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Advance of Japs In China Expels Yanks, Britons

Order Issued To Evacuate 2 Provinces

American Air Victories In Philippines Enlarged In Latest Combats

(By the Associated Press) Americans and British were ordered to evacuate the central China provinces of Kweichow and Hunan today in the face of menacing Japanese columns driving deeper into China.

Tokyo radio reported flying Japanese columns have driven more than eight miles into Kweichow province on their way toward Kweiyang, provincial capital, and the Burma road. The Chinese acknowledged one force enveloped Hsichin, 140 miles southeast of Kweiyang. A second column advanced from Paoching in Hunan.

Fall of Kweiyang would endanger Chungking, 200 miles to the northwest.

Yanks Up Air Successes Further American air victories were reported over the Pacific where torrential tropical rains

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE learned first of the thrilling raid by our B-29s on Tokyo. As this is written we're busy appraising its results. In our task of accurate appraisal, we are aided immensely by an able, clear-thinking, REALISTIC officer—General Haywood Hansell, commander of the new B-29 base on Saipan.

THE raid, General Hansell says, obviously hurt Japan, but even so it DIDN'T come up to expectations because while the first formations had clear weather and did a good job the later planes ran into a thick cloud cover.

BUT, he adds, in spite of that handicap only FOUR of the "dozens" of big planes over Tokyo failed to hit worth-while targets.

HANSELL gives us DETAILED reports of the losses sustained. TWO of the big planes were

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Cpl. Raymond Andrus Awarded Purple Heart

Corporal Raymond Andrus, son of Mrs. Harry Rolfe, South Gate, Calif., and (Pat) Andrus of Roseburg, was wounded in action October 29 in the South Pacific war area and has been awarded the Purple Heart at a hospital somewhere in the Philippines, according to word received here. Corporal Andrus attended the Roseburg schools.

Soldiers of French-Speaking Areas Of Canada Continue Demonstrations Against Draft For Overseas Service

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Demonstrations by soldiers of the French speaking provinces against the Canadian conscription for foreign service act reached the sit-down stage last night. The sit-down accompanied a demonstration with rifles by a regiment of French-Canadian troops stationed at the village of Terrace on the northern British Columbia coast.

Members of the unit had demanded from army headquarters in Ottawa that they be returned to their homes in Quebec and were awaiting a reply. The correspondent reported.

Warned of Penalty Meanwhile at Vernon, B. C., far south and inland, an indirect answer to the draft protesters was given by the army in the snuffing of an attempted second demonstration there by military police, and the reading of section seven of the War Measures Act, which provides for the arrest and detention of anyone who is a danger to the national defense. The anti-conscription demonstrations started last Friday in Vernon, when 200 men paraded against the law and an army captain who attempted to disperse the demonstration was struck down.



FOR DUTY IN CHINA—At top—Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war in President Hoover's cabinet, nominated this week by President Roosevelt to be the new U. S. ambassador to China. Lower photo—Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, former commander of the services of supply headquarters in the China-Burma theater, has been named deputy supreme allied commander in southwest Asia.

Roseburg Marine Not Dead, as First Reported

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Pfc. John M. Ferguson, Roseburg, Ore., marine erroneously reported killed in action, is safe, the Navy department announced today.

Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Ferguson of Roseburg was listed as dead on an Oct. 23 navy casualty list. The navy announced that PFC Hayward P. Lewis, marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Lewis, Glendale, has been wounded in action.

Fuel Oil Limit Stands. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The Pacific northwest continues ineligible for fuel oil hardship rations because supply conditions there still are critical, OPA said today.

Air Force Hits Anew at Nazi Supply Bases

LONDON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—At least 1,000 RAF bombers in pre-dawn raids today hurled some 4,000 tons of explosives on Neuss and Freiburg, German supply centers just back of the western front, as the sustained 72-hour assault on Nazi front-line rail and supply centers continued.

Freiburg lies behind the Mulhouse-Kolmar sector, where the French First army and the American Seventh army are pressing up to the western bank of the Rhine. American bombers attacked German rail movements at Offenburg, north of Freiburg, yesterday.

Mosquitos raided Berlin during the night. Neuss is far to the north in the Düsseldorf area and is a junction point for rail lines to Aachen, Cologne and Gladbach, where the British Second army and the U. S. First and Ninth armies are engaged.

The most recent series of raids on the intricate railway system in western Germany began Saturday with an attack on Bingen, 15 miles east of Mainz, on the Rhine behind the Saar area, when it became increasingly apparent Hitler's armies had elected to fight it out west of the Rhine. Allied strategy was obviously aimed at sealing the Nazi forces, squeezed between the Rhine and the allied armies, from their supply bases in the rear.

