

Great Decisions Program Subject Is Future Competition With Reds

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles which discuss the eight subjects of the "Great Decisions" 1957 program. Other fact sheets are available at the Medford Public Library for discussion groups, and articles discussing subsequent subjects will appear in the Mail Tribune.)

The United States will face the threat of Russian competition for some years to come. There appear to be no quick solutions, short of a war which would probably destroy civilization.

In a search for alternatives to war, U. S. citizens need to know whether Russia is growing stronger or weaker; whether to negotiate with Russia now or adopt a firmer line and make no concessions whatever. America needs to know what kind of friends and allies she needs, how to make effective use of world opinion and the United Nations.

Russia's Strength

The question of Russia's strength, on the military side, has been considerably muddled by events of recent months. True, there are three and a half times as many Communist divisions as Western divisions in Europe, and in manpower Communist forces outnumber the West two to one.

Recent satellite revolts make the West wonder if this picture has changed. It is possible that Russia could no longer count on all the satellite armies in case of an East-West war? Without the satellite armies, Communist military strength in Europe would be cut roughly in half.

However, some students of international affairs warn that a Russia which recognizes its own military problems — in Poland and in Hungary — in Poland — may be even more difficult to deal with; more sensitive, more dangerous.

In this situation the U. S. has a number of alternatives. It can press any military advantages, strengthening NATO and Western European defenses; it can, on the other hand, avoid any moves which will increase Russia's fears. Or the U.S. can try to negotiate with Russia now, at a "summit" meeting or in the United Nations.

The war of ideas is another important part of U.S.-Russian competition. The ultimate success of either Communism or Democracy may depend on how well each side "sells" its way of life to the hundreds of millions of uncommitted peoples in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Since the end of World War II both Russia and the U.S. have tried to win the friendship of the uncommitted nations — by aid, trade, military assistance, diplomacy and other means.

Late 1956 brought a break in the battle of ideas, when Russia used armed force to crush the Hungarian revolt. Four of the most important "neutralist" nations in the world — India, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia — joined with the West to condemn Russia in the United Nations, and to demand that Russian troops be withdrawn from Hungary.

But how lasting will this "neutralist" shift be? How seriously has Russian prestige been damaged in the eyes of the rest of the world? Some other non-Western nations, like Egypt and Syria, still seem to be moving closer to the Communist orbit.

Military Action

And the same Asian nations which condemned Russian aggression in Hungary also condemned Anglo-French military action in Egypt. Will the U.S. be able to maintain its close traditional ties with Britain and France and still hold the trust of the "neutralist" world?

This dilemma is particularly important in the UN. President Eisenhower has stated that the U.S. will "rely" on the UN in handling problems of world peace.

The new Middle East policy was denounced recently in an official Soviet pronouncement as "contradicting the principles and aims of the United Nations."

Supporting Policies

If U.S. diplomacy is to work successfully in the UN, U.S. policies must have the support of the uncommitted nations which make up one-third of the UN.

In addition to military and

ideological competition with Russia, the U.S. also faces economic competition.

Russia's announced goal in this field is ultimately to out-produce the West in major industries. To do this, Russian economy is planned from the top. Moscow sets the goals, allocates raw materials, controls investments, wages, distribution, prices and every other phase of Russian economy.

Two important facts about Communist economic plans and progress stand out:

1. Russian heavy industry has been catching up with the West at a remarkable rate.

2. The raw materials and industries of Eastern Europe have been an important part of Communist economic planning.

Economic Problems

On the other side of Europe, in the Western alliance, there are also severe economic problems. Loss of some Middle Eastern oil and stoppage of the Suez canal are the main causes. British and French industries have already, because of oil shortages, cut back production and laid off workers. Western Europe, Asia and the Middle East have all suffered trade losses because of the closing of the Suez canal. And the oil countries of the Middle East are losing \$1,800,000 a day in oil revenue.

The U.S. is carrying a share of Western Europe's economic burden. The Export-Import bank has loaned half a billion dollars

Selection of Books Ready for Decisions

To aid leaders, students, and others participating in the Great Decisions program of 1957 the Medford Public Library has arranged a special selection of basic reading pertinent to the eight key issues under consideration.

The books and pamphlets in the collection contain background, basic facts, and policy alternatives on each issue, commencing with U. S. competition with Russia. In addition to the reading materials displayed there is also available at the library current magazine material on the weekly topics. A list of such articles may be consulted at the reference desk.

