

SEA-AIR BOMBARDING OF JAPAN ENTERS 2ND WEEK

Federal Donation to Roseburg Recreation Fund is Accepted; Lease on City Airport Sought

Municipal Speed Limit for S. P. Trains to Be Uped For Military Transportation; Franchise for City Bus Line Asked; Street Traffic Signals Proposed

A federal donation of \$5,995 to the Roseburg recreation fund was accepted by the Roseburg city council at its mid-monthly meeting Monday night, the amount being designed to be used in paying salaries and expenses for expendable equipment in cooperation with money furnished by the city.

In a brief session the council referred an application by J. H. Abeln for a franchise to operate bus lines on the city streets to the street committee; approved a tentative agreement with George Felt for lease on the municipal airport; authorized an amendment to an old ordinance regulating speed of trains within the city limits and transacted routine business.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUT in western Nebraska, in the upper valley of the North Platte, the corn was just coming through the ground. That seemed distinctly on the latish side, for as everyone of corn belt ancestry knows you should

Lay your corn by

By the Fourth of July.

If you are a corn belt farmer and all goes well and you got your corn planted by the 10th of June and the rains are copious but not soggy and the nights are properly hot and humid enough to steam a plum pudding, the time will come when you can puff out your chest and chirp:

My corn's knee high

On the Fourth of July.

But here was corn just peeping through the ground almost a week after the Fourth. Obviously something was all loused up.

MAYBE it is just in the valley

of the North Platte, where at times the cold winds sweep down from the peaks of the not too distant Rockies and do things to that tender ex-resident of the tropics, the maize plant, that should not be done. Perhaps it will be different when the rough edges of the corn belt are past and its fat middle is reached.

So run your thoughts as you

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Truman, Stalin Confer Ahead of Big 3 Meet

POTSDAM, July 17.—(AP)—Premier Stalin conferred with President Truman at the little White House today in company with their ranking foreign affairs officials a few hours before the world-shaping Big Three conference was scheduled to start.

The atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the delayed start of the conference with prime Minister Churchill was heightened during the morning by three mysterious explosions in the Russian zone of Berlin.

Mother of 3, Bad Check Passer, Draws 3 Years

EUGENE, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—A three-year sentence in the state penitentiary today faced Mrs. Evelyn Davenport, 21-year-old mother of three children, for passing bad checks here and in Springfield.

Arrested at Hayward, Calif., she was convicted in circuit court here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Cat Adopts Rabbits

ST. HELENS, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—A mother cat came to the rescue after big wood rats killed the mother of a new rabbit litter on the Louis Trevis farm.

Pussy, who had some kittens of her own, adopted the bunnies to keep them company.

Northwest Crop Prospects Bright Except as to Apples; Peas Spoil for Lack of Labor

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—A good crop of almost everything but apples was predicted today by the Department of Agriculture for Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The agricultural statistics division here forecast "a total harvest well above average and about equal to the favorable harvest of 1944."

The three states' wheat crop was estimated at 130,504,000 bushels—11 per cent above last year. Corn, oats, barley and rye were forecast at 56,634,000 bushels—5 per cent below last year but 21 per cent above average.

The division predicted a heavily increased potato crop—4 per cent up in Oregon, 19 per cent in Washington, and 14 per cent in Idaho.

Apples, however, are expected to drop 20 per cent in Oregon to a 2,736,000-bushel harvest, and to decline 19 per cent in Washington to 25,160,000 bushels. Idaho's apple harvest, however, may be larger.

The division reported Oregon

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20,000 Acres Swept in Tillamook Forest Fire, 3rd in Twelve Years

Six Years Of Reforestation Job Wiped Out

Soldiers, Sailors, Loggers, Engineers Battle Blaze, Raging Beyond Control

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR., FOREST FIRE HEADQUARTERS ON THE WILSON RIVER, Tillamook County, July 17.—(AP)—Forestry officials, directing the almost hopeless task of battling the third large Tillamook county blaze in 12 years in this rugged, canyon-pitted area, are thinking they might never get this section reforested.

In 1933 was the granddaddy of all forest conflagrations, the famous Tillamook burn, which ravaged 250,000 acres of fine timber. In 1939, after the trees were well started again, fire spread over the northern section of the burn, wiping out six years of reforestation work.