Nazi Oil Dwindling The incessant attacks on Germany's diminishing store of oil already have reduced the efficiency of the Luftwaffe and immobilized much of Nazi transport.

Following up the daylight attack on Bingen, RAF bombers smashed rail facilities at Rheinfelt, 12 miles east of Gellienkirchen, Saturday night. Sunday, 1,000 American bombers and 700 fighters precision-bombed the 30-mile-long railway yard at Hamm and others destroyed the approaches at a railroad viaduct at Elefeld. Mosquitos dumped two-ton bombs on the Nurnburg railway district

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Campaign Begun To Prevent Return Of Japs to Oregon

GRESHAM Ore., Nov. 28.—(AP)—A group of farmers and businessmen launched a campaign today to exile Americans of Japanese descent forever from their former Oregon homes.

Organized as Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc., the group planned meetings in every city in the state to recruit other Oregonians who want to prevent Japanese-Americans from returning to their constitutional rights.

"We want to get this job done before the boys come back, because if we don't do it, the returning servicemen will," said a farmer at the organization meeting. Other farmers reported that already a Japanese-American, given leave from a relocation center to attend to business affairs here, was chased from a farm by a World War II veteran.

T. R. Wright, transfer company owner, was elected chairman of the new organization. Directors include the Gresham mayor, an attorney, a physician, and farmers and businessmen.

Construction Offsets Ship Losses of Allies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Shipping losses of the allies and neutrals from the beginning of the war through 1943 totaled 5,758 vessels aggregating 22,161,000 gross tons. This was officially announced today.

United States losses totaled 753 vessels aggregating 3,311,000 gross tons.

In the period covered by the announcement, the United States constructed about 30,000,000 dead weight tons of merchant ships, roughly offsetting the losses.

No figures were given on losses for 1944, but the ratio of construction to losses is known to be extremely favorable.

Neuner Wins Re-election By Only 386 Votes

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Attorney General George Neuner, Republican, won reelection by only 386 votes over Bruce Spaulding, Democrat, and Farmer Folk county district attorney, the state department said today.



SOUNDED RAID ALARM—It was Lt. Joseph Lockard, above, of Williamsport, Pa., then a private, who sounded the unheeded alarm when Jap bombers approached Pearl Harbor on that ill-fated day of Dec. 7, 1941. For his alertness, Lockard received the Distinguished Service Medal, was promoted to staff sergeant. Later, he attended officers' training school, became a lieutenant in the signal corps.

Silver Nook Grill Has New Owners

Purchase of the Silver Nook Grill by Wesley Bailor and J. H. Taylor, both of Roseburg, was announced today by Louise Craker, chairman of the blood donors' service. Reedsport will sponsor one bus load and another bus will be filled at Roseburg. The Roseburg car will leave at 9 a. m.

Twenty-three persons have been signed for the trip leaving room for eight more. Persons desiring to join in the trip are invited to register at the Red Cross offices in the Pacific building.

An anonymous contributor has sent \$5 to the blood donors' service. Mrs. Violet C. Hannon, executive secretary of the Red Cross chapter reports, with instructions that the money be used to pay the cost of hotel and meal expenses for some person who would like to be a blood donor but cannot defray the expenses of room and lodging involved in making the trip.

More Processed Food Stamps Good on Dec. 1 Five more blue ration stamps, used for processed foods, became valid on December 1. Willard Case, district OPA food rationing representative at Portland announced today.

Blue stamps X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2 and B-2, each worth 10 points—a total of 50 points—will be good beginning December 1 and may be used indefinitely.

Blue stamps are expected to be validated for processed foods until January 1, 1945, Case indicated.

Union Suspends 12 for "Wildcat" Taxicab Strike

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Twelve men described as leaders in the unauthorized 36-hour strike of taxicab drivers here last week have been suspended from their union, Gordon Lindsay, acting trustee of the taxicab drivers' local of the Teamsters Union (AFL), said last night.

The suspension, he said, was on the order of Daniel J. Tobin, international Teamsters' president.

The men will be tried Friday by a trial board on charges of violating their oath of loyalty to the union, conduct unbecoming a member, abuse of fellow members and union officers, disobedience, breach of union contracts, and violation of trade union principles.

Cigaretts Cause Rush at National Capitol Strand

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A restaurant cigar stand in the Capitol looked like a bazaar basement counter today when word spread that a shipment of cigarettes had arrived.

The smokers were received a few minutes before the house agriculture committee opened hearings on the nationwide shortage. Among those who crowded around the stand was House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.).

One of the buyers put so excited he handed the girl behind the counter a dime and a quarter in payment for a 15-cent pack. She had to call him back to give him his change.

