

Seventh Annual 'Great Decisions' Program Set Feb. 5 Through Mar. 26

Editor's note: Many newspapers plan to join this year in the Foreign Policy Association's program of stimulating public discussion of major world problems. The following dispatch outlines the nature and subjects of this year's program. During the eight-week period UPI correspondents in various parts of the world will be contributing special dispatches on the eight "great decisions" listed by the FPA.

New York—UPI—On Feb. 5, the non-profit, non-partisan Foreign Policy Association-World Affairs Center launches its seventh annual "Great Decisions" program designed to aid Americans toward a better understanding of events

and problems influencing their destiny. "Great Decisions" is a major community program in which, during 1960, about 250,000 individuals and more than 500 newspapers and radio stations throughout the United States participated.

Eight Topics Listed
The 1961 study program extends to Feb. 5 through March 26, and ranges through eight specific discussion topics. They are:
-Deadlock over Germany—negotiation or trigger to hot war?

-Soviet challenge and world leadership—ultimate stakes in the cold war.
-France and Western unity—DeGaulle's aims in Europe and Africa.
-Japan—future of an Asian ally—partnership or competition ahead?

-South Africa and an explosive continent—rise of the African personality.
-The Americas in jeopardy—threats to a free Western hemisphere.
-Arms and survival—strategies to avert disaster.
-Blueprints for the world economy—rubles, dollars and freedom.

Designed for Study Group
The program, praised by educators, public officials and individuals, is designed for group study and debate, leading finally to individual decisions based on fact sheets provided by the foreign policy association and group research.

The program's continuing challenge to individual thinking may be observed in the program completed in 1960. Study topics included:
"Communist timetable for 1960—what odds?" "Divided Europe—cooperation and crisis." "Cuba's revolution—reform or fiasco?" and "U.S. global strategy—what outlook in 1960?"

A special reproduction of the Foreign Policy Association-World Affairs Centers headline series for July 20, 1960, sets the stage with two fundamental questions facing Americans and a quotation from a special study prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The questions:
"How can the United States plan and act with the boldness, imagination and flexibility toward new factors that such world leadership demands?"

"How can this democracy mobilize the free minds of its people through voluntary effort to face the problems of a changing world and to give steady support to the hard, costly and unfamiliar policies which our country may need to adopt?"

Chose Leader's Role
Dealing with the decisions which Americans and their government must make, the report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said:
During World War II "the American people accepted the fact that the United States must play a leading role in the post-war world."

"The choice for responsible and continuing participation in world affairs was one of the great decisions in the history of our country. From it came the establishment of the United Nations, America's leading role in the world's recovery from the destruction left by the war, and the sense of purposeful commitment to the principles of freedom and justice for which the American people fought."

"It soon became apparent, however, that the new world order was not going to be orderly at all; that forces of tyranny and aggression were active in a new quarter of the globe; that many new and revolutionary forces were making themselves felt; that both the American people and those specifically charged with the formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign policy would have to develop a greater understanding of the nature of those forces; and that new 'great decisions' would have to be made."

In all portions of the program, the individual is asked to form his own opinion which in turn may be transmitted to his senator or representative in Congress.

Legislative Briefs

Salem—UPI—A bill to allow any candidate to withdraw from a Presidential primary in Oregon upon filing written notice was introduced Monday in the House of Representatives.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday he would sign a bill providing for certificates of convenience and necessity for log trucks, if the measure were not tied to other provisions.

Salem—UPI—Sen. Andrew J. Materlin (D-Newport) Monday attacked a bill that would require certificates of convenience and necessity for new or expanded public utilities.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday he has asked the University of Oregon Medical School hospital in Portland to take over thoracic major surgery of state tuberculosis patients.

Under the proposal, the state TB hospital here would be converted to recuperative and long-range care only.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday his proposal to make Feb. 14 Oregon Statehood, a legal holiday has received only "half-hearted support" so far in most quarters.

Salem—UPI—A memorial to President-elect John F. Kennedy and Congress has been introduced in the Oregon House and Senate urging an amended federal medical care for the aged plan linked to Social Security.

It was sponsored by Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale), and Rep. Ed Benedict (D-Portland).

Salem—UPI—Labor representatives argued before the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs Monday in support of a resolution calling for a study of the state's public employees' retirement system.

James T. Marr of Portland, Oregon AFL-CIO secretary, said state employees consider the current program inadequate.

