

WEST BORNEO'S OIL TANKS FIRED BY JAPS

School Budget Election Set Here July 9th

Increased Outlay Sought Because of Income Drop, Larger Items of Expense

The Roseburg school district, which has called a special election for the date of Monday, June 18, to consider consolidation with Ederbown district, today announced a second election, to be held July 9, at which time voters will be asked to approve recommendations of the budget committee. The budget for 1945-46 calls for taxes amounting to \$69,339.88 above the six per cent limitation, the sum being required, in the budget committee's opinion, to maintain efficient school operation.

Two factors, it is stated, contribute to the need for more money than can be included in a normal budget, one being a drop in income and the other a requirement for more teachers and added supervisory, transportation and maintenance costs due to increased enrollment.

The school district's tentative budget as recommended by the committee, totals \$229,330.21. Income aside from district taxation is estimated at \$92,967.57. Estimating tax delinquencies of \$6,000, the budget will require a tax levy of \$142,362.64, of which \$74,022.76 is within the six per cent limitation, while \$68,339.88 is above the legal budget limit and must be approved by the voters if the sum is to be included.

It is anticipated, Paul S. Elliott, city school superintendent reports, that it will not be necessary to raise all of the extra-budget money by direct taxation. It is estimated that approximately \$18,000 will be received through state income tax offset. In the event the cigarette tax proposal, being voted upon at the special state election June 22, is approved, an

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN four straight days of bombing over the weekend, we destroyed 98 Jap planes at a cost of 10 of our own. Throughout the four days, we smashed at Jap plane factories (destroying the nests from which the Jap war birds are hatched).

It may be taken for granted that the job we'll complete first will be destruction of the Jap air force. The lesson of Germany tells us that.

GENERAL STILWELL (our former commander in China; now commander of U. S. ground forces) is on Okinawa from an inspection of the fighting at first hand.

He says the Jap war COULD last two years more. He thinks the Japs are stubbornner than the Germans in either world war, and adds that he can't see how, when they are so tenacious individually, we can expect their mass morale to crack.

He doubts if bombing will do the whole job, and adds that we may have to fight in Manchuria.

THAT is what the commander of our ground forces SHOULD think. No mistake could be graver than OFFICIAL underestimation of Jap ability to go on fighting. It will be far better, and less costly, to expect the worst and find it

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Elliott Roosevelt Borrowed \$200,000, Settled for \$4,000, In Disastrous Radio Venture

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—Crawthorn Ewing, general counsel for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., says a \$200,000 loan to Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt from John Hartford, president of the A. & P., was settled for \$4,000.

Hartford yesterday termed "substantially correct" a story in Westbrook Pegler's column, that the son of the late president borrowed the \$200,000 in 1939. Roosevelt could not be reached for comment.

Pegler's account "is not the whole story but it is substantially correct," Hartford said, adding, "I would not have made it public myself and I regret very much that it has been published."

Ewing said in Danville, Ill., the debt was settled three years later "at the request of the Roosevelt family" through the then secretary of commerce, Jesse Jones.

Ewing said Elliott Roosevelt, then 29, secured the loan to finance his Texas radio interests. "They were losing money hand over fist," Ewing added. He said that in 1942 Jones told him the Roosevelt family wanted to compromise the debt and he took young Roosevelt's note and stock collateral to Jones who

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Big 3 Conference Dated, President Truman States

Time, Place Not Divulged By Executive

President Takes Note of Russian Yielding, Asks All to Keep Their Heads

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—Announcement that a meeting of the Big Three had been set and discussion of a brightened Polish situation highlighted President Truman's weekly news conference today.

The Big Three meeting has been set, Mr. Truman told reporters, but he said he could not announce the time or place until his arrival there. He said he planned to take Secretary of State Stettinius, former War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, Harry L. Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies with him but that Hopkins' and Davies' health might prevent their going.

Hopkins and Davies have just completed missions to Moscow and London respectively and Mr. Truman said the results they obtained "have been completely satisfactory and gratifying."

On the Polish situation, Mr. Truman said he expected the meeting at Moscow this Friday to produce results. As announced last night, representatives of the Big Three will meet with Polish representatives to work out a unified Polish government on a broad basis.

Keep Your Heads, He Asks
The chief executive cautioned that it would keep their heads on the Polish situation, reminding reporters that Russia had done some very pleasant yielding on this and other questions and asserted that the Russians are just as anxious to get along with us as we are with them. He said he had no announcement at this time

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Oregon's Income Tax Collections Doubled

SALEM, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—State income tax collections during the first five months of 1945 totaled \$13,221,683, twice the amount collected in the similar period of 1944, the state tax commission said today.

