

ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST GERMANY

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Badoglio, King Pledge Aid to Oust Enemy

Nazi Brutality Toward Italians Emphasized in Formal Proclamation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin announced today that Italy had declared war against Germany.

The White House said Marshal Badoglio had communicated Italy's declaration against her former axis partner to General Eisenhower, allied commander in the Mediterranean theater.

In his message to the general, Badoglio said that "by this act all ties with the dreadful past are broken and my government will be proud to be able to march side by side with the allies on the inevitable path to victory."

In a joint statement released by the White House, Mr. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin accepted "the active cooperation of the Italian nation and armed forces as a co-belligerent in the war against Germany."

Italy thus turned against her former partner a little more than a month after her armistice with the allied powers.

In a proclamation to the Italian people, Badoglio said that shoulder to shoulder we must march forward with our friends of the United States, of Great Britain, of Russia, and of all the other United Nations.

New Government Forming

Badoglio said an Italian government headed by himself would be completed shortly and that representatives of every political party would be invited to participate so that it may constitute a true expression of democratic government.

"The present arrangement will in no way impair the untrammelled right of the people of Italy to choose their own form of democratic government when peace is restored," the marshal said.

"Italians! I inform you that his majesty, the king has given me the task of announcing today, the 13th day of October, the declaration of war against Germany."

The British, soviet and American governments acknowledged the Italian pledge to submit to the will of the Italian people after the nazis have been driven

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Advice on Postwar Planning Given Roseburg by Eugenean

Lane County Set-Up Told At Meet Here

Like Program Adapted To Douglas County, Says Editor Wm. M. Tugman

The city of Roseburg has an opportunity to make many improvements at little cost through careful planning of postwar development, William M. Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, declared last night at a well attended conference held at Roseburg city hall.

Tugman, who has been one of the principal leaders in the formation of the postwar development program at Eugene, outlined the study made in Lane county and indicated how similar methods could be developed in Douglas county.

He recommended attention to drainage and sewer systems, parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, school expansion, downtown parking areas, scenic drives and other projects.

Health and sanitation, he declared, should be of first importance. Facilities for recreation are very essential in areas having a large industrial population, he said.

Eugene Plan Described.

Illustrating his talk with charts prepared by the planning committee at Eugene, he showed that city's interest payments on bonded debt had exceeded the total amount of bonds issued. The people of Eugene, he said, are determined to issue no more bonds. The program now being presented calls for tax levies of 7 mills to raise funds to be placed in reserve funds and utilized when sufficient amounts have accumulated to make planned improvements possible.

The various projects have been so outlined that they may be undertaken separately as funds are available. The Eugene program includes development of sewage disposal systems, sewerage and drainage improvement, swimming pool, public parks, extension of the water system, placing power lines underground, new school buildings, a county-city building, bridges,

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Dimout Relaxation Revocable at Any Time, Public Told

A relaxation of dimout regulations, which may be permanent or, on the other hand, may be rescinded at any time, has been authorized by the local civilian defense council, following a meeting held recently at Salem with the state defense council. It was reported here today by Harry Pinniger, county civilian defense coordinator.

Starting immediately, light in display windows of stores may be restored. Store windows have not been lighted at night since the attack on Pearl Harbor, but window lighting may now be resumed, providing provision is made that they may be extinguished immediately in the event of emergency.

All lights should be off by midnight, Pinniger stated, and merchants should either have an automatic clock switch to control window lights, or should arrange with the night watchman to turn the lights off at a designated time.

Night lights, not exceeding 40 watts, may be used in banks, jewelry stores, etc. but should be shaded so that direct beams will not be reflected into the streets.

The state defense council Pinniger said, is adopting the army's "calculated risk" policy. Although it is realized that there is still danger of attack, the value of lighted windows and other relaxation of stringent rules is deemed of greater importance to public morale than the possible danger that might be involved.

New Fire Engine Slated for Delivery To Roseburg Friday; Environs Urged to Organize Districts to Get Protection

The Roseburg fire department will take delivery at Portland Friday on the new fire engine which has been built for the city by the Howard-Cooper company.

The engine, ordered more than two years ago, was held up by inability to secure approval of priorities until after Roseburg's disastrous business district fire last June, when the required authority was immediately granted.

The engine provides a pump of 500-gallon capacity per minute and the truck bed carries a 200-gallon water tank, which makes it possible to utilize the machine in places where other water supply is not available. It is particularly designed to control grass and roof fires which form the great majority of alarms.