Richard House, representing the state firefighters association, said the program needs overhauling if it is to catch up with the times. He said both pension amounts and qualifications need changing.

Salem—UPI—The Senate Labor and Industries committee was told Monday that the Oregon unemployment compensation fund will probably make it through 1961 without fluctuating much. The fund now stands at about \$47 million.

Salem—UPI—The state superintendent of public instruction would be appointed by a nine-member board of education, instead of elected, under a bill introduced in the House Monday.

The proposal, by the Interim Committee on Education, conflicts with Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization plan under which the governor himself would make the appointment.



NAMED BY KENNEDY—President-elect John Kennedy has announced the appointment of international lawyer George W. Ball, above, as undersecretary of state for economic affairs. Ball is the third associate of Adlai E. Stevenson to be named to the incoming administration. Ball's law firm has offices in Washington, New York, Paris and Brussels. He is a long-time political advisor to Stevenson. (UPI Telephoto)

Applications Being Accepted for Local Homes for Students

Applications are now being accepted from Medford residents desiring to host a foreign student this fall under the American Field Service foreign exchange program.

Mrs. R. E. Mencke, local AFS president, said the deadline for registering is early February. As in past years, two students from abroad are expected to attend Medford High school during the 1961-62 school year as seniors, and reside with local families. Financial assistance is provided by the Medford Rotary and Crater Lions clubs.

During the students' stay in Medford, they are treated as a regular member of the family. The parents have the same authority over the students as they have over their own children, according to AFS officials. The 16 to 18-

year-old students will have been screened with the cooperation of educators in their own countries, for personality as well as intelligence, so as to be placed properly and benefit from their experience.

Although the final choice of the local host families is made in the New York AFS office, the local chapter is responsible for finding and interviewing prospective families and submitting suitable applications to New York for approval.

Any Medford family interested in hosting an exchange student during the 1961-62 school year or wishing more information is asked to contact either of the AFS members for homes: Mrs. P. G. Humphreys, Ross lane, SPring 2-6968, or Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, 1656 Spring st., SPring 2-9291.

Exchange students currently attending Medford High are Miss Gillian (Jill) DuCroz, and Hisayuko (Don) Kondo from England and Japan, respectively. They are residing with the L. C. McLoughlin family, 3384 Jacksonville highway, and with Dr. and Mrs. Fred C. Lorch and family, 830 Minnesota st., Medford.



CONSUL RESIGNS—San Francisco Cuban Consul Rodrique Parajon, left, hands passport to Theodore L. Rausch, a San Francisco notary public, after he resigned last week from his government's diplomatic post over to Theodore L. Rausch, a San Francisco notary public, after he resigned of love and not hate. (UPI Telephoto)

Function, Operations of Credit Bureau Explained for Chamber

"Credit is a necessary and important part of our life today. . . . It is part of the American heritage. . . . like hotdogs."

These statements were made Monday by Hugh Rogers, manager of the Credit Bureau of Medford, 223 West Sixth st. He was speaking at the Medford Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon on the function and operations of the credit bureau.

Rogers estimated that the American people owe a total of \$347 billion, which represents all kinds of installment loans. This averages out to about \$4,600 owed by every man, woman and child in the U. S. today, he said.

Rogers declared that credit is being over-extended in many cases, and that many people are obtaining more goods on credit than they can meet the payments for. But, he said, it is up to business to control the amount of credit they will let people have.

Credit Said Good
Rogers asserted that "it is a proven fact that a person will buy more on credit than he will on cash." He indicated that credit is good as long as it doesn't get out of hand.

One of the advantages of credit, he said, is that it enables industry to manufacture on a volume basis, resulting in a lower price to the consumer.

The primary role of the credit bureau in the field of credit, he said, is to control it. Collecting overdue payments is also a function of the credit bureau, but it is a secondary function, according to Rogers.

The Credit Bureau of Medford is one of approximately 4,000 credit bureaus throughout the U.S., which are grouped together in an organization called the Associated Credit Bureaus of America.

Recognized by Government
These are the only credit bureaus, Rogers said, and they are recognized by the federal government as such. He added that there are many collection agencies, but said these are not the same as credit bureaus.

Some of the more specific functions of the credit bureau, according to Rogers, are to provide credit information; to supply a credit guide; to

operate "check flashes;" to provide a pre-collection letter service; and to provide a "collectorite collection service."

