

More Study Expected For Zone Expansion

Northward Move Investigated by Planners

More delay seemed a certainty Tuesday on the petitioned extension of the downtown Salem commercial zone northward on Church street. The planning commission will meet Tuesday night but Chairman Robert K. Powell reported

Legislature to Receive Rural Library Bill

A legislative bill which would combine state and federal funds for the development of library service in rural areas of the state was explained at a meeting Saturday of the Library Development committee of the Oregon Library association by Mrs. Warren McMinnee, Tillamook.

Trustees of the state library plan to introduce the bill at this session of the legislature, Mrs. McMinnee explained. She went on to say that the bill provides for funds from the state which would be matched by federal money made available under the Federal Library Services act. The purpose of the federal legislation is to stimulate rural library growth.

Eight Students Work as Pages

Eight Willamette university students are learning first-hand the many facets of politics through their appointments as pages with the 49th session of the Oregon legislature. Working in the senate are Mary Beebe, Newport; Mac Baker, Salem; and Ross Fortner, Baker. Pages for the house of representatives are David Barrows, Orinda, Calif.; and Lyle Banton, La Grande. Aiding the lobby members are Doug Houser, Portland; Paul Shaffer, Medford; and Laurel Alexander, Sonny Valley.

Since most of the students working for this legislature are political science or prelaw majors, the access to governmental agencies gives them valuable experience and a practical understanding for their future vocations.

State Appeals Judge's Order

An appeal to the supreme court from a recent ruling by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan ordering the release of Roy Bert Landreth will be made by the state. Landreth, who had been convicted in 1944 under the provisions of the habitual criminal act, had filed a petition for habeas corpus. Judge Duncan held that two crimes involving the transportation of motor vehicles across state borders should not be considered as applying to the habitual criminal act.

Dean at Stanford Lauds Students From Willamette

Willamette university students enrolled in the 3-2 program in engineering at Stanford university were praised highly by the associate dean of that department in a letter to the university this week. Dean Ray K. Linsley, of Stanford's school of engineering, commented that "thus far Willamette students transferring to Stanford have made the best records of any students in the 3-2 program." The 3-2 plan was inaugurated in 1953, with eight schools participating in a program whereby three years are spent at a liberal arts school, the following two in Stanford's engineering department. The student, after five years, receives a BS degree from Stanford and a BA from his first school.

Total enrollment in the program is 14. Willamette has graduated three men from the 3-2 program. Richard Ross, Portland; and James Morgali and Eugene Bartlett, Salem.

Bartlett completed the program with the highest grade point average of any student graduating from the school in 1955. At present two students, Richard Harman, Portland; and Richard Brockway, San Carlos, are enrolled in the program.

Monday that the commission will not be ready to take action on the petition at the meeting.

The proposal was first made in October to change three lots on the east side of Church street between Union street and Mill Creek from R-2 residential to C-2 business. The request was made by Francis Smith.

Petition Returned
At first the commission recommended rejection claiming that vacant property already zoned for business was available in the area. Later, however, the commission asked that the petition be returned from the city council for further study.

The petition issue was tabled for 30 days at the Dec. 10 meeting of the council.

The commission's regular meeting, which will be held in the city hall chambers at 7:30 p.m., will find the body studying two other items of business. A request from Teddy R. and Louise Pyle for a two-foot front setback variation to build a house on the northeast corner of N. Church and Jefferson streets is one of them. The Pyles' petition is supported by the signatures of 16 property owners in the area.

Setback Request
The commission will also act on an application by Precision Builders, Inc., for a rear setback variance for a court apartment on three lots at the south east corner of Simpson and 24th streets. The petition was heard at the Jan. 8 meeting of the group and was referred to the variance and zone change committee.

Trials Set for Three Accused Of Burglary

Three men, charged with burglary the morning of Dec. 25 of a Candalaria drug store, will be given separate trials, Circuit Judge Geo. R. Duncan ruled Monday. All three had previously entered innocent pleas.

Charged with the burglary of \$150 from the store are Elmer Walls, Peoria, Ill.; James Henry Cain, 423 Tryon Ave., Salem; and Duane Arvid Spencer, Newport. William Elliott Miley, 2397 Hazel Ave., who had previously pleaded guilty to the burglary charge, is awaiting sentence.

Judge Duncan sentenced Delores Jean Baber, 1370 Ferry St., to 18 months in prison on a charge of probation violation.

Philip Wayne Brower was placed on probation for two years on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Sloper Denies Hertz Motion

A motion by the Hertz Corporation asking for a restraining order against the State Public Utilities commission from enforcing a preliminary injunction has been denied by Circuit Court Judge Val D. Sloper.

New Tramway at YMCA Pool Goes Into Operation

The YMCA, which recently installed an instructional pool in its new youth wing, is now equipped to care for polio patients in a more efficient manner. By virtue of a contribution of funds from Pacific Lodge No. 50 A.F. & A.M. Salem, a tramway device for carrying patients from a side door to a dressing room and thence to the pool has been placed in operation. The contrivance had its first run Monday night when Richard O'Connor, 25, 47th North River Rd. was taken to the pool for therapeutic treatment.