The increase was largely accounted for by the fact that the 30 per cent discount was less than half the discount permitted last year.

Up to May 31 this year, individuals had paid \$10,275,401 and corporations \$2,946,282.

About 300,000 taxable returns have been filed this year, slightly more than in the similar period of last year.

Two Firemen Injured at \$30,000 Portland Blaze

PORTLAND, June 13.—(AP)—Two firemen were slightly injured today battling a two-alarm fire which damaged a three-story building in downtown Portland.

Damage was estimated by the three firms occupying the building at about \$300,000. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Bargaining Vote Ordered At Klamath Falls Plant

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board today ordered Beatty Logging Co., Klamath Falls, Ore., to hold a collective bargaining election by July 9.

Both the CIO International Woodworkers of America, which was selected as bargaining agent in a 1943 election, and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union sought to represent the workers.

The board, following a presidential election, ruled that certain employees with hiring power should be included among the voting group. The company had asked that all three—cat foreman, truck foreman and ball back—be excluded from the election.

School Boys Make Device To Aid Crippled Children

PORTLAND, June 13.—(AP)—Ten Salem High school boys presented the University of Oregon medical school today with a machine to punch braces for crippled children at the Doernbecher hospital.

The boys, member of the machine shop Future Craftsmen club at Salem, made the machine from shipyard steel. It took 70 hours' work.



HEADS CHURCH—New head of the nation's Christian Scientists is Mrs. Myrtle Holm Smith, above, of Waban, Mass., chosen president of the Mother Church at a recent meeting in Boston of the First Church of Christ (Scientist). She is chairman of Christian Science War Relief committee.

Cost-Plus Farm Plan Scored, But Author Stands Pat

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The cost-plus system for farm production written into pending OPA extension legislation was termed bad today by President Truman.

The chief executive expressed hope at a news conference that the amendment, by Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), will be "fought out by the house."

Wherry declared he will "fight to the last ditch" for his amendment.

He challenged a farm official's declaration that the amendment, adopted Monday by the senate, was "a legislative fraud." That criticism was voiced before the house banking committee yesterday by James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, Edward A. O'Neal, American Farm Bureau president, asserted at the same hearing that the amendment was unsound, unworkable and inflationary.

Wherry called reporters to his office to make a categorical denial of criticism, coming from administration senators, to the effect that he had slipped in his amendment at the last minute without due notice.

"The amendment was brought to the attention of every senator," he said. "Each senator could have spoken 20 minutes on it if he had desired to. There was nothing irregular about it."

Wherry said his amendment was designed to do the very thing advocated by O'Neal—increase production.

House republicans meanwhile opened a drive to give OPA only a six-month extension.

Colombian Capital of Bogota in State of Siege

BOGOTA, June 13.—(AP)—A government decree yesterday declared a state of siege in Bogota, Colombian capital, because the "public order has been disturbed."

Other decrees banned meetings and demonstrations until further orders, unless previously authorized by the governor of the department, and established censorship by national police.

Town Prays for Rain, Gets it

YESTERDAY was set aside as a day of community-wide prayer service. Storms and shops were closed so people could go to the service.

Then, before the end of the day, the rains came—drenching rains which refreshed the hungry red Georgia earth, gave life to the wilted and burnt tobacco and corn stalks.

More than 600 townspeople went to the red brick, white-columned Primitive Baptist church for the prayers, led by Elder V. F. Agan.

Big Five Wins Veto Power at Peace Huddle

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—Senate officials heard today that President Truman plans to submit the San Francisco treaty to the chamber by June 25, with a request for ratification by July 15.

The President was reported to be acting on the assumption that the United Nations conference will be concluded June 20. He hopes, senate sources said, that the United States will be the first nation to ratify the pact.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(AP)—Defeat of an Australian amendment cleared the way today for approval in the United Nations conference committee of the big-five demand for total veto control of proposed machinery for world security.

The amendment, which would have removed the veto from steps to settle international disputes peacefully and limited it to use of force, was voted down 20 to 10. Fifteen nations abstained and five were absent.

Simultaneously a new issue appeared to be gaining headway. The small nations, whose split over the veto issue, assured the big-power victory, were beginning to rally behind a proposal that they should be promised another crack at the veto about 10 years hence.

