

# Refugee Act Operation Could Have Been More Liberal, Head Of Investigating Group Says

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Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. William Langer (R-ND), said Saturday that State Department Security Chief R. W. Scott McLeod could have administered the Refugee Relief Act in "a more liberal manner."

Langer is chairman of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee investigating administration of the refugee program and the sudden dismissal of Edward J. Corsi as immigration adviser in the State department.

Corsi has accused McLeod of "sabotaging" the refugee program. He said the program is a "scandalous failure" because of an "intolerant minority" in the State department and Congress which wants to keep immigration down.

McLeod, in an all day appearance before Langer's subcommittee Friday defended his administration of the program, which was started in 1953. He also gave a running account of the behind-the-scenes maneuvers that led to Corsi's ouster last week.

But in another development, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles accepted two of three suggestions for speeding up the refugee program. The proposals were advanced by a group of voluntary agencies connected with the program, including religious groups.

Dulles agreed to the appointment of a deputy administrator for the program and of an overseas expeditor in Europe. He also promised to carefully consider the group's proposal for establishment of an advisory council for the refugee program.

The voluntary agencies said

(they were making the suggestions "while there is still time" to make the refugee program work.

The agencies included the American Federation of International Institutes, Inc.; United Fund for Czechoslovakia Refu-

# Warren's Statements On '56 Election Puts More Stress on Ike

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Washington — (U.P.) — Chief Justice Earl Warren's absolute refusal to become a presidential candidate put increased Republican pressure on President Eisenhower Saturday to seek a second term.

Warren has been regarded as a possible 1956 GOP presidential nominee if Mr. Eisenhower refused to run again, and he had shown considerable strength in public opinion polls.

Steps Out of Picture  
But he declared himself unavailable Friday in language as firm and unequivocal as that used by Gen. William T. Sherman, who said after the Civil War that he would not run if nominated or serve if elected.

Warren said he had been embarrassed about speculation that he might be a candidate for the presidency. He said it was his "irrevocable" intention to stay on the court and out of politics and that he would not change

his mind "under any circumstances or conditions."  
If Mr. Eisenhower should refuse a second term nomination, Warren would have drawn increasing attention as a possible candidate around whom GOP "liberals" and Eisenhower backers might rally.

Ives Backs Ike  
Sen Irving M. Ives (R-NY), who invites Mr. Eisenhower re-nominated, commented that "a good many Warren followers are Eisenhower followers too."

Warren's statement Friday removes him as a possible second choice. Hence, those who might want him can be expected to increase their clamor for Mr. Eisenhower to seek another term in the White House.

From the Senate Republican leadership, Sen. Eugene D. Malinik of Colorado, chairman of the party caucus, said Warren's statement would not affect the 1956 nominating convention. He noted that he predicted long ago that Mr. Eisenhower would be renominated and reelected.

Along with Warren, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland have been perhaps the most frequently mentioned GOP nominees for 1956 if Mr. Eisenhower refuses to run.

Prop Nuts Slate Flight Contest  
A model airplane flight contest, sponsored by the Medford Prop Nuts group, will be held at the Camp White flight area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

The public is welcome to watch. The area is a quarter-mile west of the National Guard buildings.  
Some \$60 worth of prizes will be awarded to winner of competition in five divisions, including 1/2 open gas powered; combined open; combined junior; flying scale models, and U-control.

The Prop Nuts recently were reorganized, and plan to sponsor a number of contests throughout the year. New officers are Gerald Doty, president; Bob Ottoman, vice-president; Max Roberson, secretary; and Fred Young, treasurer. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings in the PAL clubrooms over Acme Hardware store. New members are welcome.

# Information Agency Rapped by Howard After World Tour

New York — (U.P.) — The United States Information agency is putting America's "worst foot forward" by trying to duplicate the job being done infinitely better by the independent U.S. news agencies," Roy W. Howard said Saturday.

Howard, chairman of the executive committee of the Scripps Howard newspapers, has just returned from an around-the-world tour that lasted six weeks.

Accompanied by his wife and secretary, Howard arrived at noon by Pan American Airways from Paris.

Howard told reporters the U. S. Point Four program is "one of the most effective good-will builders." By contrast, however, he said the U. S. Information Service program of the USIA is contributing virtually nothing to U. S. prestige abroad.

"I would be the last one to suggest another congressional investigation," he said, "but it does seem to me this whole USIA program could be properly the subject of investigation by Congress."

As an example of what he had seen, Howard cited, "one country, which I don't want to name, which has a claimed literacy of 12 per cent of the population. We have 150 persons working for USIA there. About 17 of them I am told, are Americans."

The man who is running it is an intelligent newspaperman who is trying to do the best job possible in the circumstances.

Deluged With Words  
"Every day he is deluged with words from USIA — most of it more than 36 hours old — which has already been adequately and completely covered by the United States news agencies. What he tries to do, consequently, is concentrate mainly on pictures, newsreels and cartoons."

Portland Man Joins Firm in Medford  
James S. Laird, formerly of Portland and a well-known figure in the Oregon insurance profession, has moved to Medford to join the firm of Goldy and Henselman, it was announced Saturday.

For the past eight years he has been manager of the Oregon office of Lampung and Company, insurance general agents, in Portland, and has been with the same firm since 1928. Prior to that he was with the Continental Casualty company, and National Mortgage company, Portland, since 1924.

