

INDIA SELF-RULE PRESAGED IN BRITISH ACT

Voters Urged To O. K. State Building Plan

Congestion at Oregon's Institutions Told Here
By Secretary Farrell

Stressing the special state election to be held June 22, to vote on the proposed \$10,000,000 post-war building fund, "the most important election ever held in Oregon," Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, addressing a public luncheon meeting at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg Wednesday, detailed deplorable conditions in the state's public institutions.

"The people of Oregon built our tuberculosis hospitals, our training schools for boys, our institutions for the feeble minded and the insane and then forgot about them," Farrell declared. "We have no institutions in Oregon of which we have a right to be proud, except for pride in the work of able, highly-trained men and women who are striving to serve in totally inadequate facilities."

Congestion Handicaps
Speaking of the mental hospital, the secretary of state reported that because of overcrowded conditions and lack of space for recreation and occupational therapy, 2763 patients "are being treated as custodial wards when we could be doing something for them if we had space and housing."

The training school for boys, he said, is so crowded that when

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Australians' new landing on Borneo seems to be going well. They are ashore all around Brunel bay, a huge almost landlocked, secure fleet anchorage only 800 miles from Singapore.

Two big oilfields, one with a pre-war production of six million barrels and the other of a million barrels a year, are within easy reach of Brunel bay, the big one only 40 miles away.

The Borneo oil is reported to be of such high test that it can go directly from the wells into the ships' fuel tanks.

ENEMY opposition so far is reported surprisingly "scanty." MacArthur, watching the pre-liminary bombardment, is said to have predicted that NOT A MAN would be lost in getting ashore. It turned out that two men were lost, but from an accidental fire aboard a landing craft. The first enemy-inflicted casualty was a wound sustained by an Australian after an advance of 2 1/2 miles from the beach.

Jap strength in the immediate bay area is estimated in the dispatches to be in the "low hundreds."

THE smart, battle-wise Australians don't need to be told to LOOK OUT! We got ashore easily on Okinawa. Plenty of fighting can be expected before the big

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WHEREAS: The adoption of Senate Bill No. 460 relative to the creation of a Columbia Valley authority would place the entire political and economic future of the region described in the bill in the hands of government bureaucrats; and—

WHEREAS: The bill would deny the direction and control of the economic, political and social structure of the affected region to the people of the region; and—

WHEREAS: The United States Government, as the owner of the dams furnishing power, can regulate the distribution of such power in the interests of the people without the broad authority provided for in Senate Bill No. 460; and—

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Two Airfields on Borneo Captured by Australians

Japs Battling In Jungle To Save Third One

Rubber Plantations Fall In Invasion, but Fields Of Oil Are Put To Torch

BRUNEI BAY, Borneo, June 14—(AP)—Tank-led Australian troops are battling Japanese through swamp and jungle for the only remaining airfield in this invaded north Borneo area after overrunning the other two without a fight, headquarters reported today.

The 4,500-foot Labuan island airfield, occupied a few hours after the invasion opened Sunday, already is being used by artillery, spotter planes. It is being developed as a bomber base, within 800 miles of Singapore.

Fourteen miles south of the mainland invasion beach at Brooketon, the 3,600-foot Brunel airfield also was won easily. It is two miles outside the capital city of Brunel on which the Japs are closing from two sides against enemy mortar, machinegun and rifle fire.

But the Nipponese on Labuan island, which commands the entrance to Brunel bay, showed more fight as the invaders drove within two miles of the 3,600-foot Brunel airfield. It is nearly five

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Deanna Durbin Weds Her Film Producer

LAS VEGAS, Nev., June 14—(AP)—Actress Deanna Durbin, 23, and her film producer, Felix Jackson, 43, were honeymoon-bound today, destination undisclosed.

The film singer and Jackson, a native of Hamburg, Germany, who was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1940, were married yesterday in the Little Church of the West.

It was Deanna's second marriage, Jackson's fourth.

Judy Garland to Marry Director as Number Two

HOLLYWOOD, June 14—(AP)—Judy Garland, 21-year-old singing actress, will be married tomorrow to Vincente Minnelli, director of her last three movies.

