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## MacArthur Urges Four-Power Allied Council for Japan to Renounce Right to Wage War

### Alternative is "Total Destruction," General Warns; Soviet Asks Ouster of Reactionaries from Jap Diet

TOKYO, April 5.—(AP)—General MacArthur launched the four-power Allied council for Japan today, notifying it that its function would be to advise him, while he retains unchallenged command.

The council promptly gave him four pieces of advice, all offered by Russia whose delegate warned of "increasing activity of reactionary forces among Japanese."

LT. Gen. Derevyanko, Soviet representative, spoke up as soon as MacArthur's opening address—a stirring plea for all nations to renounce their right to wage war—was finished.

Derevyanko proposed: Excluding the press; examining MacArthur's decrees seven days and imperial rescripts 10 days in advance of their issuance to Japanese; internationalizing the council's secretariat (U. S. Brig. Gen. Bonner F. Fellers, now is secretary-general); and holding new Japanese elections if next Wednesday's balloting elects "unsuitable" diet members.

MacArthur in his speech said it

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DEADLINE day passes without an explosion.

Iran offers to let UNO put the Iranian case back into the refrigerator provided Russia will give assurances that her troops will be withdrawn from the country UN-CONDITIONALLY by May 6.

Russia tells UNO that troop withdrawals from Iran are not conditional on other negotiations over matters such as oil and the like.

(Both thus comply with UNO's demand for an answer of some sort by Wednesday.)

AP's John M. Hightower (a quite well-informed young man) says in a dispatch from New York: "This was possibly the BREAK that everybody has been working for."

THE relief we all feel at this development is admittedly the same as when we go to the dentist's office to have an aching tooth pulled and FIND THE DENTIST OUT.

The Iran issue is an aching tooth. Sooner or later, something will have to be done about it.

Still, if we can postpone the doing until the world is in a somewhat less explosive condition, the chances of getting out of the jam without shooting will be better.

AT the present moment, people in a staggering large area of the world are hungry and shelterless and have no jobs and appar-

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## Douglas County Groups Form Hospital Advisory Council to Aid, Entertain Disabled Vets

All groups in Douglas county seeking to aid disabled veterans are united in the Hospital Advisory Council, which was formed this week by the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross. It was announced today by Orle A. Kennerly, Jr., manager of the local chapter.

Members of the council are: Jack Josse, representing the American Legion; Carl Felker, the Lions Club; Bruce Melles, Rotary Club; Frank Wickham, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Ann Carter and Irene Wilkinson, the student body of Roseburg High School; C. E. Hoover, Disabled American Veterans; Dick Gilman, Roseburg Veterans Club of World War II; Mrs. Jack Josse, Junior Women's Club; Mrs. Clara Berg, Business and Professional Women's Club; Dr. J. L. Campbell, Chamber of Commerce; Dave Hill, representing Kiwanis Club and Don Frear, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were not able to be present.

The council was addressed at its first meeting by Carl Mosher, administrative director, and Dr. Kenneth Kenney, clinical director, at the Roseburg Veterans hospital.

### Entertainment Planned

The council will seek to find new entertainment for the disabled veterans here. Kennerly said, and the program may include taking the men to football

## Military Status of Roosevelt at Issue in Tax Settlement

ALBANY, N. Y., April 5.—(AP)—The New York tax department ruled today that executors for the late President Roosevelt's estate should file a 1945 state personal income tax return because "there is considerable doubt" as to the chief executive's military exemption.

Attorneys for the Roosevelt estate had asked for a ruling on whether the late president was exempt from the tax on the grounds that he was a member of the armed forces at the time of his death April 12, 1945.

A year's tax exemption is granted under the law to the estates of servicemen who died on active duty.

Chapman said "it seems clear that so far as the powers conferred by the constitution are concerned, the control of the president of the United States is supreme. However, it appears that at least in recent years the exercise of such control has been looked upon as the exercise of civilian authority rather than military authority."

