

Eight-Week Great Decisions Program for 1963 to Start on Feb. 3

The "Great Decisions 1963" program will start Feb. 3 in hundreds of communities throughout the United States, with more than 300,000 people expected to participate.

People will meet in small informal groups to discuss eight topics concerning foreign policy issues confronting the United States. Information on which the discussions will be based is furnished by

the Foreign Policy association of New York. More than 5,000 Oregonians are expected to take part in the eight-week program and submit opinion ballots each week following discussion of

the topics. The opinion ballots are forwarded to the association, tabulated, and forwarded to the state department in Washington, D.C. Several groups in the Medford area will take part in

the program, for which information kits may be obtained from Miss Voda Brover, 139 South Keeneway dr., Medford, or from the county extension office. Miss Brover is chairman of the Great Decisions program in Jackson county.

Kits may also be obtained by writing to the Oregon State Council for Great Decisions, 8700 SW White court, Portland 25.

Hal W. Schiltz, Myrtle Creek, publicity chairman for the Oregon State Council for Great Decisions, pointed out the program had been endorsed by President John F. Kennedy, former President Eisenhower, Adlai Stevenson,

Dean Rusk, and other officials. The program started in Oregon in 1955 with a relatively few groups, and has expanded considerably since that time.

Historic Institution The Foreign Policy association noted that Great Decisions has its roots in an historic institution: the town hall meeting where in colonial days Americans met to discuss a wide range of issues affecting their welfare, and frequently to vote on alternative policies.

Eight Program Topics Noted

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In the complicated and uneasy world of 1963 the United States faces grave decisions on subjects as far ranging as world peace, the future of the Alliance for Progress, and depth of the split between the Soviet Union and Red China.

In an attempt to bring these problems to the greatest possible public attention, United Press International has called on its correspondents around the globe for an authoritative series of reports on these crisis areas.

The dispatches are tied in with an annual project of the non-partisan Foreign Policy association which has set them forth as the "great decisions 1963."

The studies divide the Great Decisions of 1963 into eight questions.

Take Part In Program
Last year, more than 100 daily newspapers throughout the United States, plus scores of educational and commercial TV and radio stations associated themselves with the program.

The eight topics in the study this year are:

- Common Market: Blueprint for a New Europe?
- Red China and the USSR: How Firm an Alliance?
- Algeria: What Future?
- Spain: End of the Franco Era?
- India: Is Democracy Working?
- Laos and Viet Nam: Southeast Asia in Danger?
- Alliance for Progress: New Deal for the Americas?
- Peace: What Problems and Prospects?

A forward to the study

notes that "such a program and such discussions would be impossible in the Soviet Union where professional propagandists dictate the party line to newspapers, magazines, film and theatrical producers, radio and TV stations, educators and trade union centers."

In its study of the European Common Market, formal-

ly called European Economic Community, the program notes that there also are clouds on the horizon. One of them involves British hopes of joining the Common Market. Two questions are involved:

One is whether Britain will be willing to agree to any sort of political union.

... a second issue is whether France really wants Britain in the Common Market at all. If Britain does enter, then France's dream of leadership may well prove impossible to realize. De Gaulle, may suspect that Britain, with its special ties to Washington, will be a "Trojan horse" of U.S. influence in the European union.

House Fire 'Hero' Cited for Arson

Pomona, Calif. (UPI)—A father of five, hailed as a hero for rescuing his children from a fire Jan. 9, will be arraigned Feb. 5 on charges of attempting to murder the youngsters.

William Carrell, 30, was bound over to Superior Court Wednesday after a preliminary hearing on five counts of attempted murder and one of arson.

After the fire, Carrell told investigators he set his home ablaze in an attempt to prove to his wife she was neglecting their children. He said he did not think of the youngsters, ranging in age from 19 months to 9 years, until later.



HITCHHIKER—This feather-hitchhiker, a pigeon named Henry, rides perched atop the head of Caroline Varel at St. Louis, Mo. The pigeon seems to have adopted the Anthony J. Varel family when he flew into their yard Jan. 6 and allowed himself to be captured. Henry pecks at the door to be let in and flies or hitches a ride to school with the Varel children. The Varels attempted to turn him loose but he returned the following day, pecking at the door. (UPI)



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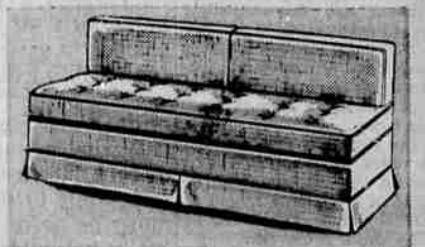
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