Participation in Policy Available to Residents

Great Decisions . . . 1958 will provide Jackson county residents with an opportunity to participate in United States foreign policy, according to Charles O'Brien, San Francisco, who spoke at a public meeting this week.

Harold Jaffrey, assistant manager of the Camp White domiciliary and chairman of the Jackson county Great Decisions committee, was in charge of the meeting.

O'Brien, western regional director for the Foreign Policy association, declared the U.S. faces "unparallelled danger" in the present international situation. He urged Americans to join in the informal study of foreign policy which Great Decisions provides.

Public Attitudes

Public attitudes and response determine U. S. foreign policy, according to O'Brien, and hysteria and a lack of understanding result in rash moves.

The eight topics to be discussed in the nationwide Great Decisions program, which begins Feb. 2, were presented. They deal with Russia, security, United Europe, the Middle East, Africa, U. S. economic policy, trade with Red China and the United Nations.

Information provided in fact sheets prepared for the program forms the basis for the informal home discussions. They are also used by schools, churches and other groups, Jaffrey said.

Fact Sheets Available

All persons interested in taking part in Great Decisions . . . 1958 may purchase the fact sheets at the Medford public library for a nominal charge of $1.

Jaffrey explained that anyone may form a home discussion group which would meet once a week during the eight week program to discuss a particular phase of U. S. foreign policy.

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Nutting Elected Director of Firm

B. L. (Bud) Nutting, general manager of Medford corporation, was elected to the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan association, Medford, at a recent shareholders meeting.

He was elected to fill a present vacancy on the board. Other board members include R. F. Kyle, president; Herb Grey, vice president; John Myers, secretary-treasurer; John Niedermeyer and R. F. Kyle Jr.

Kyle Jr., assistant manager, presented the annual managers report at the meeting. He noted that First Federal boosted its assets by $429,648.60, or 13 per cent, in 1957. The association now holds more savings and serves more savers than at any other time in its history.

Kyle said net savings were increased by $600,038.08, or 22 per cent, bringing the total savings as of Dec. 31 to $3,297,820.53. Home mortgage loans increased by $310,643.12, a 10 per cent increase last year, bringing the total loans outstanding to $3,166,652.98, Kyle said. Reserves were increased to $250,221.57 and now exceed reserves on hand, he added.

BIG BASEMENT EXHIBIT

New York—(UP)—The largest art exhibit in 25 years opened today in the basement of Madison Square Garden. The exhibition which runs through Jan. 26 includes more than 1,500 paintings and works of sculpture by artists from 40 states and Hawaii.

1,209 Landings, Take-Offs Listed At City Airport

Landings and take - offs from the Medford airport during December totaled 1,209, 1,491 less than November, according to the monthly report of municipal activities for December.

The total is about 716 less than December last year. Commercial planes accounted for 531, private planes for 660, the Air Force for 12 and the Navy for 2.

December passenger traffic at the airport was 4,278. This is less than the 5,507 total in November but more than the 3,480 in November 1956. Passengers outbound from Medform totaled 2,144 and inbound passengers numbered 2,134.

Mail pounds for the month was 25,526, which was 7,860 pounds more than November, and 5,027 pounds less than December, 1956. Outbound mail amounted to 10,326 pounds and inbound was 15,200.

Air Express last month was 3,547 pounds, 623 pounds less than November, and 2,788 pounds less than the amount for the same period in 1956. Pounds shipped out totaled 1,400 and there were 2,147 pounds shipped into the airport.

Air Freight poundage amounted to 9,733 in December. This is 1,512 pounds less than November and 623 pounds less than December, 1956. Freight going out of Medford during the month amounted to about 4,433 pounds and freight coming in for the month was about 5,300 pounds.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Defensive warfare note:

Chairman Carl Vinson of the house armed services committee says the air force has developed a system to give adequate warning of an enemy ballistic attack.

He adds:

"The house armed services committee has been assured that equipment has been developed which will do exactly that. It will detect a missile as it rises above the horizon and will afford a sufficient period of time TO PERMIT ELEMENTS OF OUR STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND TO BECOME AIRBORNE."

THAT is to say:

If Russia should launch a missile attack against us, this new equipment will give us about 20 minutes warning. That will give us time enough to get our atom bomb carrying bombers into the air to deliver MASSIVE RETALIATION against Russia.

So—

If Russia IS ahead of us in missile development—

We will still be in a position to say to her: "UNLESS YOU ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT DESTRUCTION YOURSELVES, don't attack US with missiles."

THE warning, of course, will be brief.

So—

It will be necessary to act quickly if and when the warning is given. In order to make that possible, plans are under way to DISPERSE strategic air command bases. Mr. Vinson says SAC bombers will soon be dispersed at 33 different bases, with not more than one squadron of 15 planes at each base.

The idea of that is to make it difficult for Russia to launch missiles enough to destroy all of our long-range bombers at one fell blow. Our purpose will be to get enough of our bombers into the air to smash Russia with H-bombs.

BUT—

You may say—

We haven't got this warning system yet. It still has to be perfected and built.

The answer to that is that Russia hasn't got accurate intercontinental missiles yet. She still has to perfect them and build them in sufficient numbers.

THIS is the point:

The Russians are smart. Let's concede that. BUT WE'RE SMART TOO—in spite of all the bear talk that is being spread by the political peddlers of gloom and doom.

Let's not lose our nerve.

Let's not crawl in a hole and pull the hole in after us. That isn't the American way.

Walla Walla — (UP) — Dr. John E. McCoy, 71, dean emeritus of Washington State college's veterinary medicine college, died Wednesday.

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