Trumpeter Swans Get Refuge in Oregon Area

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Covenants of trumpeter swans—the largest bird of North America and a species which narrowly missed extinction—have been given a new home at the Malheur national wildlife refuge, Elmer county, Oregon.

The fish and wildlife service announced the transferring of the rare birds today. The Oregon refuge is now one of the three places in the United States where the giant bird is known to exist. Other refuges are at Red Rock lake, Montana and at Wooming's Jackson Hole national monument.

Britain Cites Huge Costs of 5 War Years

LONDON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Britain disclosed today her story of five years of war, years that have cost 733,030 casualties, including 136,116 civilians, and "most of the treasure of our grandfathers."

A 60-page paper gave parliament the statistical story of England's conversion into a factory-fortress, her production, and her losses. It announced one of every three homes in Britain has been destroyed or damaged.

Minister of Information Bracken told a press conference:

"The total war effort of the population of Great Britain is greater than that of any other belligerent. We have not attempted to mule the British empire. Canada is the only empire country from which we have received reverse lend-lease. With all the other dominions we have made financial arrangements much less favorable to ourselves than the United States."

Bracken, saying the Victorians were proud "to be called a nation of shopkeepers," declared "there never have been such shopkeepers as the British. No shopkeeper

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Blood Donors' Trip To Portland Dated

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Slowness of Sales of E Bonds in Douglas County Ascribed to Apathy, Complacency; Money Said Plentiful

Sixth War Loan E bond sales are exceedingly slow, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County War Finance committee, reported today. Banks and postoffices are receiving very few applications, Pargeter said. Reports have not been received from canvasses in rural areas.

"There is no reason why we should be lagging behind previous drives," Pargeter asserted, "except for apathy and complacency. Douglas county banks show an all-time high in deposits. State statistics show more people now employed in Douglas county than in any period of its history. Farm incomes are at a high level. Plenty of money for investment is available."

"War department records, at the same time, show a high point in casualties on the fighting fronts, with an increase expected in casualties during the next six months. Our military leaders are pleading for more war supplies, particularly ammunition."

County Record at Stake "There is every reason to expect an immediate response to the Sixth War Loan campaign, yet we are far behind the records for the first week of any of the previous drives. Unless sales are greatly increased during early December there will be little chance of reaching our goal."

Douglas county has an outstanding record to date and we cannot afford to fail at this time to maintain this record."

There is every assurance that the quota set for corporation bonds will be reached quickly. Douglas county, Pargeter states is buying \$100,000 worth of corporation bonds and the Umpqua Savings and Loan company will

Senate's Quick Approval Of Stettinius, Named to Succeed Secy. Hull, Looms

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Quick senate confirmation was predicted today for the appointment of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as secretary of state.

Speed was indicated not only by the general acclaim which greeted President Roosevelt's chosen successor to Cordell Hull but also by the urgency of pending international problems, headed by the need to complete the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world security.

At the State department the 44-year-old Stettinius, who has been acting secretary since Hull entered the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., buckled down to the enormous job confronting him in guiding American foreign policy into new fields of international cooperation.

With Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting indefinitely delayed by the prolonged winter war in Europe, it is likely that the president will turn over to Stettinius the job of completing the Dumbarton Oaks plan either through diplomatic channels or in a conference with the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia and China.

Stettinius himself is anxious to reach agreement with the other big powers on voting procedure in the proposed world security council. This is essential if a united nations conference to set up the organization is to be held early next year.

If and when such a conference approves the proposal it will be up to Stettinius, working with the president, to help put it through the senate. The friendly relations he has had with congress during his years in Washington, as

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Superhighways-Airports Bill Calls for Billions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Legislation permitting appropriation of \$12,000,000,000 for a system of postwar superhighways and airports was proposed yesterday by Rep. Snyder (D-Pa.).

A four-mile square airport would be constructed at each of 18 intersections on the three east-west transcontinental and six north-south roadways.

The highways included: From Boston, Mass., to Salem, Ore., by way of Albany, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; Rapid City, S. D.; and Yellowstone National park.

From San Diego, Calif., to Seattle, Wash., by way of Los Angeles, Calif.; Bakersfield, Calif.; Sacramento, Calif., and Klamath Falls, Ore.

Republican Wins in Final Election Count

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Complete returns from the Nov. 7 election today shows that Rep. Louis E. Graham, (R) won his fight for reelection in the 25th Pennsylvania district over Samuel G. Neff (D), head of the CIO United Steelworkers local at Ellwood City, Pa. Tabulation of soldier votes was completed today.

War Industries Face Big Manpower Shortage

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Essential war industries on the Pacific coast are faced with a shortage of 40,000 workers, 12,000 of which are urgently needed in the Portland-Vancouver production area.

