

FIRE BOMBS RAINED ON THREE JAP CITIES

Blundering of OPA in Great Policy Created Black Market, Senator Guy Cordon Charges

Concessions Forced From Federal Agency Will Not Prove Beneficial Until Late Fall, Solon Declares; Wildlife Protection in Water Use Program Sought

Food shortages will become increasingly critical until late this year, when some improvement should occur, U. S. Senator Guy Cordon of Roseburg reported during a brief visit at his home town Tuesday.

Senator Cordon, who came to the western states for a series of hearings pertaining to public grazing lands, has spent the past week in Oregon. He spent Tuesday at his home, leaving early this morning for Portland, where he will take a plane tonight for Washington. He expects it will be necessary for him to remain in the national capital throughout the greater part of the summer.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AFTER the rich diet on which newspaper readers and radio listeners were fed in the weeks immediately preceding the collapse of Germany, the war news at the present moment seems tame. If we are to understand it, we must remember that we are now in a new period of preparation similar to that in which we were gathering and training our forces in England for the final smash into Germany.

We are now engaged in the process of putting in pickle for Japan a ROD OF PUNISHMENT such as never has been seen before. There will be plenty of shooting news from the Pacific sooner or later.

OVER the weekend, our B-29s smacked four smaller Jap cities—Hamamatsu and Yokohama in the Nagoya area of Honshu, and Kagoshima and Omuta on Kyushu—all under 200,000 population.

All four contain small but important war factories and THOUSANDS of little backyard shops of the type that Japan relies on heavily for war production. Suicide planes, for example—which are just about anything that will fly—are made extensively in these little shops.

This type of raiding, General Arnold told us the other day, will

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Drowned Man's Auto Found in the Willamette

ST. PAUL, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Yamhill County Coroner Hodson said today discovery of the half-submerged auto of Leslie E. Case, 45, indicated the drowned man's death was accidental.

Case's car was located a few miles upstream from where his body was pulled from the Willamette river after being in the water about a week. Case, father of two children, disappeared June 12, and relatives said he talked of driving to California.

State police said Case apparently failed to make a sharp turn at the Wheatland ferry ramp and plunged into the river.

Slayer of Girl Starts 15-Year Term in Prison

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—Harry E. Lewis, 33, shipyard worker held in the death of Virginia Gillen, today began a 15-year term in the state penitentiary after pleading guilty to a manslaughter charge.

Deputy District Attorney Collier asked the court to accept the plea on the lesser count, explaining the state lacked sufficient evidence to prosecute the first degree murder indictment.

Housecleaning Dodged—at Price

Dr. E. J. Wainscott Unloads Task on 3 Fellow Kiwanians, "Purchased" at Bond Auction

Dr. E. J. Wainscott, just like most other men, dislikes the masculine part of spring housecleaning. That's why he was such a persistent bidder Tuesday at the Kiwanis club war bond auction, where he secured the services of H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff; Horace Berg, chairman of the payroll division, and Archie Fries, 7th War Loan chairman for Douglas county.

For these three gentlemen, this report may be their first inkling that they are to do Dr. Wainscott's housecleaning. They will scrub the exterior walls, wash windows and do a few other odd cleaning jobs which usually fall to the lot of the gentleman of the house.

They will, however, have the satisfaction of knowing that Kiwanis club members bought \$12,225 worth of war bonds to secure an hour's work from each of the three active bond salesmen.

The auction, which featured the regular Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis club, was conducted by Marshal Pengra, man-

ager of Radio Station KRNK.

Other Auctions Coming

Each Kiwanian who bid for the services of the fellow member was required to buy a bond equal to the amount of his bid, regardless of whether another bid higher. Dr. Wainscott, desperate to escape housecleaning tasks, was the high bidder for services of each of the three men.

The Rotary and Lions clubs will hold similar auctions at their meetings this week. Rotarians who will go on the auction block are Early Wiley, Paul S. Elliott

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Tax System Probers Split On Expert Aid

Snell's Recommendation For Outside Men Both Opposed and Favored

SALEM, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—The 13-man legislative commission to investigate the state's tax structure held its first meeting today, immediately launching into a debate on whether to accept Governor Snell's recommendation that the commission hire a firm of nationally-recognized tax experts to assist it in making the study.

The point was a controversial subject at the 1945 legislature, which finally authorized the commission to hire assistants.

