Norblad Reconsiders Position; Decides Peace Corps Good Idea

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Washington (Special) – Congressman Walter Norblad has changed his mind about the Peace Corps.

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"I am perfectly willing to admit I made a mistake in voting as I did in the first place," said Norblad after voting for an authorization for $63.75 million for the Peace Corps for 1963.

He said that last year he was afraid of "fuzzy, pink-cheeked or bearded youth who wouldn't be competent to do the job," but now he thinks the Peace Corps is "doing a good job just from what I have read and heard about it."

He also heard from his 22-year-old son, Al, a University of Oregon student who will be going into Willamette university next year as a law degree candidate.

"My son really gave me what for!" admitted Norblad ruefully. Norblad was the only Oregon member of Congress to oppose the Peace Corps when it was established last year. He had thought his vote last year against the Corps was justified, especially after the Marjorie Michelmore - Nigeria - postward episode, but has since reconsidered.

Nigeria is asking for 1200 teachers. There are now 108 volunteers in that country, the largest group in Africa; 308 are on that continent, or in training, to be in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somali, Tanganyika and Tunisia.

Most Sensitive Spot

Twelve Oregonians are in foreign countries, and six others are in training in the United States for overseas assignment.

Ralph Reynolds, Portland, is in perhaps the most sensitive spot. He is at the Technical Institute at Songkhla, Thailand, although his city is on the Gulf of Siam; in the extreme southern part of the country away from the bordering Laos.

The Philippines have claimed most of the 12 Oregonians. Bruce Craig Campbell, Beaverton; Charles Arthur Kingsland, Garibaldi; Virginia Lee Hopkins, Portland; and William Lee Mehlhoff, Roseburg, are all teachers' aides on the elementary school level.

A Peace Corps spokesman said one teachers' aide sized up the challenge of the Philippines as follows:

"To establish truly human sensitive relationships with these children is one of our most clearly defined challenges – and the most fun. The Filipinos have the most wonderful sense of humor and good shared laughter is always a good way to establish a human relationship.

"Some of us have begun to use the buses as a traveling telephone. We realized the advantages of such a means of communication when we were able to find out about our Peace Corps companions in other places simply by riding the bus. Since everyone on the bus is interested in the Peace Corps we've become traveling ambassadors in our own right."

There are 182 volunteers in the Philippines and 100 more in training in the U.S. Pakistan and Colombia have two Oregon volunteers each.

Two in Pakistan

James David Chapman, Pendleton, and Roger R. Hord, Portland, are in Pakistan. Hord is a brick layer and Chapman is working in virology.

Terrence T. Grant and Kent Oldenburg, both of Salem, are in Colombia working in village community development. Grant is a mason and a surveyor. Oldenburg works with farm machinery. A Bogota newspaper editorial said of the volunteers:

"The good neighbor policy, in the sense of cooperation, has its practical expression in the tasks which the Peace Corps volunteers are beginning now among our rural workers.

"Trained for this, to pass along their knowledge, and formed in the civilized schools of their great country, where each citizen goes about his daily business aided by modern methods to produce more with less effort, they are transplanting practically and objectively into our backward milieu, in the accomplishment of their daily work, the type of learning in which they were formed. They are able workers giving of themselves to our less able farm workers."

The continent of Africa gets two Oregonians: Charles Alan McDowell, Portland, who is in Sierra Leone as a social studies secondary school teacher. John Edward McPhee, Portland, is in Tanganyika as a surveyor.

Myra J. McBride, Lebanon, is in Brazil as an agriculture extension worker.

R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Corps, told the House Committee on Foreign Affairs earlier this year that there are now 603 volunteers in training in the U.S. and 782 overseas in service, for a total of 1,385.

In his request for congressional approval to expand the role of the Peace Corps, Shriver estimated that by August, 1962 there would be 5,000 at work, and hopefully, by August, 1963, when the tour of duty of the first group is up, that another 5000 would be ready.

Applications Coming

He said that since March, 1961 over 20,000 Americans have volunteered "to serve their country in the Peace Corps," and that applications are coming in at the rate of 2,000 each month.

His budget must yet pass under the needle-eye of Rep. Otto Passman (D-La.), the southern gentleman who guards the purse of the House Appropriations committee, and who is a formidable foe of foreign aid.

Shriver maintained that "the best possible indication of their effectiveness is that every single country where Peace Corps volunteers are now at work has requested additional volunteers as soon as we can provide them."