Educated in Portland public schools, he attended Reed college in Portland, and in 1936 graduated from Northwestern College of Law, being admitted to the Oregon State Bar the following year.

Since 1940 he has been instructor in the Inland Marine Insurance course sponsored by the Portland Association of Insurance agents at Multnomah college, Portland.

Mrs. Laird is past president of the Lewis and Clark college Mothers' club, and has been active in the Women's league. They are making their home here on Woodlawn dr.

# Interest Shown Here In Legislative Bills

Considerable interest here was being shown this week end in a bill now before the Oregon legislature, and one which is being considered for introduction.

# Two Women Suffer Minor Injuries in Automobile Mishap

Mrs. Nina Wood, 1784 Minear rd., Medford, and Mrs. Frona Williams, Tigard, Ore., were treated and released about noon Saturday at Sacred Heart hospital for injuries received in an automobile accident near Ruby's Kitchen in the Siskiyou on highway 99 South of Ashland.

Mrs. Wood received injuries to a leg and her back, and Mrs. Williams was treated for minor head and knee injuries.

State police said a car operated by Mrs. Wood was forced onto the highway shoulder by a southbound vehicle which attempted to pass a truck. Mrs. Wood lost control of the car and swerved across the highway into a vehicle operated by Elizabeth Barbara Williams of Tigard, Ore., who was not injured.

Another passenger in the Williams' vehicle, Mayne D. Olson, Enumclaw, Wash., was not injured.

Mrs. Wood was traveling North, state police said. The car which forced Mrs. Wood's vehicle onto the shoulder has not been identified, police added.

The bill reportedly is aimed at the First National Bank of Portland, which remains open during business hours Saturday, and reportedly is supported by a number of bank employees and smaller banking organizations.

One is Senate Bill 266, which would prohibit cities from levying an income tax, and reserving that source of revenue for the state. It was designed specifically to nullify a Portland tax on et or gross revenues of business establishments.

The bill is to be debated again Monday morning, and will be brought up for consideration at a 7:30 a.m. meeting of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which is expected to take action and to notify local representatives by wire or telephone of the committee's views.

Mayor Earl Miller and City Manager Robert Duff appeared at a hearing on the bill last week voicing their opposition to it on the basis that it is an invasion by the state of the rights of municipalities. The League of Oregon Cities also is active in opposition to the measure.

The bill was brought up for final passage in the house of representatives Thursday, and was defeated by a 30 to 30 tie vote, but a motion to reconsider the measure passed Friday.

The other is a proposal which would require banks to remain closed on Saturdays. It has not yet been introduced, but is being considered by the house rules committee, of which Rep. W. W. Chadwick, Salem, (who operates several hotels including the Jackson in Medford and Senator in Salem), is chairman.

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# Elks Award Winners To Be Honored Soon At Ceremonies Here

Presentation of awards for winners of Elks-sponsored youth leadership and scholarship contests will be April 28, American Youth Day, C. Aubrey Sander, exalted ruler of the Medford Elks lodge, has announced.

Following presentation of awards, the Elks lodge will entertain the winners, and participants in Student Government Day here in the Elks party lounge, Sander said.

Winners Listed  
Winners of the youth leadership contest are Frank Bash and Mildred Gail, and winners of the scholarship contest are Michael De Vore, Verity Day, Nancy Hammers, Elaine Sorum and Donald von Buskirk, first through fifth respectively.

Youth leadership contest is judged on initiative, citizen appreciation, resourcefulness and sense of honor, while scholarship contests are judged on qualities of scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism and general worthiness.

Sander said students who participated in Student Government Day last February have been invited to attend presentation of awards prior to the entertainment, which will include dancing and refreshments.

Sander said students may in-

vite their girl or boy friend to the ceremony and party.

Date Changed  
Although American Youth Day is observed nationally May 1, Sander said the local Elks lodge will hold its celebration April 28, Thursday because Thursday is the regular meeting day for the lodge.

Some 82 students from eight Jackson county high schools participated in Student Government day. Medford students received principal awards from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, an organization dedicated to the cause of freedom and better understanding of the American way of life, for their participation.

Student Government day on a local and county basis was established in Medford and Jackson county seven years ago, and since has become part of the national Elks lodge recommended projects.

# Two Salem Children May Stay in U.S.

Washington — (U.P.) — A Salem mother of two Mexican-born children has been assured her little girls will not be deported as long as Congress is considering a bill to legalize their stay in this country.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said the House Judiciary Committee would soon take up a bill to grant permanent U.S. residence to Maria Elena, 6, and Sara Lucia Venegas, 8. The bill passed the Senate March 28. It was co-sponsored by Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger.

The girls American-born mother is a Spanish student at Willamette University.

An immigration hearing officer ruled in Portland, Ore., this week the girls must be deported, unless Congress acts, because they overstayed visitors permits.

# Manager Tells of VA Domiciliary Programs

The Camp White Veterans Administration Domiciliary spends \$1,500,000 annually. E. K. Ricker, manager, told members of Medford Active club at Thursday's meeting held at Rogue Valley Country club.

Ricker pointed out of each tax dollar allotted to Camp White 95 cent is spent locally. The other 5 cents goes for administrative salaries, and much of that, too, stays in the valley, he said.

He traced the history of the Veterans Administration's health care for disabled veterans stating that the domiciliary here now has 821 members with a staff of 230 civil service employees, including five physicians and three dentists.

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