

Festival Contest Set Saturday for Student Musicians

The Southern Oregon Music Educators will hold their annual high school large group festival contest Saturday, April 29, at Hedrick Junior High school. John Drysdale is chairman for the event. About 1,000 student musicians in choirs, orchestras and bands from 10 schools in the southern Oregon district will perform for ratings during the day.

Vocal adjudicators will be Les Armstrong, supervisor of music at Olympia, Wash.; Oscar Bjorlie, director of vocal music at Southern Oregon college, and Jerry W. Harris, director of vocal music at Beaverton, Ore.

Instrumental adjudicators include John O'Conner, symphony director at Oregon State college; Bert Christianson, director of bands at Central Washington college in Ellensburg, and Lynn Lawrence, director of music education in the Corvallis public schools.

A plaque will be awarded to the outstanding group in each of the three classifications.

Besides the individual performing groups, three combined festival groups composed of representatives of all the schools participating will practice during the afternoon to present an evening concert at 8 p.m.

I. A. Mirick is the organizing chairman of the 125-member festival band which will be directed by Christianson.

John Drysdale is chairman of the 125-member festival orchestra to be directed by O'Conner. Lynn Sjolund is chairman for the festival choir of 300 voices which will be directed by Armstrong.

Together with the festival honor groups, the concert will feature several outstanding musicians selected from the participants in the solo and ensemble contests held in Fruitdale March 25. They are Walter Ayres, violin soloist from Medford High school; Rosalie Bartell, soprano soloist from Sacred Heart academy in Klamath Falls; a brass sextet from Roseburg High school, and a flute duet from Klamath Union High school.

Following is the evening program by the festival honor groups. The festival orchestra will play "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens, "Holiday for Strings" by Rose, "Bacchanale" by Saint-Saens and "Russian Sailors Dance" by Gliere.

The festival choir numbers are "Be Thou With Me" by Franck, "Oh, No John" by Henderson, "Concord" by Britten and "When the Saints Go Marching In" by Schumann.

The festival band numbers include "Commandante" by Guentzer, "Emblem of Unity" by Richards and "Mannin Veen" by Wood. As a grand finale Armstrong will conduct all three groups combined in the performance of "Onward, Ye People" by Sibelius.

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



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Senate Vote Limits Welfare Collections To Aug. 1, 1955

London - (UPI) - To beat the theater-rush problem the Cafe Royal in London allows you to eat dinner before curtain and return afterward for dessert.

Salem - (UPI) - Back collections of the State Welfare Commission under the relative responsibility law were condemned as "hard-boiled" and "verging on the immoral" in the Senate Thursday. The chamber voted 28-1 to limit such back collections to Aug. 1, 1955.

The action came on HB1447 which as amended would have wiped out all past due claims, and permit the commission to collect only on future obligations.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland) declared that some people are "suddenly" getting bills from the Welfare Commission on claims dating back to 1949, and some bills are as high as \$4,000.

He said the commission is using methods "which would shame a hard-boiled collection agency."

The relative responsibility law requires relatives of those on welfare to make a contribution to the care of their relatives, depending on the relatives' income.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) said he couldn't go along with wiping out all back claims but amended a motion to re-refer the bill with specific instructions to let the commission go back as far as 1955.

Corbett called it a compromise and Mahoney agreed to this.

Sen. Melvin Goode (R-Albany) said he preferred to see the bill go to the Ways and Means committee to study its impact on the budget. Taking all back claims off the books, he said, could cost the state \$1.5 million.

Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) said the collections are illegal and the practice as carried out by the commission "verges on the immoral."

Mahoney contends the entire law is unconstitutional and once fought it in the courts, winning in the lower court but losing in the Supreme Court.

Gov. Mark Hatfield endorses retirement of all past claims.

The bill will have to come back from the Senate committee, win final passage on the floor and go back to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments.

CIA's Role in Organizing Anti-Castro Forces Among 'Worst-Covered Stories'

By RICHARD SPONG (Editorial Research Reports)

Washington-American press and wire services generally, if privately, admit that Fidel Castro's overthrow of Dictator Fulgencio Batista was one of the worst covered stories of recent history. It now begins to appear that the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in organizing Cuban rebel forces for the ill-fated "invasion" of Castro's Cuba was another, if of slightly lesser magnitude.

Television news commentator Charles Collingwood charges that CIA's participation had been "an open secret for months." Specifically, Collingwood points out that the agency's part in the rental of land in Guatemala for training rebels had been turned up in October by Prof. Ronald Hilton, of Stanford University, and published in an obscure learned journal.

