

Holman Asks Quiz Into Senate Race

WASHINGTON, June 2—(AP)—Senator Holman (R-Ore), defeated for renomination in the Oregon primaries, asserted yesterday the senate campaign expenditures committee might like to inquire into "what or who" prompted the candidacy of a third man in the race which Holman said split the vote he would have received.

Holman, defeated by Wayne L. Morse, former member of the War Labor board, placed in the Congressional Record a letter he wrote to Chairman Green (D-RI) of the committee.

"Incidentally, you may be justified in inquiring into what or who prompted the candidacy of Mr. Earl E. Fisher of Washington county," Holman wrote, "whose candidacy undoubtedly vitally divided the vote I otherwise most likely would have received."

Holman reiterated charges he previously had made that more money was spent to defeat him than was spent in behalf of all other candidates in the Oregon primary.

Farm Equipment Buying Procedure Simplified

CORVALLIS, June 2—(AP)—An amendment further simplifying the requirements by which farmers may purchase supplies and smaller equipment has been issued by the War Production board, the state AAA office at Corvallis has been notified.

Under the new order many

more items have been added to the list of articles farmers may get from dealers merely by signing a certificate saying the supplies are needed and will be "used for other than household purposes in the operation of a farm."

The order also raises the priority for farmers to AA-2x from AA-5 and increases the possible value of such items from \$25 to \$50 before approval is necessary from the local rationing board.

Black Raspberries Gain In Oregon Crop Picture

Black raspberries have increased so much in economic importance in Oregon that they produced more than half as much cash farm income in 1943 as that from red raspberries, according to a mimeographed circular on production and income statistics of these two berries, just issued by the O. S. C. Extension service.

Since 1936 harvested acreage of black raspberries increased from 1200 to an estimated 2800 in 1943, with cash income up from \$100,000 to an estimated \$375,000. In the same period red raspberry acreage decreased from 3300 acres in 1936 to an estimated 2,400 in 1943, although the cash farm income increased in the same period from \$382,000 to an estimated \$1,020,000 in 1943.

Fishermen Reimbursed For Ban From Grounds

WASHINGTON, June 2—(AP)—The government paid \$122,600 to salmon fishermen as indemnity for losses suffered during 1942 as a result of the navy ordering the boats home from their customary fishing grounds, it was disclosed today.

In testimony made public today, the house appropriations committee was told a fund of \$6,000,000 had been set up to reimburse fishermen for losses incident to the war. It was urged that the fund be continued to encourage fishermen to take salmon.

Invasion Area Receives Its Hardest Air Smash

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and the French coast last night. Mediterranean forces attacked Hungarian yards 30 miles east of Budapest at Szolnok. Mosquitos bombed a target in Denmark and the Germans reported an air attack which damaged a convoy off the west Norwegian coast. Middle east bombers attacked ports on the big Greek island of Crete. Enemy waters were mined.

Nazi Convoy Smashed

A Cairo communique said an important German convoy was attacked in the central Aegean sea north of Crete yesterday and that four ships were left burning and others were damaged. Two destroyers among the eight escort vessels were declared damaged. Ten aircraft were lost in the attacks yesterday and during the past two weeks.

The Vichy radio said 30 persons were killed in Wednesday night's attack on Saumur, an important junction on the rail lines from central France to Nantes.

The radio also said that 42 persons were killed in an attack last night on the northwest coast of France—possibly the unspecified military objective referred to in the British air ministry communique.

Destruction Summarized

In a statement last night reviewing the results of the allies' "battle of communications," the British air ministry gave the picture of the enemy's transportation position:

1. Destruction of bridges has severely restricted military movements which involve the crossing of the Seine river within 100 miles of the coast.

2. Dislocation of the railroad system in occupied countries has driven the Germans to roads where additional bridges are out and in some places traffic jams extend for miles.

3. Earlier strategic bombings doubtless have wiped out many Nazi factories which the Germans need to produce motor vehicles.

4. In general the capacity of the enemy to repair blasted rail lines has been swamped. Heavy British assaults on French rail centers seem to have forced the Germans to abandon their plan of trying to get all yards in full working order again, and the enemy now appears to be concentrating instead on repairing only through lines.

Col. Wilhelm Ritter von Schramm, a German military commentator, said in a Berlin broadcast that large rail repair crews were busy in western Europe, working not only on bomb damage but also on "sabotage of railway installations and military buildings committed on an ever-increasing scale by groups of saboteurs provided with explosives dropped to them by air."

Jap Army of 280,000 Aims at Vital Rail Lines

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fleets with the Chinese troops, the communique said, "have reported that the Chinese soldier has proved his bravery and fortitude in the face of incredible terrain and supply difficulties."

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 2—(AP)—A giant Pacific triangular area was dotted by bomb craters today—across 1,000 miles of the Carolines, north to Guam, then beyond Japan in the frigid Kuriles and back to Wake—as the consequence of coordinated blows by American bombers from three war theaters.

