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SLAUGHTER OF NAZIS FAILS TO HALT DRIVE

Neutrality Law Repeal Given First O. K.

Committee Action Puts Plan in House

Navy Ready to Place Men, Guns on Merchant Ships, Secretary Knox States

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—(AP)—The administration's bill to arm United States merchant ships moved a step nearer actuality today with approval by the house foreign affairs committee of the repeal of the neutrality act provision which now prevents such armament.

As the house rules committee today granted parliamentary right of way to legislation to revise the neutrality act, Secretary Knox said that the navy was ready to put guns and crew on merchant ships "as fast as the ships come to us" once congress authorized such action.

"We're satisfied now we can get enough guns to arm the ships," Knox told a press conference. The navy secretary explained that while there were not enough guns immediately on hand to arm all ships at once, guns would be available as rapidly as ships could be brought into port to receive them.

He asserted that the arming of merchantmen was a highly effective method of protecting them against both aerial and submarine raiders.

He said that had been the experience of the British already in this war, that armed British cargo ships had shot down a "large number" of Nazi planes and that submarines had been placed at a great disadvantage by being forced to keep under the surface rather than risk being fired upon by a prospective victim.

Opposition Organized
Eleven senators who have opposed administration foreign policy have decided to make an organized fight in the senate against legislation to nullify the neutrality act's prohibition against the arming of American merchant ships.

Senator Wheeler said the group

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WESTERNERS are naturally curious as to how the East feels about the war. Easterners are equally curious about the West.

To both this writer offers this advice: Check up on your own community. If you can arrive at a satisfactory understanding of the feeling of your own community, you won't be far off on the rest of the country.

THAT is merely another way of saying there is little sectional difference of opinion in the United States on the subject of the war and the much more personal and important subject of American participation in the war.

That statement, of course, must be qualified to a certain extent. There are communities in the United States (a rather large number of them in the East) where the population is predominantly foreign in its origins. The people of such communities are unavoidably affected in their attitude toward the war by the position of the nations from which they or their immediate ancestors came.

But so far as this writer can see, after driving from the Pacific to the Atlantic, spending a

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UNION ROW HITS WORLD'S BIGGEST STEEL MILL

Efficiency of Roseburg Sewage Disposal Plant Demonstrated; New WPA Aid to be Asked for Landscaping, Other Items

Effluent from the Roseburg sewage disposal plant contains considerably more oxygen than the water of the South Umpqua river into which it is emptied, and 2.4 times as much oxygen as the health department says is necessary to properly sustain fish life. These figures on the successful operation of the disposal plant were given by L. R. Stockman, Baker, consulting engineer, who designed and supervised construction of the Roseburg disposal system.

Tests by the state health and sanitary department show 25 pounds of dissolved oxygen in one million gallons of water necessary for maintenance of fish life, Mr. Stockman reports. The water of the South Umpqua river contains 48 pounds of oxygen per million gallons, while the water flowing into the stream from the sewage disposal plant, following the clarification and filtration processes, contains 60 pounds of oxygen per million gallons of water.

Plant's Efficiency Shown
The degree of efficiency on the operation of the plant was determined by Mr. Stockman yesterday when he met here with a delegation coming from Corvallis to inspect the unit. The visiting delegation included Vic Goodnight, city engineer at Corvallis, and City Councilmen Don Hout, George Abrahams and C. W. Reynolds.

Corvallis is one of several Willamette valley cities studying sewage disposal systems, as all cities adjacent to the proposed army cantonment planned for the Willamette valley will be required to provide facilities for disposal of sewage before the cantonment is occupied.

Prior to the arrival of the Corvallis delegation, Mr. Stockman made a very thorough check of the Roseburg plant and expressed complete satisfaction with the operation. The filter bed, he reports, is developed better than any similar unit north of Sonoma, California, where a more elaborate system is in operation. Efficiency of the filter bed, he explained, depends upon the natural growth of algae in the gravel-filled filter tank upon which liquids are sprayed. The algae collects and disposes of bacteria and organic matter remaining in the liquid which filters through the rock.

Further Improvement Planned
Mayor A. J. Young, who was on hand to greet the visiting delegation.

Forest Control By States Advocated

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Oct. 15—(AP)—Regulation of forests should be turned over to the states, N. R. Rogers, Oregon state forester, said last night.

He told the National association of state foresters that state regulation would be less costly than transfer of lands to public ownership and federal regulation.