She obtained a final divorce decree last week from musician David Rose. It will be the first marriage for Minnelli, 32, Chicago-born former New York theatrical producer.

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YANK SUB SINKS JAP SHIP BY GUNFIRE—The veil of secrecy surrounding U. S. navy submarines is lifted momentarily to release this dramatic picture of a navy submarine picking up survivors from a Japanese ship sunk by gunfire of the surfaced U. S. S. Tambor. Off the sub's bow, the doomed enemy ship slides under the surface. U. S. Navy photo.

Shattered Banzai Assaults Presage Approaching End of Japs' Resistance on Okinawa

GUAM, June 14—(AP)—Possibly presaging a series of banzai charges to climax their Okinawa death stand, 300 screaming Japanese counterattacked a Seventh infantry division position yesterday and were wiped out.

The Japanese prepared well for the assault. For 90 minutes, they laid down a barrage of mortar, machinegun and rifle fire and hurled grenades. Then the Japanese attacked with grenades and satchel charges.

American casualties were light despite fierceness of the fighting.

The action occurred near Hanagasaki, eastern anchor of the Yaeju escarpment line, when the Japanese attempted to retake hill 95.

On the opposite side of Okinawa, the Sixth marine division completed smashing pocketed Japanese on Oroku peninsula. The leathernecks killed 3,500 enemy troops in their nine-day battle for the peninsula.

The Japanese, now squeezed into one 13-square-mile pocket behind the twice-battered Yaeju escarpment, today clung only by their fingertips to this bit of Okinawa's 485 square miles. But the clung tenaciously and stubbornly, forcing U. S. Tenth army troops to hammer at each single, separate finger.

More Mines Laid
Mine-laying Superforts flying midnight sorties along the west coast of Honshu, main island of Japan, laid new hazards for Japanese shipping, Tokyo reported today.

Ten B-29s planted mines in the sea of Japan off the coast of Nippon prefecture, 160 miles northwest of Tokyo. Ten others mined

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Food Situation Topic At 12-Nation Conference

LONDON, June 14—(AP)—A twelve-power conference on food supplies opened under hush conditions here today.

Representatives of Britain, Canada, the United States, France, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Holland, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece are attending.

The meeting is closed to the press and the public. The British foreign office is to dispense all information.

The primary purpose of the conference is interchange of information on food shortages. Spokesmen have said that it was possible little action can be taken to alleviate current conditions.

Anderson said the committee has information it cannot disclose because of its military nature which however has aroused hopes the Philippines may become a source of sugar before next year.

Oregon City Meat Shops Forced to Close Extra Day

OREGON CITY, June 14—(AP)—Two Oregon City meat markets have decided to close an extra day each week due to the fresh meat shortage.

Farr Brothers selected Tuesday while Moser's Market chose Wednesday. Other operators are considering similar action.

Boy Patron in Theater Toys With Hand Grenade Capable of Slaughter

ATLANTA, June 14—(AP)—A youthful patron of an Atlanta theater was discovered nonchalantly viewing a western thriller—and at the same time toying with a hand grenade in his lap last night.

Theater officials called in the police who in turn summoned the military authorities.

The boy said he had been given the grenade by a paratrooper, who told him it was "dead."

Far from being "dead," military authorities reported the grenade was one of the most deadly now in use—powerful enough to kill 75 or 100 persons.

Nazis Had Poison Gas, Never Used it, Gen. Devers States

WIESBADEN, Germany, June 13—(delayed)—(AP)—Gen. Jacob L. Devers said today that although the Germans had enormous quantities of a new type of poison gas known as "green ring III," there was no evidence to show they ever intended to use gas as an offensive weapon.

Devers, who commanded the Sixth army group on the western front, said that if Hitler ever had seriously contemplated use of gas, he was restrained by the German general staff.

One chemical warfare expert said there were two occasions when the Germans could have used gas with devastating effect. One was on D-day, when masses of men were concentrated on the Normandy beaches; the other at the Remagen bridgehead across the Rhine, when five full-American infantry divisions were crammed into a single small area.

"This was the Germans' last juicy target," the expert said. "After we fanned out across the Rhine they never had another chance."

