



BLOODMOBILE VOLUNTEERS, who will be on duty again at Red Cross Headquarters in the Armory Jan. 22. Pictured above, after a long workday, are, from the left, Mrs. Guy Barton, Mrs. Haarbey Bechen and Mrs. Paul Farrens, at the Richard Maxwell home, Cove Point, where all of the volunteers attended a no-host cocktail and dinner party. Photo by Kettler

Administration Sticks To Guns, Insists Pelton Dam Necessary To US Defense

PORTLAND (AP) — The Defense Production Administration has certified construction of Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River in central Oregon as necessary to the U.S. defense effort, according to Portland General Electric Company officials. James H. Polhemus, president of PGE, said Tuesday that the

to halt construction of the controversial power project. Under Oregon law, he explained, dam construction must be licensed by the Oregon Hydro-Electric Commission. That agency has refused to license the project. The dam has been opposed by sportsmen and fish interests. These groups say that if the dam is built, salmon runs in the Deschutes would be reduced. But the Federal Power Commission, which licensed the dam after more than a week of hearings here last summer, said that salmon runs would not be reduced, but might even be increased by the proposed dam's related hatchery construction. The FPC said it was licensing the project because it could be built quickly to relieve the Pacific Northwest's dry season power shortage. When the commission announced its findings, the State Fish Commission threatened court action saying it "will move to stop them" if PGE begins construction. Polhemus said the Office of De-

fense Mobilization, the Munitions Board and the Defense Electric Power Administration all had endorsed the project as necessary to the defense effort. That was a blow to opponents who had hoped Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman would block the certificate. The Defense Power Administration is an Interior Department agency. PGE said it would begin construction within a week if not blocked by legal moves. That indicated the company had almost completed negotiations with Warm Springs Indians whose reservation includes a portion of the dam site.

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No Agreement On Big Race

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Wednesday the Democrats can't win the presidential election unless they nominate a "consistent 'fair dealer' and a warm supporter of the administration's foreign policy." The Minnesota lawmaker told a reporter: "President Truman would kill the bill 'better than anyone else because I obviously am talking about the kind of program for which he has fought.' But Humphrey added: 'We have other good Democrats who could qualify and win the election' if Mr. Truman decides not to seek another term. Sen. Caphart (R-Ind.) said he believes the President will run again. 'The Democrats in my opinion haven't anyone else who could even make a race of it and I think Mr. Truman knows that,' Caphart declared. Caphart is backing Sen. Taft of Ohio for the Republican Presidential Nomination. But he said he is convinced "any Republican nominated can win this year." Humphrey conferred with the President Monday and said afterward that Mr. Truman had kept him guessing on his plans. Humphrey reported, however, that Mr. Truman had told him he "wants a liberal platform, a liberal party and a liberal candidate."

Eight Die In Flaming Home

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — Eight children were burned to death early Wednesday in flames which destroyed their home nine miles north of North Bend on Highway 101. The children ranged in age from 3 to 15 years. Parents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks, and one daughter, Dolores, escaped from the burning structure and are hospitalized at Coos Bay. Hans Norland Auto Insurance, 627 Pine St.

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Kefauver Gets Oregon Bid

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Petitions to make Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee the Democratic nominee for President were to go into circulation in Oregon Wednesday. State Sen. Jack Bain, a Portland Democrat, said he had organized a group to sponsor the petitions. A thousand signatures are needed to get Kefauver's name on the ballot for the Oregon primary election May 16. The candidate's nomination is not needed in this state. So far the only Democratic entry in Oregon is Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, whose name was entered before he announced he was a Republican. The expectation now is that his name will be stricken from the Democratic ballot. Bain said he doubted that President Truman will run. He filed as a Kefauver candidate for the Democratic national convention, and said a full slate of 12 Kefauver candidates would be entered in the primary. About 100 islanders from Puka-puka, in the Cook group recently moved to another island because of overcrowding. The population on their atoll had reached 600.



STREET SKIER Frank Drew of The Gunstore, models some of his wares on Main St.

Printing Industry Convention Slated PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon printing industry and Portland Club of printing house craftsmen will hold their annual printing week banquet here Thursday. Walter W. R. May, editor and co-publisher of the Enterprise courier, an Oregon City newspaper, will be principal speaker. His topic will be "This Imperishable Art of Ours." DIES • HOOD RIVER (AP) — Kenneth Kern, 50, a construction worker, died here Tuesday after his skull was fractured in an accident. Kern, who was working on the Columbia River highway project a mile east of here, fell from a dirt moving machine.

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Farm Land Cost Hits New Record
CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon farm lands cost more than they ever have before. That was the report Tuesday of the Oregon State College Extension Service. The Nov. 1 price index on farm lands was 213 per cent of the 1925-29 average—14 per cent higher than on Nov. 1, 1950. The report added that farm mortgages were higher in 1951 than at any time since 1933.

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