

## West Germans Look Up To US As Model For New Life

BERLIN, Germany (AP)—West Germans believe they can learn more from the United States than any other country except their own. They think there is more to be gained by studying America's industry and agriculture than its government and politics. And a majority of the Germans say the U. S. has nothing to offer Germany in the arts or in social welfare.

## TV Channel Hearing Held

WASHINGTON (AP)—Counsel for Northwest Television and Broadcasting Co. introduced into evidence at a communications commission hearing Monday, an agreement by the First National Bank of Portland, Ore., to lend the company \$150,000.

Introduction of the agreement had been blocked last Friday, but Jack Blume, attorney for Columbia Telecasters Inc., and Maurice Barnes, Counsel for Oregon Television Co., withdrew their objections Monday.

The three companies are contesting for Channel 12 in Portland. Closer examination of the document, the attorneys said, indicated it to be an agreement signed by officials of the bank and company rather than just a letter indicating willingness to make such a loan as the lawyers first believed.

John D. Keating, Northwest president, said he plans to be general manager of the proposed station with his brother, Lawrence, as program director. Each would receive a salary of \$1,000 monthly. He said his brother is an actor and radio and television announcer.

Winston W. Casey, who holds a one-third interest in Northwest, testified briefly on his financial status and television plans. Exhibits showed him to have a net worth of \$692,003.

## Children Die In House Fire

GASTON, Ore. (AP)—Fire ripped through the frame house of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Funkhouser near here Saturday night, fatally burning two of their 14 children. The other 12 escaped from the blaze which broke out at about 11 p.m. while the parents were away from home.

Dead were Ronnie Duane and Scottie, 7 and 5. They and another child were sleeping upstairs. The other child escaped uninjured. Ronnie and Scottie were carried out of the flaming building, but one was dead and the other died later.

The children ranged in age from a few weeks to 13 years. The fire was discovered by John Paterson, a neighbor who turned in the alarm. The blaze probably started from defective electrical wiring, Fire Chief John Thorne said.

Friends and neighbors in the Gaston and Forest Grove area are caring for the surviving members of the family. Funkhouser is a farm worker.

a U. S. High Commission poll on one of the major American efforts to help Germany develop democracy—the German-American exchange of persons program. Under this program, 4,500 West Germans have visited the United States during the last four years. The poll was made to judge West German receptivity to the exchange of ideas and information among nations.

About 72 per cent of the people polled said Germany can profit from what other nations have to offer, somewhat more—82 per cent—think that other nations have much to learn from Germany.

When asked in which country besides Germany a German could learn the most, 46 per cent listed America, 6 per cent England, 4 per cent Switzerland, 3 per cent Sweden, 1 per cent Russia and the remainder other countries.

Opinions varied widely, however, on possible American contributions. A clear majority listed industrial and agricultural techniques. About half said Germany might well adopt American mass communication systems.

Only about one-third thought Germany could gain anything by studying American experience in the political-governmental, educational or labor relations fields.

What do Germans think other nations can learn from Germany? Forty-one per cent named the technical/industrial areas as a reservoir of information for other countries. Fifteen per cent listed scientific research.

One-third said Germans set an example for the world in practical matters, such as diligence of effort in life and work. Science, education and the social field also were mentioned.

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## Embezzler Gets 2 Years

SPOKANE (AP)—A 28-year-old teller accused of embezzling \$13,000 from a Colville bank was sentenced to two years in prison Monday.

Roy E. Weatherman pleaded guilty to two counts of a grand jury indictment charging he embezzled money from the Colville branch of the Seattle-First National Bank. His attorney told the court the embezzlements extended over a period of four years.

Weatherman, married and the father of a 5-year-old child, showed no emotion when Federal Judge Sam Driver passed sentence with the words:

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MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Government scientists have produced synthesis gas from coal burned underground. It is a synthetic gas from which chemists can make gasoline, other fuels and various synthetic chemicals. The success of this phase of the experiment, disclosed today, climaxes a six-year series of tests here in gasification of coal—the famed mining-by-fire experiment conducted by the Bureau of Mines in co-operation with the Alabama power company. It could mean the ultimate use of millions of tons of coal now left in the ground because mining by present methods is considered too costly for these deposits.

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