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### BREAKING THE STRANGLEHOLD

By Charles V. Stanton.

Announcement that Congressman Harris Ellsworth, with the assistance of his good friend, U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, has at last won the fight to introduce production of commercial alcohol from wood waste is most welcome news to all of Oregon.

The first plant is to be built at Springfield, and is expected to be followed by a greatly increased program, which will provide five to eight similar plants, at least one and probably more, being projected for Douglas county.

The delay in getting the project under way is already the subject for inquiry by the Department of Justice, which is seeking to determine whether pressure groups are responsible for failure to inaugurate needed alcohol production from waste materials at an earlier date.

Initiation of the new process is alleged to have been opposed politically because of probable competition after the war for existing methods of producing alcohol from grain, molasses and synthetics.

Congressman Ellsworth introduced his program shortly after he was elected to Congress two years ago. A somewhat similar plan has been proposed for extracting alcohol from inedible sweet potatoes in southern states.

Although the demand for industrial alcohol has been pyramiding, because of use in manufacture of synthetic rubber and other vital war products, federal agencies have long delayed action which would provide for utilization of wood waste in producing the quantities of alcohol needed. In the meantime the nation's stockpile, which previously stood at 140,000,000 gallons, has dwindled to approximately 55,000,000 gallons, according to a report from the Washington bureau of the Chicago Journal of Commerce.

Much time has been wasted in launching the project, which the reduction in reserve stocks indicates was of vital importance to the nation. The Department of Justice is now reported to be investigating the possible cartel character of the situation, while investigations in both the Senate and the House have been suggested to determine responsibility for the delays.

In the event such inquiries are made, we may expect them to reveal that strong pressure was brought to bear by distilling interests and petroleum industries, having large investments which might be impaired in the event large-scale production of alcohol, sugar, protein yeasts and feeds from wood waste is realized.

During the period of delay, millions of bushels of cereals, which could have been used to feed starving populations, have gone into alcohol production. Petroleum, which could have been used to ease existing shortages for both military and civilian needs, has been converted into alcohol. Furthermore, there has been a tremendous waste of money, for production from wood waste is possible at a much less cost than by existing methods.

The far western and southern states are to be kept in a so-called colonial economy if the industrial East has its way. In other words, we will produce the raw materials while the East will do all the manufacturing, the department in which there is the greater profit. The West and South have resources fully equal to those of the East, but the fight which has been necessary to secure a start in commercial alcohol production is an indication of what will be faced when we further attempt to break the industrial stranglehold clamped upon us for so many years.

**Degenerate Father Gets Life Term in Prison**  
 PORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—Circuit Judge Redding of Portland yesterday sentenced Roy L. Bateman, 39, a Gresham mechanic and father of four children, to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary on two charges of rape.

**New Attorney Named For OPA Enforcement**  
 PORTLAND, Ore., May 15—(AP)—Franz E. Wagner is new enforcement attorney for the district OPA with jurisdiction over all Oregon except Malheur county and over five southwestern Washington counties.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>             | <b>VERTICAL</b>           |
| 1. 5 Pictured humorist        | 1. Male                   |
| 10. Perform                   | 2. Exclamation of pity    |
| 13. East Indian tree          | 3. International language |
| 14. Incursions                | 4. Lock opener            |
| 15. Female deer (abbr.)       | 5. Transpose              |
| 16. Sodium (symbol)           | 6. Stayed for             |
| 17. Biblical pronoun          | 7. Atmosphere             |
| 19. Nova Scotia (abbr.)       | 8. Notion                 |
| 20. Shortly                   | 9. District of Columbia   |
| 21. Therefore                 | 10. Excitement            |
| 23. Entangle                  | 11. Dove's call           |
| 24. Likely                    | 12. Five and five         |
| 26. Sleeping furniture        | 13. Print measure         |
| 28. He was famous as a writer | 20. Part of ticket        |
| 33. Period                    | 23. Jewish month          |
| 35. Unad                      | 25. Phenyl (abbr.)        |
| 36. Pardon                    | 27. Accomplish            |
| 38. Paid notice               | 29. Fifth month           |
| 40. Affirmative               |                           |
| 41. Lyric poem                |                           |
| 44. Like                      |                           |
| 47. Weep                      |                           |
| 49. Penny                     |                           |
| 52. Head covering             |                           |
| 54. Skill                     |                           |
| 58. Behold                    |                           |
| 57. To possess                |                           |
| 60. Possesses                 |                           |
| 62. Indian army (abbr.)       |                           |
| 64. Bold face (abbr.)         |                           |
| 66. Golf device               |                           |
| 67. More mature               |                           |
| 69. Story                     |                           |
| 71. Greek letter              |                           |
| 72. Ingress                   |                           |
| 73. Woody plant               |                           |