Speaking at today's session, Governor Snell said the commission's recommendations would "carry greater weight with the people if you obtain the services of an outside agency, but that is for the commission to determine."

The governor suggested that if the legislature's appropriation of \$20,000 for the commission's expenses is not sufficient to hire a firm of tax experts, then the state emergency board would "give serious consideration" to requests for additional funds.

Members Not In Accord

State Rep. Giles L. French, Moro, chairman of the house tax commission, said his committee "did not intend that outside experts be hired. I doubt whether the emergency board would give more money for the experts in lieu of what the legislature intended. This job would be better done by Oregonians. To turn the whole job over to some one outside the state would be an unwarranted evasion of our duty."

State Tax Commissioner Earl B. Day said he believed the people would pay more attention to the commission's work if outside help were employed.

The governor told the committee its work should be completed as quickly as possible, and French suggested July 1, 1946, as the date for completion of its work.

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Legion Post Heads Chosen, Plans for Building Ordered

Victor J. Micelli was elected commander of Umpqua post of the American Legion at the regular meeting Tuesday night, the last meeting before starting the summer recess. Clinton Gorthy was chosen first vice-commander; Eugene Springer, second vice-commander; Erwin Short, adjutant; E. A. Post, finance officer; Earl Plummer, Roy O. Young, David Hill, executive committee.

George Caskey, V. J. Micelli, George Trappis, Erwin Short, Ed Spray and E. A. Post were elected delegates to the state convention. Due to transportation problems, it is doubtful whether a state meeting will be held, but delegates are being chosen by Legion posts to serve should the convention be made possible by changed conditions. Alternates elected include: Rudolph Ritzman, Jack Crafton, Gus Angel, Jay Fuleher, Clinton Gorthy and Art Midland.

The post entered into a contract with A. E. Jenkins, Albany architect, designer of the Medical Arts building in Roseburg, to prepare plans for a building the post plans to erect on the property recently acquired adjoining the Safeway Store on Cass St.

The post meeting was closed with an impressive memorial service at the Veterans hospital in Kins, post adjutant, who died Sunday at the Veterans hospital in Portland.

Barge, Cargo Destroyed In \$50,000 Blaze

VICTORIA, B. C., June 20.—(AP)—Damage estimated at more than \$50,000 was done to the Island Carrier, largest sawdust barge of the Island Tug and Barge Ltd., when she was gutted by flames Saturday in the Alberni canal, Captain H. R. Robinson, manager of the firm, said today. Origin of the fire is as yet undetermined.

Nearly 2000 units of fir hog fuel, destined for Port Angeles, Wash., as well as decks, wheelhouse, machinery and all gear aboard the four-masted bark were destroyed.

Labor Rows to be Aired

EUGENE, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—The War Labor board has ordered a July 6 hearing on seven labor disputes involving wage increases for cannery workers, with the meeting expected to take place here, AFL officials said today.

Abilene Set For Homecoming of Gen. Eisenhower

ABILENE, Kan., June 20.—(AP)—Ike's home town on the broad Kansas wheatlands has prepared a welcome for the general that won't approach in magnitude those awarded him in world capitals but it will warm his heart more than the acclaim of the millions, for it will be from his homefolks.

Dwight D. Eisenhower returns to his own people Friday and Kansas will honor in its own way in purely civilian fashion.

A special train will take Gen. Eisenhower and members of his party to Abilene Thursday evening from Kansas City where a four-hour program and great parade is scheduled for that afternoon. Relatives of the general will come from all parts of the country for the occasion. Among them will be his 83-year-old mother, Mrs. Ida Eisenhower, of Abilene.

Governor Proclaims Day

Gov. Schoepel of Kansas has proclaimed Friday as Eisenhower day and called on all citizens to observe it "in such a manner as is fitting to honor so great and illustrious a service to the cause of human freedom."

Abilene, a town of about 5,300 population, expects a crowd of 50,000, and as one of the reception officials put it: "No matter how many presidents come to Abilene in the future, this will be the biggest day in the history of the town."