"At best federal regulation and federal ownership would require years before any effective results would be obtained. In the meantime our forest resources would be further depleted," he said. "The best argument of all lies in the fact that state regulation would produce results immediately. This fact is clearly demonstrated in Oregon.

"The state of Oregon has adopted a sound forest program conducive to permanent logging and milling industries. Today we are faced with the opportunity and challenge to demonstrate that forest harvesting regulation is enforceable by state authority, and I am convinced we will be able to live up to it," Rogers concluded.

Road Upkeep By Haulers Of Logs Planned

The Douglas county court has under consideration a plan to require road maintenance on the part of log haulers, County Judge D. N. Busenbark reported today. Due to the rapidly growing log hauling industry, there is grave danger of serious damage to county roads in the near future, and the county will not be able to bear the cost of repairing damage done by the heavy loads, Judge Busenbark asserts. The plan now being studied by the county court will be similar to that in use in several other counties where log hauling is in progress, and will be designed for the protection not only of the county but the operator as well. Information is being secured from counties where the plan already is in operation, and the Douglas county court, Judge Busenbark states, will endeavor to do a thorough study of operation elsewhere, to work out a solution that will safeguard the county's road system, and at the

New Highway Bill Drawn For House

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—(AP)—The house roads committee gave its approval yesterday to a strategic highway bill drafted to meet objections raised by President Roosevelt when he vetoed a similar bill.

The legislation reported to the house carried no authorization for specific highway projects but did provide for matching of state funds for such work, the federal government to stand 75 per cent of the cost and the states 25 per cent.

Mr. Roosevelt disapproved a previous bill because, he said, it provided for apportionment of the money among the states on the usual population-area-mileage basis rather than on defense needs.

The new bill would authorize \$150,000,000 for access highways, all costs to be borne by the federal government; \$10,000,000 for airplane landing strips and \$10,000,000 for plans and surveys.

Youth Killed, Two Girls Badly Hurt in Car Crash

NELSCOTT, Oct. 15—(AP)—Frank Thompson, 19, of Neotsu, was killed and two girls seriously injured last night by an overturning automobile.

The girls, Eva Scarborough, 17, Wecoma, and Arlene Barker, 17, Oceanlake, the driver, both suffered skull fractures and internal injuries.

Robert Umber, Neotsu, the fourth occupant of the car, was thrown clear and suffered only minor injuries. He said Miss Barker lost control and the car overturned as she met another car while attempting to pass a third.

Accidental Discharge Of Rifle Kills Hunter

WENATCHEE, Wash., Oct. 15—(AP)—An accidental discharge of a hunting rifle as it slipped out of a car caused the death of Leon Chester Lamb, 41, during a hunting trip yesterday 19 miles above Winthrop, County Attorney Jeffers said today.

A rifle belonging to one of Lamb's three companions slipped out when the men stopped to look over hunting ground and fired into Lamb's back.

Oregon Loses Heavily in Traffic Accidents

PORTLAND, Oct. 15—(AP)—Oregon suffered a \$50,000,000 loss in traffic accidents last year, Stanley R. Church, the secretary of state's traffic safety director, said yesterday.

County Court of Douglas Will Adopt Policy for Meeting Repair Costs

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Firing Squad Takes 78th Victim of Nazis in France

PARIS, German-occupied France, Oct. 15—(AP)—The Germans announced today the execution of the 78th firing squad victim in occupied France.

They thus kept up a record of one execution daily thus far this week. The announcement said Leon Loust of Le Havre was shot for complicity with the enemy and communist agitation against the German army's occupation.

Latin America-U. S. Relations Sugared With New Commercial Treaty Opening Door Wider to Products of Argentina

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—(AP)—Argentina and the United States entered a new phase of commercial collaboration today by virtue of a broad trade pact climaxing the "on-again-off-again" negotiations of 72 years.

The treaty, signed yesterday, gave Argentina freer entry into this country of such staple products as canned corned beef, hides and wool. It assured the United States of continued "most favored nation" treatment in the shipment of automobiles, refrigerating machinery, and gadgets without number to the rich Agrarian republic to the south.

However, these advantages were considered by close observers of Latin American affairs to be minor in comparison to the psychological impact of the agreement.

