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Vets Hospitals' Probe Started

Three Organizations Differ in Reports of Conditions to House Group

VFW Charges Cruelty, Bad Management

Legion, DAV Milder in Statements at Inquiry; Roseburg Facility Cited

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Three veterans organizations differed today over conditions in veterans hospitals with one reporting "sickening examples" of physical violence and the other two finding conditions generally good.

Investigators for the Veterans of Foreign Wars said the physical violence had occurred in a veterans hospital at Northport, N. Y.

The organization placed the result of a hospital-by-hospital inspection before the house veterans committee investigating the veterans administration.

It said 47 per cent of all veterans hospitals provide inadequate hospitalization, it criticized management here and in the hospitals and reported a shortage of trained doctors, of beds and facilities.

Simultaneously, two other service organizations filed separate reports with the committee.

The American Legion said that "on the average" conditions in veterans hospitals were found to compare favorably with civilian institutions and in some instances were better.

The Disabled American Vet-



"ONE MAN ARMY"—Another "one-man army" is 1st Lt. Audie L. Murphy, above, of Farmersville, Tex., who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for a number of feats of bravery in the Colmar pocket, among which was the repulse, almost single-handed, of a strong counter-attack by German infantry supported by six tanks. In 30 months of combat, with the veteran 3rd division of the Seventh army, Murphy rose from private to company commander.

Price Control Issue Facing House Battle

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Administration leaders confidently predicted today that the house will knock out of price control extension legislation an amendment to assure farmers a cost-plus price for their produce.

"The house will take care of that," said Senator Wagner, who handled the bill for the administration in the senate.

Expressing similar confidence, Senate Majority Leader Barkley called the amendment, sponsored by Senator Wherry, "silly."

"It would cause all kinds of confusion by substituting a new formula for the parity price system which the farmers want," Barkley told reporters.

The Wherry amendment reads: "It shall be unlawful to establish or maintain against the producers of any livestock, grain or other agricultural commodity a maximum price for such commodity which does not equal all costs and expenses (including all overhead expenses, a return on capital and an allowance for the labor of the producer and his family) incurred in the production of such commodity, plus a reasonable profit thereon."

Businessmen Back Act

Meanwhile, the house banking and currency committee heard E. A. Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, testify that an overwhelming majority of businessmen want the act continued, adding:

"It should be the purpose to continue as our general policy the holding of wartime prices in line and at the same time to flex them upward in those places where it is essential to give encouragement to the maximum production needed for reconversion."

Noting criticism of Price Administrator Bowles' administration of price control, Johnston said in his testimony:

"That is inevitable for no one could administer satisfactorily an act which so closely touches every home, every day. Therefore, I am inclined to be indulgent with those charged with administration of the act."

Johnston urged that OPA make "a definite and unequivocal statement."

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Douglas County Down in 27th Position in Oregon Purchase of War Bonds

Douglas county's war bond purchases for the period ending June 7 amount to only 45.4 per cent of the Seventh War Loan quota, according to a report from Oregon state headquarters.

Sales of E bonds totaled \$268,545, as compared with a quota of \$740,000, or 36.3 per cent. Sales of bonds, including Series E, to individuals totaled \$481,345, or 52.8 per cent of the \$912,000 quota. Sales to corporations and other non-banking investors amounted to \$61,989, or 21.3 per cent of the \$285,000 quota. Total sales were \$543,334, 45.4 per cent of the total quota of \$1,197,000.

Douglas county's ranking among other counties of the state is No. 27.

Hood River, with 106.2 per cent of quota, and Curry with 105.5 per cent, lead all other counties of the state.

H. C. Darby, Tax Official, Passes Away

Henry Clay Darby, 64, special tax collector for Douglas county, died at his home in Roseburg Monday afternoon. Mr. Darby recently suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was critically ill at Mercy hospital, but recovered sufficiently to return to his home, and was back at his work for a short period last week. He was stricken again Saturday and died Monday afternoon without having regained consciousness.

He was born June 6, 1881, at Silverton, Oregon, the son of James D., and Mary M. Darby, early-day settlers in Marion county. He obtained his early education in the elementary school at Victor Point, near Silverton, and attended Oregon Agricultural college, where he was graduated from the school of pharmacy with the class of 1905.

Long in Business Here

He was employed as a pharmacist at Salem for a few months, coming to Roseburg in 1906 to serve as pharmacist for the Hamilton Drug company, which later became the Pioneer Drug store. Remaining in this work for more than 20 years, he left the drug

Steel Workers of CIO, Aluminum Co. Sign Pay Contract

PITTSBURGH, June 12—(AP)—The CIO United Steel workers announced today signing of a new agreement with the Aluminum company of America, covering 35,000 workers in 19 plants.