**Humorist**

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 3. International language  
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 30. Mineral rock         | cloth                |
| 31. Set again            | 31. Aristocratic     |
| 32. Toward               | 32. Exclamation      |
| 34. Tantalum (symbol)    | 33. Skinny           |
| 37. Negative             | 34. Palm lily        |
| 39. District of Columbia | 37. Indian           |
| 39. District of Columbia | 38. Seine            |
| 42. District of Columbia | 39. Beverage         |
| 42. District of Columbia | 41. Likely           |
| 43. Columbia             | 63. Attorney (abbr.) |
| 45. South Carolina       | 65. Charge (abbr.)   |
| 45. South Carolina       | 47. Of the thing     |
| 46. Railway (abbr.)      | 68. Railway (abbr.)  |
| 46. Railway (abbr.)      | 48. Year (abbr.)     |
| 48. Year (abbr.)         | 70. Measure of area  |
| 50. Measure of area      |                      |

### Roseburg Boy In Crew of Bomber Captured by Japs

A description of the capture of a U. S. bomber crew which included Walter R. Erskine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erskine, 909 Cobb St., Roseburg, recently was broadcast from the Tokyo radio. The broadcast concerned the plane on which Lieut. Robert Martindale of Brownsville, Texas, was co-pilot, and the message was recorded by W. K. Meadows of Grand Canyon, Arizona, who forwarded the copy to Mrs. H. E. Meier of Brownsville. The account was printed in the Brownsville Herald, and was forwarded to the Erskine family, PFC Walter Erskine, reported missing in action since Jan. 20, was engineer on the plane.

The broadcast from Tokyo was recorded as follows: "This is a little story about Robert Martindale of Brownsville, Texas. After Robert completed his training he went to San Francisco. He left San Francisco and flew eight thousand miles to an island in the Pacific. He was flying over the Owen Stanley mountains when his plane was attacked by Japanese fighters.

"Robert's plane was disabled and he could not reach his base. He was forced to attempt a landing. He looked for a level place to put his plane down, but everywhere there was nothing but jungles. He managed to head his plane out towards the sea and landed in the water. One of his companions sank immediately and was lost. The others got to their life raft and got it inflated and started to row towards the island of New Guinea. But there was a very strong wind and current which made rowing difficult and they could not reach the island. They drifted further out to sea, and finally reached another little island. Here they were able to get a canoe and make their way back to New Guinea.

"The boys started through the jungles, trying to make their way to their lines and reach their buddies, but on the way they ran into a Japanese patrol and they were taken prisoners, and are now in the Japanese camp at Tokyo."

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#### BEST BETS FOR TODAY

- TUESDAY**  
 5:30—Music You Remember.  
 7:00—State & Local News.  
 7:15—Lowell Thomas.  
 7:30—San Quentin On the Air.  
 8:00—Eye Witness News.  
 8:30—Freedom of Opportunity.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 9:00—Boake Carter.  
 10:15—Jack Berch.  
 1:30—Your Army Service Forces.  
 3:15—Dusty Records.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studsbaker.  
 6:30—First Nighter.  
 7:15—Lowell Thomas.  
 8:00—Main Line.  
 8:30—Bulldog Drummond.  
 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.

#### REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.  
 4:15—Care & Feeding of Husbands, Malt-O-Meal.  
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.  
 4:45—Music Off the Record.  
 5:00—Good News Program, Assembly of God Church.  
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pop.  
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studsbaker.  
 6:00—Gabriel Heater, Forhan's Toothpaste.  
 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter.  
 6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.  
 6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.  
 7:00—State News, Keel Motor Company.  
 7:05—Musical Interlude.  
 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.  
 7:30—San Quentin on the Air.  
 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Capco.  
 8:15—Morse for Senator.  
 8:30—Freedom of Opportunity, Mutual Benefit Ins. Co.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.  
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hunt Bros. Packing Co.

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- 9:45—Music for the Night.  
 10:00—Sign Off.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1944**  
 6:45—Reveille Round-Up.  
 7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.  
 7:15—4-H Club Program.  
 7:30—State News, Boring Optical.  
 7:35—Judd Furniture Store.  
 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.  
 8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Bible Institute of Los Angeles.  
 8:30—Morning Melodies.  
 8:45—Shoppers' Guide.  
 9:00—Boake Carter.  
 9:15—Man About Town.  
 9:30—Midland, USA.  
 9:45—Melodic Varieties.  
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 10:15—Jack Berch, Kellogg's All-Bran.  
 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, Van Camps Inc.  
 10:45—Musical Market Basket.  
 11:00—Wheel of Fortune.  
 11:45—Around the Town, Kellogg's Cornflakes.  
 12:00—Musical Interlude.  
 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.  
 12:15—Treasury Song for Today.  
 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.  
 12:25—Rhythm at Random.  
 12:40—State News, Hansen Motore.  
 12:45—News-Review of the Air.  
 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett.  
 1:00—Walter Compton.  
 1:15—Open House.  
 1:30—Your Army Service Forces.  
 2:00—The Spirit of the Vikings—Norwegian National Day, May 17.  
 2:15—Musical Hi-Jinks.  
 2:30—Western Serenade.  
 2:45—Radio Tour.  
 3:00—Griffin Reporting.  
 3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Marts.  
 3:45—Johnson Family.  
 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.  
 4:15—Care & Feeding of Husbands, Kerr Glass Co.  
 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.  
 4:45—Music Off the Record.  
 5:00—Moods in Music.  
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pop.  
 5:30—Musical Cocktail.  
 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studsbaker.  
 6:00—Gabriel Heater, Kremi.  
 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter.  
 6:30—First Nighter, Campana Sales Corp.

