

## Area Organizers Named for Great Decisions Groups

Area organizers of informal discussion groups as part of the county and state-wide "Great Decisions" program starting Feb. 5 have been named in six Jackson county communities, according to John McLoughlin, county extension agent.

Those named are Mrs. Harlan Bosworth, Applagate; Fred Roy Neel, Ashland; William L. Smith, Central Point; Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill; Mrs. Donald E. Walters, Medford; and Gerald Gardner, Prospect.

Mrs. Leon Hoag, chairman of the Jackson county Great Decisions discussion group organization committee, said she expects to name organizers for other areas in the near future.

Great Decisions is an eight-week program which will focus attention and provide background facts on eight key foreign policy issues. The core of the community programs, she noted, will be informal discussion groups.

### 275 Participate

Last year in Jackson county, there were 22 groups with about 275 persons participating in the program. More are expected to participate in the 1961 decisions program.

Mrs. Hoag emphasized that no special training is necessary to organize or participate in the discussion groups. The primary objective, she added, is to allow every citizen to inform himself and to express his opinions on foreign policy to Congress and the state department.

Special materials developed by the Foreign Policy association provide facts, background and policy alternatives for discussion groups.

Interested persons may obtain additional information from their respective area organizers, or from the Jackson county extension office in the courthouse.

## Capitol Memo

### State Governments Near Agreement on Columbia Bridge

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem — (UPI) — An Oregon legislator said today Washington and Oregon are "very close" to a compromise on the proposed \$24 million Astoria-Megler bridge over the Columbia river.

State Rep. William Holmstrom, chairman of the House Highways Committee, indicated Oregon may yield on Washington's insistence that each state pay for its own approach instead of going 50-50.

This has been a major stumbling block because Washington is cold to the idea of going half on total cost of the approaches. The reason is obvious: Oregon's approach would cost \$1,575,000 and Washington's \$1,719,000.

Reason for the difference is a problem of height on the Oregon side.

The bridge would fill the only remaining gap in U.S. Highway 101, which runs from Mexico to Canada. A ferry system operates at Astoria but it has been pegged as inadequate.

In 1959 Holmstrom introduced a bill authorizing Oregon to issue \$24 million in self-liquidating bonds to pay for the bridge.

The hitch was that Washington had to pay half of any bridge costs over and above the tolls collected — and for the first decade or so the bridge expects to operate in the red.

The 1959 Washington legislature took no action and the project was temporarily dead.

If cost of the approaches was taken out of the \$24 million, Holmstrom said Oregon probably could bond for a total of \$23 million and still get by. Oregon would have to pay for its approach out of regular state highway funds.

The idea is that when the bridge is paid for, Oregon and Washington would each own half and equally share the tolls.

The lodge membership has been divided into two divisions, with captains named for each team. Team captains are Buddy Gilbert and Dale Willis, both of Medford.

When 40 new members are obtained, lodge officials said, the captain whose team enrolls the greatest number of new members will be pushed in a wheelbarrow down Main st., Medford, by the captain of the losing team.

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## Reports Indicate More Groups Will Participate in Program

Carvallis—Thousands of Oregonians will join their friends and neighbors each week from Feb. 5 through March 31 to discuss key issues in American foreign policy under the annual nationwide "Great Decisions" program.

Early reports indicate that more Oregon Great Decisions study groups are being formed this year than in 1960, when about 6,000 persons discussed current topics in more than 400 groups, according to co-chairman Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of the Oregon State college agricultural extension service.

The discussion program also is carried by high school social studies classes. Last year, about 60 schools throughout the state participated.

Great Decisions discussion groups give participants an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of current foreign affairs. Small, informal discussion groups are the heart of the program. Individuals in the groups form their own opinions on U.S. foreign policy and fill out ballots to report their opinions to policymakers in Washington, D.C.

In addition to groups formed specifically to discuss the Great Decisions topics, many ready-made organizations will talk over the eight topics at their regular meetings during the next two months.

Such groups include churches and religious groups, civic organizations, PTA groups, fraternal organizations, business, labor, and professional associations, women's clubs, military organizations, people in hospitals, offices, plants and factories, social groups, and families.

Discussion topics for the study of foreign policy include: Deadlock over Germany, Soviet Challenge and World Leadership, France and Western Unity, Japan-Future of an Ally, South Africa and an Explosive Continent, the Americas in Jeopardy, Arms and Survival, and Blueprints for the World Economy.