Packets of the fact sheets prepared by the Foreign Policy Association for the Great Decisions program may be purchased at the circulation desk of the library.

4-H Leaders Start Sewing Meetings

Seven 4-H club leaders Thursday attended the first in a series of four meetings on "getting the most out of your sewing machine" at the Singer Sewing Machine store.

Other meetings in the series will be held Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. Instructors are Mrs. J. D. Neil, Griffin Creek, instructor for the company, and Miss Marjorie Hattan, county 4-H agent.

The sessions are being held as a joint project of the Singer company and the county extension service.

FFA Chapter Sells 125 First Aid Kits

Eagle Point—The Eagle Point Future Farmers of America chapter sold 125 first aid kits during a recent campaign to raise money for chapter activities. It was reported Saturday.

The kits were sold through Central Point Drug store. Anyone who ordered a first aid kit which has not been delivered is requested to contact the FFA chapter, Members said.

Eagle Point FFA chapter officers conducted a green hand degree for the Phoenix FFA chapter in the Eagle Point agriculture building Wednesday, Jan. 23. Thirty Phoenix members took the degree, which is the first degree in FFA work. To qualify, a student must have a home supervised farming program and knowledge of FFA functions.

After the meeting refresh-

to Britain, and Congress will probably postpone interest payments on past loans to Britain. President Eisenhower proposed January 1 to step up U.S. aid to the Middle East.

Some leaders have also raised the question of possible U.S. aid to Eastern Europe, especially Poland and Hungary.

Great Decisions radio and television programs will be presented between 8 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, on radio station KMED and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, on station KBES-TV. The program on radio station KWIV will be announced.

SCHOOL NEWS

PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL

By Members of the Journalism Class

Final tests for the first semester, ending Jan. 25, have been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22. Notices listing exempt students are to be posted on the bulletin board on Monday preceding the tests. Students who have achieved a grade point of two or better will be exempt. A grade point of one is the highest possible grade.

Report cards are scheduled to be given out on the following Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Shots Given

Salk Polio vaccine inoculations were given to approximately 100 students at PHS on Tuesday, Jan. 15, by Dr. M. D. McGary of Phoenix. The inoculation was given free of charge in conjunction with the countywide program now underway.

Approximately 60 students, who had received their shots previously, were relieved from the firing squad and remained on the sidelines cheering and jeering their not-so-fortunate friends. The common complaint was "Ouch! My arm!"

The Phoenix high school band has been working on two new numbers, Tiger Rag and Lassus Trombone, respectively, according to Harry Kannasto, band director. He also announced the formation of a brass sextet. The members are Don Wallace, bass; Bill Dillree, baritone; Glen Bradley and Norman Whisenant, trombonists; and Eldon Mitchell and David McClurg, cornetists. The sextet is currently engaged in working up "Old Man River."

The Agriculture department members, under the supervision of John Dube, are undertaking several new phases of farm instruction. The one phase of farm work which seems to be attracting the most attention at the moment is the shearing of sheep. This latter activity, the starting of several new projects by various members and the repairing of damaged farm implements and machinery are providing the members of the different classes with a variety of farm work experience.

Homemaker Named

Alicia Abbott has been selected as the PHS Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Alicia received the highest score in a written examination on home-making knowledge and activities. Her examination paper will be entered in the statewide competition for Oregon's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Bop has achieved top rating for music at school dances. Rip it Up with Little Richard by Guy Mitchell are the favorites.

Mill Accident Kills

One, Injures Another

DALLAS—(AP)—A lumber mill accident here Friday claimed the life of a 64-year-old man and sent another to the hospital with serious injuries.

Killed was Anthony Schulson, an employee of the Willamette Valley Lumber company. He was struck by a piece of lumber coming from an edger at the plant.

Paul L. Evans, 27, was hospitalized but doctors said his condition was not critical.

ments were served. Some of the Phoenix members were unable to attend because of a basketball game the same night.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Officials Take CD Course

By HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction—Mayor Carroll Banks and Police Chief Don Holten have enrolled in the 18-week civil defense rescue work course which began Wednesday at the Grants Pass fire house.

Work will include training in the use of Calamity Jane, the Josephine county rescue truck, which is on call for any type of disaster.

