

# Vandenberg Releases Man Held 11 Months

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Andrew Joseph Bushman, 51, who had been held in Klamath county jail here for the past 11 months, awaiting trial on a morals charge, Friday was ordered released by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

# Three Fort Dix Soldiers Hit by Meningitis Attack

Fort Dix, N.J. — (U.P.) — A third soldier was stricken with meningitis of the blood stream at Fort Dix Saturday, and authorities immediately took precautionary measures to check the spread of the dangerous disease among the 40,000 men and women on the post.

One man died of meningococemia and another was flown to Walter Reed hospital in Washington for emergency treatment Friday night. The third man became ill Saturday morning and was reported in critical condition.

The latest to be stricken with the blood infection was Pvt. Michael T. Danza, 18, New York. Died Last Month

Pvt. Irwin Weinrib, the first man stricken, died last month. The second was Pvt. Richard A. Robinson, 21, Norwell, Mass., who was taken to Washington in critical condition Friday night.

Capt. Tom Hamrick, Fort Dix public relations officer, said that as soon as Danza's case was diagnosed, post doctors began distributing sulfa doze among all the personnel and their families. Each soldier and civilian employee is getting four half-grain tablets of the drug within a 12-hour period.

All unmarried troops were restricted on the post until they had taken the prescribed dosage of the drug. Married men were allowed to take their medicine to their homes off the post.

# West's Pine Mills Produce One-Fourth Of U.S. Soft Woods

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Mills in 12 western states belonging to the Western Pine association are credited with one-fourth of the nation's soft wood production, according to association president U. R. Armstrong.

Armstrong told the 25th annual meeting of the association here Friday that member mills produced and shipped a record total of nearly 8,000,000,000 board feet of lumber last year. Must Meet Competition

S. V. Fullaway Jr., secretary-treasurer of the association, warned the group Friday that the industry must be prepared to meet stiff competition from materials making inroads in the lumber market.

"This industry must be willing to change its methods and processes wherever necessary to meet the needs and desires of the customers," Fullaway said. Increase Offset

W. E. Griffie, assistant secretary-treasurer, said the western pine industry is shipping three times the volume it was five years ago into the south, but that has been partially offset by the loss of a considerable box business to other container materials.

C. A. Gillett, managing director of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., told the meeting there is a growing interest in the forest industry among young people and that his organization is a clearing house of facts and information.

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# State Unemployed Total Down 6,100 During February

Salem — (U.P.) — Some 6100 Oregonians found jobs during February, and the number of unemployed dropped to 57,700, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Saturday.

That was about 19 per cent fewer than a year ago. Some 70 per cent of the job pickup was concentrated around Portland, Salem and Eugene. Several areas, mostly in eastern Oregon, found unemployment conditions no better than a month or a year before.

**More Job Seekers**  
Baker, Bend, Lakeview and Milton-Freewater counted more jobseekers than a year ago. La Grande and Roseburg found more without work than a month ago.

The number of insured claimants declined during the final week of February to 29,497, lowest since the final week of 1954 and 3488 below the seasonal peak late in January.

A mild winter and strong market held lumber and logging employment at least 5000 higher than last year. Construction also was improving.

# Nixon Returns to U.S. With Pleas for Mutual Aid Among West Hemisphere Nations

Washington — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon returned Saturday from a Central America tour and urged a mutual "help one help all" good neighbor economic program to protect hemispheric security.

Tanned and slimmer after a flying 7,500-mile tour of 10 republics, the vice-president said the United States must explore ways to reduce trade barriers with the friendly neighbors he visited.

"They need additional investments both from inside and from outside," Nixon said. "We are often asked why the United States should be interested in the economic progress of those countries."

**Distress Harmful**  
"The answer is simple. If their economic conditions improve, economic conditions will be better in the United States. What helps one helps all. Distress in those areas would be harmful to us."

"These countries are our friends. Mrs. Nixon and I saw that at first hand, in our talks with chiefs of state and on the faces of thousands of people. We must not take good friends for granted. We have not and will not."

Nixon and his pretty wife, Pat, received a warm reception when they returned — as warm as those received in the nations they visited.

Diplomats, congressional leaders and other officials were on hand when the vice-president's four-engine Constellation touched down at National airport — and most important of all to the Nixons — their two little girls, Patricia and Julie.

They leaned over and embraced the children as they joyfully ran to them.

After shaking hands with Latin American diplomats and with senators, including Republican leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), a group of House members moved toward him.

"Even the House?" Nixon exclaimed with a big smile. The vice-president and Mrs. Nixon flew here from Port au Prince, Haiti, last stop on his tour of Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

# Whitman Collection Under Lock and Key

Detroit — (U.P.) — The Detroit public library locked the remains of a priceless collection of Walt Whitman lore in a burglar-proof vault Saturday, and the director said the institution was "shamed" by the theft of the poet's most intimate work — his diary.

But Charles E. Feinberg, owner of the collection, said it was "a dirty shame" to remove the original manuscripts and books from public view.

"Just because some dirty dog broke into a case and took one item is no reason to deprive the rest of the people of the work of a great man," Feinberg said.

Whitman's diary, valued at between \$10,000 and \$25,000, was reported stolen late Friday. Whitman called his day-by-day diary his "commonplace book." It covered the poet's life from 1876 to 1889.

No one knew exactly when a glass exhibit case was pried open and the volume taken. Photographs of the collection

taken two days before the theft was noted revealed that the diary was not in its customary place when the pictures were made.

**Union Studies Plans To Reopen Doernbecher**  
Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland local of the union which represented employees at the Doernbecher Manufacturing company's furniture plant here is attempting to help re-open the plant.

William Gilbert, western director of the CIO United Furniture Workers' Union, said the Portland local decided to raise some money from among its membership to help finance the project after learning that lumber interests are attempting to purchase the property.

He said the plant's reputation of efficiency had aroused the interest of the lumber and furniture industries. Stockholders of the plant, once one of the largest furniture producers in the United States, announced recently the dissolution of the company. Plant machinery has been sold, but not removed.

George W. Schumaker Services to Be Monday

Portland — (U.P.) — Funeral services will be held here Monday for George W. Schumaker, prominent local banker and businessman who died Thursday in Eugene after a brief illness.

Schumaker, 53, was associated with the First National Bank of Portland, and was a part owner of the Scobert Building Materials company in Eugene.



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