

Oregon Penitentiary Administration Hit For High Food Budget

Salem—(U.P.)—State Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, has questioned the state penitentiary administration for spending more money than provided in the budget for feeding its prisoners.

The State Emergency Board was asked to approve \$183,000 from the governor's emergency fund, the major part of which was to cover a \$70,000 deficit in food costs, and to cover purchase of beef for the convicts during the rest of the current biennium.

Increased Year Ago
Said Sen. Walker to Col. William Ryan, director of institutions, George Alexander, prison superintendent, and Virgil O'Malley, warden:

"You were given an increased food budget by the Legislature just about a year ago, and almost immediately you began to spend more money than the budget provided. Don't you know that it is against the law to run up a deficit without approval?"

Ryan told the emergency board that the increased food budget had been adopted at a time when there was unrest at the prison and it had been impossible for authorities to cut back the menus.

Prisoners Fed Better
State Rep. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, wanted to know:

"How do the meals at the penitentiary stack up with the meals

which the average citizen can afford these days?"

Alexander replied:
"Well, I think the prisoners get better food than the prison guards."

Warden O'Malley said the meals at the prison are of "absolute minimum quantity. And there are no luxury items."

The board took the matter under advisement.

It also took under advisement a request from Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Fairview home for mentally deficient, for \$163,693 for alterations to buildings at the institution to take care of the most urgent cases of the 170 children now on the home's waiting list.

Dr. Earl B. Stewart, Roseburg, chairman of the State Fair Commission, told the board the state fire marshal had condemned the stadium where the horse shows are held as a major feature of the State Fair.

Hepburn Takes Eight Bows After Stage Debut

Liverpool, England—(U.P.)—Katharine Hepburn took eight curtain calls Monday night after her English stage debut at the Royal Court Theatre as Epifania in George Bernard Shaw's "The Millionaire."

"The audience was sweet," she said in a dressing room interview afterward.

Air Force Plane In First Landing At Top of World

Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—A ski-wheeled Air Force C-47 has made the first landing in history at the geographic North Pole.

The landing was made Saturday after a 135-mile flight from T-3, a floating ice island on the Arctic occupied by three Air Force men as a weather observation station, the Alaskan Air Command announced.

Observations Made
The flight was made in connection with the Air Force's Polar expedition "Ice Island" and to carry out scientific observations of ocean depth and gravity field strength in the polar area, Maj. Gen. William D. Old, head of the Alaskan command, said.

Following the history-making landing, Lt. Col. William P. Benedict of Paradise, Calif., pilot of the C-47, radioed: "Operation instructions carried out. No sweat."

Spent Three Hours
Benedict and his co-pilot, Lt. Col. Joseph Fletcher, spent three hours and 10 minutes at the pole and then flew back to T-3. Fletcher, whose home is in Shawnee, Okla., was one of the three inhabitants at the bleak outpost about 60 miles from the top of the world.

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