The procession, which will be actually a series of pageants depicting the growth of the city from pioneer days, and the story of Gen. Eisenhower's own life, will include a car carrying seven members of the Abilene High school football team of which "Ike" was a member.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Williams, recent arrivals from Caliente, Calif., have completed purchase of the 350-acre stock ranch formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Miller on the North Umpqua river between Dixonville and Glide. The ranch includes the former May Beckley property as well as a portion of the R. B. Oliver ranch, which was added to the ranch by Mr. Miller several months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams also have purchased the 9-acre tract and residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, located near Glide, and will make it their residence, while their ranch foreman, who has been brought from California, will reside at the ranch, where there are two modern farm dwellings.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are returning to their former home at Tucson, Ariz., in the hope of benefiting Mr. Miller's health.

Mr. Williams, who is an experienced cattleman, having operated large cattle ranches in Nevada and California, purchased equipment to pay his official visit to the Roseburg Lodge of Perfection Saturday, June 23, it was announced today by Leroy Hiatt, venerable master of the Roseburg lodge.

Mr. Scott, treasurer of the state of Oregon, will be accompanied by a group of Masons from Portland and Salem.

Several members of the Roseburg lodge will go to Coos Bay Friday night, where Mr. Scott will visit and where there will be work in the 7th and 8th degrees. The Roseburg lodge will confer the 9th degree Saturday night.

Lodge will be preceded by a turkey dinner, starting at 7 p. m.

Bonneville, Salem Co-Op To Sign New Contract

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—A new power contract pending between the Salem Electric cooperative and Bonneville Power administration would use the BPA substation as secondary delivery point for the cooperative, BPA officials said today.

The substation soon will begin feeding power to the Salem alumina plant, and the cooperative plans also to supply power to North Salem and vicinity. The Capitol Lumber company and a new lumber waste by-products plant will be served from the same load, BPA reported.

Walter Kay Killed in Action on Mindanao

Walter Kay, son of Mrs. Louis Kay, Portland, former resident of Roseburg, was killed May 22 while in action on Mindanao according to word received here today. The mother received official notification Tuesday from the War department. Walter was a graduate of Roseburg High school. The family formerly resided on property now a part of the Veterans facility reservation.

Rifle Range Transfer Bill Passed by House

Congressman Harris Ellsworth's bill, which would transfer the former rifle range in North Roseburg to the defense plant corporation, was passed Tuesday in the house and was sent to the senate, according to word received from Washington.

The land has been made a part of the Youngs Bay Lumber company mill site, the plant being owned by the government corporation.

Sweet Cherry Standards In Effect Tomorrow

SALEM, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Oregon standards for sweet cherries, both for brining and canning, will go into effect Thursday, the state department of agriculture said today.

The new grades, which are permissive, and the first official grades set up for Oregon cherries. They will expire at the end of the year.



JAPS DECIDE YANKS NOT SO BAD, SURRENDER—A smiling Japanese field officer, who had held remnants of his command together for ten months, chats with marine and navy field officers on Guam after surrendering his command of 33 men. Numerous parleys between the officers and Marine Col. Howard N. Stent, Warner Springs, Cal., preceded the surrender. At extreme right is the Jap officer's aide.

Okinawa Japs Leap From Cliffs or Give Selves Up

Brig. Gen. C. M. Easley Killed in Okinawa Action, War Department Reports

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, assistant commander of the 96th infantry division, was killed in action on Okinawa Tuesday, his wife was notified by the War department today.

The 53-year-old veteran of the First World War was the second high ranking officer to fall on the island this week. Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the 10th army, was killed by a Japanese shellburst there Monday.

The War department gave no details of the death of the general.

He was the 18th American general to be killed in action since Pearl Harbor.

General Easley, a native of Texas, fought on Leyte island in the Philippines, where he was wounded by a Japanese sniper. He had won the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit for his action in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns.

Banzai Attacks Of Others Take Heavy U. S. Toll

(By the Associated Press)

Tokyo broadcasts hinted today at another possible American invasion of the Ryukyu islands 200 miles southwest of Okinawa, where Japanese troops jumped off the southern cliffs and surrendered by the hundreds, marking the virtual end of the campaign.

The southern end of the island was a nightmare of confusion. In some sectors, Japanese fled frantically across open terrain. Aircraft strafed and heavy warships shelled them.

Other Nipponese made death stands, usually in small groups, taking a heavy toll of American lives, until wiped out by tanks, flame throwers, or small arms fire. They killed many Americans.

