

DAV Officers Arrange Details Of State Meeting

State department officers of the Disabled American Veterans were arriving in Roseburg this afternoon to complete arrangements for the 23rd annual state meeting which starts at Roseburg tomorrow.

Registration was opened this afternoon at the Grand hotel, which will be convention headquarters.

State officers are holding an executive meeting at 8 o'clock tonight to complete last-minute convention arrangements and the state meeting will open at 9 a. m. Wednesday at the Knights of Pythias hall, with an address by James L. Monahan, Minneapolis, national commander, as the chief feature of the program which will be held jointly with the D. A. V. auxiliary.

Outskirts of Viipuri Under Red Artillery Fire

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Moscow that the Finns are seeking to re-open peace negotiations. The people are not talking about it and the general view of the man-on-the-street is that the offensive is going splendidly and that soon the red army will be at the 1940 Russo-Finnish border.

A red fleet dispatch said Russian ships are pounding Finnish craft in the gulf of Viipuri and the pulp of Finland, sinking two transports totalling 14,000 tons. In Viipuri gulf two other Finnish transports were sunk, in addition to smaller craft. Heavy ships of the Baltic fleet are moving up the coastal road on the gulf of Finland and adding their weight to the assault on the city.

It appeared that the gulf of Finland was blocked and escape by water from Viipuri was now impossible.

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—Radio France at Algiers said today in a broadcast to French areas that the Germans had transported "large quantities" of poison gas from Germany into Hungary "with a view to using it against the soviet army, from whom they dread a new and powerful offensive."

The broadcast, reported by United States government monitors, said the information had been received from the Balkans via Ankara, Turkey. It added that a "German official paper" on June 2 had published "detailed instructions concerning the transport and handling of poison gases."

Record American Sky Armada Deals Blows

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ern Germany. While the American bomber and fighter fleet was coursing across Europe and smashing again at ramps from which Germany's rocket bombs are launched, lighter allied aerial forces swarmed across the channel in improving weather and renewed the harassment of German forces in Normandy.

The Paris radio soon left the

air, indicating that bombers and fighters were hitting behind the German lines.

Sky Fleet Given Credit

The big assault was the third within 24 hours against the Pas-De-Calais area from which rocket bombs continued to stream into southern England today.

Airforce Chief Gen. Henry H. Arnold, returning from an inspection tour, credited the European air force's invasion operation with "having permitted our surface forces to operate unhampered from enemy air opposition and pave the way for them to move forward with greater speed."

"This," he said, "together with the direct blows against Germany itself, has shortened the remaining time for the defeat of the enemy."

The Germans put up a heavy flak barrage over the Pas-De-Calais in defense of their rocket installations.

Dozens of Robots Bagged

Shooting anti-aircraft gunners and relays of swooping fighter pilots blasted dozens of Nazi robot planes out of the sky overnight and the allies appeared to be getting the range on this new weapon today, the sixth of the "buzz-bomb" blitz.

In one district alone four flying bombs were shot down by night fighters within a few minutes. Three exploded in the air in quick succession.

The Germans were launching the robots in no particular order. Sometimes as many as five came over almost together.

In daylight today the Germans kept winging the one-ton bombs into England at sporadic intervals. The British air ministry announced that new and secret measures were being taken to wipe out the cross-channel attacks.

As U. S. bombers struck twice yesterday at the rocket emplacements around Pas-De-Calais, the air ministry made known that six months of constant attacks had blasted out so many of the launching platforms that the countless bombs finally were put in operation on less than one-fourth the scale Hitler originally planned.

Scotland Area Raided

The Germans reported officially during the night that their raiders were over parts of eastern Scotland, indicating the Nazis were sending some ordinary planes against Britain as well as the robots.

The air ministry said only that "damage and casualties had been reported" in southern England. As flying-bomb delirium swept Germany there were indications of increasing uneasiness among Nazi propagandists that the German population was due for a tremendous let-down.

In extolling the new weapon and giving elaborate reports of panic in London, German broadcasters voiced frequent cautions against expecting too much.

Jobless Compensation Law Changes Asked

SALEM, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—The state unemployment compensation commission announced today it would ask the 1945 legislature to make several minor changes in the unemployment law.

The most important change would be to have the benefit year start each July 1, instead of January each July 1, instead of January the benefit load over the whole year, the commission said.

Other requested amendments would give the commission more time to process employers' reports.

Local Renters Protest Increase in Charges

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cessity for federal rent control. Only Few At Fault

Establishment of a rent control district, Mayor W. F. Harris stated, would work a severe hardship upon many owners of rental property.

"Rents in Roseburg," the mayor said, "are, for the most part, considerably below the state average. The majority of our landlords are reasonable in their rents. It is the few who are taking advantage of conditions to boost rents out of sight who are causing complaints. If a rent control district is set up, rents will be frozen as of a certain time, probably as of two years ago. Under present conditions, landlords are in some cases entitled to charge more than they did two years ago, and federal control would be an actual hardship."

The delegation was advised to refer their situation to the rent control division of the Office of Price Information at Portland.

Aside from the discussion of the rent problem, the council devoted its session largely to routine business.