Banks and Holten hope to begin a similar course in the Illinois Valley, following completion of their training.

Five Green Hand Future Farmers were elevated to the rank of Chapter Farmer in ceremonies conducted by a visiting Grants Pass team Tuesday night at the FFA meeting here.

Receiving their silver pins were Mike Burnett, Clark England, Art Desautniers, Jim Billi and Robert Wright.

Officer teams from Grants Pass and the Illinois valley gave demonstrations of parliamentary procedure. Both school clubs will enter the Rogue-Umpqua contest to be held Saturday at Crater high school.

Illinois Valley Garden club members are asked to bring spring seed catalogs to their meeting on Friday, Jan. 25, at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch in Bridgeview.

Mrs. Harry Floyd will demonstrate seed flat planting.

A guest at the Selma home of Mrs. Thelma Lunquist is her sister from Compton, Calif., who is the mother of 20 children, has 41 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

At the Women's Society for Christian Service, held at Emmanuel Methodist church Monday night, plans were made for a fund-raising dinner to be given soon.

On the dinner committee are Joy Kellert, Blanche Robinson, Edna Hoskins and Elsie Cook. Proceeds will go toward the new church building fund.

A film, "Far From Alone," was shown following the business meeting.

In Grants Pass this week to be with their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Halm, were Mr. and Mrs. James Payne, Mrs. Halm has been suffering from a recurrent fever.

A former resident, Arthur Barrett of Klamath Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Payne and other friends in the valley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Kellogg are back in the valley, after spending more than a year in Grants Pass, where Kellogg was tester for the Josephine County Dairy Herd association.

Kellogg, who owns a large ranch in the valley, will be employed at the Estes dairy. He is recovering from a heart attack which caused his temporary retirement last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brading began work Monday on their new Dairy Queen bar, which will open in Cave Junction about March 1.

A serving window is being placed at the front of the building, and extensive plumbing and rearranging will be done inside.

Vernon Larson, principal at Illinois Valley High school and Coaches Gale Davis and Wes Peters attended a meeting of officials of the Rogue league and other school representatives at Medford, Saturday, Jan. 12.

Funeral services for Claudia Pauline Jordan, 39, were held at the Cave Junction Community church at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, with Rev. Robert Kingsbury officiating.

Mrs. Jordan had lived in O'Brien for ten years before the family's removal to Eureka last August. She died at her home on Thursday, Jan. 10, following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Jordan was a member of the American Legion auxiliary and was active in PTA work.

Her husband was the owner of Jordan's Chain Saw shop in O'Brien and Cave Junction for several years.

Interment was at Laurel cemetery.

Mrs. Robert (Mike) Smith was hostess at a bridge luncheon Thursday, Jan. 10. Guests were Mrs. Cecil Brink, Mrs. Earl Boyd, Mrs. Floyd Wells, Mrs. John Milburn, Mrs. Sam Bunch, Mrs. Joe Ollis, Mrs. Herb Dews and Mrs. George Webb.

Mrs. Orville Meredith and Mrs. Robert Cherry described and illustrated shades which compliment various skin colorings at the Illinois Valley Home Extension unit meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. Charles Versteeg.

Preceding the "color-texture" lesson, Chairman Mrs. Gloria Hewson, discussed the plan for Great Decision group meetings which will be held throughout the county.

A potluck luncheon was served.

Mrs. Harry O. Smith was at Eugene over last week end, where she attended the State Garden club executive board meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webb returned Tuesday from a business trip to Sacramento.

Pre-school children at O'Brien Cave Junction and outlying points in the southern end of the valley may receive free polio shots at the Illinois Valley high school on Jan. 23. Those in Kerb and Selma areas are scheduled for Jan. 28 at Kerby school.

In emphasizing the importance of the shots for smaller children, Martha Woolley, county health nurse, urges parents to pool their cars so that every pre-school child in the valley may be immunized against the disease.

Although buses will take school children to the central points for their shots, pre-schoolers must depend on private transportation and must be accompanied by a parent.

The Illinois Valley Federation of Republican Women will not meet in January. Next meeting date is tentatively set for the second or third Friday in February.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnard and daughters of Portland were recent guests at the Ralph Burns home. Barnard and Burns are classmates at Oregon State college.

Pet owners are warned to keep their animals away from posted areas. Several valuable dogs around the valley have died from poison set out for coyotes and rodents.