In other words, they are calling for the right to amend the charter in future without any of the big powers being able to exercise a veto over the amendments. The big-five are dead set against this. The committee scheduled two

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Farm Wage Stabilization Plan Set Up in Oregon

PORTLAND, June 13.—(AP)—Oregon's farm wage stabilization program was set up today, with three men in charge of furnishing information to farmers and enforcing wage ceilings.

Farm work ceilings are \$200 a month or 85 cents an hour, except in cases where the 1943 rate was higher than that, or where special exemption has been obtained.

Edward T. Crawford, Merrill, will direct southern Oregon operations.

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Forestry Employees 100 Per Cent in Bond Buying

EMPLOYEES of the Umpqua National forest applied 17.5 per cent of total payroll to the purchase of war bonds during the month of May, according to a report made by V. V. Harpham, supervisor, to the county war savings staff. The total payroll deductions, in which 100 per cent of the employees participated amounted to \$1,553.75.

Deferred Payroll Tax Payment Loses in Ruling

SALEM, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—Attorney General Neuner ruled today that the state industrial accident commission acted properly in refusing to credit a contribution made by the Kaiser company Inc., Portland, under the experience rating law.

The contribution was the company's payroll tax for last November. It was due December 15, but was not paid until Jan. 16, 1945.

The company claimed that this contribution should have been paid last year to give the company a better experience rating for this year, and thus a lower tax rate for this year. Neuner ruled, however, that the contribution could not be credited for last year.

Minister Sentenced to Prison on Morals Charge

COQUILLE, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—Rev. R. D. Bender, father of three children and pastor of North Bend Presbyterian church since May 1942, was sentenced yesterday to serve six years in state prison on a morals charge.



TEEN-AGE NAZI SHOT AS GERMAN SPY—A Ninth U. S. army MP ties 17-year-old Josef Schoner, German Hitler youth member, to a stake after he and Heinz Petry, 16, were convicted of spying against U. S. troops on the western front. Both youngsters were tried and shot by firing squad near Braunschweig, Germany. OUI photo.

Donald Nelson to Head Movies Assn.

HOLLYWOOD, June 13.—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson will become president of the Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers on June 29.

The society did not divulge Nelson's salary, but other sources reported it will be \$50,000 per year.

Nelson, 56, pre-war executive vice president of Sears, Roebuck and company, announced that David M. Noyes of New York would serve as vice president of the society. Noyes, a former advertising executive, was Nelson's assistant with WPP.

Nelson succeeds Loyd Wright, president and general counsel of the society since it was organized three years ago. Wright will continue as counsel and John C. Flinn as executive secretary.

McKenzie Pass Highway To Be Opened Late in June

SALEM, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—McKenzie pass, trans-Cascade highway route between Eugene and Bend, will be opened about June 22, State Highway Engineer Baldock said today.

Snow is almost cleared from the route, he said, but the road must be allowed to dry for a week or 10 days before being used.

The opening would be one of the latest in history because of the heavy snowfall during the winter and spring.

Coos Coal Supplies Veterans Facility

T. O. Coon, Coos Bay, president of the Coast Fuel corporation, told members of the Roseburg Veterans club at the regular luncheon meeting Tuesday, that contracts for 52,000 tons of Coos Bay coal have been accepted by the corporation engaged in development of coast deposits.

Principal users, he stated, are the various branches of the armed forces and the Veterans administration. Coal is being trucked to the Veterans facility at Roseburg, which will secure its fuel supply from Coos Bay sources.

Mr. Coon urged cooperation between Coos and Douglas counties in the development of port facilities and connecting transportation routes to provide an outlet for lumber and lumber products and to develop imports by way of water shipments.

He highly praised the work of U. S. Senator Guy Cordon and Congressman Harris Ellsworth, both of Roseburg, for their accomplishments in aiding development of southern Oregon natural resources.

11 Occupants of Lost Bomber Believed Dead

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 13.—(AP)—Hope of finding alive any of the 11 R. A. F. fliers missing with a Liberator bomber in the mountains near Chilliwack 85 miles southeast of here has been abandoned, western air command said last night.

R. C. A. F. planes will continue to sweep the area where the plane has been missing since June 1, but seven ground parties have been recalled.

Western air command said exact whereabouts of the missing plane still was a mystery.

