

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

State Schools Asked At Children's Homes

A bill to have the state Department of Education take over the education of children in Children's farm home near Corvallis and Louise Home in Portland was introduced in the House Monday by Rep. Joe Rogers (D), Independence.

ploye of an agency can't contract with that agency, if he has a personal interest in supplying the goods.

School children would be taught the effects of alcohol and narcotics under a bill introduced in the House Monday.

Its sponsors are Reps. Robert A. Bennett and John D. Goss, Portland Republicans.

A memorial asking Congress to discontinue all forms of foreign aid was introduced in the House Monday by Reps. Robert A. Bennett and John D. Goss, both Portland Republicans.

District court judges would be taken into the state judges' retirement program under a bill introduced Monday by the House Judiciary Committee.

Senator Asks Distress Area

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) says Portland, Ore., should be declared a "distressed" unemployment area so the government will award more contracts there.

He said the Labor Department had declared the area as one of "about average employment." The present rate of jobs in the city, he said, is 9.4 per cent of the workers, compared with the 9.2 per cent when it was given a "distressed" designation.

"Distressed" areas receive special consideration in the award of contracts as a means of providing more jobs.

Brazil is a major republic of South America. It is the name of a legendary island in the Atlantic Ocean, and the name of a town in Indiana.

Went to China 'On Principle,' Says Newsmen

Worthy to Fight Action Taken Against Him For Ban Defy

NEW YORK (UPI)—William C. Worthy, American Negro newspaperman, said last night he defied the State Department ban on travel in Red China "to uphold the principle of freedom of the press."

"I went to Red China primarily for the story, but also for the principle," he said. "The right to free movement is very precious."

Worthy, a reporter for the Baltimore Afro-American, was the first U.S. correspondent to enter Communist China. He said he still has his passport and will fight any action the State Department may try to take against him for breaking its ban.

"It's a matter of upholding the principle of freedom of the press," he said on a television program. "If the government is allowed to tell a reporter where he can go, then it will be telling him what he can report."

Knew of No Penalties Worthy arrived here after landing in Boston earlier from Vienna. He had left Red China after a 41-day visit, via Russia and then went to Budapest before going to Vienna.

He said he did not know what penalties the State Department planned to impose on him, if any. He said that when he landed at Boston, the customs officers looked through his passport, and then handed it back to him without marking it "accepted" as usually is done.

television camera and said "here it is."

Worthy said he thought the Communist government invited U.S. reporters to "embarrass the United States and to show off their material achievement, of which they are very proud."

He said he saw "no evidence" to back up a charge by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that Red China wanted to make a deal, to exchange the 10 U.S. prisoners for State Department permission to let American reporters enter their country.

"I heard nothing about a deal to exchange newsmen for prisoners," he said. "I think they're holding the prisoners as hostages."

"They want to use them to get U.S. recognition of Red China, to obtain high level talks with America and other things," Worthy said.

He said he was permitted to see only one of the 10 American prisoners held by the Reds, the Rev. Paul Mackensen, a Lutheran minister from Baltimore who was jailed by the Communists in 1952.

He described Mackensen as "brainwashed" and said "it was a moving and tragic experience to see him."

He held the passport up for the

Farmers Set Record Count

The agricultural conservation program administered by the Polk county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee had a record participation during 1956, according to Chas. S. Ross, committee chairman.

Total cost shares totaling nearly \$128,000 were earned by Polk county farmers for applying conservation practices on their farms. The increased demand partly resulted from the floods during the winter of 1955-1956.

Practices of a permanent nature brought the greatest demand. A total of 858,264 feet or 163 miles of tile draining approximately 1800 acres was installed, continued Ross.

Another accomplishment was 6100 feet of channel work performed on Rickreall creek and the Luckiamute river which required over 4,000 cubic yards of rip-rap or large rock.

Other work included approximately 25,000 feet of open ditch, 10 storage reservoirs, sod waterways, land leveling, and grading and shaping 91 flood damaged acres. Total cost of this work represents a total investment of approximately \$195,000 which received either 50 or 80 per cent Federal cost - sharing.

Technical assistance was furnished by the soil conservation service in agreement with the county committee.

The year-end summary of food market inspections by the state department of agriculture shows 174 grocery establishments were checked in 1956. Five years ago 625 of these markets were inspected.

This is good news, not bad news, for consumers. These stores just don't need as much inspection as formerly.

Many of the Oregon grocery stores are ahead of the requirements of the sanitation laws, declares O. K. Beals, chief of foods and dairies work for the department.

He attributes this to competition, consumer demand and the increasing number of big markets. In many stores, the backroom is about the only place where the department finds violations of the state sanitation requirements.

A torture chamber of the middle ages in Rothenberg, Germany has been restored to show tourists.

Mrs. Ryan Named Queen of Annual Firemen's Ball

Mrs. Anna Ryan was named Queen of the annual Firemen's ball Saturday night at the Crystal Garden dance hall.

The 88-year-old Dallas woman was selected for the honor as the oldest woman attending the dance. Fire Marshall Glenn Shedeck presented her with a bouquet of red roses.

About 1,000 persons attended the ball, Shedeck estimated. Proceeds from the ball will provide funds for various departmental activities such as charity donations, Christmas toy repair, etc., Shedeck said.

Couple Admits Killing Marine

PROSSER, Wash. (UPI)—A young couple calmly confessed to Benton County sheriff's deputies last night that they murdered a hitch-hiking Marine in Illinois' Clay County last December.

The sheriff's office said Robert Baker, 26, and Trudy Jo Baker, 17, admitted the slaying separately after relatives of the girl, who became suspicious of remarks made by the couple while visiting here, informed authorities.

The girl said she and Baker, an ex-convict, had picked up the Marine while driving through Illinois en route to Baker's home in Pennsylvania. She said they had been married in Elko, Nev., after knowing each other three days. In her signed confession, she said they planned to rob the Marine, and while he was asleep, decided the only way to get away with the crime was to murder him. The Marine was shot in the back with a .30-30 rifle and dumped along the roadside, the girl said. Clay County authorities, informed of the confession, said the details matched their findings in the case.

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Egypt to Pass British Ships

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd announced Monday Britain has received assurances her ships will be allowed through the Suez Canal once that blocked waterway is cleared.

He told the House of Commons Egypt gave the assurances to the United Nations, which relayed them to Britain.

Passage of British ships, he added, would be allowed "in accordance with the 1888 convention"—the old treaty guaranteeing the right of international usage of the canal.

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