In operations unprecedented for their swift extent, bombers from the southwest and central Pacific combed the Carolines; central Pacific planes flew the 1,200 miles to Guam; other central Pacific bombers pounded Wake; and Aleutian-based planes struck the Kuriles. All planes returned safely from these hazardous operations.

These blows were massed from Sunday through Tuesday and were announced today and yesterday by Gen. MacArthur and Adm. Nimitz.

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, June 2—(AP)—Massing of American reinforcements for an all-out assault on tough Biak island in the Schoutens and pincer moves aimed at trapping Japanese on two other fronts were announced today.

Under fleet guns and without enemy aerial or naval interfer-

ence, more Yanks landed Tuesday at Biak, enemy air base in Dutch New Guinea's Geelvink bay, which was invaded Saturday. As they moved up from the Bosnek beachhead, aircraft and ground fighters hammered at Japanese sniper and mortar positions on ridges commanding the beach for several miles and the coastal road leading to the island's three airdromes.

The file commander would not order a further advance on Mokmer, the nearest airfield, until these enemy nests were eliminated. American patrols have been blocked two miles from the airfield.

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, KANDY, Ceylon, June 2—(AP)—Chinese and American troops are attacking Myitkynia simultaneously from three sides and have scored fresh gains in their drive to reduce that Japanese base in north Burma, an allied communique declared today.

The bulletin said the allied forces were meeting stiff opposition but were inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Main Escape Route of German 10th Severed

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of Rome yesterday. Twenty-five rail cars loaded with gasoline went up in flames after a Thunderbolt attack on the Montevarchi rail yards on the Arezzo-Florence line.

Tighter Control Placed On Nation's Manpower

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workers anywhere in the country to "take his most useful place on the industrial firing line," adding:

"This is just as important as it is for us to get our soldiers onto the firing line when and where they are needed."

Over-Optimism Deplored

He said one of the principal difficulties of recruiting men for war jobs and retaining them is "over-optimism with respect to an early ending of the war"—this causing workers to look for peacetime employment.

"I have been most disturbed by this attitude," he said. "The war is not nearly over and such sentiment is positively dangerous to the war effort."

Production needs and manpower demands may be easing up in specific plants or areas due to cutbacks but "workers who may be released in such situations are sorely needed in other plants or other areas where war production schedules are being increased. Experience in the past has shown that this easing of manpower does not result in the filling of all labor demands in critical war industries."

While some sources saw the expanded program as a move necessary because of the lack of national service legislation, McNutt said it had "no relation to any legislation." The WMC national

management-labor policy committee has reaffirmed its conviction, he added, that the nation's manpower needs can best be met under programs voluntarily developed and adopted.

Labor Board Edicts Not Open to Court Review

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ity is irrelevant not only because it is speculative but also because it is independent of the board's order.

"Neither the board's constitutional power nor the broad statutory power of the President to take and use property in the furtherance of the war effort depends upon any action of the War Labor board. Any action of the board would be informative and 'at most, advisory.'"

The truckers group protested a board order that it give employees an increase of \$2.75 a week and that time and a half be paid for work in excess of eight hours in any regular working day.

The truckers contended the board's findings were unlawful and violated executive orders of the President. They asserted that it was impossible for them to fulfill the order and asserted "the industry is confronted with outright failure and dissolution."

Other Suits Survive

WLB officials said that while the decision strengthens the board's position it does not necessarily dispose of a group of other suits for review. One was filed by Montgomery Ward and

company and is now before the same circuit.

The difference is that the decision today refers to WLB decisions made pursuant to the executive order which established the board in January, 1942.

The Montgomery Ward suit seeks review of WLB orders made pursuant to the war labor disputes act, enacted about a year ago.

The justice department has taken the position that the WLB orders are not reviewable in either case, but the decision today is inconclusive in relation to the war labor disputes act.

A government attorney said, however, after reading the court's opinion that it supports every position the government has taken with respect to the executive order creating the board and the war labor disputes act. He said that on the basis of the opinion the government should be in a position to ask the federal district court to dismiss every action brought against the board.

The employers group has 90 days in which to petition the supreme court for a review.

John S. Park Funeral Arranged for Sunday

Funeral services for John S. Park, veteran S. P. conductor, who died Wednesday in Portland, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel. Services will be conducted by the Rev. M. H. Roach and concluded at the Masonic cemetery.

Labor Front Peace Is Resting on "If" Basis

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returned early at Marshfield and Eugene, Ore., and others remained at work in Spokane, Wash.

The IWA request for all north-west CIO lumber workers to return closely followed a receipt here of telegrams from the War Labor Board promising a re-hearing of both AFL and CIO wage increase requests.

Mills which had already resumed production with AFL crews were facing curtailment threats because of depleted boom supplies, furnished normally by CIO crews.

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