction station at Portland, where they will take their army physical, and if passed, will be inducted into the army and returned to their homes for a brief period before being called into active service.

Maurice Vernon Woldahl of Silverton was appointed leader of the group and Edward Erwin Johnson, also of Silverton, was appointed assistant leader.

Those leaving were from Woodburn, Alphouse Michael Surmeyer, Harold Wade Perion, Ray Blair Rich, Jack Bithel Thompson, Nathan Dennis, Jr., Norbert John Lecher, Richard Dwayne Mathieson, who volunteered for induction; Joe Donald Fleck, transferred from Dunn county, N. Dak.; William Johnston Arney, transferred from Weiser, Ida.

From Gervais, Albert Joseph Bauman, Harold Lloyd Schafer and Ernest Glenn Banyard.

From Mt. Angel, Hanford Randolph Coltman and Aznelius Joseph Skonetzni.

From Silverton, Elmer Oscar Baker, Orin Ron Gunderson, Lawrence Wesley Kruse, Edward Erwin Johnson, William Neill MacNeill, transferred from Seattle; Arthur Halver Dahl, transferred from Washington, D.C.; John L. Martin, transferred from Seattle and Maurice Vernon Woldahl, transferred from Minnesota.

From St. Paul, Peter George McDonald.

From Hubbard, Charles Elton Vredenburg, Jr., Jack Burden and Billy Ray Bristow.

From Salem, Donald Norman Zielinski and Jack B. Mennis.

From Scotts Mills, Ralph Wesley Wakefield.

From Donald, Clyde McMillan, transferred from Pierce county, Wash.

Enlisting in the navy in Portland this week were David Eugene Bales, Salem, and Carl August Koenig, Gervais.

Second Degree Lotka Verdict

Medford, Ore., May 21 (AP) — Sgt. Bernard J. Lotka, 23, Cleveland, O., faced the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison today.

A circuit court jury, after deliberating four hours and 25 minutes, convicted him of second degree murder last night in the death of his 10-week-old son in an auto court cabin here April 1. The verdict, under Oregon law, carried a mandatory life sentence. Judge H. K. Hanna said he would pass sentence Tuesday.

The state, accusing Lotka of smothering the baby, had asked the death penalty for first degree murder.

Lotka, a surgical technician at nearby Camp White, took the verdict stoically. His attorneys, George A. Codding and O. H. Bengtson, said they would appeal to the state supreme court.

The baby's mother, Tillie Michalski, 22, also of Cleveland, will be tried May 24 on a joint charge of first degree murder.

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We are proud to live in such a state, proud to count ourselves among such people.

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