St. Olaf College Choir Will Give Concert Here Next Month

Salem is again on the itinerary of the world-famous choir of St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn., which is making its annual tour. The group of 60 singers will appear at the Willamette university Fine Arts auditorium February 14 under the auspices of St. Mark's Lutheran church.

The FBI Story — by Don Whitehead

CHAPTER 14

Trapping Enemy In Nation

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The forces of fear and subversion, were on the march in the summer of 1956. The one-time Austrian paper-hanger, Adolf Hitler, had risen to power in Germany, and while he talked of peace he planned for war.

The Japanese war lords stood astride Korea and Manchuria and, with bloody swords in their hands, threatened all of Asia. The Fascist chief, Mussolini, was carving out his new Roman empire in Africa. Spain was being torn cruelly by a civil war which pitted brother against brother, Fascist against Communist.

In Soviet Russia, Stalin was continuing his bloody purges, adding new victims to the list of millions already liquidated by guns and by deliberate starvation.

And in the United States, nine million jobless walked the streets while the reactionary forces of fascism and communism were enlisting recruits to their causes.

Confidential Job
This, in bare outline, was the gloomy state of the world on the morning of Aug. 4, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover left his headquarters to answer a summons to a White House conference which would remain secret until this writing.

Hoover was shown into President Franklin D. Roosevelt's office at 9:15. The President looked up from his work and smiled. "Sit down, Edgar." He pushed himself back from his oval desk and lit a cigarette.

"I called you over," he said, "because I want you to do a job for me and it must be confidential."

First Full Probe
Roosevelt went on to say he had become increasingly concerned about the activities of Communists and other subversive groups. He felt that he should have more information than he had been receiving. He wondered if there were some way by which he could obtain a broad intelligence picture of Communist and Fascist activities alike in relation to the economic and political life of the country.

Hoover said that there was, but that under the law the secretary of state must request the attorney general to undertake an investigation. This Secretary of State Cordell Hull quickly did, and Atty. Gen. Homer Cummings passed along the order to Hoover.

There had been previous checks by the FBI into pro-Fascist activities, but they had been limited to individual cases and there had been no constant investigation carried on in the field of subversive activities.

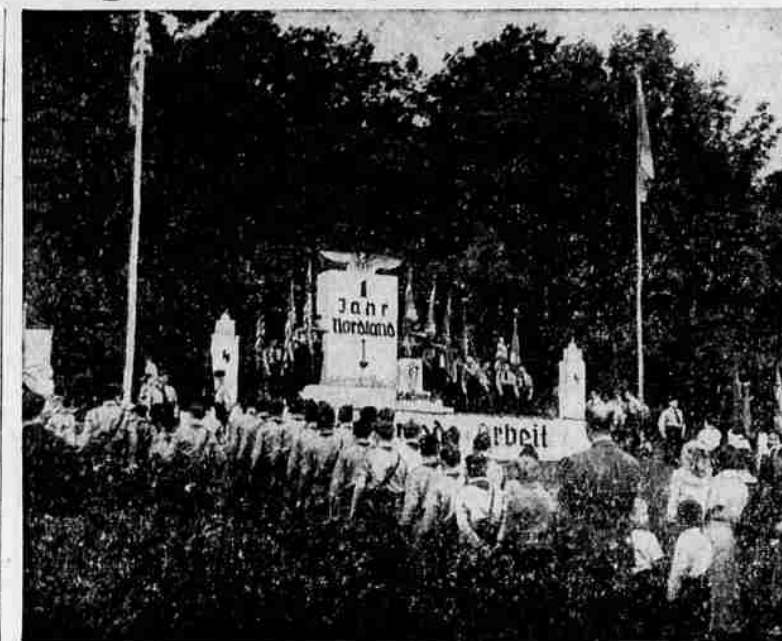
First Big Spy Case
But now the FBI, quietly and without publicly disclosing the source of its authority, began to check on Communist activities and to chart the rise of Fascist movements in the United States. These intelligence investigations would later stir up a hornet's nest of criticism to the effect that the FBI was meddling in the political beliefs and opinions of persons merely because they held radical views, contrary to those held by Hoover.

The first major espionage case in this period involved Gurneher Gustave Runnich, who had deserted from the U. S. Army in 1936 and then entered the German espionage service.

War Department intelligence officers called the FBI into the Runnich case when they received a warning from an American military attaché in London that an effort would be made to steal the United States' secret east coast defense plans. The identity of the foreign agent was unknown to the military and the FBI.

Bund Activity
The FBI worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence to nail another spy, John Semer Farnsworth, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy who was dishonorably discharged from the Navy in 1927 and then became a spy in the pay of the Japanese from 1932 through 1936. The first tip on Farnsworth's activities came from Fulton Lewis Jr., a newsman who heard and believed Farnsworth's drunken talk of a spy career.