A set of fact sheets giving background information on

each topic is prepared by the Foreign Policy association (FPA), nonpartisan educational agency. The fact sheets are made available to all participants through local county distribution chairmen.

Special features will be developed by Oregon newspapers, television and radio stations to supplement information in fact sheets.

Anyone interested in obtaining study materials or joining small neighborhood discussion groups should see the County Great Decision chairman or local county extension agent.

County Great Decisions councils currently are being reactivated throughout the state to help organize the 1961 program and make study materials available to discussion groups. Mrs. Mack explained that each study group organizes and runs itself, but can look to the county council for help.

The 1961 Great Decisions state executive committee is headed up by Mrs. Mack and Dr. Charles Dean, head of correspondence study for the general extension division, state

system of higher education, Eugene, co-chairmen.

Others on the committee include William R. Campbell, FPA western regional director, San Francisco, Calif.; Gloria Chandler, educational program director, KGW-TV, Portland; Prof. Karlin Capper-Johnson, president of the United Nations Association of Oregon, Portland; Eloise Ebert, Oregon state library, Salem; Dr. Benjamin L. Simmons, director of curriculum and publications, state department of education, Salem; the Rev. George Dick, executive director, Oregon Council of Churches, Portland; Mrs. Dwight Burch, Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Coos Bay; and E. K. MacColl, president, World Affairs Council, Portland.

In Oregon, Great Decisions is sponsored by the OSC cooperative extension service, the general extension division, Oregon United Nations association, state library, state department of education, KGW-TV, The Oregonian, and other state organizations.

**Stevenson Urged To Take Dynamic Leadership in UN**  
New York — (UPI) — The American Committee for Africa has urged new U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson to assume "dynamic leadership" of anti-colonialist forces in the United Nations, starting with unqualified support for Algerian independence.

The committee also urged a "strong" U.S. stand against Portuguese colonies in Africa and the white supremacist policies of the Union of South Africa, even at the risk of alienating these western nations.

**Previous Policy Weak**  
The committee, a private organization whose members include leading legislators, businessmen and clergy charged that previous American policy toward such controversial issues had been "weak" and repulsive to emergent African nations in the United Nations.

"The United States suffered a disastrous political and ideological defeat in the 15th U.N. General Assembly," said George M. Houser, the committee's executive director. "The American vote on crucial issues . . . is the primary cause for this loss of prestige."

The report, a copy of which was presented to Stevenson, outlined a voting record which showed the United States frequently bucking heads with the increasingly powerful Afro-Asian group in the world body.

"First and perhaps most important," it said, "was the abstention of the United States on the resolution entitled 'Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.'"

The resolution, a compromise from one originally introduced by the Soviet Union, passed the general assembly with a total of nine abstentions but no opposing votes.

The committee cited comments from various African leaders at the United Nations which generally concluded: "Americans are good people . . . but I don't like your country's foreign policy."

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## Deadline Nears for Furnishing Forms

Portland — Jan. 31 is the deadline for employers in Oregon to furnish their employees with statements of Federal income and social security taxes withheld from their wages during 1960.

The reminder was issued for the benefit of those employers who have not already done so, according to A. G. Erickson, district director of the Internal Revenue Service for Oregon.

Most employers, he said, already have given their employees copies of the W-2 form, one of which must be attached to the Federal income tax return filed by the employee reporting income received during 1960.

### RETURNS FROM KOREA

Yreka — M/Sgt. William I. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson, Yreka, returned last week from a 13-month tour of duty in Korea. Sergeant Robinson spent a few days with his wife and parents in Yreka. He will be stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

## Kennedy Holds Own With After-Dinner Jokesters

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has proved he can hold his own in the fast league of after-dinner jokesters.

The new President got a bigger laugh than comedian Bob Hope at the annual dinner of the Alfalfa club, a Washington social organization of business and political leaders.

Kennedy was the honored guest at the affair at the Statler Hotel where Clark Clifford, who served as his liaison man with the Eisenhower administration, was

nominating speech, predicted a great future for Clifford "filling in divots on the White House lawn."

Clifford, in his acceptance speech, pledged to fight for issues up and down the land, adding: "And when I finish, my friends, the so-called 'new frontier' will be back where it started — in a saloon in Las Vegas."

But it remained for Kennedy to top them all. He said he wanted to give Clifford

### RETURNS

Marine Pfc. Larry L. Nored, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Nored, 125 North Columbus ave., Medford, returned recently to the El Toro Marine Air station, Santa Ana, Calif., after two weeks of photo and electronic reconnaissance maneuvers at an auxiliary air station, Yuma, Ariz.

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