The contract provides for one-cent-per-hour increase in afternoon and midnight shift differential pay granted recently by the War Labor board, which defined a union demand for a general 15-cent-an-hour wage increase on ground shift would.

On grounds it would violate the little steel formula. The difference in pay was raised to four cents an hour for the afternoon shift and six cents for the midnight.

The contract, first negotiated since merger of the CIO aluminum workers union with the United Steelworkers a year ago, represents the best terms and conditions ever obtained for workers in the aluminum industry," the union said. It runs until Dec. 6, 1946.

The union announced other "improvements" included: Right of the union to approve or reject any rate changes proposed by the company, job rate guarantees for specified periods when employees are either promoted or demoted, four hours "show-up" time when no work is available on scheduled days.

4 More U. S. Ships Lost Off Okinawa; Casualties 469

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—The loss of two destroyers, an auxiliary transport and a landing ship off Okinawa cost the navy 469 men killed, missing or wounded.

Announcing the losses last night, the navy listed the vessels as:

The destroyers Longshaw, with 179 casualties, and Drezler, with 269 casualties.

The auxiliary high speed transport Bates with 60 casualties.

The LSM-135, a medium landing ship, with 21 casualties.

Lt. Comdr. Clarence William Becker, the Longshaw's commander, whose wife lives at Salem, Mass., was reported missing.

Comdr. Ronald Lee Wilson, commander of the Drezler, was listed as wounded. A native of Marion, Ill., he lives at Los Angeles.

Lt. Comdr. Henry A. Wilmerding, Jr., the Bates' commander, was wounded. He lives at Westbury, Long Island. Lt. Harry Leigh Derby, Jr., who had been in command of the LSM 135, was reported killed. His widow lives at Montclair, N. J.

Lt. Henry Edward Schmidt, who had been ordered to command the landing ship, apparently was aboard the craft when it was lost, the navy said, but no casualty report has been received on him. Schmidt's wife lives at Columbus, O.

Loss of the four craft raised to 314 the total number of ships lost during the war.

Woman, 60, Builds Her Own Concrete Basement

PORTLAND, June 12—(AP)—Sixty-year-old Julia B. Halak decided she wanted a concrete floor in her basement.

So she read a couple of library books and, in time off from her shipyard job, bought some sand, gravel and cement.

Now the 128-pound woman has, unaided, laid a 600-square foot concrete floor.

Salary Hike Payments Ruled on by Neuner

SALEM, Ore., June 12—(AP)—County courts have authority to use emergency funds to pay salary increases for county officers which were granted by the 1945 legislature, if the county budgets were made up before the salary increases were ruled, Attorney General Neuner told today.

Prime Minister King's Party Victor in Close Canada Vote, But Two Cabinet Aides Lose

OTTAWA, June 12—(AP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King's government was back in office today for another term, late returns from yesterday's general election giving it a slim majority in the new house of commons with the aid of 45 straight liberals and eight supporting independent liberals from the French-speaking province of Quebec.

The results were based entirely on civilian votes and may be affected by the ballots of service men and women at home and abroad which are not to be counted for another ten days. There are approximately 750,000 eligible in the armed service, of whom about 500,000 were expected to vote.

King and his party, who have governed Canada since 1935 and for 18 of the years since 1921, won easily over their nearest rivals, the progressive conservatives, but had their previous overwhelming majority cut sharply. Government has 128 seats.

The Liberals won 118 of the new Parliament's 245 seats and were leading in two others. With eight Quebec Independent Liberals elected, this gave the government a majority of at least 126 seats. The progressive conservatives won 62 seats and were leading in three.

The Socialistic CCF (Co-operative commonwealth Federation) elected 26 members, the third largest group in the new Parliament, increasing its strength as

expected from the west but electing only one candidate from the east.

Close races in many constituencies may be affected by the service vote, with Prime Minister King himself a possible casualty in his northern Saskatchewan region of Prince Albert. His CCF opponent there, E. L. Bowerman, was pressing him closely, and in last week's Ontario provincial election the CCF led in the service voting despite its poor showing among civilians. With 128 of 182 Prince Albert polls counted, King had 6,287, Bowerman, 5,907.

If he should be defeated in Prince Albert, King would immediately arrange a by-election in a constituency considered safe for him.