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Scottish Rite Inspector To Visit Roseburg Lodge

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Log Haulers Seek Repair of North Umpqua, Little River Roads to Maintain Service

The Douglas County Log Truckers association will meet tonight at the Sig Fett Implement office to consider ways and means of securing immediate improvement of the North Umpqua and Little River roads, it was announced today by P. W. Davis, secretary.

The roads are becoming very rough and several operators have been forced to cease hauling because of resultant damage to equipment, Davis reports. Unless the roads are improved in the very near future, truckers will be forced out of operation, the secretary said.

The truckers claim that extensive, permanent improvement is justified on the basis of hauling prospects under sustained yield operations.

Forest service and O. and C. sustained yield estimates show an annual volume of 100,000,000 board feet from the North Umpqua and 43,000,000 board feet from Little River.

Necessity Emphasized

"To move this volume of logs, Davis reports, "will require 55 trucks hauling average loads of 5,000 feet, two loads per day for five days each week. Obviously it would be impossible to keep 55

Smaller War Plants Erased By Superforts

Flames Visible to Fliers 75 Miles Away; Nippon's Opposition Ineffective

GUAM, June 20.—(AP)—Superfortresses dumped 3,000 tons of fire bombs on three Japanese industrial cities today, setting wind-fanned blazes, which pilots said were visible 75 miles away and wiped from the map as a war target the munitions center of Shizuoka, 85 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The 450 Superfortresses, carrying out their 25th big incendiary strike, treated these secondary industrial cities today, setting fire to what has erased most of the factories in Japan's greater cities.

The Tokyo radio admitted fires raged out of control for five hours in Toyohashi, also on the main island of Honshu.

Fukuoka, on the southernmost island, Kyushu, and third target of the day, was turned into a pre-dawn bonfire, pilots reported. The largest of the three cities, Fukuoka has a population of 323,000, Toyohashi 242,000 and Shizuoka 212,000.

All three were raided before, but today's strike was their first in the great fire raid campaign to wipe out Japan's war-making centers.

Destruction Described

A Tokyo broadcast said 30 Thunderbolts and Lightnings from Okinawa raided the smaller city of Omura, west of Omuta, today.

Flames from Monday's big raid still licked at Omuta, also on Kyushu, when the bomber formations struck today.

Lt. William W. Potter, Knoxville, Tenn., described the pattern of destruction in Fukuoka thus: "A path of flame two miles wide ran from the dock area, where several ships were burning, back inland for 10 miles. Over the central target areas, smoke rose 10,000 feet in a column two miles in diameter."

Tokyo radio acknowledged that

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Rail Device Firms Face Federal Suit

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Ten of the nation's principal manufacturers of railway spring and spring plates were charged in a federal anti-trust suit today with conspiring to suppress competition and to fix prices.

The action was filed in Hammond, Ind.

Named as defendants were manufacturing companies in New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana, as well as the Universal Railway Devices company of Chicago, described as a patent-holding company, and the Railway & Industrial Spring association of Pittsburgh, a trade association.

Assistant Attorney General Berge, in charge of anti-trust actions, said sales of railway springs and spring plates to railroads and railroad car builders by the defendant companies have amounted to about \$10,000,000 annually for the past several years.

Boy at Play Drowns in Slough When Raft Sinks

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Robert Wilson Brown, 8, drowned in a slough near here when a raft on which he and two other boys were playing sank, it was reported today.

An 11-year-old companion, Clifford Woods, saved his younger brother Richard, but could not find the other boy. Efforts of a passing truck driver to dive for the body failed, and state police and deputies found it later.

Rear Admiral F. B. Royal Dies on Pacific Duty

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Forrest B. Royal, 52, commander of an amphibious force in the Pacific, died Monday in the Pacific of natural causes.

Admiral Royal, a native of New York City, was in command of the amphibious operations in the Brunei bay area on the northwest coast of Borneo June 10 and 11. His widow lives at Arlington, Va.

"Snake" Sign Shown to Keep Kids From Garden

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—A "Snake keeper" here has lost his power to scare neighborhood children away from his home.

When an investigator looked into rumors that a Portlander kept rattlesnakes and displayed a sign "beware of snakes" on the place, the owner admitted it was to keep the youngsters from running over his yard and garden.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Robinson

Italy's new cabinet is comprised of representatives of six different political parties. Which means that ultimately it will be government of pieces instead of peace.