And now a new fire, following exactly the same pattern as the 1939 fire, has ravaged more than 20,000 acres, with the blaze still far from being controlled.

The fire started last Wednesday on a logging operation. Several companies, which have been salvaging timber from the Tillamook burn, are wiped out.

Governor Snell and State Forester Rogers, accompanied by reporters, spent five hours touring fire areas yesterday, and were amazed at the destruction of all vegetation, including many millions of little trees.

Gales Drive Flames
Soldiers and loggers had fire trucks built around it twice, but fire-caused gales spread the fire ahead of them. The payoff came Sunday evening when it spread north of the Wilson river highway into mountains so rugged crews can't get into them. This new blaze burned the only bridge across the river into a network of

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Douglas County Far Over Its Quota in Seventh War Loan

Douglas county reached 158.4 per cent of total quota in the Seventh War Loan to have amounted to \$204,405,442 or 185.8 per cent of quota.

Douglas county over subscribed its quota in all except E bonds to individuals. Total sales of E bonds were \$623,861 as compared with a quota of \$740,000 or 84.3 per cent of quota.

Many individuals, however, bought other series, the total of sales of all types of bonds to individuals amounting to \$1,146,183 as compared with a quota of \$912,000 or 125.7 per cent of quota.

The county's best showing was in sales to corporations and non-banking investors, in which department sales totaled \$750,233 as compared with a quota of \$285,000 or 263.2 per cent of quota.

Total sales were \$1,896,416 as compared with a quota of \$1,197,000 or 158.4 per cent.

State American Legion Convention Postponed

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—The 27th annual state convention of the American Legion, scheduled to open here August 17, will be postponed until travel restrictions are lifted.

The state convention committee said only the group's permanent finance and executive committees would come here for the August session. Incumbents will continue in office until the convention is held.

Substitute Packaging to Assure Flour Distribution

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Flour distributions will be able to weather the present crisis in packaging material, the Agricultural department told Rep. Horan (R-Wash.).

The supply of packaging material, including flour and feed bags, is "very tight," Horan said. But he added that Russ Palen, in charge of agriculture's containers division, told him substitute materials probably would save the situation.

Horan said it may be necessary to use paper containers for flour, and perhaps burlap sacks, until cotton bags are again available. Substitutes and re-used burlap bags, he said, will be used for feed.

Lehigh Valley Hotels, Cafes Set Closed Periods

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 17.—(AP)—Twenty-five hotel and restaurant owners in the Lehigh valley voted yesterday to close their establishments seven days each month. One proprietor said that lately he has been unable to serve anything for dinner except bacon and eggs. And now, he said ruefully, even the bacon has run out.

Woman Killed Replacing Pistol in Table Drawer

BREMERTON, Wash., July 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Eloise Cora Jess, 22, was dead today from the accidental discharge of a pistol as she was replacing it in a table drawer week go. She leaves two children.

Food Shortages to Continue Until Production Next Year, Secretary Anderson Advises

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—Americans can expect food shortages for many months to come.

So saying in a "frank report" last night, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson added:

"We are likely to dine on more simple fare, minus the choice roasts, the thick juicy steaks, and much of the smoothening of pre-war years."

Subsidy to Lamb Packers Approved

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—The senate banking committee approved today legislation by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) authorizing the Commodity Credit Corporation to spend \$50,000,000 a year in subsidies to lamb producers.

The bill merely authorizes transfer of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds to CCC for the purpose but O'Mahoney said the amount contemplated to be spent would be \$50,000,000.

Under present law, he told the committee, the government can pay subsidies only to lamb packers. The legislation would permit payment of \$2 per hundredweight to producers for six months, then \$2.50 per hundredweight.

O'Mahoney said the new subsidies would replace a 95-cent subsidy paid to packers.

A provision in the bill giving the Secretary of Agriculture blanket authority to order subsidies on sugar production to stimulate supplies was eliminated by O'Mahoney after Senator Taft (R., Ohio) objected to the authorization without some limitation on the amount to be spent.

Taft also said he feared part of the money would be spent in subsidies to Cuban producers.

