



**COMMANDERS GATHER** — Chiefs of America's world wide military commands pose with Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. at an extraordinary conference summoned by Gates to discuss strategy and readiness of their forces. From left, they are, seated, Gen. David M. Shoup, Marine commandant; Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of Staff; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of naval operations; Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff; standing, Adm. Harold P. Smith, commander-in-chief of Naval Force, Eastern Atlantic and Mediter-

**Recognition Given Improved Teaching**

Corvallis — A journal on Improving College and University Teaching, published by Oregon State College, has experienced "rapid growth" and has won "high praise" from educators.

The journal was started in 1953 by Delmer M. Goode, OSC professor of higher education and curriculum consultant. Demand and interest have expanded it from a 16-page to a 44-page quarterly.

The journal ties in with OSC's continued interest in improving college teaching. OSC's improved-teaching program includes an annual workshop on college and university teaching, teacher rating by students, and recognition of outstanding teachers. In addition, OSC has established a college and university teaching minor in its Graduate School curriculum.

Subjects covered in the publication by educators have included superior teaching, thoughts prompted by student testimony, the instructor faces automation, large versus small classes and team teaching.

**City Administrators, Commission Hold Discussion on Park Planning Report**

The first "down to earth" discussion of park planning based on a recent report prepared by the University of Oregon with the cooperation of city administrators was held last night by the city parks and recreation commission.

Discussion was first sparked by comments from the commission regarding the report as a whole, then more detailed analysis was provided. On hand for technical assistance were Robert Haworth, city parks and recreation director; Ned Lanford, city planning director; and Robert Duff, city manager.

Commission Chairman Russ Jamison said the group should use the publication as a guide to set up "guide lines" for the city council and planning commission.

Member Verl Walker said he was "tremendously impressed" with the report, and James Zack noted that the guide was "very well prepared." Mrs. Owen Kunkel told the commission she "didn't realize we had so many present parks," and the report can be a "good foun-

ation" to build the parks and recreation programs on. Acquisition of Land

Commissioner Member Bill Singler agreed that the publication should be used as a guide, but emphasized that the first step in parks development should be "acquisition of land." He said the commission should concentrate on that phase and use "land use" as a framework for city development.

Herb Partridge noted that the commission could "begin stretching its imagination" concerning parks development prior to its proposed joint meeting with the city planning commission. "We should keep in mind," he added, "besides providing recreational facilities, we want to maintain the aesthetic value of the parks."

**Question Point**

Commissioner Zack contended that none of the commission was in a position to make a change in the report, considering the work and experience put into the report. He did question one point, that being a reference to a one-to-100 ratio set by the National

Recreation association as a general standard for recreation area. This would mean one acre of public recreation area for each 100 persons. Medford now provides a one-for-every 295-persons.

Zack advocated a compromise figure of one recreational acre for every 200 persons, keeping in mind the many "natural" recreational facilities available in this area.

Referring to the proposed park-school development program to unite city and school facilities, Partridge declared that it is a "good unit." Singler questioned the maintenance problem that might develop with this type of plan. It was noted by commissioners that a coordinated effort between the city and the schools would produce a balance in taking care of maintenance work.

Haworth said that the park-school idea had been used before on the west coast, giving California as an example. He added that with this type of system, there would be "no duplication of facilities."

The parks director explained that the city relies on the schools for recreation space in the winter months, and the schools would depend on the city for some of the recreational facilities in the spring and summer.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of schools, told the Mail Tribune this morning the park-school plan is an "excellent idea" and most school officials in the district favor the development plan.

He said the schools intend to cooperate, and believe that, through this program, "maximum development at the lowest possible cost" can be achieved. Mayfield added that the schools, with the cooperation of the city, hope to get preliminary work done this fall on the construction of a baseball diamond at both Jackson and Hawthorne parks (See drawing, page 2-C). At this time the school administrator could only report that a "small amount" of work had been scheduled.

**Background Information**

Basically, Langford contended, the report was prepared for background information for a parks plan. If this type of "thing" is accepted by those groups involved, he continued, "we can take off from there and develop a park plan."

The report was said to have been written in "general ideas," and "geared for changing conditions," according to Jamison. Singler agreed that it is entirely "flexible."

Singler presented a motion to the commission that they accept the entire report in its "generalities," and recommend to the planning commission that they proceed to continue work on the program.

During the special meeting called by the commission, the problems of adequate funds and acquisition of land were discussed. More work and research should be done before setting any policy regarding it, the commission decided.

Although previously advocated, a joint meeting with the city planners was not scheduled since it was reported that both groups were in agreement.

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