John Bracken, leader of the progressive conservatives since 1942, was elected to parliament for the first time from Neepawa, Manitoba, and CCF leader M. J. Coldwell won handily in Rose-

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HE PROFITS ON PROFITS—When W. B. "Wild Bill" Evans, above, Union Pacific railroad agent in Shelton, Neb., and a veteran of World War I, sold his farm recently for \$26,600, he promptly provided himself with a war-winning hand by investing the proceeds in War Bonds. He paid \$55 per acre for the farm 17 years ago, sold it for \$150 per acre. And his \$26,600 in bonds will be worth \$35,466.67, another handsome profit, when they mature.

Eisenhower Given London's Highest Honor Amid Joyous Acclaim of Grateful Britons

LONDON, June 12—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower received London's highest honor—the honorary freedom of the city—today and heard Prime Minister Churchill call him a great commander with the capacity to direct armies and "to stir men's hearts."

With all the pomp and circumstance of empire, London paid homage to the American who led the allied armies to victory in the west.

Congressional Pay Increase Urged by President Truman

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—President Truman formally recommended today an immediate increase of 15 per cent in congressional salaries and an ultimate boost to a minimum of 15,000 annually when wage controls are removed.

The President wrote Senator McKellar, president pro tempore of the senate, and Speaker Rayburn of the house suggesting that salaries of both senators and representatives be brought "to a level more in line with the job" they are called upon to perform.

The house recently voted its members an expense allowance of \$2,500 a year, but the senate decided against following suit for senate members. The house allowance is awaiting presidential approval.

In view of the "little steel" formula and other stabilization controls, the President said he thought it would not be wise to attempt to bring salaries up all at once.

However, he said until they can be brought up to what they ultimately should be, he suggested that they be raised in the full amount consistent with the "little steel" formula.

The little steel formula permits basic wage increases generally to a level 15 per cent above what they were in January, 1941. This would permit a raise in congressional pay from \$10,000 to \$11,500.

Closing of Gold Mines Called Colossal Blunder

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) calls the government order closing gold mines "one of the most colossal blunders" of the war.

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Situation Reversed in Domestic Help Supply

KANSAS CITY, June 12—(AP)—Housewives here believe that long-awaited great day has dawned at last—cooks and laundresses are heading for their erstwhile vie-tors for jobs.

Every woman who ran an ad for domestic help in Sunday's Kansas City Star reported she has received from 4 to 25 replies.

Furthermore, the women say, the applicants are the pre-war variety instead of the "don't get tough with me" model.

Cattlemen Would Slay Elk, Deer to Save Feed

BAKER, Ore., June 12—(AP)—Cattlemen have proposed that the state game commission provide winter feed for deer and elk or permit killing of herds that overrun forage and hay stacks.

The ranchers ignited the Baker County Rod and Gun club in a war declared against where bull or cow elk may be killed in open seasons. The sportsmen voted down a similar proposal for deer.

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Apprenticeship Council Named by Governor Snell

SALEM, Ore., June 12—(AP)—The six-member state apprenticeship council, created by the 1945 legislature, was appointed today by Governor Snell.

The members are: H. R. Kreitzer and C. E. Holzer, both of Portland, appointed for one-year terms; Walter Krueger, Oregon City, and Ralph Wagoner, Klamath Falls, for two-year terms; and Fred C. King, Portland, and C. W. Crary, Medford, three-year terms.

Oregon Hearing Slated in House Croas Inquiry

WASHINGTON, June 12—(AP)—Rep. Ansell of Oregon said today he has obtained a promise that the house croas committee will hold hearings in Oregon when the state's produce are involved.

Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, chairman, told Ansell: "Try to be fair (at the hearing) and you will not be disappointed."

Suicide Stand Continued by 15,000 of Foe

Americans Tighten Trap On Nippons by Surprise Landing on South Beach

GUAM, June 12—(AP)—A surprise American landing on the southern beaches of Okinawa, which would encircle the main Japanese force trapped on a fortified plateau, was reported today by Tokyo radio as the doomed Nipponese ignored an offer to negotiate a surrender.

With the landing, the enemy broadcast said, U. S. 10th army troops "began an all-out offensive" to wind up the campaign against the estimated 15,000 Nipponese still alive. No mention of the reported landing has been made by U. S. headquarters.

"Destruction of all Japanese resistance on this island is merely a matter of days," said Lt. Gen. Buckner, Tenth army commander, in an ultimatum to the Nipponese commander.

