

Employment Office Services Described

(This is the first in a series of five articles about the Oregon state employment service, and the Medford office in particular. The articles were prepared by the OSES in the belief that effective use of the nation's manpower is one of the main problems of a growing democracy, and that by presenting information, accurately, briefly and clearly, it hopes to make possible the widening of its services to the community, and to workers and employers.)

—Editor's Note.

As the central job agency for a rapidly growing community, the local office of the Oregon state employment service, located at 45 North Fir street, performs many services for the public, employers and workers. The Medford office, with a trained staff of nine persons, is thoroughly equipped to bring together the qualified worker and the suitable job, at no charge.

With a six-point plan as the foundation of its program, the employment service is interested primarily in the effective placement of the job-seeker, and in cooperating with the community and employer to meet all kinds of employment problems. Behind the local representatives are not only the resources of Oregon's unemployment compensation commission, but also the services of some 1,800 offices and 51 state and territorial agencies throughout the nation. Here are the six point service program of the office.

Points Listed

1. Placement of the worker—matching the applicant's qualifications against job requirements.
2. Special services to veterans—development of work opportunities well suited to men and women who served the country.
3. Employment counseling and selective placement—assistance in choice of occupations to those displaced or needing training.

4. Labor market information—current trends and future prospects in labor supply and demand.
5. Industrial services—aid to employers in effective assignment of workers for best development of skills.
6. Cooperation with community groups—working with other agencies on new, unusual or seasonal labor demands.

In the employment act of 1946,

Columnist Beaten; Two Thugs Sought

Hackensack, N. J., May 19.—(U.P.)—Police broadcast a two-state alarm today for two thugs who beat up Columnist Lee Mortimer, author of several articles exposing a national crime syndicate.

The 45-year-old Mortimer reported that the attack took place yesterday morning in a washroom at the Riviera nightclub, Fort Lee, N. J. He charged that it was an obvious attempt "to intimidate potential witnesses" for a forthcoming senate probe into nationwide crime. Mortimer said one of the thugs knocked him unconscious while the other stood guard at the washroom door. Sidney Kingsley, author of the hit play "Detective Story," who witnessed the attack, said the hoodlums struck Mortimer three times after he was down. Mortimer suffered eye injuries and facial lacerations.

Job Swap Ordered By President Truman

Washington, May 19.—(U.P.)—A job swap between two top American diplomats was ordered today by President Truman. He nominated W. Walton Butterworth, now assistant secretary of state, to be ambassador to Sweden. H. Freeman Matthews, now ambassador to Sweden, was nominated to replace Butterworth as assistant secretary.

Congress set forth the policy of fostering useful opportunities for those seeking work and of promoting maximum employment, production and purchasing power. As a part of this national system, the Oregon state employment service recognizes the significance of the job-finding process in achieving high economic activity for the general welfare.

Each of Oregon's 29 local offices and many itinerant points has a part in this employment process. At the local office are to be found most of the factors that go to make up this process. With thousands of "free" workers moving from state to state and town to town, an independent system of employment offices is a necessity.

Human Factors Important

While natural resources, scientific progress, general trade and many other material factors are

important in determining economic activity, the human factors involved in the bringing together of jobs and workers, and the continuity of this relationship, are perhaps of greater significance.

Employment opportunities varied in location, kind and number are basic in starting this employment process, but here again the human factor of fitting the worker into these openings is very important. Proper preparation, selection and adjustment of workers to all the conditions of employment is recognized as increasingly important in maintaining high production and high prosperity.

Any person may apply for work at an office of the Oregon state employment service. The application must set forth real ability to work—and proper qualifications—if a suitable job is to be found.

At the first interview, background information important in the placement process is secured. Employment deputies are trained to secure facts and impressions that may help greatly in fitting the applicant into his proper job.

Details Listed

Complete details concerning education, training, skills, and work-history are basic in considering referrals for openings. Personal traits, preferences, characteristics and aptitudes often are just as important in bringing the job and worker together.

Identifying and personal data—such as residence, social security number, sex or marital status—are secured from all applicants. Every person seeking a job should report to the local office at least once a month, or oftener during a period of rapid turnover. Every additional bit of employment information is added to the applicant's work-history.

With an "active file" composed of thousands of these work-histories, offices of the OSES can select the best qualified persons for any kind of job.

CIO Presses Case Against Bridges' Longshoremen

Washington, May 19.—(U.P.)—The CIO pressed its case today against Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen who are accused of following the communist party line.

If upheld by a special three-man hearing committee, the charges could lead to expulsion of the union from the CIO and Bridges' loss of his seat on the CIO executive board.

Six other left-wing unions have been ousted on the same charges since last fall.

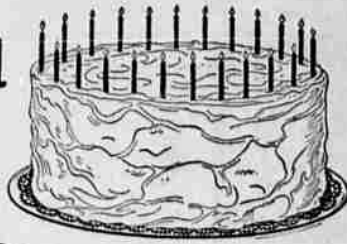
Bridges Silent

The longshoremen's hearings opened yesterday. Neither Bridges nor members of the panel would discuss the case. But it was known the CIO presented a surprise witness in Michael J. Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers. He is a former militant left-winger who joined the CIO's anti-com-

munist forces two years ago. Appearing as defense witness with Bridges were other members of the longshoremen's executive board, including Vice President J. R. Robertson. Robertson was Bridges' co-defendant in the recent San Francisco perjury trial in which Bridges was

convicted of lying about his communist party connections. Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., May 19.—(U.P.)—Army and navy personnel will train side by side for a three-day period next month as part of the armed forces' unification program.

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ROARING skyward from launching platform on U.S.S. Norton Sound, 11,000-pound 46 foot rocket starts 106.4 mile leap into heavens near equator in Pacific. (U.S. Navy Photo from Internet!)

Oregon Logger Dies In Mystery Shooting

St. Helens, Ore., May 19.—(U.P.)—George McCollam, 50, logger and operator of a small sawmill at Delena, was shot to death and George Devine, 50, Seattle, was in critical condition in a Longview, Wash., hospital as result of an unexplained shooting near here yesterday.

Officers said McCollam's body was discovered about 7 p.m. yesterday. They said a high-powered bullet had pierced his chest. Devine was suffering from a bullet wound under his heart. Hospital attendants said he was not expected to live.

London, May 19.—(U.P.)—Shirley Douglas, daughter of U.S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas, leaves by plane tonight on a hurried trip to New York "for personal reasons."

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