Credit information consists of information on a particular borrower submitted to the bureau by member firms. It is as complete as the information supplied the bureau is complete; and it is up-to-date as the information supplied the bureau is up-to-date.

235 Member Business
Rogers said the Credit Bureau of Medford has approximately 235 member businesses in the Medford area. The information on a particular credit rating is made available to a member as quickly as possible, he said.

A credit guide, called a "red book" by the local credit bureau, is sent to member businesses by the bureau. It contains information on the paying habits and financial conditions of prospective borrowers, and also contains a list of the latest bankruptcies, Rogers noted.

The "check flash" is a warning starting at the credit bureau to alert member businesses of someone who is passing bad checks in the area. Rogers said the check flash is originated and authorized by the police department. The flash

normally takes only minutes to reach all firms. The pre-collection letter service consists of a letter sent out by the bureau to prompt "slow payers" into paying a particular bill. What it does, Rogers said, is to bring a "third party" into the payment transaction.

On receipt of the letter, he said, many persons who had previously been slow in paying a particular bill, now pay it at once, and in full.

Rogers noted that more than 98 per cent of the people who buy on the installment plan fully intend to pay for what they've bought. The 2 per cent or less who do not intend to pay for their purchases, he said, are collection problems and their accounts are assigned for collection.

Provide Collection Service
The Associated Credit Bureaus of America provides a collection service, he said, called the "collectorite collection service." Rogers did not say what this service was, but he described it as "a hard-hitting series of impacts, tempered to individual circumstances." He added that the service is at the same time designed to protect the business-customer relationship.

During his talk, Rogers not only noted that credit is constantly increasing, but also that a business is no longer doing a customer a favor by extending him credit, because if that business doesn't another one will. "It is part of the American heritage," he said.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange
The Gold Hill Grange met Jan. 5, with Master A. A. Walker in the chair. The Grange was called to order. The following committee reports were given:

Marie Christenson reported on the John Deere Farm Machinery show held by Hubbard Ray company in Medford.

Jerel Jones reported on the legislative committee and said that taxes seem to be a puzzle. He said some parts of the state seem to carry more than their share of taxes, and it looks like the future is pointing toward a sales tax.

Grover Kelley reported on the ways and means committee and reported on the New Year's dance.

Herman Kamping, insurance agent of the Grange, gave a report on auto insurance. He also said a story about his prize winning potatoes at the state fair will be out in the next issue of the farm quarterly.

The officers' dinner was planned for Sunday. The Grange furnished the turkey and ham with mashed potatoes, dressing gravy. Potluck dishes were furnished by the members.

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Traffic Convictions in State Total 203,331
Salem—UPI—Convictions for violation of Oregon traffic law totaled 203,331 in 1960—an all time high, the Oregon motor vehicles department said today.
December convictions alone were 20,204.
The annual report showed that 2,363 persons were convicted of driving while intoxicated. In all cases, licenses of drivers were suspended.



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House Education Committee Studies State School Funds

Salem—UPI—The House Committee on Education began its first close look Monday at a new plan to distribute state school funds—and immediately stubbed its toe over "inequities" in the tiny percentage applied to school transportation costs.

It was a preview of regional disputes to come over school funds. Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) said he thought that Portlanders were "talking quite a licking" as far as transportation money goes.

Money Lacking
In most areas of the state, high school students are transported if they live more than a mile from home, he said. But no high school students living within the Portland school district are carried, even though some must travel nearly three miles.

George Baldwin, comptroller and clerk of the Portland schools, said the district did not have enough money to match available state funds for an expanded transportation program.

Thomas Rigby, secretary of the Interim committee on Education, barely scratched the surface of that committee's proposal for "equalized flat

grant" distribution of the state's share of school costs.

Protests Made
Key to the new EFG formula would be an increased recognition of funds available to schools locally, in an effort to alleviate the burden for districts now taxed most heavily to pay for schools.

Protests already have come from legislators whose richer districts would lose state funds under the new formula.

Exams Announced for Civil Service Position
A new examination for the job of communications specialist is being offered by the U. S. civil service commission to fill vacancies in U. S. Army Communications agencies in the Washington, D. C., and Winchester, Va., areas.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from L. B. Nelson at the Medford post office or from the U. S. civil service commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Canada's first miners' organization is believed to have been the Gold Miners Assn. of Nova Scotia, formed in 1890.