1-Man Control of War Goods Asked

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—President Truman today asked congress to reverse itself and place control of surplus property disposal in a single administrator rather than a three-man board.

The chief executive thus reopened a 1944 fight over the disposition of billions of dollars worth of war goods which the government is now beginning to sell in volume as the result of the defeat of Germany.

Mr. Truman noted that last year Secretary of State Byrnes, who was then War Mobilization director, had urged the appointment of a single administrator rather than the three-man control which congress finally put into effect.

"I think experience has proved him right," Truman said. "In a field which calls for quick and decisive action, it is undesirable to dilute responsibility for the disposal of surplus property."

At least 75 persons suffered injuries or burns.

The fire, starting with the explosion of a gasoline engine, razed 1,000 feet of sheds of the Northern Navigation company, consumed 12 loaded freight cars and 21 empty cars. A company spokesman indicated unofficially that the loss might reach \$1,000,000.

Near panic took hold of some of the passengers, who left Windsor, Ont., and Detroit last night on a Great Lakes cruise, as fire spread swiftly over the top deck of the liner. Warned by shrieking of the ship's whistle, many leaped into the St. Clair river and were picked up by rescue boats.

Laundries, Hotels at Pendleton Sill Closed

PENDLETON, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Pendleton hotels and laundries remain closed today following word from OPA of seven and eight per cent increase granted local laundries effective today.

Laundry owners stated these increases were not sufficient to cause them to resume operations. They also included increases in dry cleaning which the laundrymen objected to as putting them out of line with other dry cleaning prices in town. Until laundries reopen, hotelmen said they would be unable to operate.

Pendleton housewives were working their washing machines or washboards overtime if they had them, and to cap the climax there was a shortage of laundry soap and soap chips locally.

Dimout Regulations in Oregon Lifted by Snell

SALEM, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Governor Snell today proclaimed the lifting of all dimout regulations, effective August 1.

The governor said he was advised by Maj. Gen. H. C. Pratt, San Francisco, commanding the western defense command, that there no longer is any necessity for regulations governing lighting.

Hotel Head Pays Treble Damages for Overcharges

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—Payment by Dean L. Ireland, manager of the Multnomah hotel here, of \$3,656.33 in a treble damage claim for rent overcharges was announced today by the district OPA.

The hotel also refunded \$114.50 directly to those tenants who could be located, the OPA said.

Snyder Named Chief Of War Mobilization

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—John W. Snyder, 49-year-old banker from Arkansas and Missouri, will be the new "assistant president" boss of the vast home front in an era of change.

President Truman reached across an ocean yesterday to nominate his close friend as director of War Mobilization and reconversion, succeeding Fred M. Vinson. The senate is expected to approve the nomination promptly, also that of Vinson to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Snyder now is Federal Loan administrator. Mr. Truman put him in that office just two and a half months ago. There Snyder succeeded the same Vinson, who was loan administrator only one month.

Under Snyder's leadership, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was streamlined and reorganized for its role in reconversion. Subsidiary corporations were merged into the RFC.

In his new job, Snyder will give orders to government agencies, issue decrees governing civilian participation in the war, and supervise the whole complicated change-back to peace.

For example, as RFC head Snyder had the job of selling surplus plants, equipment and aircraft, but had to follow policies of the surplus property board. Now he will be directly over the surplus property board. It's a part of his office.

Long-Time Pal of Truman
Snyder has been a small-town and a big-city banker and an official of the RFC from 1940 to 1944 in active charge of the defense plant corporation. He is a quiet operator, says little publicly, works hard, gets along with people and has been a pal of Harry Truman for 25 years.

He and Mr. Truman went to summer camps together for 20 years as reserve officers. There was a brigade with three regiments. The colonels of the three

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Fire Destroys Ship; 350 Leap to Safety

SARNIA, Ont., July 17.—(AP)—Flames licking swiftly along decks of the cruise ship *Hamonic* forced scores of her 350 passengers and crew to leap over the side to safety, and destroyed the 360-foot vessel at a loading dock today.

At least 75 persons suffered injuries or burns.

