



**VIEW POSTER**—John Alansky (left) and Joel Gregory (right) view the winning poster of Carl Washburn in the poster contest at McLoughlin Junior High school in connection with Library Week. Theme of week is "Wake Up and Read." De Anne Hunt and Mike Pritchard tied for second and Elizabeth Clark was fourth. The posters are on display this week at the Medford Public library.

## McLoughlin Students Conduct Campaign to Read More Books

McLoughlin Junior high school students are apparently disproving the old adage about leading a horse to water and not getting him to drink, only the students are leading other students to the library and getting them to read. And they are getting their parents to read, too.

This is National Library Week, and students at McLoughlin are participating with posters, and special projects, but as long ago as last fall some students were concerned that not enough of their classmates or teachers were using the library facilities.

Members of the student library club began making displays for all the rooms in the school. They began a program of encouraging everyone to make sure of the generous library system of the Medford district. Students like Carl Washburn, student body president, Joel Gregory, ninth grade president, and John Alansky, ninth grade vice president, actively sought student use of the library.

**Prove Fruitful**

Their activities proved fruitful. Mrs. Lois Martin, school librarian at McLoughlin, said student and teacher interest has never been higher.

Last week more than 50 students participated in a poster contest based on the theme of library week, "Wake Up and Read." The posters are on display this week at the Medford Public library.

Carl's poster was voted number one of his fellow students. DeAnne Hunt and Mike Pritchard tied for second, and Elizabeth Clark was the fourth place winner.

The Medford school district provides \$2 per student per year for books, Mrs. Martin said, putting Medford well up front in the number of volumes available for student use. Last year Medford had 180,146 books in circulation, with 34,771 volumes on the shelves. McLoughlin led all schools in circulation with 37,822, with 6,509 volumes.

**Add 4-132 Books**

Medford's \$2 allowance is spread evenly across the schools, and that enabled the system to add 4,132 books last year. Mrs. Martin quoted a former member of the state department of education as saying that the junior high schools and the system had one of the finest collections of books in the state.

Mrs. Martin said the influence of good reading habits extends beyond the students. One student, upon being questioned why he was renewing a book for the third or fourth time said, "my mother hasn't finished it yet." There's no way of knowing what use the parents make of books students take home, she said, but it must be significant.

This week students at McLoughlin will be asked to complete a "quiz" on books they have read and would recommend. The test hopes to discover both the quality and quantity of books being read by students.

Dunbar Carpenter, chairman of the library week committee, particularly urged Jackson county citizens to visit the open house of the main library or a branch library this week. "It will give the adults a chance to emulate our younger generation," he said.

## Oregon Congress Differs in Appraisal Of Berlin Situation

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington—Two Oregon congressmen have recently been to Germany for on-the-scene appraisals of the Berlin crisis, each returning with a different conclusion.



A. Robert Smith  
in the beleaguered city. "I think we have to hold tough."

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) urged establishment of a UN police force as a solution. Porter and nine other U. S. congressmen joined six members of the British parliament in signing a resolution to this effect.

They urged that all of Berlin, both east and west zones, come under the UN, and that the occupying forces of the various governments gradually be replaced with a new UN police force under a single UN commander. It would be made up of soldiers of many UN member nations.

**No Mention of UN**

Congressman Norblad said he heard no mention of the UN during his trip. He only heard military discussions of the situation in Germany during briefings by various U. S. military leaders.

Norblad said he and the others on his committee trip talked with Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt for a hour.

"He's a great guy," said Norblad. "He thinks things can continue for years this way."

Norblad pointed out that the

West German government makes tax concessions to people and industry in West Berlin to compensate for the geographic handicap of being 110 miles inside East Germany.

Norblad said the governments of the two zones of Berlin get along on certain levels when it is mutually helpful. For example, a subway is jointly operated, and the Russians allow sewage from West Berlin to flow into East Berlin treatment plants. When they threatened to shut off this service, the West Berlin government threatened to dump the sewage into a lake which was the source of drinking water for East Berlin. That stopped the threat.

**No Traffic Problem**

One nice thing about East Berlin, said Norblad, is that it has no traffic problem. Its occupants are too poor for the most part to own autos.

Both congressmen found Germans less troubled by the Soviet threat over Berlin than Americans are. They also paid tribute to our military leaders.

"There is a confidence that comes from strength," Porter said. "I think we are strong in Europe. I came back very encouraged. I think the role that air power plays is fundamental."