There were two scares, the expert said, which resulted in near panic among the American troops, and greatly hampered operations. Devers said that in his opinion the only real value gas had was its value as a threat.

"It makes you carry masks, gas shells, protective clothing. It slows you down."

Individual War Bond Buys At 77 Per Cent of Quota

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Individuals have purchased \$5,397,000,000 in war bonds in the 7th war loan drive, the treasury reported today. This represents 77 per cent of the \$7,000,000,000 goal.

In round figures, the treasury said, sales of E bonds total over \$2,438,000,000 or 62 per cent of the \$4,000,000,000 quota.

Snell Reappoints Two

SALEM, Ore., June 14—(AP)—Governor Snell today reappointed Harold Sabro, Portland, to a five-year term on the state board of watchmaking examiners.

He also reappointed Carl Y. Tengwald, Medford, to a four-year term on the state real estate board.

Oregon's 359 New Laws in Effect Saturday; Fish Bill Petitions have One Day to go

SALEM, Ore., June 14—(AP)—Oregon will have 359 new laws beginning at 12:01 a. m. Saturday, this legislation being the bulk of the 461 bills passed by the 1945 legislature.

There were 98 measures which had emergency clauses, and thus became effective immediately upon passage. Four others were referred to the people.

Two of the measures—restricting commercial fishing in most coastal streams and creating the office of election registrar for Multnomah county—are the objects of referendum attacks, but unless the referendum petitions are completed by tomorrow, those measures will become law along with the rest.

For the first time in many years, the published session laws are not printed when the laws become effective. Publication has been delayed by the court attack on the local budget law.

Major Laws Listed
The major new laws that become effective Saturday prohibit counties to adopt the manager form of government, increase unemployment benefits from \$15 for 13 weeks of any one year to \$18 for 20 weeks, provided civil service for state employees, set up a retirement system for employees of the state and political subdivisions, and remove the \$40 monthly old age pension ceiling.

Veterans legislation becoming

Big 3 Tension Eased by Yield In Polish Row

Accord on Rule Expected By Churchill; France Not Placated in Levant Mess

(By the Associated Press)
Prime Minister Churchill said today that relations among Britain, the United States and Russia had improved with the breaking of the deadlock over Poland and announced that Laborite Clement R. Attlee would accompany him to the next Big Three meeting to be held sometime before July 26.

He also told commons that Gen. DeGaulle was sending former Premier Lorrain to London to adjudicate differences between France and Britain over the Levant situation. He said the British had no idea "of trying to supplant our French friends in Syria."

Churchill said the place of his meeting with Premier Stalin and President Truman must remain secret for the time being. The British press has speculated that the Big Three might confer in Vienna or Berlin.

The London Polish government-in-exile, refusing to recognize the authority of the Big Three powers to supervise the formation of a Polish government of national unity, was reported planning today to place its case before the world and particularly before Poles in the United States.

Leaders of the London regime expressed indignation over the plans of the Big Three for Poland. Simultaneously Moscow announced the arrival of delegates from the Polish provisional government in Warsaw for the conference called to aid the formation of a Polish government acceptable to all the major allies.

American and British officials at the conference, opening Friday, were expected to exert all their

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Elliott Roosevelt's Role In Business Crash Shown

WILMINGTON, Del., June 14—(AP)—Records in the Delaware court of chancery disclosed today that Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt received \$33,438 as his share in the pro rata liquidation of Transcontinental Educational Systems, Inc., formed in October, 1939, and thrown into receivership within a year.

The disclosure came as republicans in congress called for investigation of statements that Roosevelt had settled for \$4,000, a \$200,000 loan from John Hartford, President of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., made in March, 1939.

Roosevelt, with 4,000 of the outstanding 10,000 shares of class a no-par stock, was the largest stockholder on record. He was not included among the petitioners for receivership, who stated they wished to protect the remaining assets and have them distributed.

Revenue Agents Trail Black Market in Meat

PORTLAND, June 14—(AP)—Internal revenue squads are launching a drive to seek out Oregon's black market, with special attention to illegal dealing in meat.

J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue, said his agents fit into the picture because meat black market operators fail to record illegal transactions on income tax reports.