Yankees Scale Cliffs With Flame-Spewing Hose Links To Crack Okinawa Japs' Line

GUAM, June 13.—(AP)—Simultaneously American pre-dawn attacks on both flanks of Yaeju plateau caught the Japanese napping and apparently cracked the enemy's last ditch defense line on Okinawa, front dispatches reported today.

Cliff-scaling Seventh division infantrymen held the eastern anchor of the Japanese suicide line. First division marines were astride a ridge at the western anchor, three miles away. And from the north, American field artillery unleashed one of the heaviest barrages of the campaign against two concentrations of the 10,000 to 15,000 enemy troops dug into caves atop the plateau.

Fighting was so fierce that in 36 hours battling for the surge of one hill, 137 men in a single marine company, including all of its officers, were killed or wounded. That is more than half the company's strength.

Japanese, including at least one woman in soldier's uniform, charged marine lines during the night with satchel charges. They blew up like firecrackers when hit.

Tokyo Deserts Garrison
U. S. infantrymen met counterattacks with machineguns and a brand new flamethrower technique. Machineguns were packed to the top of the escarpment on the backs of tanks scaling ropes, hand over hand. Tankmen brought flame-spewing 500-foot hose extensions connected to their tanks at the base of the cliff.

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Australians' Invasion is Being Impeded

Wells Also Thought Due For Torch; Suicide Stand Of Defenders Expected

BRUNEI BAY, BORNEO, June 13.—(AP)—The Japanese, fired West Borneo's rich Seria oil field storage tanks last night—even as allied forces did before the Nipponese captured this island with its vast stores of oil early in the war.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons were destroyed last night alone.

Seria is 60 miles south of the point where Australian troops landed three days ago on the Borneo mainland at Brunel Bay. On Labuan island in Brunel Bay, where the largest Australian force is involved, a drive pushed two miles beyond the captured airstrip.

Japanese in several strong pockets are resisting mostly with rifles and machineguns although one artillery piece was captured after it was knocked out.

There is no road connection between the two areas, but the Japanese apparently are taking no chances on having the rich oil reservoirs captured by any surprise maneuver.

It is taken for granted that they also will destroy the oil wells if that is not already done.

Real Fighting Ahead
Meanwhile Australian infantry pushed ahead steadily against on-ly light to moderate opposition on two main fronts as Lt. Gen. R. L. Morshead predicted that "the real fighting is yet to come."

He said the Borneo campaign will be impeded by rivers, swamps, mountains and lack of roads. He foresaw a "tedious and arduous campaign" and said "the Jan will run with the best of them but when trapped he will fight to the death."

There were indications the Japanese had made a planned withdrawal from the invasion sector. They had strewn numerous booby traps and left dummy wooden guns in unoccupied pillboxes in efforts to delay the Australians' advance.

Chinese Gain and Lose
Chinese troops following up the Japanese withdrawal from the Fochow area today recaptured

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Peacetime Draft Opposed by A. F. L.; Grange Asks Delay

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor today advocated "a comprehensive program of improved education and health services" for the nation's youth as a substitute for peacetime draft legislation.

The AFL views were presented to the house postwar military policy committee in a statement prepared by Lewis G. Hines, national legislative representative. Hines recalled that the federation's executive council last February adopted a resolution opposing universal military training.

Noting that advocates of a post-war draft have emphasized the necessity for future preparedness, the AFL statement asked:

"Preparedness for what? If we are on the brink of another war should we not have the right to demand to know with whom, when and where?"

From a military standpoint, the AFL contended, it would be more important to provide adequate medical care for children "in order that they may be fit to serve their nation's need upon reaching the age of maturity."

Grange Urges Delay
Postponement of action on the proposal also was urged in a statement filed by Fred Bailey, legislative counsel, on behalf of the national grange.

"The men who are fighting this war will be largely those who will be responsible for coping the peace in the years to come," the grange said. "Their experience qualifies them to render sounder judgment on this question than any others and no hasty action which will prevent the expression of their will on a question so vital" should be taken now.

War Bond Sales Within 25 Pct. of National Goal

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—War bond sales to individuals in the 7th war loan drive totaled \$5,280,000,000 today or 75.4 per cent of the \$7,000,000,000 quota.

E bond sales have reached \$2,377,000,000 or 59.4 per cent of the \$4,000,000,000 goal for these bonds.

Lovity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reimnitz

Emperor Hirohito, Son of Heaven, proclaims to Japan's herenvolk that this is a "holy" war, a statement that may have been suggested by the "holes" being punched in the Nipponese homeland by B-29s.