Suit Doesn't Involve City

Attorney Orecut reported he had investigated the suit filed by the federal government against the City of Roseburg and the Page Lumber and Fuel company for condemnation of right of way for the Young's Bay Lumber company spur track and had found that the city does not hold title to any of the land involved in the suit and that no appearance had been made in court on the city's behalf.

Approval was given the application of Doyle's Basket grocery for renewal of a package beer license.

The city attorney reported he had received copies of ordinances passed by other municipalities to regulate the height to which trees overhanging sidewalks and streets must be trimmed. These ordinances, he stated, provide generally that branches must be kept trimmed from 8 to 9 feet above sidewalks and 11 to 12 feet above travelled portions of streets. Some of the sample ordinances also contained prohibitions against planting of trees or high shrubs in parking areas and particularly near intersections. The street committee was instructed to meet with the city attorney to work out the provisions of an ordinance to be submitted to the council at a future meeting.

A complaint was received that logs are being piled in Short street, south of Burke street, preventing property owners from free use of the street. The city attorney and chief of police were instructed to notify the piling operators to remove the logs and keep the street clear in the future.

As no objections were made to the proposed city budget, the budget was approved by the council without change from the published form and an ordinance was adopted imposing a tax levy in the sum of \$38,095.50.

Japs Lose 300 Planes in Attempt to Save Saipan

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the Japanese shuttle land fields. Designation of these two islands, approximately 100 miles south of Saipan, indicated enemy carriers were some distance from the Marianas.

American forces hold a five-mile long coastal strip on the western shoreline, where they have expanded from their original beachhead at Agaña point.

Vital Airstrip Won

While Nimitz' battleships and carriers were fending off the enemy aerial blow, ground troops seized Aslito airstrip and the western shore of Magicienne bay on Saipan's east coast. Seabees immediately started to get the airstrip ready for operations.

Gen. MacArthur likewise gained a new air base in Dutch New Guinea. He announced the establishment of an airstrip on Owi Island off Biak in the Schouten group. Owi was seized three weeks ago.

Ground forces stormed a strongly held ridge near Mokmer and wiped out Japanese who had thwarted drives toward two other Biak airfields.

"Now we'll have much easier going," a MacArthur spokesman said.

MacArthur's airmen hit Truk again and shot down 12 of 25 intercepting Zeroes, with a loss of two Liberators.

Changsha Falls To Japs

Chungking announced the capture of Tiansup, Japanese stronghold 40 miles north of Myitkyina in northern Burma. This capture, ending a six-week siege, served further to tighten the allied pressures against Myitkyina and Mogaung, already under strong attack.

This victory appeared minor, however, compared with the surging Japanese advance along the Hankow-Canton railroad in central China. The Japanese claimed occupation of Changsha, pivot point on that railway.

Chungking followed this claim

with an announcement that upwards of 50,000 enemy troops had destroyed suburban Changsha defenses and that the situation there was obscure. Radio contact with the important city, vital to Japan's drive to seal off eastern China, was broken, indicating Changsha's fall.

An American communique today said that "aircraft of the 14th American air force continued to attack the Changsha area in support of Chinese ground troops with excellent results."

Japanese forces which have besieged the strategic city for days constitute the fourth enemy attempt to shatter it since September, 1939.

That drive, as well as others in September, 1941, and November, 1941, were beaten off although the Japanese penetrated the city's outskirts in the last campaign.

Vice President Wallace arrived in China's capital almost simultaneously with this hard blow to the allies, presumably prepared to include China's perilous situation in his discussions with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Two columns of allied troops advanced 17 miles along the Imperial road in Manipur province, India, continuing their chase of the retreating enemy.

Mrs. O. A. Ohlsen Of Olalla Passes

Mrs. Oscar A. (Minnie M.) Ohlsen died early today at her home in Olalla. Born at Brockway, August 2, 1882, the daughter of Henry and Kitty Lamb Bushnell, she spent her entire life as a resident of Douglas county.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Patrick; two sisters, Mrs. John Standley, Camas Valley, and Mrs. D. A. Prock, Brockway, and a brother, Edman Bushnell, Brockway. She also leaves one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Tenmile church at 2 p. m. Thursday, conducted by the Rev.

Morals Cases Get Court Attention

Robert Mitchell, 43, Myrtle Creek, was continued in custody today in lieu of \$1,000 bail, following his arrest on a seduction charge, Sheriff Bud Carter reported.

Leonard Browning, Yoncalla, 43, recently arrested on a charge of rape, pleaded guilty in circuit court late Monday, and was continued in custody, the sheriff reported, pending imposition of sentence, which was postponed for further investigation of Browning's past record.

Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported a fine of \$200 paid by Edward W. Fugate, Sutherlin, who pleaded guilty to a charge of giving wine to a minor.

Traffic fines paid in the justice court were reported by Judge Hartfield to include Carl W. Anderson, \$20, overload; James W. Miles, \$10, overweight load; E. L. Hardin, \$10, axle overload; Thomas H. Adams, \$10, failure to stop at the entrance to a through highway.

Paul E. Aubin Funeral To Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for Paul E. Aubin, who died Sunday in Portland, will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSES

GORRIE-MCGRATH — James Linklater Gorrie, Springfield, Ore., and Reta Faye McGrath, Eugene.

F. Gene Elliott, Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

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