

German Exchange Student Sees Good Chance For Democracy Establishment

There is a good chance that democracy will become firmly established in the new West German republic if the present economic level can be maintained and recovery progress continues. This opinion was expressed at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club by Harold Steiler, German exchange student now attending Southern Oregon college.

Speaking at the Hotel Jackson, Steiler, whose home is in Neurnberg, warned that a serious recession could impel the Germans to seek a "strong man," although more and more of his countrymen are beginning to realize that another Hitler-type leader could not improve their lot.

Enmities Vanishing
Economic and political pressures developing out of the east-west rivalry are gradually banishing traditional enmities between the French and Germans and encouraging greater cooperation and tolerance between European nations. Most thinking Germans also want continued military occupation because their police force is insufficient to cope with the infiltration of Russian agents to follow departure of allied forces.

Those who publicize the few conspicuous differences between the Germans and their conquerors at this time are giving the impression that Germans generally are not grateful for efforts to re-establish German economic and political recovery, Steiler said.

"I am convinced that most Germans are sincerely grateful for the generous and effective recovery program of the United States and their allies," Steiler emphasized. "A long-range effort to establish firmly a feeling of tolerance and understanding between my people and the western world must be made. The exchange student program is an important step in this direction," he added.

The German student discussed some of the specific problems now facing the German people. Although the currency reform of June, 1948, and a new credit policy initiated late last year have speeded recovery, there is still need for the German economy to convert from a raw material export basis to a finished

product export one, and regulations prohibiting the manufacture of synthetic gasoline from coal, the making of chemicals, synthetic rubber, dyes and other products must be liberalized. However, despite many restrictions, an amazing recovery has been noted within the last eighteen months, the student said.

Steiler expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity afforded by the exchange student program and told his audience that Rotary international is the only service organization to establish itself successfully in pre-war Germany.

H. L. Brown, who has served as president of the club for more than a half year, announced his resignation at Tuesday's meeting due to the fact that he is leaving Medford for California. He will be succeeded by James Dunlevy, vice-president. L. C. Taylor, past president of the Medford Rotary club, presented a past-president's pin to Brown and expressed the gratitude of members for his highly successful administration.

Human Ability To Eat Poison Probed
Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—How much insect poison can a person eat safely?

The food and drug administration opened a public hearing on that question today.

It is the first step in the agency's plan to set up regulations banning the interstate shipments of fruits and vegetables containing more than a "safe" residue of poisonous insecticides.

The move stems from widespread use of DDT and other new chemicals by farmers. In many cases, the insecticide is allowed to remain on the produce after it is marketed.

There are no regulations covering this now. The agency can prohibit the shipment across state lines of any food in which the poison content is dangerously high. The trouble with this, a spokesman said, is that the "danger" level varies according to how much poison a consumer gets from other foods.

Medford Students On U Of O Honor Roll
Five Medford students attending the University of Oregon were on the honor roll for the fall quarter, according to releases from the school.

On the roll were Miss Calista Farrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrell, 1519 East Main street; Miss Claire Cordier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cordier, 704 South Oakdale avenue; Miss Charity and Miss Rhoda Williams and Christopher Williams. The last three are daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Williams, 1975 Houston road.

City Bonds Sold, Council Studies Streets, Sewers

Charles N. Tripp company, Portland, was successful bidder on two issues of city improvement bonds, as offers of four firms were opened at the regular city council session last night.

Tripp bid one and three-fourths per cent and \$100.10 on each \$100 par value on the \$15,435.73 issue, and two per cent and \$100.25 on the \$5,191.46 issue. Also bidding were United States National bank of Portland, First National bank of Portland and Blythe and company, Portland.

Contract Awarded
Award of a contract to Snook brothers, Medford, for construction of a storm sewer on East 10th street was another principal action on improvement projects.

The sewer of 18, 15 and 10-inch pipe will extend from Wilamette avenue 900 feet west. Snook brothers' bid was \$3,420. Offers were also made by K. C. Wernmark, Central Point; Coast Construction and Engineering company, Junction City; W. H. Conrad, Medford; and Durham and Sauer, Kerby.

City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe was instructed to call for bid on an eight-inch sewer running through lots one, two and three, block one, Cottage addition. It will be installed across property between Court and Beatty streets.

The council indicated its approval of an eight-inch sewer on Bundy street from Ashland avenue 300 feet east providing cash in excess of the amount that can be paid by installment is collected from property owners.

Like approval was given to a proposal to pave 13th street between Peach and Hamilton streets.

Thorpe was authorized to have city crews proceed with grading and graveling South Grape street from the end of the pavement to Melrose avenue. Hearings were set for February 7 on city intention to undertake similar projects on Grant avenue between Belmont and Stewart avenue, and on Monroe street between Holly and Fir streets.

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College Basketball Squad Now In Dark
Collegeboro, Ga., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Coach J. B. Scarce Jr., told a dim view of his Georgia Tech college team's marksmanship in road games.

