

## State Should Not Postpone Building, OSC President Says

Corvallis—Oregon simply cannot afford to postpone construction of new buildings on its college campuses in the coming two years if it wants "orderly and top quality" education for the wave of college students coming in the mid-1960's, President A. L. Strand of Oregon State college said this week.

## Spending by Consumers Due To Set Record

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United Press International  
New York—Consumer spending, which helped shore up the economy during the recent recession, will rise to an all-time high of about \$307 billion in 1959, an increase of about \$17 billion over the record 1958 figures, according to the experts.

This increase will be one of the key factors behind the anticipated rise in economic activity to new highs in 1959. The consumer is the most important cog in the nation's complex economic machinery, accounting for two-thirds of all the goods and services bought in the country.

In 1959, according to retail economists, consumers will spend more for all types of goods and services.

### Higher Take-Home Pay

The way for this increased consumer outlay will be paved by higher take-home pay, longer hours of employment and improved confidence in the economy.

The record \$290,400,000,000 spent by consumers for goods and services in 1958 was chalked up despite a sharp decline in sales of durable goods, such as autos and appliances.

Spending for non-durable goods such as clothing and food increased during the year, as did outlays for services ranging from the beautician to the mortician.

But the economists caution that the consumer, though more cocky about the future than a year ago, is not bent on any wild spending spree.

Consumers this year are expected to boost their purchases of such big-ticket items as autos, major appliances and home furnishings by about 15 per cent to \$42 billion. This figure still will fall short of the record sum spent for hard goods in 1955.

Shock-Absorber  
Last year, the consumer provided a crucial shock-absorber for the economy through his stepped-up spending for services. This year, his expenditures for such things as laundry and telephone calls will rise 4.7 per cent to a new peak of \$117 billion.

On the other hand, purchases of non-durable goods will climb about four per cent to \$148 billion.

At the same time consumer income is expected to increase by some six per cent, reflecting higher salaries, longer hours and a gradual improvement in the employment picture. Income after taxes should hit a record \$328,400,000,000 which would average out to roughly \$1,800 for every man, woman and child in the nation.

## Girl's Testimony Costs Movie Role

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Red-haired showgirl Liz Renay thinks the local U.S. attorney is a "meanie" because she says he made her miss landing a part in a movie by making her testify before a federal grand jury investigating the financial affairs of ex-gambler Mickey Cohen.

The former stripper, a sometime companion of the pudgy ex-convict, refused to reveal what she told the jurors, but she complained that U.S. Atty. Laughlin E. Waters turned down her request that she be allowed to appear today instead of Wednesday.

The attorney's office said the request was denied because Miss Renay had failed on two previous occasions to appear before the grand jury.

BAN CONFETTI  
Mobile, Ala.—(UPI)—Confetti will fly for the last time at Mobile's Mardi Gras celebration this year. The city commission said the streamers and chopped-up paper will be outlawed in the future as a nuisance and a health hazard.

cally slowed down in the next two years, Dr. Strand insisted that "now is the time to years ahead when college enrollments will double."

"The alternative will be severe restriction on enrollments at the public institutions," he warned. Building Pileup

Postponing construction of \$5 to \$6 million in buildings for the Oregon State campus, which should get underway during the next two years, will pile up building demands on the 1961 legislature that "couldn't possibly be met," the OSC leader said.

"Look at the record elementary, junior high, and high school enrollments throughout the state, and it's easy to see why OSC will go from its 7,981 student enrollment of this fall to 13,000 or more in 1965," Dr. Strand continued.

"But we won't wait until 1965 to prepare for them," he emphasized. Great progress has been made in the expansion of physical plant facilities on Oregon college campuses during the past 10 years, but much of the building has been necessary to "catch up to where the institutions should have been," Dr. Strand pointed out. Needed improvements of all kinds were postponed during the depression and the war which followed, he explained.

Now in his 16th year at OSC, Dr. Strand looked back to the war years when enrollment dropped from 5,000 to 2,000 and then shot up to nearly 7,500. That was an emergency, but the emergency ahead is even greater, he observed.

Even at present, some needs are critical, Dr. Strand said. The seating capacity of the OSC library today is 575 for 8,000 students—when it should be about 2,000, he commented. If Oregon postpones development of its campuses, its colleges won't be ready for the real classroom rush in 1965, he cautioned.

## West Coast Hotels Announce Merger

San Francisco—(UPI)—Six of the largest hotels on the Pacific Coast have merged in a \$30 million transaction to form a giant ownership corporation.

Involved in the deal were the St. Francis and Sir Francis Drake of San Francisco and four other hotels—the Mayfair in Los Angeles, Multnomah in Portland, Benjamin Franklin in Seattle and Oasis in Palm Springs.

Under the terms of the merger, which was announced Wednesday, stock in the St. Francis Hotel Corporation was traded for stock in the other hotel corporations.

Included in the deal was the Fithugh building here, which was owned by the Sir Francis Drake Corporation.

All six hotels involved are members of Western Hotels, Inc., which will continue as the management company.

DENY SORAYA REPORTS  
Cologne, Germany—(UPI)—Iranian sources denied today German press reports that Princess Soraya is planning a trip home to Iran.