Members of the fire department and city government will go to Portland Thursday where a test will be conducted before the insurance underwriters. If the truck, as expected, successfully passes all tests, it will be driven to Roseburg Friday and put into immediate service.

The equipment was manufactured by the Howard-Cooper company and was mounted on a Chevrolet truck purchased through the Hansen Motor company of Roseburg.

Pumper Units Awaited

The city of Roseburg also was

notified several months ago it was to be assigned two pumper units for use in the civilian defense mutual aid program. Since that time, however, no additional word has been received regarding such equipment, for which all preparations have been made for mounting service. Notification has been received that 400 feet of hose, awarded under the mutual aid agreement, had been shipped from Salt Lake City, but nothing has been learned regarding the pumper units, Glenn Taylor, fire chief, reports.

Organization Urged

Taylor stated that the new fire truck to be obtained by the city will make it possible to provide protection to districts adjoining the city of Roseburg, providing those sections comply with provisions of the state law and set up fire districts. Until organization is voted by the property owners, city apparatus cannot respond to fire alarms outside the city limits. Provision is made, however, whereby outlying residential and business communities can organize fire protection districts and levy a tax to be used in providing their own equipment or contracting with the city for service as well as installing mains or cisterns as sources of water supply.

The local department has been anxious to see such districts formed in Edenborer, West Roseburg, Miller's addition and the present mill territory east of the city limits.

"It is hard for us to stand at the city limits and watch houses burning down a few hundred feet away," Chief Taylor said, "but the law restricts us from taking city equipment outside the boundaries unless the residents have an organized fire district. We are willing to give all the help we can, but the people living in those localities will have to take the initiative."

Jobholders at Capital Target of Critical Report

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—A congressional committee charged today that "inexperienced youngsters" holding some of the top personnel jobs in Washington "constitute a real bottleneck" to the government's war effort.

The youthful executives lack "the experience and tact" necessary in "top-notch management officials," declared the house civil service committee headed by Rep. Rams C. Georgia, the democratic leader.

Experienced executives "have been turned down completely or ignored by these younger personnel officers," the report added.

Other findings in the committee's unfinished investigation of federal jobholders:

Government workers are "blowing up" their own descriptions of their jobs and getting salary hikes ranging from \$600 to \$1200 a year for doing practically the same work.

Some administrators build up "personal machines" of friends on the payroll who move with them from job to job, "their salaries usually being boosted on the doubtful excuse that their duties have been increased."

"The bald fact is—the uncoordinated departments of the executive branch of the federal government lack an over-all, centralized authority with powers of management control," the committee said. "Until this situation is corrected, the taxpayers can expect a continuance of needless hiring and duplication of effort."

"It is too obvious to state that the chief executive lacks the time to give general management. It simply would be humanly impossible even in peacetime. Improper management, therefore, cannot be laid at the doorstep of the chief executive."

Wrecked Plane Sought In Sprague River Area

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—State police and rangers today continued their search for a twin-engine airplane reported by farmers to have crashed in a rugged area near Sprague River yesterday.

Sgt. E. W. Tichenor said last night that no trace of the ship had been found.

Russians Gain Air War Superiority

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—With the German air force repelled definitely on the defensive over the vast Russian front, soviet armies were steadily bridging their ever-widening bridgeheads on the west banks of the Dnieper river today, and have, according to Berlin, launched a new power drive north of the key city of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine.

The Russian army newspaper Red Star reported the abandonment of aerial offensive tactics by the nazis. The newspaper's military expert said the initiative had passed to soviet airmen and described the situation as a radical change from the earlier days of the campaign, when the Germans were blockading Russian frontline airbases and will, bombing air bases and sweeping the skies over the Russian front with huge formations of planes.

Terrific bomber losses suffered by the Germans in air battles over Orel, Belgorod and Kharkov and the steady deterioration of enemy fighter strength combined to wipe out nazis air superiority, the expert said, and today the Germans have turned from mass operations to partrolling sorties, with restricted bombing missions carried out at dawn or dusk.

Congressman Creal of Kentucky Dies of Stroke

HODGENVILLE, Ky., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Rep. Edward W. Creal, 56, (D-Ky.) died at his home here today, after a paralytic stroke suffered yesterday.

Creal was elected to the house of representatives in 1935 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cap R. Carden and was re-elected for the regular term in 1936. He was re-elected to the house three times since then.