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American, British Warships, Sky Fleets Join in Enlarging Shambles of Nippon Homeland

(By the Associated Press)

Unprecedented swarms of carrier planes and blazing battleship guns opened the second week of bombarding Japan from the sea and air today.

Fifteen hundred American and British carrier planes swept over the Tokyo area for eight hours during the day. A daring task force led by the new battleship Iowa moved in close to shore, barely 80 miles from Tokyo, shortly before midnight (Japan time) and began shelling vital smelters and aircraft parts plants at Hitachi. The attack continued into Wednesday (Tokyo time).

Simultaneously with the boldest naval-air attacks of the war, Adm. Nimitz announced that 374 Japanese vessels and 129 locomotives were destroyed or damaged in a two-day carrier sweep over northern Japan last weekend. Included in the toll were nine small warships sunk and ten damaged.

The same carrier planes returned to the attack today, joining with British sea-borne air units and approximately 500 Superforts to give the enemy's homeland perhaps its heaviest aerial pounding of the war. They were virtually unopposed as in every strike Adm. Halsey's forces have made in a week of cruising along the Japanese coastline from Tokyo to Hokkaido island and back again.

Hitachi and its war industries, previously hit by Superforts, lie 80 miles northeast of Tokyo and 200 miles south of Kamakshi, first Japanese city to be shelled by U. S. warships. Hitachi was the third to feel the sting of 16-inch shells within four days.

Nimitz described the intensified air attack and unprecedented naval bombardments as the "pre-invasion attack."

Carrier attacks were pressed through extremely adverse weather without the loss of an American ship. Sixteen airmen and 24 planes failed to return.

Hirohito's Plea Futile
These same carrier forces were included in the mighty sea armada—the greatest ever assembled—which lay, perhaps 200 miles off the coast of Japan today while American and British pilots broke through a thick haze for an eight-hour attack on the network of airbases, military installations and industries around Tokyo.

The combined assault which brought together the mightiest units of the American and British navies, was carried out under command of Adm. Halsey without any apparent sign of Japanese retaliation, despite an appeal by Emperor Hirohito to his air forces to do something to protect his throne.

4 Industrial Cities Blaze
Halsey sent his fighters and bombers roaring in over a 35-mile stretch of the enemy coast, approximately 50 miles from the Mikado's palace, shortly after nearly 500 Superforts set fire to four industrial cities. Roaring fires were set in the four cities. Three, all on Honshu Island south-west of Tokyo, were hit for the first time—Hiratsuka, arsenal

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All R. R. Passenger Cars Put in Pool For Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—All railway passenger coaches today were placed in a pool to be available for use by the armed services.

In announcing the action, the ODT said the result probably would be considerably less space on passenger trains for civilians.

The order in itself does not curtail civilian passenger service, but it establishes the machinery for the withdrawal of cars as required by the armed services.

The order provides that all railway passenger, baggage and express cars, exclusive of Pullman sleeping cars, may be used for such purposes as ODT may direct.

The announcement predicted that demands of the armed forces for passenger equipment under the army redeployment plan will reach such proportions that some regularly scheduled passenger trains will have to be suspended in order to provide requisitioned cars.

The pooling of passenger coaches for use by the armed forces followed Sunday's curtailment of sleeping car service, and indications were that additional Pullmans soon will be diverted to troop carrying.

Albany Mayor Unable To Sell Damaged Sugar

ALBANY, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—Mayor G. C. Knodell abandoned hope today of selling a ton of sugar, damaged in a grocery store fire, without ration coupons.

The sugar, for which customers probably would not give points, might be disposed of to some institution, Knodell said. A ration-free retail sale would not be allowed, he said.

Negroes Assault Woman, Knife Sailor Companion

SEATTLE, July 17.—(AP)—Two Negroes assaulted a 23-year-old Victoria, B. C., woman in a vacant lot near a south end hotel early today, holding her sailor companion at bay with a knife, the two reported to police. The Negroes escaped under police gunfire, when the sailor escaped and summoned aid.

The woman was treated for lacerations and shock and the sailor, 19, for throat cuts at a hospital.

Her pocketbook was found later emptied of its contents.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The OPA today announced a boost in growers' prices for red sour cherries. Now for some sort of a policy to permit the "canning" of sour red tape.