**CHILD STEALER**—Mrs. Jean Iavarone, 43-year-old grandmother and mother of eight children of her own, has been charged with kidnaping baby Lisa Chionchio from a New York hospital 2½ hours after birth. Despite positive identification of the Chionchio baby, Mrs. Iavarone has continued to claim the baby as her own. None of Mrs. Iavarone's living children live with her; the younger ones are in foster homes and orphanages, apparently because she could not support them on her \$45-a-week salary as a department store clerk.

## Second-Growth Fir Said Strong as First-Growth

Corvallis—Second-growth Douglas fir appears to be as strong as old-growth in tension parallel to the wood grain, a study made by an Oregon State college forester, Antone C. Van Vliet, shows.

The study is part of a continuing, long-range program of research by OSC on second-growth timber—the timber of coming decades when old-growth stands are exhausted. Age of second-growth forests ranges up to 160 years while old-growth stands are many hundreds of years old. Properties of the second-growth timber do not always conform to the qualities established for old growth, however, and the OSC studies are aimed at supplying information on the differences and at establishing standards for the new-growth wood.

**Tension Strength**  
Information about tension strength parallel to the grain has been scanty in the past, because wood exhibits great strength along the grain and because of lack of practical fasteners, it was uncommon for a clear, straight-grained piece of wood to be pulled apart lengthwise before the fasteners failed, Van Vliet pointed out.

Recent developments in the improvement of adhesives and fasteners and shortage of large, clear structural material have ushered in a new era of wooden truss designs and engineered beams, however, he continued. For the first time, acquiring knowledge about tension parallel to grain has become important.

Van Vliet's study indicates that the second-growth timber has tension strength characteristics comparable to the old-growth material. His work was a cooperative project of the OSC forest research division and the Oregon Forest Research Center, located in Corvallis.

## Three Appear in District Court

A preliminary hearing for James Liebig, 424 South Grape st., who is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, has been set for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 19.

He is being held on \$1,000 bail.

Cecil Hendricks, Klamath Falls, is being held on a fugitive warrant from California authorities charging him with issuing checks without sufficient funds.

Lewis Percel, 71, Rogue River, who appeared in district court this week, was bound over to the grand jury on charges of burglary not in a dwelling. He is charged with breaking into Ernie's Builder's Supply on Aug. 30 and taking a number of tools.

## Biting Dogs Halt Mail Deliveries

San Pedro, Calif.—(UPI)—Postmaster Lowell Chapman said today mail deliveries have been temporarily stopped to at least five households in the 2500 block of Graysby ave. because carriers have been bitten five times by dogs in the past 90 days.

The dog owners will have to pick up their own mail from general delivery until they can give assurance that their dogs are properly tied, Chapman said.

"Carriers are not required to jeopardize their safety in delivering the mail," he declared.

## DOGS ESCAPE FIRE

Morristown, N. J.—(UPI)—A fire in a seeing-eye kennel blazed for three hours Wednesday night before it was brought under control. All of the animals escaped safely from the burning kennels.



**CUDDLING BABY**, Mrs. Frank Chionchio is picture of joy as she and husband are reunited with their daughter, Lisa Rosa, in Brooklyn hospital. Baby was kidnaped few hours after birth by 43-year-old woman who hoped to use tot as means of forcing boy friend to marry her.

## Paraguay Denies Arrest of Plotters

Asuncion, Paraguay—(UPI)—The government has denied Argentine press reports that two generals and an unspecified number of lower-ranking officers have been arrested as plotters against President Alfredo Stroessner.

A communique said Gens. Francisco Brites and Alberto Grennowhose arrest was reported by the Buenos Aires newspaper La Nacion—"both have the full confidence of President Stroessner."

An earlier announcement had denied La Nacion's report of a military revolt in the Gran Chago area of Western Paraguay.

### ACUTE OBSERVATION

Des Moines, Iowa—(UPI)—W. Weston, an attorney from London, England, noted in a speech before the Iowa Senate Wednesday that President Eisenhower apparently has a deep respect for the British way of life. "Golf, you know, is a British game," he said.

## Hoodlums Strip Brazilian Actress

Sao Paulo, Brazil—(UPI)—The low cut sack dress is definitely out for shapely Brazilian actress Norma Benguelle. She was mobbed Wednesday by a group of teen-aged hoodlums and stripped naked in the street.

The teen-agers followed her along the street commenting on her figure and on the sack dress. Suddenly one youth snatched at the dress and others followed suit. In a matter of seconds she stood nude and screaming in protest.

Miss Benguelle fled to the safety of a clothing store where she was followed by the teen-agers. A crowd of bystanders called police and five squad cars of patrolmen restored order after a half hour battle.

## Satirist To Wed In South Saturday

Hollywood—(UPI)—Satirist Stan Freberg announced Wednesday he and Donna Jean Anderson would be married Saturday in a ceremony performed by his father, the Rev. Victor Freberg.

Freberg, 32, said the ceremony would take place in nearby Pasadena in the Chapel of the Roses after which he and his 28-year-old bride would spend a two-week honeymoon in Northern California.

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