Less, Poorer Gasoline For Civilians Due

Even West Coast Faces More Severe Rationing, OWI's Announcement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Civilian drivers were hidden by the Office of War Information today to expect poorer gasoline and less of it because a big share of the fuel produced in the east, southeast and midwest must be shipped abroad in 1944 and 1945.

"The domestic gasoline shortage will intensify for the duration," said an OWI report on civilian supplies, and even the Pacific coast—which now has high stock levels—faces the prospect of "more severe rationing."

OWI conceded several governmental errors in the handling of the gasoline problem but contended that:

"The government has met military demands fully—demands unprecedented in modern warfare. It has maintained essential civilian transportation, although at times with difficulties."

Civilians are getting 1,200,000 barrels of gasoline daily, instead of the 1,700,000 they got in 1941, OWI said. The military now is getting 30.6 per cent of all gasoline produced east of the Rocky mountains, but next year will get 36.6 per cent and in 1945, 39 per cent.

"Not only will there probably be less automobile gasoline, but its quality will become progressively poorer," OWI said. Increasing use of tetra-ethyl lead for fueling aircraft and military vehicles means "further curtailment of this component in civilian gasoline, with a consequent decline in motor and mileage performance."

Estimates Prove Faulty

An error in estimating "off-the-highway" use of gasoline—farm tractors, sawmills, etc.—contributed to this year's drain on east coast supplies, OWI disclosed. In the absence of records on such use, allocations were based on estimates. When coupons began coming back to ration boards it was discovered that off-the-highway use was four times greater than reckoned.

Until allocations were corrected Oct. 1, the east was using 35,000 barrels a day more than its allocation, with the excess coming out of reserves. Over-issuance of passenger car coupons also

Fire Destroys Rooming House of Mrs. Vinson

The rooming house, owned by Mrs. Wm. Vinson, located on Sheridan and Mosher streets, was gutted by a fire Tuesday afternoon with a loss estimated by Glenn H. Taylor, fire chief, at about \$2,000. The loss is covered by insurance. The blaze is believed to have started from an overheated oil stove used in warming one of the second story rooms. The building was occupied by several elderly roomers.

A similar fire in the same building, Oct. 20, 1938, took the life of Charles Blackford, 70, of Little River, who was trapped in the rooming house and was suffocated by smoke.

Tojo's Crack Soldiers Defeated by Roseburg National Guard Company

The Roseburg national guard company met and defeated the best troops the Japs could place in the field during recent action in the southwest Pacific, according to a letter from Olaf Peterson, first sergeant of the Roseburg company.

"The people of Roseburg can be proud of their boys," Peterson writes. "On our initial entry into combat we fought against the Japanese Tiger division, which we learned was Tojo's crack division. Captured diaries revealed they had had anywhere from four to six years training. A lot of them had seen combat in China and the Philippines and had two years jungle training. Their only tactics seem to be to attack and scare hell out of a man. These Yanks, however, just won't take that stuff from the Nips. Everytime they attacked they were so doped up you could smell

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Italy's Move 2nd of Kind In Two Wars

Turn Against Germany Follows Role of Vassal And Series of Reverses

(By the Associated Press)

In declaring war on her former axis partner, Germany, Italy today completed an about-face which almost duplicates the course she followed in world war I.

Italy was an axis partner for three years, two months and 29 days. Benito Mussolini's forces attacked a prostrate France on June 10, 1940, in the hope of winning some cheaply gained loot.

Since her surrender she has given the allies some help in the form of organized resistance to German occupation—ordered by the Badoglio government—and a valuable prize in the Italian fleet, but today's action places her once more in the position of turning formally against a power with which she had been allied.

Follows Portugal

The declaration against Germany was the second great allied diplomatic triumph in two days. Only yesterday, Portugal granted Britain the use of the Azores islands at the crossroads of the Atlantic for anti-submarine bases.

Lisbon dispatches said British warships already were in the Azores harbors and troops had landed to help the Portuguese defend the ports. British planes were said to have landed from carriers.

Portugal's action showed her firm belief that Germany had lost the war and was powerless to take reprisals.

The enemy apparently was caught flat-footed. A declaration of war by Germany on Portugal was not expected, because that might bring Spain into the war against Germany and place allied troops at the border of southern France. Spain and Portugal are linked by a mutual assistance pact which obligates each to join the other if a third power declares war on either.