Norblad said military people fear a blunder that might set off hostilities worse than a deliberate attack.

The idea of a UN police force was received, without any commitment, by the State Department. Assistant Secretary William B. Macomber wrote Porter that it was "among the most carefully thought out of the various proposals."

But he said most plans for UN action overlook two factors.

**Responsibility Evaded**

1. The special responsibility of the U. S., France, Britain and Russia for Germany as a whole and for Berlin. He said the current crisis is caused by Russia attempting to evade its responsibility, "notably the obligation to restore German unity in peace and freedom."

2. We can't deal with Berlin in isolation. "A real and lasting solution to the problem of Berlin can be found only in German unification, and it is the department's view that primary emphasis should be put on making progress towards a resolution of the larger underlying problem rather than on interim or palliative measures to deal with the lesser problem."

## Advisory Council Of National Forest Holds First Meeting

The advisory council of the Rogue River National forest held its first meeting recently in the post office building at Medford.

The council was formed to consider broad questions of policy, programs and procedures affecting the administration of forest activities in the Rogue River National forest, and to give the forest supervisor the benefits of its opinion, according to Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown.

The demands for various uses of the national forests are increasing at a rapid rate. It is desirable, therefore, to have the considered opinion of the group of public-spirited citizens to consider the broad questions of policy and programs, especially where conflicts appear, and give the forest supervisor recommendations. Brown explained as a reason for forming the council.

**Informative Meeting**

The meeting was an informative one, giving the council members an idea of the activities carried on in the Rogue River National forest. Various staff officers of the forest explained their responsibilities and the six district rangers outlined their district boundaries and explained some of the major activities of their districts.

## Richard Graham to Appear on TV Show

Richard Graham, for many years well-known in southern Oregon as an actor, director and make-up expert for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, will appear on Armstrong Circle Theater on television tonight.

Reports from New York to festival officials indicated he would play the role of an airline navigator in a story dealing with diamond smuggling. The play is entitled "Trail of Diamonds."

The program will be seen on KBES-TV at 9 p.m.

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## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Washington—President Eisenhower, about the late Sen. Robert A. Taft at the dedication of a memorial to him: "Whenever I needed him most, he was there."

Berlin—An American spokesman on Soviet harassment of U. S. planes in the Berlin air corridor: "We will continue to fly as high as we please when we please."

Las Vegas, Nev.—An announcement of the North American Air Defense Command, explaining that a single nuclear-armed MB-1 Genie rocket carried by its fighter planes costs \$250,000:

"The cost is relative, however, when consideration is given to how completely it can destroy one or many hydrogen bomb carriers, each with the capacity of a single bomb to clobber a city, its industry and its population."

Washington—William Bufalino, head of a Detroit juke box local of the Teamsters union, denying that he had anything to do with a bombing and refusing to take a lie detector test: "I don't need any machine to tell me what the truth is."

Hollywood—Singer Vic Damone on the departure of his ex-wife, Pier Angeli, for Europe with their three-year-old son: "She could at least have let me say goodbye to my son."

## Vets, Families Receive \$52 Million in Benefits

Veterans and their families in Oregon received a total of \$52,413,938 in cash benefits and services during fiscal year 1958. S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, has announced.

Brannock said actual distribution of this sum is outlined in the 1958 annual report of the VA, now on sale at the Government Printing office, Washington, D. C.

In Oregon, compensation for service-connected disabilities and pension for total and permanent nonservice-connected disabilities were paid to 27,669 living veterans in the amount of \$23,433,529.

Death compensation and pension were paid to the dependents of 8,340 deceased veterans in the amount of \$6,993,055.

**Indemnity Payments**

Certain GI insurance and indemnity payments totaling \$3,625,082 were made to veterans and their beneficiaries.

An average of 118 disabled veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict in Oregon were in training during the year under the vocational rehabilitation act to overcome the handicaps of their disabilities. They received \$353,872 in subsistence, tuition, supplies and equipment.

An average of 4,320 veterans trained during the year under World War II and Korean GI bills. They received \$6,441,032 in cash allowances.

The remainder of cash benefits, services and other VA expenditures in Oregon during the year totaled \$11,567,368.

The cash benefits and services, Brannock explained, included war orphans' educational allowances, hospitalization, automobiles for the disabled, wheel chair homes for the seriously disabled, administrative costs and miscellaneous items.

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