Farmers suspected of selling at above-ceiling prices will be checked to determine whether their income is higher than their tax declaration.

Some violations have already been uncovered, Maloney said. The program is part of a national campaign against income tax violators, recently announced by the Treasury department.

Wickard's Nomination Approved by Committee

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The Senate Agriculture Committee voted nearly 2 to 1 today approval of the nomination of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard to become Rural Electrification administrator.

Chairman Thomas (D-Ola), who predicted approval of Wickard by "about a two-to-one vote," despite a flood of testimony against President Truman's choice for a new undersecretary of agriculture.

Thomas said Tom Linder, Georgia commissioner of agriculture, has filed a protest against John B. Hutson to be the new undersecretary, succeeding Grover B. Hill of Texas.

Hill has been serving under Wickard. Both step down June 30 when Rep. Clinton Anderson succeeds Wickard.

Head Council Of Indians is London's Plan

Cooperation in War on Japan Required; Order Frees Native Prisoners

LONDON, June 14—(AP)—The British government, in a sweeping "new deal" for India, proposed today a new executive council which would be almost entirely Indian and, in the words of Viceroy Lord Wavell, "represent a definite advance on the road to self-government."

At the same time that the secretary of state for India, L. S. Amery, unfolded the statement of policy to parliament, Wavell announced in a radio broadcast from New Delhi that orders had been given for the release of members of the working committee of the Indian all-congress party still in detention.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of the party, was released May 5, 1944, after 21 months detention.

The British government's white paper emphasized that its main position remained as it was—that the "working out of India's constitutional system is a task which can only be carried through by the Indian people themselves."

Must Cooperate
"But they (the British government) are willing to make possible some step forward during the interim period if the leaders of the principal Indian parties are prepared to agree to their suggestions and to cooperate in the successful conclusion of the war against Japan as well as the reconstruction of India which must follow the final victory."

"This is not an attempt to impose a constitutional settlement," Wavell explained in his broadcast. "I * * * propose with full support of his majesty's government to invite the Indian leaders * * * to take counsel with me with a

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Accused Head Of Veterans Hospital Heard at Inquiry

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Testimony that the army assigned incompetent doctors and attendants to the veterans hospital at Northport, N. Y., developed today during a house committee investigation of the institution.

Col. Louis Verdel, manager of the hospital where 15 soldier-attendants were court-martialed recently on charges of abusing patients, told the house veterans committee that half of the more than 300 soldiers assigned by the army to the institution are unfit for the work.

Of five army doctors there, he said, one has been "examined by the army and given a diagnosis of neurosis."

This doctor, Verdel testified, "reported for duty on a Monday, went on sick leave the next day and I haven't seen him since."

A subpoena for John H. Ales, manager of a Dayton, Ohio, veterans hospital was delayed after the committee was informed he is ill. Rep. Ramsey (R-Ohio), a member of the committee, told the house earlier in the week that veterans are "used like dogs" at the hospital. Ales probably will be called in about two weeks.

Col. Verdel, superintendent of the Northport hospital, was subpoenaed by the committee for questioning after veterans of foreign wars investigators reported "alarming examples of physical violence" inflicted upon patients there.

Earlier testimony before the house group disclosed that 15 Negro soldiers, stationed at the hospital as attendants, had been court-martialed for abusing patients and that five former civilian employees are facing criminal charges on the same complaint.

Bruce Elliott Initiated Into Million Dollar Club

Bruce Elliott, chairman of the 6th War Loan campaign for Douglas county, was initiated Tuesday into Oregon's Million Dollar club, an organization of persons who have supervised or solicited war bond sales amounting to \$1 million or more.

Elliott, manager of the J. C. Penney company store at Roseburg, and Allan Torbet, managing editor of the Coos Bay Times, were initiated jointly at the 123rd initiation conducted by the club at Portland, under sponsorship of Radio Station KOIN.

The initiation ceremony at the grand ballroom of the Multnomah Athletic club was preceded by a banquet at the Benson hotel, where Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, now engaged in war bond campaigning, presented Elliott with an autographed photograph.

Levy Fast Rant

By L. F. Retenbach

The rolling stone of European politics doesn't seem to be gathering much moss, but it's taking on a lot of Polish.