**DIAL LOG**

By SUSAN

Tuesday night and Music You Remember at 6:30—and, by the way, this is the only broadcast you'll get this week on Annaloris' program since Annaloris and her sponsor stepped aside most graciously so you could hear Senator Cordon's broadcast from Washington, D. C., at 6:30 on Thursday night. Tonight is San Quentin on the Air at 7:30. The

- 7:00—News, Keel Motor Co.  
 7:05—Sprague for Senator.  
 7:10—Musical Interlude.  
 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.  
 7:30—Lone Ranger.  
 8:00—Main Line, Southern Pacific.  
 8:30—Bulldog Drummond.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.  
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
 9:45—Cordon for Senator, Dr. Edwards.

**HEAR**  
**DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS**  
 speak over  
**KRRR**  
 Wednesday, May 17th  
 9:45 p. m.  
 on behalf of  
**Guy Cordon**  
 candidate for re-election  
**U. S. Senator**  
 Let's keep Cordon on the Job!

Pub. Adv.

Glee club is going to sing "Oh Mighty Land", and we hear that Johnny White's new series is fine. For tomorrow afternoon it's Your Army Service Forces at 1:30. First Lt. Margaret Nelson, an army nurse who has been on the Anzio beachhead for three months and who previously saw service in Tunisia, will give a picture of life through a woman's eyes at the front. Wednesday at 6:30 is First Nighter. We heard there was a change of programming and that "Talk Like a Queen", which was originally scheduled for production last week, will be heard this Wednesday instead. However, we wouldn't care about placing any money on it—we're wrong too often. A new show is starting at 8 o'clock tomorrow night—we'll tell you more about it tomorrow, but be sure to listen because it's a good half-hour's entertainment.

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### The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon.  
 Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Showers tonight and Wednesday.  
 Highest temp. for any May 102  
 Highest temp. yesterday 62  
 Lowest temp. last night 39  
 Lowest temp. for any May 30  
 Precipitation yesterday .08  
 Precipitation since May 1 .94  
 Deficiency from May 1 .14  
 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 .761

### Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

announcement says the drive is directed at the Vardar and Ibar valleys—which would be the Germans ESCAPE route from Greece.

It sounds interesting, but you'd better keep your fingers crossed. It may be just another device to fool the Germans.

You'll be reasonably safe if you believe NOTHING MUCH you read or hear in the next few weeks.

MOSCOW reports that the Germans are attacking in what is described as a "fierce struggle" the Russian bridgehead over the Dnestr. If so, they're striking to prevent the Russians from getting more troops into Romania for their impending attack at the Galati gap east of Bucharest.

The Russians say that in two days they have "knocked out" 4,000 Germans and 100 tanks.

A Moscow dispatch, incidentally, reports that the most popular pastime there is LAYING BETS on the exact hour at which allied forces will land on the western shores of Hitler's Europe. (Somewhat as Alaskans bet on the exact hour at which the Yukon ice will break up in the spring.)

That's a new slant on the Russians. We ought to be able to get along with a people like that.

OUR planes have attacked five German synthetic gasoline plants. The German fighters CAME OUT IN FORCE. It's obvious Hitler can't afford to lose any gasoline.

We lost 42 bombers and ten fighters, but knocked down 150 German fighters.

FRIDAY night a French destroy-er ran into a STRONG FORCE of German E-boats only 25 miles southeast of the Isle of Wight and waded into them, hitting two. The rest escaped in a smoke screen.

The Isle of Wight lies just off England's southern coast which means that the Nazi E-boats were far over into OUR TERRITORY, trying to find out something about our invasion plans.

THE gravity of the news from China increases by the day.

The Japs are now reported only 75 miles from Tungkwang, which is the gateway to the mountain passes leading to Chungking. They are using increasing numbers of tanks and armored cars against the Chinese who have nothing heavier than rifles to fight back with.

IN northern Burma, Stilwell's Chinese forces (well-armed and fully equipped by us) have opened what seems to be a MAJOR DRIVE on Mogaung and Myitkyna, the Jap bases guarding the central Burma road that are our objectives in this Burma fighting.

Stilwell is said to be launching his attack on a two-mile front with tank, dive bomber and artillery support. Two miles wouldn't be much of a front in Russia, but in the narrow, precipitous