

DAV Holds District Conference; Elect Geo. W. Simmons

District 5, Department of Oregon, Disabled American Veterans, met in Grants Pass last week-end for its annual conference. Matters of interest to DAV members of the five chapters in the district were discussed including business to be presented to the state convention in June.

Officers for the district elected were George W. Simmons, Medford, commander, and John Groat, Roseburg, vice-commander. James R. Lillie, Medford, was retained as adjutant.

Endorse Officers

For state and national offices, the following were endorsed for election at the state convention June 4 to 7 in La Grande: Thomas Van Lanningham, Oregon City, state commander; Baden Robinson, Grants Pass, state senior vice-commander; Mrs. Olive Adamson, Klamath Falls, state chaplain; and Robert W. Bryant, Grants Pass, national executive committee member representing the 13th district, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

A resolution presented by Pat Graham, service officer for Jackson County Chapter 8 pertaining to rehabilitation work of the state department was passed and recommended for passage at the state convention.

The ladies auxiliary elected Mary Finton, Klamath Falls, as commander and Laura Bryant, Grants Pass, vice-commander. Alice Davidson, Williams, is secretary-treasurer.

Visitors among the auxiliary were Laura Bryant, state commander; Blanche Zilinski, senior vice-commander and Laura Klein, Oregon City.

Congress Urged To Let Rent Controls Lapse on June 30

Washington (U.P.)—Landlords urged Congress Tuesday to let federal rent controls die June 30—or at least confine them to "critical defense housing areas."

The latter proposal would strip rent ceilings from Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, and a number of other major communities where they have been in effect for about 10 years.

Said Morally Wrong
Spokesmen for the landlords said in testimony prepared for the House Banking Committee that rent control is "morally wrong, economically unjustified" and creates "artificial housing shortages." They complained that landlords have been "maligned as the avaricious rich" whereas they are mostly small property owners who have been treated unfairly by congress and rent control "bureaucrats."

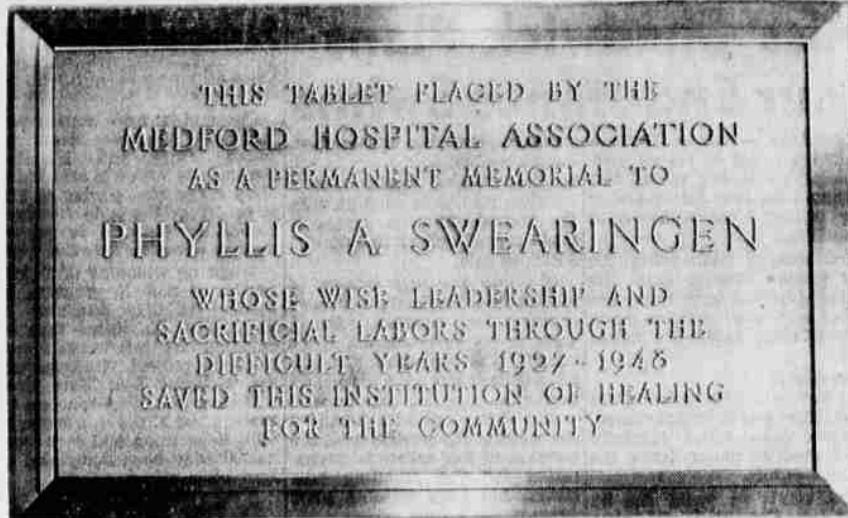
The committee is considering legislation to extend price-wage-credit-rent controls beyond June 30.

Commanders Lauded

Harry J. Fitzgerald, Evansville, Ind., of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, said all rent controls should be allowed to die along with price-range controls.

He lauded the commanders of Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois and Fort Benning, Ga., Army Base for resisting efforts to impose rent control which would have discouraged, he said, any move by the community to solve housing shortages there.

Charles Dickens' famous book, "Pickwick Papers," is being filmed in England this summer.



PLAQUE DEDICATED—The bronze plaque reproduced above was to be dedicated at ceremonies at 3 p.m. today at Community hospital in memory of the late Miss Phyllis Swearingen, who for many years was a leading figure in the operation of the hospital. The plaque unveiling

was to be done by Mrs. Porter J. Neff, who presented the plaque on behalf of the Medford Hospital Association. The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, bishop of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, which recently assumed ownership of the hospital, also was to be present.—(Brainerd photo.)

Whispering Campaign Directed at Booting Hoover Out of FBI

BY LYLE C. WILSON

Washington (U.P.)—A whispering campaign which never dies, an undercover operation which never rests, is directed at booting Director J. Edgar Hoover out of the FBI.