From Buckner's headquarters on Okinawa, Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopking reported three copies of an offer to negotiate an end to the campaign were dropped near a cave believed to be the Japanese commander's headquarters, although Buckner knew there was only one chance in 100 of its being accepted. The deadline passed with no reply.

Offer Brings No Pause

It was the first time in the central or western Pacific campaigns that such an offer has been made. The surrender offer brought no lull in the American three-division assault on Yaku-Dake, three-mile long, cave riddled, fortified escarpment on which enemy survivors are making their death stand.

A Japanese Domei news agency broadcast claimed that since the Easter invasion of Okinawa, 72,000 Americans have been killed or wounded, 263 U. S. tanks knocked out, 618 artillery pieces destroyed, and more than 60 ammunition and supply dumps.

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Australian Troops Deepen Their Hold In Borneo Invasion

MANILA, June 12—(AP)—Australian troops, rapidly exploiting their smoothly-executed landings on British Borneo, deepened their hold on the great Brunei bay fleet anchorage today and trugged southwestward within 40 miles of the important Seria oil fields against surprisingly scanty Japanese opposition.

When the U. S. Seventh fleet met the Australians and Gen. MacArthur's forces Sunday, the Japanese were found largely to have fled before the terrifying weight of the preliminary naval and air bombardments.

In the two days since sporadic machine gun and rifle fire and an occasional mortar burst have been the only reported enemy resistance.

The Australian troops quickly seized the coastal village of Brooketon, the island of Maure, the Labuan island airfield and principal town of Victoria, and marched through sticky heat on Brunei, capital of the British protectorate of Brunei, 16 miles southwest of Brooketon.

Witnessing the terrific bombardment that preceded the invasion Sunday, MacArthur predicted that not a man would be lost in the landings. Two were killed, but by an accidental fire aboard a small landing craft. The first casualty from enemy action was an Australian wounded after advancing two and one-half miles inland.

Postman Saves Woman From 14-Story Plunge

SPOKANE, June 12—(AP)—A protesting young woman was saved from falling 14 stories from a bank building here yesterday by Postman F. Anthony Elbert, who grabbed her ankle as she was sliding through a window, Police Patrolman Dennis H. Cole reported.

Elbert shouted for help and his cries were heard by Mrs. Anne Korop, an elevator operator.

"I got out of the elevator and saw Tony hanging halfway out of the window," Mrs. Korop said. He was holding onto the girl's ankles. I reached out and helped him pull her back into the building. All the while she was protesting, 'Why interfere?'"

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rotenstein

Action of the U. S. supreme court (5 to 4) in setting aside the conviction of 24 German-American businessmen on charges of draft evasion conspiracy, has a tendency to create a spirit of thankfulness that an appeal to that tribunal will not be the privilege of axis leaders and quislings convicted of war crimes.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TOKYO radio says as this is written that allied assault forces are landing on Labuan island, in northwest Borneo (another important oil area) under the guns of a considerable allied fleet.

Our side is still silent, but Japanese news of landings has usually proved reliable.

THERE is a terse statement in the news that Australian and DUTCH troops have practically secured Tarakan (oil) island after a month of hard fighting. Labuan is just across the narrow tip of north Borneo, to the west, from Tarakan.

It seems likely that the Labuan landing is being made by Australians and maybe Dutch.

BORNEO is important because of its oil resources—which, in our possession, would greatly reduce our transport problem in the Pacific. For some reason, little news of the Borneo fighting has been available.

THERE is an interesting and possibly significant report from AP Correspondent Richard Bergholz in Mindanao—where, he says, signs have been noted of

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Six Days' Car Loadings From Douglas County Stations 624

Douglas county car loadings for the period from June 4 to 9, inclusive, totaled 624, it was reported today by the Southern Pacific company district freight office, through J. E. Clark, Roseburg agent. Loadings by stations were reported as follows:

	Lumber	Logs	Piling	Misc.	Total
Glendale	58				58
Riddle	8			2	10
Myrtle Creek	26	16			42
Dillard	5				5
Green	9	28	8		45
Roseburg	85		9	5	99
Sutherlin	83	31			114
Oakland	7			1	8
Yoncalla	9				9
Drain	16		4		20
Kreweon	4				4
Leona	14				14
Reedsport	45			9	54
Kroll		142			142
Totals	369	217	21	17	624

Miscellaneous shipments included Riddle, 2 cars prunes; Roseburg, 4 cars merchandise, 1 cattle; Oakland, 1 car sheep; Reedsport, 9 cars gravel.