So today he decided to let the Teachers practice before each trip in a darkened gymnasium.

"We'll let in just enough light to see the backboards and our white jerseys," Scarce said. "We've got to do something to improve our performance in improper lighted 'foreign gyms'."

General Motors Profits Top All Other Companies

New York, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—General Motors Corp. earned more profits last year—over \$600,000,000—than any other company ever made in a similar period, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of the board, revealed today.

Addressing 500 leaders in industry, finance and civic affairs at a "forward from fifty" luncheon, preliminary to his company's annual auto show—the "Mid-Century Motorama"—opening Thursday, Sloan termed 1949 a "satisfactory" year for the industry and for General Motors.

\$13 Per Share
Last year's profits, he stated, "are likely to move up to over \$600,000,000." Such a figure is well over \$13 per share on outstanding common stock, on which 1949 dividends totaled \$8 per share. In 1948, net income amounted to \$440,447,724, or \$9.72 a common share, while common dividends that year aggregated \$4.50.

"If we compare 1949 with 1936," Sloan said, "we find that the return on capital employed rose only three percentage points. And to accomplish this we had to increase our sales in 1949 from \$2,500,000,000 for 1936 to \$5,500,000,000 in 1949."

Armored Car Robbery Recalls Other Great Loots In Nation's History

Chicago, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—The \$1,500,000 holdup of Brink's Armored Car service in Boston may have yielded the greatest loot of cash in the nation's history, a check of FBI and police records showed today.

The federal bureau of investigation in Washington said the haul almost certainly was among the largest.

Securities Included
Police files list bank, mail train and armored truck holdups in which larger amounts were involved. But the loot in most of the big "jobs" included sizeable amounts of securities, and in many cases the valuables were non-negotiable.

Major holdups in U. S. history included a \$2,500,000 raid on the Lincoln, Neb., National Bank and Trust company in September, 1930; a \$2,400,000 holdup of a mail truck on Broadway in New York in 1921; a daring \$2,050,000 raid on a fast mail train at Rondout, Ill., in June, 1924; and a \$2,000,000 safecracking job at the Rumbold safes in Chicago in January, 1945.

By comparison with big-time robberies since the turn of the century, Jesse James and his gang risked their lives for peanuts.

In his entire career of crime, authorities estimated James stole only a little more than \$200,000.

Three Convicted
Five bandits held up the Lincoln bank in 1930. Covering the building with machine guns, they forced a woman cashier to open a vault and feed them their huge haul of cash and securities.

Three bandits—Howard Lee, Thomas O'Connor and Jack Britt—later were captured and convicted, and part of the loot was recovered.

"Little Gerald" Chapman and two accomplices staged New York's "great mail robbery" of 1921. They crowded the mail truck to the curb, took four pouches of registered mail and sped away in a green touring car.

The three later were caught. The Rondout, Ill., mail train holdup was planned by James Murray, prominent political leader of Chicago's "bloody 19th" ward in the prohibition era.

Tipped by its "inside man," Postal Inspector William Fahy, the gang forced the Milwaukee road's fast mail to a halt at a rural crossing and assaulted, barricaded mail cars with rifle fire and tear gas bombs.

The gang fled in four automobiles filled with mail sacks, but nine men eventually were rounded up and eight, including Fahy and Murray, were sentenced to prison terms.

Authorities recovered 1,247,000 in loot and said most of the unrecovered securities were worthless.

Safecrackers got \$2,000,000 in securities, jewelry and cash, at the Rumbold vaults in Chicago on January 19, 1945, after tying up a 73-year-old watchman. Most of the \$110,000 cash and other valuables were found when Gang Leaders Patsy Flaherty and Willie Niemoth were captured and handed life prison terms. Four other bandits received lesser sentences.

GM had available for taxes and profits in 1949, he added, something over \$1,100,000,000. "The only way the stockholders can get their profits," he continued, "is through dividends."

Of this \$1,100,000,000 the government "takes" in corporation and individual income taxes, based on 1949 profits, is estimated to be over \$600,000,000.

In recent years, Sloan warned, "economic incentive has been weakened by the ever-increasing 'take' of government. I fear the effect is beginning to be felt on the economy."

"No matter how great his accomplishment, the individual today cannot hope to earn much more than enough to provide for his current needs and for a pension at retirement."

Prosperity Seen
The responsibility and self-reliance of the individual, Sloan said, "can be diluted by the oversolicitude of a welfare state."

Charles E. Wilson, president of GM, told the business leaders that "I expect 1950 to be a very prosperous year."

"I see no reason," he added, "why the next 10 years should not also be increasingly prosperous."

Substitute For Oleo Repeal Bill Killed
Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—The senate today killed a dairy strike substitute for the administration bill to repeal federal taxes on oleomargarine.