Italy Scorned By Nazis

When the first world war began, Italy had a triple alliance with Germany and Austria. She declared, however, that the pact did not call for participation in "aggressive action" and declined

Speakers will include Legion Department Commander Dan Mc Dade, (Portland); Department Vice-Commander V. J. Micelli, Roseburg; Department Adjutant Fritz Nissen, Penn Crumm, W. E. Kletzer, Richard Smurthwaite, Ed Eggen, Auxiliary Department President Mrs. Frank Von Borstel, and Department Secretary Mrs. Mae E. Witcomb.

Legion, Auxiliary Heads of Oregon Will Attend District Conference in Roseburg On Mandated "America Alert" Program

State officers of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will be in Roseburg Sunday, Oct. 17, for a district conference. Representatives from all posts of Douglas and Josephine counties are expected to be in attendance.

The conference will stress the "America Alert" program, designed to carry out the mandates of the recent national convention at Omaha. Four main points include: 1. Conservation, including support of the federal government in rationing of automobile tires and gasoline. 2. Liaison with veterans of World War II. 3. Child welfare and maternity care. 4. Employment.

Dead Sport Fishermen Added to Storm Deaths

SEASIDE, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—With the number of known dead increased to two, coast guardsmen continued their search today for other victims of Oregon's weekend coastal storm.

The body of Thomas A. Cannon, 60, Reedsport, Ore., washed ashore here yesterday and the hull of his small fishing boat was found at nearby Gearhart. Authorities sought to determine if he were fishing alone.

Coast guardsmen continued their search for the body of Jess Olson, Depoe Bay, skipper of the tuna boat Jackie J., beached at Neilson, Ore., Monday, with the body of a crew member, Earl R. Olson, 31, Burns, Ore., in its flooded cabin.

Oregon Shares in Gain of Delegates To GOP Conclave

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The 1944 republican national convention will have a delegate voting strength of 1,658, an increase of 18 over 1940, with 39 states and Hawaii showing gains in delegates and five states losses due to revised allocations designed to stimulate republican voting.

This is on the basis of an unofficial tabulation at GOP national committee meets in December or January to select a convention city.

Under it, Oregon would have 15 delegates compared to 10 in 1940; Washington, 16, the same; California 50, an increase of six; Idaho 11, an increase of three and Alaska, three, the same.

The 1940 convention at Philadelphia adopted new rules rewarding with more delegates the states and districts that got out the republican vote and—with an eye chiefly on the south—penalizing states and districts that didn't.

The ten states that cast their electoral votes for Wendell Wilkie in 1940—Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Vermont—will get a bonus of three delegates at large. But in some of these states the gains will be offset by district delegate losses resulting from reapportionment.

Eleven other states will benefit by a three-delegate bonus for electing republican senators in 1942 after failing to go republican in the 1940 presidential race.

Oregon will gain five, including three for electing a republican senator in 1942 and two for an additional congressman gained through reapportionment.

Leopard Kills Keeper At Cleveland Zoo

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Bozo, a male spotted leopard, killed 62-year-old keeper John Thomas at the Cleveland zoo today.

Thomas was found lying in the cage, his jugular vein severed. Attendants drove the leopard into another cage and discovered the keeper was dead. "We are at a loss to understand how it could have happened," declared Fletcher Reynolds, zoo director.

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Those new comic-strip pennies in our coinage ensemble will soon have ration tokens for company. These two in turn may ultimately be joined by sales tax "hickers," and finally a foursome may eventuate by a return to the wooden nutmeg days of colonial Connecticut. Which raises the question: Will milady's handbag be displaced by a grain sack?



Daniel McDade



Victor Micelli



Mrs. Frank von Borstel



Mrs. M. E. Witcomb

\$81,000 Low Bid On Little River Road Surfacing

The Public roads administration office in Portland announced today that A. Milne, Portland contractor, submitted the low bid of \$81,000 for surfacing of the Little River timber access road.

The project will open up the Little River area to logging as far as the junction with the Red Butte road. The improvement is being planned cooperatively by Douglas county, logging interests, and the Public Roads administration.

Funds to be used will include federal money from the allotments for use in opening up new sources of materials vital to the war effort.

Larceny Charge Faced By Yoncalla Resident

James Dorris, 30, of Yoncalla, was in custody here today in lieu of \$500 bail and is being held for the grand jury on a charge of larceny. He is accused, Sheriff Bud Carter reported, of stealing a saddle and other articles from the Yoncalla farm of Dr. J. F. Titus of Eugene. The saddle, Carter said, was recovered from a Eugene pawn shop.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reiszstein