The very fact that Argentina and the United States had at last reached a mutually satisfactory trade accord was seen as significant, since for generations the two republics have stood at the opposite diplomatic poles when not actually at loggerheads. Argentina is a prideful, well organized republic, traditionally jealous of her influence in South America, and often critical of United States big business methods in the rest of Latin America. The United States frequently has sought Argentine collaboration, but until the present "good neighbor" era has sought to impose her own terms.

Tariff Barrier Lowered
Under the treaty, Argentina

Passenger Auto Output Further Pruned by OPM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—(AP)—Leon Henderson, OPM civilian supply director, today ordered a reduction of "at least" 51 per cent in passenger automobile production in January, 1942, compared with the January, 1941 output.

The slash, together with others previously ordered to conserve defense materials, means an overall reduction of at least 36.3 per cent in passenger car production for the first six months of the model year which began August 1.

Henderson emphasized that the January quota, which permits a maximum output of 204,848 cars compared with 418,350 produced in January, 1941, could not be guaranteed to the industry since sufficient materials might not be available.

Difficulties in obtaining steel, especially strip steel, indicated that production actually would fall below the maximum set, he said.

Reed College Teacher Named State Senator

PORTLAND, Oct. 15—(AP)—The Multnomah county democratic committee yesterday named Dr. G. Bernard Reed, Reed College political science department head, to succeed Nan Wood Honymann, resigned, as state senator. The appointment would be made by the Multnomah county court, which by precedent follows the party recommendation.

Pair Adjudged Guilty Of U. S. Flag Desecration

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—(AP)—A special sessions court of three justices yesterday convicted Guy W. Pickling and his wife, Ida, both Baltimore, Md., attorneys, of desecrating the American flag by having a likeness of it, without stars painted on the sides of an automobile they used to advertise the American Travel information.

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C. I. O. Drive May Silence Plant at Gary

Strike Threat Hits 27 American Can Co. Units; Hillsdale Dispute Ends

(By the Associated Press)
CIO steel workers today began an organizing drive which threatened to shut down the world's largest steel mill, at Gary, Ind., while other units of the same union threatened to call strikes at all 27 plants of the American Can company unless a labor dispute at two Chicago plants is settled speedily.

The steel workers organizing committee ordered pickets out at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporations' works at Gary, where 22,000 persons are employed. The pickets were instructed to keep from the mill every worker who could not produce a paid-up CIO union dues card.

The pickets stopped all men at the gates this morning and asked for cards but no one was prevented from entering. The union agreed in a telephone conversation with Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick in South Bend not to use force on the picket line at least until he had heard a petition by non-union men to prevent picketing.

A union spokesman said the aim was to make the Gary works "100 per cent CIO" in a step toward the union shop. The plant has been busy with defense orders.

The threat of a strike throughout the American Can system followed a breakdown in negotiations for new CIO contracts at two Chicago plants. The union has asked for elimination of a differential between wages paid in west coast plants and Chicago, also for a modified vacation plan and a union shop. Minimum wages in the Chicago plants were

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Plane Crashes Kill 5 U. S. Fliers in Philippines

MANILA, Oct. 15—(AP)—Four U. S. army aviators were killed when their medical bomber crashed and burned at Clark field in Pampanga province during anti-aircraft practice last night.

Second Lieutenant Rexford R. Kinsley, from Evanston, Ill., the pilot, apparently was blinded by searchlights and lost control of his plane, army officials said. Others killed were Privates Robert C. Fankhouser, Clarence A. Drapich and Francis Bronnille, aviation mechanics. Their home addresses were not given.

Second Lieut. James H. Weaver of the army air corps was killed last Monday when his plane collided with another pursuit ship and crashed. The other plane landed safely. Weaver's home was at Freeport, Ill.

New Move Begun to End Fishing Controversy

ASTORIA, Oct. 15—(AP)—Another attempt to settle the controversy between commercial fishermen and sportsmen over coastal river fishing rights was asked yesterday by the Oregon Coast highway association.

The association appealed to Governor Sprague to appoint a committee to study possible solutions. Clyde Mason, Seaside, was elected president of the fall convention's concluding session. Clarence Coe, Marshfield, treasurer, and John Aschm, Tillamook, were re-elected. The 1942 spring convention will be held at Gold Beach.

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Admits Murder Of Marion Miley In \$130 Theft



(NEA Telephoto.)
At Fort Worth, Texas, Tom C. Penney, above, former Kentucky convict, signs a confession in which he said he and a night club operator of Louisville killed Marion Miley, nationally known golf star, and her mother in their apartments at Lexington, Ky., the night of September 28, when they resisted robbery. The booty was \$130, proceeds of a country club dance. Penney was traced by an automobile which his alleged pal, denying complicity in the murder-robbery, reported to police was stolen from him.

