

'Old Timers' At State Pen Worry About Outlook For Young Men; Conditions OK

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM — The veteran state prison convicts who have 25 years or more of crime and several prisons behind them are worried about the younger generation.

These old-timers say they were the victims of the days following World War I, when money came easy. Wives worked instead of taking care of their children, and many homes were broken up. So many children became delinquents and ended up in prison.

Now the veteran criminals say they can see exactly the same thing happening after World War II. They are sorry to see so many young fellows coming into the prison, and the old-timers wish they could make these boys see what's going to happen to them unless they reverse their criminal habits.

The old-timers feel that unless somebody does something for the young fellows, they will end up where the old-timers are now—in strict segregation, cut off from communication even with other convicts.

This information was learned over the Christmas and New Year holidays by E. W. Jacobus, 29-year-old University of Oregon graduate student in psychology. He and two sociology students from the university—Clyde Fahlman, 20, junior from Eugene, and Bill Barber, 27, graduate student from Salem—spent 10 days working at the prison.

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made what they read in their textbooks suddenly become alive and real.

All three found that the convicts like the change in the prison from a penal institution to a correctional institution.

The prisoners feel that the state now is interested in helping them get rid of their criminal tendencies, rather than just in getting revenge.

Fahlman said "the prisoners are still a little uneasy and uncertain as to where they stand, but they know the institution is becoming more personalized. They are becoming names instead of numbers."

Barber said "There's a long way to go yet, but the changes the warden has made are a step in the right direction."

Warden Virgil O'Malley says it will take two or three years to get the program well under way.

The men in segregation, Jacobus said, "like the new program because they see it's not built for bitterness." He thinks some of these men might even be reformed.

The convicts liked the idea of being interviewed by the students, because it demonstrated that people on the outside are interested in them. Convicts don't like to be forgotten men.

The three students say that the public has to become better informed about the prison and its program.

Akin hopes to get more students during the spring vacation, and he certainly will have more during the summer vacation.

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Congress Keeps Close Eye On High-Level RFC Bosses

WASHINGTON (AP)—What is happening as the much-investigated Reconstruction Finance Corporation again claims the attention of senators Thursday.

Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark.), who headed the original Senate probe of the big government lending agency, told a reporter that members of his banking subcommittee are going to "watch very closely" all changes at the higher levels of RFC management.

His curiosity was aroused by the way the White House handled the sudden departure from RFC of Peter I. Bukowski, who has been No. 2 man to W. Stuart Symington in a housecleaning of the agency.

Symington himself is reported by reliable sources to have asked President Truman for permission to resign and return to private life.

Symington and Bukowski went to RFC last summer to become the big two in charge of a major job resulting from the Senate subcommittee's charges that the agency had yielded to pressures of a political influence ring having White House contacts.

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Cardinal Visits U.S. Naval Base

TOKYO, (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, toured the U.S. Naval Base at nearby Yokosuka Thursday and joked briefly with sailors in a cove line.

The Cardinal celebrated mass in the Chapel of Hope on the Naval station and inspected Naval installations on the sprawling base, including the hospital.



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TUNA	VAN CAMP'S Grated	No. 1/2 Tin 25c
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