The six Oregonians now in training in the U.S. are:

Joan Louise LaLiberte, West Linn, for work in Peru; John S. Henderson, Reedsport, Jamaica; Dale Rae Martin, Long Creek, Dominican Republic; Frances Ann Olsen, The Dalles, Philippines; Richard A. Simon, Portland, Colombia, and Willard D. Weiss, Reedsport, Malaya.

Recreation Plan For Session Noted

Ashland – As in previous years, a full program of recreation has been planned for those attending summer session at Southern Oregon college, June 18 through Aug. 10, Bob Bennett, recreation director, has announced.

A picnic at Lithia park June 21 will be the first of weekly picnics. Those following will be held each Friday. Areas will include Jackson Hot Springs, Jacksonville Museum, Oregon Vortex, Roxy Ann, Mt. Ashland, and Tubb Springs.

Weekly Saturday excursions will begin June 23 with a trip to Howard Prairie lake. On the succeeding weeks, destinations will be the Lava beds; Lake of the Woods; Oregon Coast; Primitive lakes; Skyline Trail from Four - Mile lake; and Mt. Mcloughlin. Activities on the trips will include fishing, picnicing, boating, hiking, swimming, mountain climbing, nature study, outdoor cooking, overnight camping, and horseback riding.

Regular scheduled activities will be folk and square dancing, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; gym fun, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.; faculty hour, Thursdays, 4 p.m.; Rogue Valley Artist Series, Mondays, 4 p.m.; and league bowling Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Fishing trips to Howard Prairie, beginning June 21, will continue every Thursday through Aug. 2.

Each Friday at 8:30 p.m. an old time movie will be shown in Britt Student center. These will begin June 22.

Tournaments in table tennis, bridge, and bowling also will be conducted during the summer session.

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Population Growth Study Sees Need for Expanded Research

Washington – The United States was urged today to expand substantially public funds for research in fertility and population control and its relation to economic growth.

This was one of the principal recommendations of a newly published study – an evaluation of the relationship of population growth and economic development. The study, published by the Center for International Economical Growth, was authored by Dr. Joseph M. Jones, economist and research consultant, and carries a foreword by Eugene Black, president of the World Bank.

In the United States the total amount spent on research in this field from private and public sources combined is less than $6 million annually. Very little of this comes from public funds while the United States government alone spends more than $84 million a year on health programs in the underdeveloped countries, the study reports. Scientists have proposed that at least $12 million more be made available annually for fertility research programs, including programs to perfect the rhythm method sanctioned by the Roman Catholic church.

"More demographic research is needed, and more research into the relationship between population growth and economic development," the study states. "More biological research is needed to determine the fertility dynamics of different cultures."

"Without doubt private foundations and agencies can increase their contributions to research in this field, and there are indications that they are moving to do so. But many people, including both Catholics and non-Catholics, are of the view that government support is needed to sustain an adequate program."

The report discusses official thinking in the United States on the population problem, citing the Draper committee report in 1958, and more recent statements by President Kennedy, Undersecretary Ball and other leading administration officials indicating acute awareness of the seriousness of the population problem.

The study declares that "there appears to be wide agreement between Catholics and non-Catholics on the need for more research, including biological research, although there are differences, which are capable of being resolved, on the extent to which certain kinds of biological research should be supported by public funds."

As a major step in securing agreement among principal American religious groups on a public policy for dealing with the population problem, the report suggests that it would be "appropriate and useful" for President Kennedy to convene, under White House auspices, a conference of religious leaders and specialists in population, public health and research.

It quotes John D. Rockefeller III, chairman of the Population Council and one of the principal contributors to research in human fertility, on the need for government support to supplement private contributions to research. Prime Minister Nehru of India, President Ayub Khan of Pakistan and other leaders of the underdeveloped nations are also quoted on the urgent need for simple techniques of population control.

"There is urgent need for the scientifically and technically advanced countries to expand research into all aspects of the population problem and to put increasing knowledge at the disposal of those who need and want it," the report declares. "This is also an obligation, for unless these countries do it, it will not be done, and the underdeveloped countries will be denied the fruits of science in tackling their problems."

Attainment of the United Nations' goal of a 5 per cent annual economic growth rate by 1970 in underdeveloped countries will require a doubling of today's flow of foreign aid and investment and enormous increases in domestic savings.

