

## Salem Soap Box Derby Really Booming Now

By RON GEMMELL

Now it's the Oregon Mounted Posse, the Coca Cola company and Higgins Insurance company who announce intentions of sponsoring boys in Salem's first official Soap Box Derby.

St. Elmo Massengale, manager of the Coca Cola bottling works, states his company is going to sponsor three eligible boys of employees there and, if possible, wants to give a free coke to each entrant in the race. The boys who'll be sponsored are Billy Bush, Jr., Stewart Blankenship and Jimmy Campbell.

The Douglas McKay Chevrolet company, co-sponsor of the event with the Capital Journal, reports almost one hundred boys have picked up official rule books here in Salem alone. They've also dispatched a quantity of the books to the Don Densmoor Chevrolet company in Albany and the P. A. Bernard



## Yoshida Warns Of Russian Pact

Tokyo (AP) — Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida Tuesday told the upper house of the diet that too many "unpleasant things" stood in the way of friendly relations between Russia and Japan.

In response to questions he cited: 1. Failure of Russia to repatriate more than 300,000 Japanese soldiers captured in the closing days of World War II; 2. The Communist Chinese-Soviet alliance naming Japan as a potential enemy; 3. Continued Russian occupation of Shikotan Island north of Japan.

Meantime, Soviet trade representative told Japanese business leaders it would be "logical for Russia to conclude commercial treaties with Japan in the near future."

## Air Force Continues Search for Lost Plane

Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. (AP) — The Air Force still is searching for the C-47 that vanished with eight aboard on a Dec. 26 flight from Spokane to Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Air rescue officials Wednesday said an air search was continuing but no ground parties were in the field.

## Man-Made Rain Held Failure

New York (AP) — Man-made rain experiments in the eight western states were failures, according to reports made to the annual meeting of the American Meteorological society in session here.

E. J. Workman of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, said in a report to the opening session that use of silver iodide had failed to increase rain in western experiments.

It actually decreased precipitation, Workman said, in advocating much more research into the practicability of rain-making.

Dr. Irving Langmuir, rain-making experimenter for the General Electric company, said the western experiments "gave inconclusive results." The experiments were abandoned about the end of last year, he said.

## Oregon GI'S View American Films With German Dialogue

By DAVE HOSS (Special Correspondent)

Wiesbaden, Germany, Jan. 22. — From the Willamette valley of Germany I arrived at 12th Air Force headquarters in Wiesbaden this morning after a one-hour train ride from Frankfurt.

For the first time in days it has stopped raining or snowing and the countryside looks a great deal like the farming area of the valley back home.

With advance notice having been sent out to Col. Millicent Anderson, WAF PIO, she and her staff had arranged for Pfc. David Hoblitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Hoblitt of Silverton, and S/Sgt. John L. Erikson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Erikson of 2745 Chemawa road, to be on hand for an interview.

Both families had sent in the boys' names and locations to Stevens and Son prior to my departure, so our reunion was not too unexpected.

After reading every page of the Capital Journal I carry with me, and asking questions about everything and anything at home, we talked about their activities.

David is doing restricted work, so German movies were his favorite subject. Many of the films are American with German dialogue. Can you imagine Hopalong Cassidy roll-

ing out guttural German words as he chases the villains? John has been overseas some 24 months and spends most of his spare time entertaining troops with his singing and acting as master of ceremonies for camp entertainments.

There was mutual agreement about enjoying life over here, but of course, both would just as soon be back there in Oregon.

A full schedule made it necessary for me to head back to Frankfurt to catch a plane for Stuttgart this afternoon, so arrangements are being made for several other Salem area lads to meet me in Frankfurt next Saturday for another recording session.

## Burns Has New Police Chief

Burns, Ore. (AP) — Lloyd Larsen, former Roseburg police

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chief, will succeed Walter Lipscomb as chief of police here a list of five applicants.

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## Underworld Characters Stage Melodrama in Hollywood

Hollywood, Calif. (AP) — Police said today a New York gunman's alleged plot to shoot big Sam Farkas, former henchman of gambler Mickey Cohen, was a "hired killing attempt."

Joseph Distefano, 35, was arrested on suspicion of assault with intent to murder Farkas Monday after the one-time Cohen bodyguard shouted for police and began grappling with the New Yorker in his car in downtown Hollywood.

Traffic Patrolman M. E. Mosher said he ran to the car and found Distefano beating Farkas with one hand and holding a .32 caliber automatic under his coat with the other.

Farkas said Distefano planned to take him into the Hollywood hills and shoot him.

The hulking bodyguard, who was arrested only 11 days ago on suspicion of burglary, told police Distefano offered him a ride as he stood waiting for a streetcar. He said he had known Distefano for 15 years and "thought he was friendly."

When he got in the car, however, Distefano covered him with the automatic and drove out into some lonely oilfields, Farkas said. There, he said, he jumped from the car and tried to flee, but Distefano fired a shot at him. Farkas said he fell, and Distefano captured him.

"He said he was going to take me to the Hollywood hills and shoot me. He said he had been laying for me for two or three

days," Farkas said.

As they drove through Hollywood, Farkas grabbed the ignition keys from the car, threw them away and grappled with Distefano until the officer arrived.

Police Chief William Parker, however, said he was convinced Farkas was meant to be the target of an underworld assassination.

Police said Distefano arrived here last Saturday in a car he borrowed from his brother in New York.

## Postmasters to Hear Jesse Donaldson

Prineville, Ore. (AP) — A spokesman for the National Association of Postmasters said today approximately 500 persons, including Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson and his wife, were expected to attend the organization's June meeting here.

Ethan Newman, Eugene postmaster and vice president of the association, said the date of the 1952 convention would be set at Donaldson's convenience.

Newman said Gov. Douglas McKay also would be invited to address a session of the convention.

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