

### PTAs Urged To Back Aid

DENVER (AP)—A leading educator urged today that the nation's 45,200 local PTA units throw their considerable weight behind a program of federal aid to education.

Martin Essex, president of the American Assn. of School Administrators and superintendent of schools in Akron, Ohio, said school financing is "one of America's national blind spots."

In a speech prepared for the 63rd annual convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Essex said Americans are spending less for education now than they did 25 or 30 years ago.

"In 1902 education was financed by 17 per cent of all taxes and by 1932 it had risen to 25 per cent," he said. "Needless to say, education improved phenomenally during this period."

"Today only 12 per cent of all taxes go into schools. Education is not making progress commensurate with the demand that confronts us."

Essex urged the 3,000 convention delegates to continue the fight for the best possible education for each child. To ignore the individual and concentrate on any elite group, he said, would be "unfair, unsatisfactory, and . . . in our enlightened times, inhumane."

#### WAR ON LITTERBUG

NEW YORK (UPI)—The city launched a drive against litterbugs Monday and 733 persons collected tickets. They face fines of up to \$25.

### Local Civil Defense Office To Distribute Evac Plans

Plans for evacuating Klamath Falls, in the event of disaster, are ready for distribution by the Klamath County Civil Defense office to residents in the Klamath target area.

Boy Scouts of the Modoc Council will begin house to house distribution of the maps and instructions Saturday. The local civil defense organization has 50,000 brochures ready for the public. Residents who receive them are asked to preserve them for ready emergency reference.

The plan is one segment of a master plan under development by local civil defense personnel to evacuate the target area and to care for evacuees.

Klamath Falls and the area within a 12-mile radius of it has been designated a number one target area by the national civil defense organization. The designation is presumably due to the proximity of Kingsley Field.

That means, in the case of an enemy bombing attack, the area probably is earmarked for early bombardment.

The evacuation plan divides the city into four zones. Residents of each are instructed to take specific routes out of town in an emergency.

Residents of Zone One, the area north of Upham Street and west of Bienn Street and Lakeport Boulevard are asked to take Lakeshore Drive. Those living in Zone Two, the area north of North Eleventh and Main streets and the Old Fort Road, and east of

### Reformatory Opens Monday

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's new reformatory will receive its first prisoners next Monday, Supt. P. J. Squier said today.

During the first three weeks, it will receive 70 young prisoners from the state penitentiary. Court-committed felons will not be admitted until June 15.

The institution will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Friday. The public will be taken through the institution Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The institution is for first offenders, with men under 26 years of age getting preference. No persons can be accepted who are in for longer than 10 years, or who have been convicted of murder, forcible rape or treason.

Squier, former warden of McNeil Island, Wash., federal penitentiary, said the principal objectives of the institution are to provide for the discipline, detention and rehabilitation of men who are not eligible for commitment to the boys training school at Woodburn, and who are not serious enough offenders to be sent to the penitentiary.

The reformatory has a capacity of 300. It eventually will be expanded to 600.

There will be education through

high school, and vocational education in cooking, meat cutting, baking and barbering.

There will be on-the-job training in plumbing, carpentry, painting and building maintenance.

The institution is located on 600 acres of state-owned land. About half of it is in orchards and half is tillable farm land.

It is of modern so-called telephone pole type construction in which there is one central corridor, with all units projecting at right angles to make it easy to supervise.

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