"With the industrialized countries growing richer, with living conditions for the average family in the underdeveloped countries improving almost imperceptibly, if at all, and with population pressures on hand, living space and resources mounting," the study states, "it is difficult to envision a peaceful, prosperous and orderly world."

In a foreword he declared, "the present surging increase in population is threatening directly the success of the greatest enterprise of our day – the international development effort which is attempting to provide tolerable living standards to that two-thirds of mankind which is now almost always in want. If this enterprise fails, the consequences for our own comfortable civilization will be grave."

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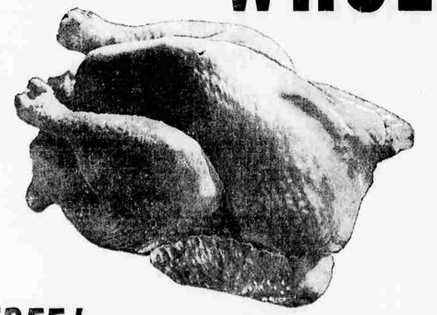

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Japanese Pilot In Portland on Way To Brookings

Portland (AP) – Nobuo Fujita, 51, returned in peace today to the state he once bombed and said "it is a wonderful day in my life . . ."

Fujita, the only enemy pilot ever to bomb the United States mainland, flew in from Honolulu with his wife, Ayako, 47, and son and interpreter, Yasuyoshi, 23.

Twenty years ago Fujita, flying a small plane launched from a submarine, twice bombed forests in the southern Oregon coast in futile efforts to start major forest fires.

Today at the airport the mayor of Brookings, Ore., the town nearest the bombed forests, and the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce there, were on hand to warmly welcome Fujita back.

Opposition Decreases

Dr. William McChesney, the Jaycee president, said opposition by some Brookings war veterans to the visit has "quieted down." Jaycees raised money to finance the trip.

McChesney and Mayor Fell Campbell were to take the Fujita family to Brookings today where they will attend the annual Azalea Festival Saturday and Sunday.

Fujita, wearing a broad smile, was met at the airport by a small crowd which also included newsmen, some Japanese and Howard Traver, executive assistant to Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk.

"I just want to express thanks to all of you for all of your kindness," Fujita said, speaking through his son. "I just want to meet all of you and express gratitude to all of you."

His son said that when his father read accounts of opposition to his visit he was frightened at first but became reassured after exchanges of letters with people in Brookings and did not worry any more.

Giving Sword Away

A highlight of Fujita's visit will be presentation next Monday of his prized Samurai sword to the people of the Brookings area. The sword, which Fujita carried on his bombing missions in 1942, normally would go to his son.

The son said today, "if given to me it is only a possession. But if given to the people of Brookings it must have much meaning. So I concur with my father's wishes."

The busy schedule at Brookings also called for the Fujitas to visit the Redwood forests, fly up the coast in a private plane – probably over the area bombed in 1942 – and a trip up the Rogue river by mail boat.

Fujita, now a Tokyo businessman, made his first bombing run on Sept. 9, 1942 and his second one 20 days later. The same submarine also participated in shelling of Fort Stevens, near Astoria, Ore.

Four Cases Are Continued in Court

Four cases, ranging from bad check charges to larceny in a dwelling, were continued this week in Jackson county circuit court.

Don Hansen, Medford lawyer, was appointed to represent Darwin Coda Powers, Grants Pass, who is charged with larceny in a dwelling.

The case in which Harry Engstrand, 428 Hamilton st., Medford, is charged with issuing checks with insufficient funds was continued at the court's request. Engstrand is accused of giving a false check for $150 to a Medford man.

The case of Frederick Michael Wooldridge, 15 Stewart ave., Medford, who is charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, was continued to May 29 for sentencing. Wooldridge is charged with issuing a bad check to Bud's East Side Texaco service station for personal property.

Sam Harbison, Medford lawyer, was appointed to represent John Albert Parrack, 300 South Columbus ave., Medford, who is charged with using an automobile without authorization.

Ft. Lewis Unit Going To Thailand

Ft. Lewis – (AP) – The 31st Field Hospital Unit at Ft. Lewis, a 101-bed installation, Tuesday received orders from the Department of Army to proceed to Thailand by air Friday.

The 31st will board planes at nearby McChord Air Force Base, but its exact destination in Thailand was not revealed. Ft. Lewis officials said the field unit can be set up and ready to operate as a hospital within one to two hours after debarking.

The unit is made up of over 100 personnel, almost 90 per cent of them nurses.