Vet Administrators Okay Hospital Moves

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Two former administrators of veterans affairs told Congress they agreed fully with the present administrator that some Veterans Administration hospitals should be shut down.

Testifying before a House hearing on projected plans to close 11 hospitals and four old soldier homes, the two men who preceded William J. Driver as VA chief also said there was no doubt in their minds that the VA had full authority to order the closures without express approval of Congress.

The witnesses were John S. Gleason, who left the post early this year just as the big controversy over the hospital shutdowns was snowballing, and Sumner G. Whittier, head of the agency in the last two years of the Eisenhower administration.

Other congressional news:

Smoking: Chairman Paul Rand Dixon of the Federal Trade Commission testified that he did not favor going so far as to label cigarettes as being "injurious to health." Dixon told a Senate hearing, however, that he firmly believes that cigarettes should carry a label warning that they are "hazardous" to health. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., meanwhile, told the Commerce Committee that he questioned whether the Public Health Service had put out its "own, selected version" of smoking information.

Voting Rights: Attorney Charles Bloch of Macon, Ga., testified at a House hearing that the administration voting rights bill is arbitrary and unconstitutional. Bloch attacked many of the arguments and figures used by the administration in urging passage of the bill.

Gag Tried On Justice

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — Shouting defense lawyers Monday tried to silence a Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice testifying at the Auschwitz war crimes trial.

But Justice Michael A. Musmanno quietly went on to attack the pleas of the 20 defendants accused of killing millions at the Nazi death camp. He was summoned here from Pittsburgh to smash defense pleas.

The white-haired, 67-year-old American, a judge at the post-war Nuremberg war crimes trials, testified that top Nazis told him Germans could refuse to obey mass murder orders and escape punishment.

The defendants had pleaded they had to carry out the Auschwitz slaughter or face execution by their Nazi bosses. But Musmanno cited case after case of Nazis refusing to obey and getting away with it. Defense lawyers then hopped to their feet.

"Dismiss him! Dismiss him!" shouted defense attorney Hans Laternser at presiding Judge Hans Hofmeyer. "He's making speeches, not testifying."

Defense lawyers time and again leaped up with objections.

The lawyers' shouts became a chorus. "This man Musmanno comes from Anglo-Saxon legal circles," one shouted.

Judge Hofmeyer had to yell to be heard. He told Musmanno to go on testifying.

2 Injured In Mishaps

One person was hospitalized and another received emergency treatment as the result of two traffic accidents reported to Oregon State Police during the weekend.

In fair condition at Klamath Valley Hospital with bruises and lacerations is Mrs. Eva May Beck, 77, Grants Pass, who was a passenger in an automobile operated by Ronald Allan Johnson, 17, of 5128 South Sixth Street, when the latter was involved in a two-car collision on South Sixth Street about 6 p.m., Saturday.

The collision occurred when Johnson, westbound, turned left into Bob's Steak House and into the path of an approaching automobile driven by Jack Bachman, 36, of 529 North Tenth Street. The latter was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

In a similar accident on Highway 422 near Chiloquin during the weekend, John A. Morgan, Chiloquin, sustained minor injuries in an accident involving a car operated by Jerry Gordon Briggs, 28, also of Chiloquin. Briggs, who turned left in the path of Morgan's car, was cited for failure to yield the right of way. Morgan was transferred by Chiloquin Ambulance to the local hospital where he received treatment for his injuries and then released. Damage was extensive to both vehicles.

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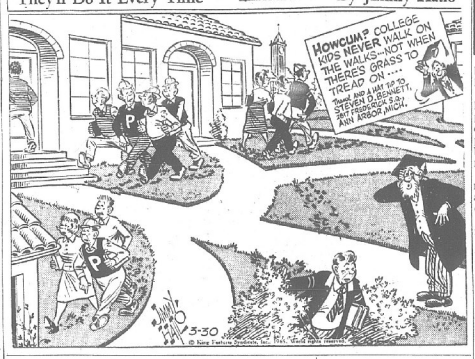

Pope Asks Top Urgency In Reviewing Birth Ban

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI has called for utmost urgency in reviewing the traditional Catholic ban on artificial birth control, the Vatican revealed Monday.

"The church cannot ignore" the population explosion, the Pope said in a major speech Saturday to his birth control commission. The Vatican released the text of the speech Monday.

The Pope stressed the need for the church to give "absolutely clear indications" on the controversial issue.

Pope Paul told the birth control commission audience that "the problem under study is one which impassions world opinion and justly preoccupies married couples and their pastors."

He said the church owes an answer to the world and to men and women whose married life is too often impeded by uncertainties from developing "according to the design of God."

The Vatican reported that the commission, which has been cloaked in secrecy, held its fourth session starting last Wednesday in Rome. It will submit preliminary findings to the Pope at the close of its session. Archbishop Leo Binz of St. Paul, Minn., was named as chairman of the sessions.