The ordinary run of yeggs and hoodlums probably would be in favor of ousting Hoover. He makes things tough for them. But they have nothing to do with the campaign to get him out of office and to cut the FBI down to size and scope of operation desired by its enemies.

Communists Real Enemies

These enemies are Communists, fellow travelers, and deluded left wingers. Communists and fellow travelers want Hoover bounced because he interferes with their subversive activities, plants spies in their treason cells, and enables the government from time to time to send them to jail.

So the Communist Party line is that J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI are the enemies of civil liberties in the United States. Not only Communists peddle this story, it is told in strange places. Once in a while the comrades think they have Hoover on the run and one of their front organizations comes up with a public campaign to oust him.

Lawyers Guild Active

The National Lawyers Guild is subject to such seizures. The National Lawyers Guild is described by the House Un-American Activities Committee as "just one more highly deceptive Communist-operated front organization, primarily intended to serve the interests of the Communist Party in the United States."

Not much has been heard of the out-Hoover movement of late. A great many Americans are enlisted for the duration in a solid effort to bat that movement down anytime, anywhere. All hands, then, would be interested in a booklet just reprinted from the Iowa Law Review, Iowa City, Ia.

It is "Civil Liberties and Law." The "free university" established in the United States sector of Berlin as a counter-measure to the Russian-dominated institution has increased its student enrollment from 2,200 to more than 5,000.

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Seven years after its defeat, Japan appears to be stronger economically than any of its Asiatic neighbors.

Paradoxically, however, the normally optimistic Japanese are worried. They know they are riding a treacherous Korean war boom. Soon they will be shackled with the burden of rebuilding armed forces.

Outwardly, the fears would seem baseless. Japan's national

budget this year is—as in the several years past—balanced in spite of a 21 per cent defense outlay. Foreign currency holdings have swollen to an equivalent of \$1,000,000,000—including \$600,000,000 dollars and 100,000,000 pounds in sterling exchange. Official Japanese government indices claim the people are enjoying a living standard just about equal to the pre-war 1934-36 period.

Weakness Discerned

The U. S. armed forces spent \$734,000,000 in Japan in 1951 and are expected to spend \$200,000,000 annually in the future, according to the estimate of Frank Waring, U. S. embassy counsellor.

The weaknesses in Japan's economy show with very little digging, however.

The optimistic complexion of Japanese economy was due in equal parts to U. S. aid, occupation insistence on a rigid anti-inflation line and the Korean war. However, United States aid—which totaled \$534,749,000 at its height in 1949 and \$357,324,000 in 1950—was stopped in June, 1951.

The Japanese government, which followed U. S. financial czar Joseph Dodge's anti-inflation dictates most unwillingly, will be under heavy internal pressure to relax the line. The armistice talks at Panmunjom may bring the Korean war to an end.

The flaws in such an economy are obvious. Normal foreign trade, which is Japan's life-line, produced an import balance last

year of \$640,746,982. However, Japan added \$334,772,902 to its foreign exchange holdings last year because it did not have to pay for the bulk of American aid goods and because purchases in Japan by the U. S. occupation forces and the U. N. command for the Korean war effort reached a post-war high.

Production Cut

Korean war purchases alone in the year and a half since hostilities began through December 3 totaled \$541,563,000 and Japanese officials have estimated it will increase to \$700,000,000 this year.

Delivering arms, equipment and services to the U. N. forces in Korea will not support Japan's entire economy. That was made evident this year, when Japan found it was producing more than it could sell. The Japanese government in February ordered a 40 per cent roll-back in cotton spinning mill operations and a 30 per cent reduc-

tion in rubber processing. **Additional Problems**
Japan's independence will bring with it a whole raft of additional new problems. They include (1) The problem of repaying U. S. aid—what portion will depend on the United States—(2) reparations to countries which suffered damages under Japanese World War II occupation—the Philippines alone is asking \$8,000,000,000—(3) retirement of pre-war Japanese government bonds held by foreign bondholders, and (4) remuneration of allied internees, and of allied property holders whose assets were damaged during the war.

That Japan can pay only a small portion of that huge debt is obvious. Japanese officials refuse to estimate that total debt for fear of prejudicing negotiations on them. The amount which would satisfy claimants would undoubtedly burden even a sound economy.



POSSIBILITY OF filing treason charge against Dr. James Endicott, ex-missionary, for upholding Red claims of germ warfare by UN forces in Korea is under study in Ottawa by Canada's justice minister. (U.P. photo)

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