Rather than expose the case himself as an exclusive story, he put the facts to the FBI—a practice followed by other reporters over the years when security was involved. Farnsworth, the FBI learned, received some \$20,000 for giving the Japanese stolen Navy blueprints, code books, signal books, sketches of ships and naval



FBI, remembering easy time German agents before World War II on Bund. This scene was had before World War I, kept close eye in years shot at meeting in Camp Nordland, N. J., in 1938.

maneuvers, and other information. Then columnist Heywood Brown caused a flurry in official Washington in March, 1937, when he wrote that the activities of a German-American Bund had reached a point where "actual recruiting is going on, and there is already a considerable body of storm troops here in America."

These Nazi-like storm troops, he wrote, were drilling and holding rifle practice and "their loyalty is palpably directed toward Hitler and the homeland."

The Dies Committee
Special agents studied the Bund's activities, membership, political teachings, organization, affiliations and military-like training program. They then made a lengthy report to the Department of Justice in the early part of 1938.

The Bund investigation came to a dead end. The Justice Department apparently decided that while the Bund's general teachings had a tendency to be subversive, they did not violate any law of the United States.

That's where the matter stood until November, 1938, when the House Special Committee on Un-American Activities—then known as the Dies committee—demanded an investigation by the State Department to determine whether certain organizations—the Communist Party and the Bund, among others—were not actually unregistered agents of foreign governments, operating in violation of federal law.

The Dies committee kicked up such a fuss that President Roosevelt discussed its demands at a Cabinet meeting on Jan. 4, 1939. Two days later, the President announced at a news conference

that an investigation was under way. (Tomorrow: Trickling the Gestapo.)

SHERIDAN (Special) — Matt Hintzen, former Sheridan businessman, underwent surgery on his knee this week at the Veterans hospital in Portland. He was hospitalized Jan. 2.

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Tax Structure Blamed in New Industry Lag

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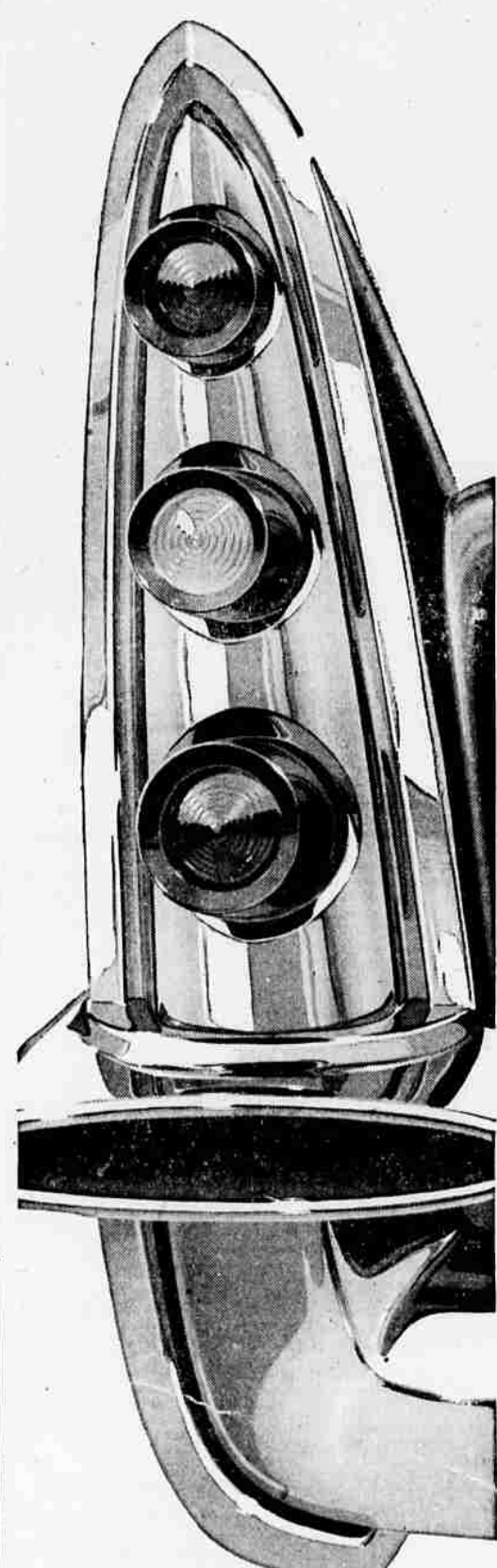
David C. Duncan, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, expressed this view Monday noon while addressing the membership of the local chamber at the Marion hotel.

Nevertheless, Duncan stated that was Oregon has achieved since the arrival of the first pioneers is but a prologue to what lies ahead. Touching upon the possibilities of the atom, Duncan predicted that the next 10 years may bring greater changes in industrial development than has taken place during the past several decades. He spoke of Oregon leadership in the development of the freezing process for the preservation of fruits and vegetables, and expansion of the plywood industry as indicating that the state has taken advantage of some of its potentialities at least.

A brief eulogy in memory of the late Bernard Mainwaring, Capital Journal publisher, was given by Dr. Robert D. Gregg of Willamette university. Del Milne provided organ music during the talk.

The invocation was by Rev. Lowell Holte, pastor of Grace Lutheran church.

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