

House Wants To Reduce Coast Guard Top Ranks

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP)—The house appropriations committee suggested today that the coast guard get along with fewer high-ranking officers for its peacetime operations.

Putting teeth into its suggestion, the committee cut \$9,222,000 from the budget bureau's estimate for pay and allowances in the year beginning July 1.

The total recommended is \$14,106,000—\$19,734,000 below budget estimates and \$244,898,318 less than the coast guard received a year ago when the war was still in progress. Besides the cut in pay and allowances, the committee lopped \$10,512,000 from estimates for general expenses.

Criticizing the number of contemplated high-ranking officers, the committee said in its report that in the peacetime year of 1940 the coast guard got along with three rear admirals and 31 captains. At that time it had 12,000 enlisted men.

In the year beginning July 1—the first full year of peacetime operations since the coast guard was taken over by the navy in 1941—the report said the coast guard planned to operate with one four-star admiral, 17 rear admirals, 15 commodores and 138 captains. Yet the number of enlisted personnel, the committee asserted, will be only 7,000 more than in 1940.

The committee said it had tried "to bring the coast guard as nearly in line with pre-war expenditures as possible but on account of these new and very necessary functions finds itself under the necessity of approving a budget which almost doubles the size of the organization as compared with prewar strength.

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Job openings in aircraft communications in the Territory of Alaska are being offered to veterans and civilians with military or commercial airway communications experience.

Positions as aircraft communicators at various points in Alaska are limited to applicants with special work experience and background in the aircraft communications field.

Furnished housing and commissary supplies are available at nominal cost. Veterans and civilians with experience in military service or commercial airways which meet the following basic requirements may apply for the Alaskan positions at their nearest U. S. employment service office.

Basic requirements for the openings as aircraft communicators include: Ability to transmit and receive 30 words per minute Morse code; operation of type-writer or teletype machine at 35 words per minute. Other experience required includes 18 months of military or commercial or air-lines communication experience or equivalent background work in aircraft operations.

Full information on these job openings in the Alaskan territory are available at USES local offices.

Around Oregon

By The Associated Press

The Malheur Cooperative Electric association has been authorized to slash rates 11 per cent with a new minimum rate of 75 cents. . . . Culver in Jefferson county has voted to incorporate. . . . Some 400 wild horses were rounded up in a recent drive in the John Day country. . . . Rep. Walter Norblad has been named a member of the board of Linfield college. . . . An azalea festival will be held at Brookings May 25, with ceremonies planned at the Azalea State park on the Chetco river.

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Death Takes Siamese Twins

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—The Siamese twin girls, born here a week ago to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hulse, Deep River, Wash., died in a hospital today.

One twin succumbed at 6:35 a. m. (PST) this morning, and the other 25 minutes later.

Hospital attendants reported the 26-year-old mother both saddened and relieved at the news. "She dreaded to have it happen," an attendant said, "although she felt that it would probably be the best thing."

The babies were born joined at the base of the spine, rather as if two infants were lying cross-wise of each other in the shape of an "X." They would never have been able to walk.

The infants—Susan and Carol—had been sinking yesterday, after a brief period in which they grew stronger. Dr. Joseph V. Springer, the attending physician, had not expected them to live.

The father, a logger, was notified of the deaths this morning. He and Mrs. Hulse have two small healthy boys.

Canadian Police Smash Drug Ring

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14 (AP)—Narcotics valued at \$40,000 on the illicit market and seized by Royal Canadian mounted police here yesterday, resulted in the arrest of four persons.

The arresting officers said the drugs originally came from Mexico, and added they believed it was smuggled across the Canadian border at Kingsgate, B. C.

The seizure, one of the largest in British Columbia in recent years, came after the RCMP officers engaged in a wild chase with the smugglers.

Dunsmuir Plans New Grade School

Howard R. Perrin, Klamath Falls architect, was in Dunsmuir last week to present plans and specifications for the proposed new elementary school building which will be erected in Dunsmuir soon.

Dunsmuir voters will go to the polls May 17, to vote on an \$87,000 bond issue at the regular school election to provide a fund to buy more ground on which to build an additional building. The board will apply to the state for a share of the \$90,000,000 post-war construction fund provided by the last session of the California legislature.

Rail Celebration Set For Dunsmuir

The neighboring town of Dunsmuir in northern California will sponsor a railroad celebration on Sunday, June 16, it was learned here. A big street parade is slated for that day, according to Norman Green, celebration chairman.

Among participating organizations to appear in the big parade will be the Siskiyou County Sheriff's posse.

Bus Strike Talks Fail

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—An effort to settle the Washington Motor Coach Employees strike and put buses back on the roads failed here last night at a meeting of company and union representatives with the Portland Central Labor council executive board.

T. S. Begun, assistant business agent of the 300 AFL Drivers and Shopmen involved, reported the company spokesman told the labor council he

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The men went on strike in February, charging the company failed to raise wages from \$1.45 to \$1.65 an hour agreed upon in a February 9 meeting. The company denied it had signed the agreement.

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