

Recommendations Listed For Improvement Of Welfare System

Portland — If Oregon is to level off its rising public welfare costs and provide necessary services for dependent, neglected and delinquent children, it must make drastic reductions in the number of cases per caseworker, provide better trained caseworkers, and reduce the one-third turnover in welfare workers each year by providing more realistic salary schedules.

This is the conclusion of the Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency which recently made public the results of a seven-month study of services provided by the Oregon State Public Welfare department.

Release Report
In releasing the report William J. Moshofsky, chairman of the 24-member council of business and professional men and women of Oregon, said:

"It doesn't make sense to continue handing out huge sums of welfare money (more than \$108,000,000 per biennium to 170,000 persons receiving monetary or service aid) without a realistic effort to motivate and work more effectively with the recipients. Even a small degree of success would more than pay the cost of additional caseworkers."

Conclusions Listed
Pointing to the demonstrated relation of delinquency and crime to the quality of casework performed in Oregon and across the nation, the OCCD reports concludes that competent casework can be a vital force in the prevention of crime and delinquency, as well as helping welfare recipients become self-sustaining; that there is a great deal of evidence that the level of casework in the public assistance division in Oregon is inadequate, that is, the caseload is three to five times higher than the recommended national

average; that the child welfare division now is restricting the size of its caseloads, but is turning away cases, and that in dependency and neglect situations, foster, and shelter care services and services to children in their own homes are in heavy demand.

Recommendations
The council, therefore, has made several recommendations. Casework services of the child welfare division must be expanded to enable the division to perform critically needed protective services for dependent, neglected or delinquent children likely later to become serious problems for society.

If the public welfare department's new case classification and planning program in Multnomah and Jackson counties proves effective in hastening rehabilitation through intensive casework, it should be expanded throughout the state.

Expansion of casework in public welfare automatically would require additional qualified caseworkers, already in extremely short supply. Thus the public welfare department, the state legislature, educational institutions and the public should provide more suitable training programs for needed personnel.

Hope Offered

"The initial extra investment which may be required to increase the quality and quantity of casework services in Oregon's public welfare program offers the best hope of reducing the rapidly spiraling public welfare costs and related costs such as juvenile delinquency and crime," the OCCD council concludes.

"OCCD stands ready to support and assist efforts to achieve action on these recommendations."

The Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency is an affiliate of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and a member of the Oregon United Appeal. Copies of its report advocating strengthening of certain services provided by the state public welfare department may be obtained by calling or writing Duane C. Lemley, Consultant for OCCD Room 501, Park building, Portland, Oregon; CA 8-5397.



HECTIC 10 YEARS — For Otho Bell, shown with his son Carl, the last 10 years have been a nightmare following charges that he was a turncoat and allegedly collaborated with the Chinese Communists in a Korean prisoner of war camp. (UPI)

Study Conducted By University Psychologist

Eugene — Children's acceptance or rejection of their proper sex roles influences the development of their interest patterns and vocational choices, according to the results of a 16-year study at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Leona E. Tyler, professor of psychology, has issued her final report on a long-range study of the development of vocational and other interests in children which she began in 1946.

Starting in early grade school, Dr. Tyler traced the same group of Eugene, Ore., children through graduation from high school in the long-term study of this particular aspect of human growth — the development of interests — ever undertaken.

The children were given psychological tests which assessed their interests, special abilities, and personal characteristics in the first, fourth, eighth, and twelfth grades. In addition, in high school they were tested for vocational interests. Of the original 287 children in the study, 145 completed the entire series of tests.

The study was supported by the university graduate school's office of scientific and scholarly research.

In addition to specific findings, the project has led Dr. Tyler to suggest a new approach to the study of the "dynamic structures for selecting among life's possibilities."

Dr. Tyler's report deals principally with two special aspects of the study — the development of career interests in girls and scientific interests in boys. Both these interests show up by the age of 14 in those children who will develop them, and there are some aspects of temperament and personality which precede them, the report states.

Things Looking Up For GI Branded as Turncoat in Korea

Olympia, Wash. — (UPI) — How long does it take a man to live down the charge that he betrayed his country?

For Otho G. Bell, 31, it was about 10 years.

Bell was one of several soldiers who were dishonorably discharged from the Army after being accused of collaborating with the Chinese Communists in a Korean prisoner of war camp.

For years, Bell said, he was shackled to the brand "turncoat."

But during the past year or so, things have improved for Bell, his wife, Jewell, and their four children.

Would Rather Hang

Bell said he had encountered "no prejudice whatever" in recent months. Just one year ago, he had said he would "rather hang" than continue life branded as a turncoat.

He said he makes his living doing odd jobs but he

added, "when there is work to be found, I'll find it."

Bell has built a wooden house on some land he purchased in a rural district east of here.

"There's still a lot to be done," he said motioning to the unpainted walls and cluttered interior. "But I'm getting there."

Bell remained in Red China for 18 months after the end of the Korean war. But he steadfastly denies that he was a traitor.

He said he hoped that his case would be brought to court eventually so that he would get the chance to clear his name.

Jurisdiction Lost

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled that Bell, and others who remained with the Communists, could not be tried by courts martial on collaboration charges because the Army lost jurisdiction when it discharged them.

In another case, the Supreme Court ruled that Bell was entitled to \$1,455 prisoner-of-war pay. That was more than a year ago, but he said he still has not received the money.

"The lawyer says I'll get the money sometime," he said, "but I haven't seen it yet."

Bell is a native of Missisquoi, but said he has decided to make Washington his home. By many standards, Bell still is far from successful. But he feels that he is on the way up.

"I was drawing relief for a while," he said, "but I don't need it now."

London University Professor To Visit

Eugene — Louis A. Reid, professor of philosophy at the University of London, will be a visiting professor in philosophy at the University of Oregon during the 1962-63 school year.

Philosophy department head, Alburey Castell said that Reid would teach one elementary philosophy course in the Honors college for freshmen and sophomores; an aesthetics course at the senior and graduate level; and one graduate seminar in metaphysics.

Reid, a frequent contributor to scholarly journals, has published several books. "A Study in Aesthetics," written in 1931 and revised in 1954, is discussed by Jacques Barzun, provost of Columbia university and dean of the graduate school as "the only work since Santayana that expounds a philosophy of art while giving evidence that the little three-letter word is to the author a living reality. And Reid's aesthetics is the more catholic and truer of the two."

Reid serves on the executive committee of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and the British Society of Aesthetics as well as being a member of the Aristotelian society and the Mind association.

Merchandise Taken From Ashland Store

Ashland — Between \$300 and \$350 worth of merchandise was taken from the Western Auto store at 101 East Main st. here sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning, Ashland police reported.

Wally Dyser, operator of the store, notified police of the missing merchandise yesterday. Entry was made through a window at the rear of the store, police said.

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