2 Wife Murderers Plead Guilty; One Given Life Term

REDDING, Calif., Oct. 15—(AP)—William C. Baxter, 30, who granted he must have beat his wife to death with an axle rod while in a jealous temper, is under life sentence for the slaying.

Superior judge Ross passed judgment yesterday after Baxter pleaded guilty to first degree murder. Mrs. Laura Baxter, 26, mother of five, was found dead on a bedroom floor in her Redding home September 20, her skull crushed in five places. Nearby was an 18-inch section of automobile axle wrapped in burlap.

At his hearing Baxter, chairman on a reclamation bureau survey crew, testified his wife had told him she loved someone else "better than me."

PENDLETON, Oct. 15—(AP)—James Carson, former Frowater marshal, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of second degree murder in connection with the death of his former wife, Luella, at Freewater July 18, in circuit court here yesterday.

Mrs. Carson's body was found Sept. 9 buried beneath the floor of a garage. Carson admitted that he buried the woman but said her death was accidental. Circuit Judge Sweek set Thursday as time for sentence. Sentence of life imprisonment is mandatory.

Two PUD Units Vote to Join 3-County District

REEDSPORT, Ore., Oct. 15—(AP)—Clatskanie and Newport public utility districts voted this week to merge with the tri-county district which embraces coastal portions of Lane, Douglas and Coos counties.

Bonneville administrator Paul J. Raver advised the merger as an expedient in obtaining the coast distribution facilities of the West Coast Power company.

Menace To Moscow Not Eased, Report

Hitler Using Every Tank, Gun in Supreme Effort To Erase Soviet Defense

(By the Associated Press)
A fiercely-driven new menace to Moscow was acknowledged today by the Red Army, which declared the Germans were swarming forward over their own heaped dead in a mighty attempt to turn the capital's Volga river defense flank near Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow.

Admitting that the Nazi masses of men and steel still surged forward, Red Star, organ of the Soviet army, said nevertheless that German paratroopers seeking a foothold behind the Russian lines had been wiped out and that Moscow's grim defenders had plucked off wedges thrust deep into their lines.

Some of the paratroopers were said to have been trapped behind the Kalinin line where armored units had smashed to the approaches of the city.

Directly west of Moscow, other German forces were reported in London to have rolled half way from Vyazma toward the capital, and to the south the German press said the munitions-making town of Tula, 100 miles from Moscow, had fallen to the tightening Nazi semi-circle.

The Germans declared that the mop-up after the gigantic encirclement battles of Bryansk and Vyazma was so nearly completed that vast additional forces—perhaps hundreds of thousands of troops—were being released and rushed on east to bolster the big push on the capital itself.

Hitler Using Everything
Moscow's streets were crowded, as all of its population not needed for fighting or war work streamed east toward safety. The city was bombed in a brief morning raid.

Red Star declared the Red Army's position the most critical of the war, and a high-ranking neutral observer in London commented:

"Hitler for the first time in two years of war has thrown every available gun and tank into one attack. If he fails to take Moscow or destroy the Russian armies in the present drive—and he well may fail—Germany is finished until spring and might well have lost the war."

Britain, under pressure to cre-

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Mrs. W. F. Harris Still in Critical Condition

The condition of Mrs. W. F. Harris, who is at Mercy hospital suffering from injuries received Sunday in an automobile accident, continued critical today, her physicians reported. Although she has apparently shown some improvement, and appears to be somewhat stronger, her condition remains grave, the physicians said. Her husband, president of the city council, who also was injured in the accident, is improving satisfactorily, the physicians reported.

Historical Applegate Furniture Is Moved

PORTLAND, Oct. 15—(AP)—A houseful of historical furniture was moved out of Sue Applegate's home on Southwest Serman street today and sent to Astoria, where Miss Applegate will reside.

Among it was a hand-carved mahogany side table and curly maple settee which Miss Applegate's grandparents, Jesse and Cynthia Anne Applegate, brought from Missouri to Yoncalla, Ore., in 1843, by wagon. There was a heavy wooden cased compass which Jesse Applegate used in 1860 to survey the route of the Natron cut-off for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Jesse Applegate was one of the three earliest settlers of Douglas county.