The vote was 48 to 37. The substitute would have repealed the taxes on oleo, but banned interstate shipment and sale of colored oleo.

Way Cleared
Defeat of the substitute apparently cleared the way for passage—later in the week—of the bill to repeal all oleo taxes and permit unrestricted interstate shipment.

It was a major victory for senate forces which have been pressing for repeal of the 64-year-old federal margarine taxes.

Killed with the substitute were provisions to repeal wartime excise tax rates. Taxes on furs, jewelry, admissions, telegraph and phone charges and other items would have been reduced by the defeated excise tax provisions. The administration plans to seek a reduction in excise taxes in separate legislation.

Table Rock
Table Rock, Jan. 18—A county bridge crew is repairing the Camp White Military bridge to be used as a detour when work begins on the new span to replace Bybee bridge.

Mr. Killbourn, our obliging mailman, says his mail route, which extends to Gold Hill and through the Sams Valley and Beagle districts, covers some seventy miles and since the present storm period commenced he has encountered some pretty tough going especially in the Sams Valley and Ramsey Canyon sections.

According to George Carter, county clerk, voters in this district living east of the section line will vote in the Mound precinct while those on the west side will vote in Sams Valley precinct.

The section line running north and south crosses the road near where the observation post was situated during the war and very nearly follows the fine fence between the Baker and Hamilton farms.

Some residing west of the line are registered in section eleven and their names will appear on the Mound poll books unless they change their registrations.

Boy Scout News
Troop 5
Boy scouts of Troop 5 held their second meeting of the year January 16. New patrols were arranged, including the Indian patrol, with Mack Stille, patrol leader, Douglas Culey, assistant, and Phillip Cross, Albert Clark and Kenny Mays, members; Eagle patrol, Alfred Leviet, leader, Kenneth Tucker, assistant, and Richard Liebrand, Frank Berry, David Albert, Kenneth Van Ausdale, Jimmy Cooksey and Neal White, members; Flying Eagle patrol, Richard Hopkins, leader, Larry Bankston, assistant, and Wally and John Johnson, James Brazil, Gary Shaffer, John Daniel and Ray Shuck, members.

Ernest Taylor and his father were guests of the troop at the meeting.

By Richard Hopkins.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Park Avenue Medic Admits Providing Deadly Medicine For Incurable Patients

New York, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A Park avenue physician said today he occasionally provided incurable patients suffering intense pain with large supplies of morphine, advising them that "if you take the whole bottle you might not wake up."

Dr. A. L. Goldwater said he left the morphine doses handy at the bedside of certain patients many times in "my 53 years of practice."

The elderly doctor elaborated on statements which he made yesterday at the annual meeting of the Euthanasia Society of America in which he defended the action of Dr. Hermann N. Sander of Manchester, N. H., who has been indicted for murder in the mercy killing of a woman cancer patient.

"I felt I was doing the humane thing," Goldwater said, mentioning specifically the case of a woman cancer patient which he said was "similar" to the case of Dr. Sander.

"If that be murder, make the most of it," Goldwater said at the meeting of the Euthanasia society. He said in making over-

doses of morphine available to patients he was only doing what other physicians did.

The society pledged its support of Dr. Sander and Carol Paignt, of Stamford, Conn., who is facing a second-degree murder trial on charges of shooting her cancer-ridden father as he lay in a hospital bed.

Goldwater said that in treating incurable cases where the patient was near death he would leave a week's supply of morphine tablets beside the patient's bed.

He said he would tell the patient that "if you take one tablet it will reduce the pain, and two will put you to sleep, and if you take the whole bottle you won't wake up."

"I had one patient, a woman, who was in agony," Goldwater said. "She required powerful injections two or three times a day, administered by a nurse. But because the nurse wasn't handy at all times, I provided her with additional medicine."

Goldwater said he returned to the patient's bedside one morning and found she "had passed away but I never determined whether she took the drugs or not because by the time I got there the nurse said all the medicines had been thrown away."

Goldwater said he made out a death certificate, attributing death to the woman's cancerous condition.

Northwest Lumbering Operations Hampered
Portland, Ore., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Severe cold, deep snow and power failures have shut down the bulk of lumbering operations in the Pacific northwest.

Load limits restricting hauling on weather-weakened roads have stopped log hauling in the mid-Willamette valley area in Oregon.

An official of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union said the cold snap would leave a "hangover" period in which logging would be curtailed by road washouts and lingering snow in higher elevation timberlands.

Bobcat Slain After Killing 13 Chickens
Detroit, Ore., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A bobcat, driven down from the hills by storm-induced hunger, was slain here Tuesday after killing 13 chickens at the Raymond Sophy farm.

The scrawny cat weighed only seven pounds. It was shot about 200 yards from the chicken house, where it was tracked by Walter Ball and his dogs.

Sophy said the cat apparently had staged the daylight raid after being starved by heavy snows in the nearby hills.

ALLEN FUNERAL SET
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