NEW ROTC PROGRAM

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army and Air Force will begin two-year college ROTC programs next fall in a move to expand their supply of potential officers.

Traditionally, College Reserve Officer Training has been a four-year affair. Under the new optional plan announced Monday, ROTC training will be provided juniors and seniors who may then obtain regular or reserve commissions in the Army and Air Force.

Straub Says Move 'Farce'

SALEM (UPI) — State Treasurer Robert Straub termed a "political farce" charges by House Speaker F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, that Straub was "dragging his feet" over the proposal to create a division of corrections.

Straub has urged that probation and parole activities be included in the proposed division that would supervise state penal institutions.

Gov. Mark Hatfield recently has urged that parole and probation activities be kept separate from the proposed corrections division.

Straub said he supported the original plan by Hatfield, former Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., and former Treasurer Howard Belton—all Republicans —that the parole and probation activities be included in the division.

Legislative Action

SALEM (UPI)—The following bills were passed by the House Monday.

HB 1381—Cancels balance of loans for some veterans whose property was damaged by December and January floods; applies only to the sum by which balance exceeds value of remaining property.

HB 1568 — Exempts certain motor carriers from provisions applying to maintenance and construction of roads.

HB 1742 — Modifies requirements for refunding bonds.

HB 2050 — $13,199 budget of the State Labor - Management Relations Board.

HCR 11—Expresses sorrow at the death of Harry Holt.

HCR 12—Expresses sorrow at the death of Ivan Jones.

SJR 13—Authorizes construction of levees across western end of Westport Slough, if approved by the chief of engineers and secretary of the Army.

The following were approved by the Senate:

SB 10—Exempts oysters from the poundage fees (Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed bill).

SB 112 — Requirements for fishways (Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed bill).

SB 49—Sets time limit for filing proof of financial responsibility.

SB56—Regulations for private crossings of public highways.

SB 85—Freezes county school fund at 1966-67 level to enable counties to divert funds to other local government needs.

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Steelworkers Union Submits New Demands

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — The United Steel Workers Union (USW) Monday submitted its demands to the basic steel industry. A source said the wage package may surpass the recent settlement which ended a three-week can industry strike.

The USW's top negotiators, led by union President David J. McDonald, handed the money issues to the Co-ordinating Committee Steel companies, which represents the "Big 11" basic steel producers. R. Conrad Cooper of U.S. Steel Corp. heads the industry bargaining team.

Although no details will be issued officially on the wage demands, an industry source said "the demands on us will be more expensive." The agreement reached between the union and the can industry called for a wage package costing about 45.7 cents per man hour.

The economic demands on basic steel call for "total job security." Encompassed in the union's total job security concept are a substantial wage boost, improved pensions and fringe benefits.

In all but a few instances in the past, an agreement was first reached with basic steel. This year the trend was reversed and the can industry signed with the USW first.

The industry source said because of this "we will be expected to at least match the can settlement and no doubt go beyond."

House Okays Vet Relief Bill

SALEM (UPI) — The House Monday passed a flood relief bill designed to forgive part of the home loans of 25 veterans hit hardest by December and January floods.

It directs the state director of veterans' affairs to cancel the balance of loans in excess of the value of a piece of property after the flooding.

For example, a veteran with a $10,000 balance due whose property was worth only $5,000 after the flood would have the other $5,000 of the loan forgiven.

Rep. Norman Howard, D-Portland, said the measure affected about 25 properties and loans totaling $250,000.

Softball Team Holds Dinner

DORRIS — The Dorris Merchant Soft Ball Team sponsored a spaghetti dinner and social on Friday, March 26, in the Butte Valley High School cafeteria in order to earn money for needed equipment for the coming season.

Ed Miller of the M and M Market, prepared the spaghetti and Aenene Robinson, Thelma Spencer and Dorothy Cowin prepared and served the dinner. Others helping serve were Linda Parson, Janet Cowin and Sandy Keele.

House Backs Eugene Site

SALEM (UPI) — The House voted 42-15 Monday to urge the Oregon School Activities Association to keep the state class A-1 high school basketball tournament in Eugene.

The motion to put the House on record against the move was led by a Portland legislator, Democratic Rep. Edward Whelan.

The OSAA's board of control voted last weekend to move the tournament to Portland next year.

Whelan's motion instructed the chief clerk of the House to write a letter to the OSAA informing it of the action. He said Eugene had done a good job with the tournament and should keep it.

At about the same time, Sen. Glen Stadler, D-Eugene, said he might introduce a memorial in the Senate asking for a reconsideration.

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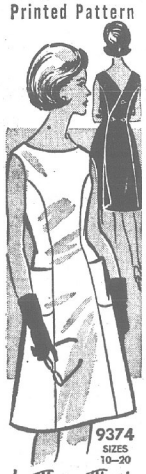

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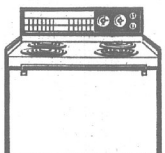

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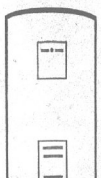

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