The 15-mile stretch of snow-packed road leading into Sourough mine near O'Brien was cleared recently by mine owner Howard Beasley, who took supplies to workers remaining there through the winter.

Beasley and George Alcorn plowed through more than two feet of snow.

Pythians Schedule Games on Monday

A variety of games is scheduled for the meeting of the Talisman lodge No. 31 Knights of Pythias, Monday night, Jan. 21, according to James O'Duane, recently installed chancellor commander.

Volley ball, badminton, cards, pool, chess and checkers will be included in the program. Refreshments will also be served.

The third Monday night of each month has been designed for social recreation and entertainment. All Knights, Dokeys, visiting members and their friends and former members are invited to attend, according to O'Duane. In charge of entertainment at Monday's meeting are O'Duane and Ed Bostwick.

Jackson County Has Child Safety Problem, Banquet Speaker Says

"Jackson county particularly has a child safety problem," according to Miss Janice Westaby, home safety consultant for the Oregon State Board of Health.

Miss Westaby spoke Friday night at the annual awards banquet of the Medford Safety Council.

She said between 1951 and 1955, home accidents caused 42 deaths in Jackson county, of which 15 were children under 15-year-old, or 35 per cent of the deaths. The state average is 22 per cent, she said.

During the same years 9,000 injuries occurred in the county from home accidents. Most of the injuries were falls and burns, she pointed out.

Personal Experience

Before most people will practice safety they must first have a personal experience with a serious injury, the home consultant said. She added that people are usually only safety conscious when it is convenient.

"Safety needs an army of evangelists to convince the fence-sitters injuries don't always happen to the other guy, because you are the other guy to everybody but yourself," Miss Westaby said.

She described her primary interest as child safety, which extends to home safety. The home is where most children are killed or injured and most neglected of all safety areas, she said.

Miss Westaby pointed out that in 1950 Oregon was the ninth worst state in the country for home accidents.

Accident fatalities in Oregon between 1950 and 1954 resulted from motor vehicles, 39 per cent; public accidents, 17 per cent; occupational, 17 per cent; and home accidents, 24.8 per cent.

Causes for home accidents are falls, 35 per cent; burns, 20 per cent; poisons, 18 per cent; suffocation, 17 per cent; and others 10 per cent.

During 1955 there were 28,000 people killed in the United States from home accidents and 4,200,000 injured, costing America taxpayers \$850,000,000, Miss Westaby said. There is one death every 19 minutes from a home

accident and one injury every eight seconds, she noted.

A recent factory survey showed among workers losing time at work from injuries, 84 per cent of the injuries occurred at places other than at the factory, usually in the home, she said.

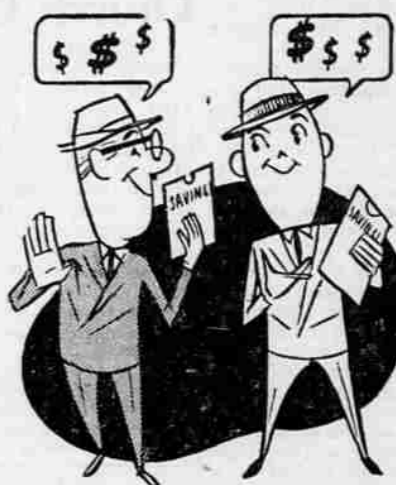
Deaths from burns in Oregon totaled 62 in 1955 and 52 in 1956. However, she added, 19

children died in the 1955 fires, while 30 died from fires in 1956. Reason for the increase of deaths among children, Miss Westaby said, is that they are more often left alone at home unattended.

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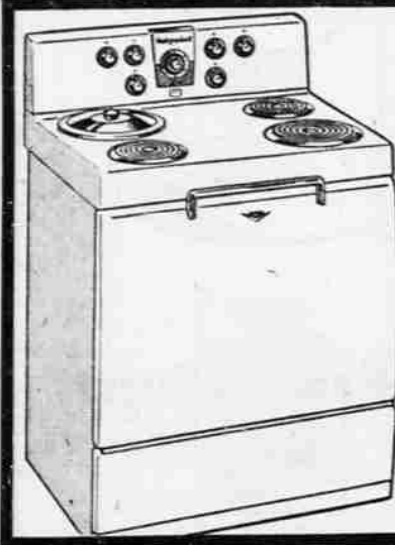
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