Coverage Sparse

"The Nation" magazine took up the story in November, and there have been occasional references in "Time." Perhaps the initial daily press account was a front-page story in the N.Y. Times, Jan. 10, which detailed some of the activity at the mysterious Retalhuleu air base in Guatemala but did not name the CIA. Except for subsequent occasional coverage by that newspaper, the story was generally ignored by the press until after the abortive landings in Cuba.

The difficulty of a democratic government's conducting clandestine operations is pointed up in the CIA-Cuba story. President John F. Kennedy is reported to have remarked wryly at a National Security Council meeting on April 22 that there was "no New York Times" to print the news of what the Communists were doing in Laos and Viet Nam.

Dual Role

The role of the press is of course dual: it has a responsibility to keep the public informed of grave matters and it has a responsibility to preserve national security. However, as Collingwood points out, the CIA-Cuba story has been "in the public domain" since publication of Professor Hilton's story. (Collingwood blithely ignores the consideration, incidentally, that if the press neglected the story, so did television and radio.)

The CIA activity was of long duration. Indeed, "The Nation" flatly states: "The (Cuban) cloak-and-dagger operation of the CIA was initiated as early as 1959." "Time" estimates the cost to have ranged "from \$135,000 monthly to as high as \$500,000 on occasions."

Government-Wide Probe

The study of U.S. paramilitary activities ordered by President Kennedy April 22 is to be government-wide, but obviously it will bear down on the CIA role in support of the anti-Castro forces. It may well have the effect of forestalling the proposal made by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) five years ago, and renewed after the U2 incident of last year, that a permanent joint committee be established to make continuing studies of the agency.

Congress has every right to investigate CIA. Congress established the agency in 1947; Congress votes its funds (though only a few members know what they're voting for); Congress in 1949 greatly extended CIA's authority.

But the CIA Act of 1949 specifically exempts the cloak-and-dagger agency from the provisions of any law requiring publication or disclosure of the "organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employees."

This kind of freedom from public scrutiny has given CIA both its strength and its occasional weaknesses. In this respect the special study group ordered by the President, on balance, would seem to be better able to investi-

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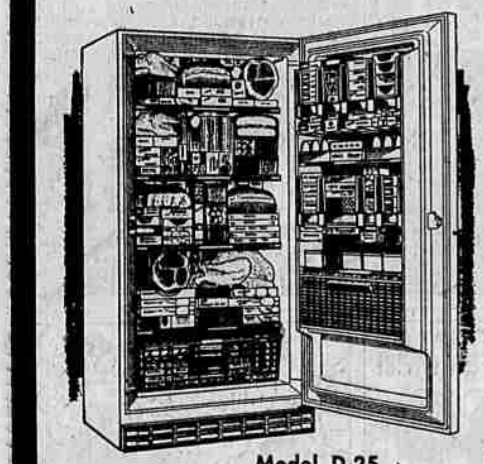
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MHS Junior Attends Chicago Conference

David Redmond, a junior at Medford High school, is among 650 students attending the 15th annual national leadership conference of Distributive Education Clubs of America in Chicago this week.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redmond, route 4, box 393.

The Medford students was selected for the Chicago conference while attending the recent Oregon state convention of the clubs. He is enrolled in the part-time cooperative distributive education classes under supervision of J. J. Crabb, local DE coordinator. His on-the-job training is at Big Pines Lumber company.

Distributive Education Clubs of America is the national organization of high school and junior college students who are enrolled in regular school classes in marketing and distribution, and are receiving on-the-job training in retailing and related fields.

Winter Pear Growers To Elect Representative

Winter pear growers in the Medford district will elect representatives to the Winter Pear Control committee in Medford May 3.

The committee, whose headquarters are in Portland, announced that the elections for grower member and alternates of the committee from the Medford district will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the office of the Fruit Growers League, 766 South Grape st., Medford.

The control committee administers the Winter Pear Marketing Order covering the states of Oregon, Washington and California. The committee establishes each year the minimum grade, size and quality standards under which winter pears are marketed from the Pacific Coast states.

Any person who grows winter pears is eligible to participate in the meeting, providing he did not participate in the previous handler election meeting held April 27.

The grower position is now held by Donald G. Root, member; David B. Lowry, first alternate; Paul Culbertson, second alternate.

All growers of D'Anjou, Bosc, or other varieties of winter pears are eligible to attend. Names of those elected will be submitted to the secretary of agriculture for official appointment to the committee, and will serve for a one-year term.

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