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E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

Scores Die When Exploding Bombs Destroy Village

BURTON-ON-TRENT, England, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Unofficial estimates of the dead in the explosion of an underground RAF bomb dump that shattered this midlands district yesterday vary from slightly less than 100 to about 250, the British Press association said today.

The village vanished as the blast shook the entire country, side like an earthquake, and sent bombs high into the sky. They rained down like a large-scale enemy bombardment.

Scores were trapped in wreckage. Rescuers tunneled through rubble to bring out safely 40 persons buried in a munitions works near the scene.

Windows 32 miles away were broken by the explosion, one of Britain's worst in the war. Secondary blasts followed.

Craters torn out by falling bombs hampered rescue workers. Hundreds of cows were reported killed. Buildings, trees and telegraph poles in the vicinity were hurled into the air and shattered.

A cement factory was destroyed. Buildings at the bomb depot simply disappeared.

"Nothing like it was ever seen on a battlefield," a witness said. "Roads are turned up. Part of a village is gone; the rest is rubble. It looks as though every house had a direct bomb hit. Everywhere there are craters."

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Another Unit Strikes Near Saarbrücken

Rhine Is Also Crossed; Snow Handicapping Red Drive Toward Budapest

(By the Associated Press) American troops reached the flooded Roer river before the Cologne plain and struck to within 10 miles of Saarbrücken, German frontier city, in sectors 125 miles apart today.

The village of Kirchberg, 23 miles from Cologne and on the west bank of the last natural barrier in northwestern Germany short of the Rhine, fell to Lt. Gen. Simpson's U. S. Ninth army.

Five miles to the south, U. S. First army men fought their way through two-thirds of Langerwehe, the last important communications point west of the Roer still held by the enemy. Allied war planes attacked exits from the town to the east toward Duren. A field dispatch said the Nazi defense of Langerwehe appeared to be "breaking up."

First army men, directed by Lt. Gen. Hodges, were within three miles of the Roer.

French Cross Rhine. The French war ministry announced allied forces had crossed the Rhine three miles north of Strasbourg.

Supreme headquarters said that the Nazi salient south of the Rhine-Rhine canal in Alsace had been virtually wiped out in fighting which resulted in the destruction of many German tanks and capture of 1,000 men from an enemy force which had attempted to wreck French supply lines through the Belfort gap.

On the northern end of the front, British troops cleared out the Grubbenvorst pockets 33 miles above Venlo and probed defenses of Blerick, a suburb of Venlo west of the Maas.

Snow Slows Russians. On the Russian front, Red army columns crossed the 2,700-foot Carpathian mountains from Poland and made a six-mile penetration of northern Slovakia.

The heaviest snowfall of the year, piling atop sleet, slowed down action in the battle for Budapest. Front dispatches said Germans and Hungarians occupied defense positions along a 26-mile arc from the southern limits

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Seal Sale Meets Good Response In Business District

A canvass of the Roseburg district to solicit funds for the annual Christmas Seal drive was opened yesterday by Mrs. Roy O. Young, president of the Douglas County Health association, and Mrs. W. F. Amiot, executive secretary, who have been appointed representatives for the campaign.

Mrs. Amiot reports that Douglas county's quota has been considerably increased this year to make it possible to raise sufficient funds to bring the mobile X-ray unit to Roseburg for T. B. tests. Response to the call for more funds has been answered by increased amounts of donations by Roseburg merchants, the two solicitors report.

A box has been placed in the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank, for donations and return of any seals, so that persons who do not wish to mail their contributions back to headquarters.

A booth will be maintained at the postoffice and at the motion picture theatres every weekend during the sale.

Walter Cloake, foreman of the Medical Arts building, was the first contributor to the 1944 Seal sale in Roseburg, the committee said.

AAA Committee for Roseburg Area Retained

Reelection of members of the AAA committee for District No. 5, Roseburg, resulted from the meeting of farmers held Monday afternoon at the Roseburg city hall. The members include Charles S. Dvor, Roberts Creek, chairman; Willard Smith, Glendale, vice-chairman; J. F. Bonebrake, Melrose, regular member; P. E. Cooner, Green, and Harry Davis, Dillard, first and second alternates.

Douglas county is divided into 10 districts, and meetings are being held this week in each district to elect local committees. Delegates from each district will meet in Roseburg Dec. 8 to outline the 1945 agricultural program and will, at that time, select a central committee.

Levity Fast Rent

By L. P. Katsenblatt

Once saved by the cackling of geese, Rome is now harried by the cacophony of six political parties that forced the new premier to scam from office, while an ex-playboy poses as king. A nation in pieces instead of at peace, with an excess of lawbone and a shortage of backbone.