"The last two war presidents, President Wilson and President Roosevelt, both clearly recognized the civilian nature of the president's position as commander-in-chief."

Boy, Girl Drown in Surf Near Otter Rock

OTTER ROCK, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Coastguardsmen said today they searched the beach near here in vain for the body of a Eugene youth who apparently drowned Wednesday with Dorothy May Church, 17, Otis.

Companions said 19-year-old Stanley Knight and Miss Church may have fallen into the surf from a rock ledge bordering the Devil's Parachute. The girl's body was found late Wednesday on the shore.

The pair were on a sightseeing trip.

Song Composer Dies

DENVER, April 5.—(AP)—Vincent Youmans, 47, composer of such popular song hits as "Great Day" and the immortal "Tea For Two" died in Denver today of tuberculosis.

games under proper supervision, and possibly highway tours of Douglas county.

A "welcoming committee," including Frank Wickham, Jack Josse and Dick Gilman, was appointed to see that disabled veterans returning to the community are given proper guidance.

Housing for USO entertainers who come to the Roseburg Veterans hospital will also be sought, Kennerly stated.

Personal Red Cross Day of Caterer Yields Goodly Sum

CHICAGO, April 5.—(AP)—Nick Sellino's personal Red Cross day yesterday was even more successful than on April 4, 1945.

The \$903.23 he took in at his restaurant for the Red Cross compared to last year's donation of \$226.73.

Top contributors yesterday included one customer who paid \$25 for a cup of coffee, another who gave \$10 and Nick's three children each paid \$25 for meals for themselves and guests.

## Argentina Now Nazis' Most Powerful Base, Affairs Adviser Says

PORTLAND, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Nazis-owned laboratories in Argentina furnish ways of developing "diabolical weapons of destruction," even atomic bombs, Edward Tomlinson, inter-American affairs adviser for the National Broadcasting Company, declared here.

He warned that the world's most powerful Nazi stronghold is in Argentina, where the Fascists own a string of banks, chemical and electrical industries. Nazis have admitted backing Juan Peron, new Argentina president, he said.

"The Nazis are not dead," Tomlinson said in an interview, "they have only retreated to prepare re-bouts throughout the world."

America still has the advantage, however, because Argentina needs machinery, military equipment and airplanes, he stated.

In a speech here last night, Tomlinson declared that the good neighbor policy was on the decline, and urged that the United States insist upon Argentina's fulfilling promises to turn over Nazi holdings, and establish democratic processes.

No Loan to Vets To Buy Homesites, Neuner's Ruling

SALEM, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—The state cannot loan money to veterans for purchase of lots on which homes will be built, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for State Veterans Director Hugh E. Rosson.

Neuner pointed out that the veterans loan law provides for loans direct for acquisition of farms and houses, and that a lot does not come under the law.

The question was raised when a veteran asked for a loan to buy two acres of vacant land in the Council Crest area of Eugene, the veteran asserting that he intended to build a home on the property.

"In the instant case," Neuner said, "should the loan be made, the use of the money as proposed might or might not result in the veteran eventually acquiring a home. On the other hand, its use as proposed might result in a speculative venture in real property."

In an other opinion, Neuner ruled that county clerks must charge veterans the 25-cent fee for making certified copies of their final discharges from the armed forces.

Oregon Cafes Urged to Serve Less Wheat, Fats

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—The Associated Restaurants of Oregon asked the state's restaurateurs today to serve less wheat and fats as part of the campaign to relieve famine abroad.

Among the proposed measures: Don't use toast for garnish; abandon three-layer cakes; less crackers with the soup; don't trim the crusts off bread; serve less rolls and try "open sandwiches instead of the two-slice job; use less oil dressings and fried meats.

Ranson D. Meinke, association secretary, also proposed that customers be urged to order only what they are sure they can eat.

Power Company Linemen in Coos County Strike

COOS BAY, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—A strike of Mountain States Power Company linemen here and in the Coquille Valley was in effect today, but the Coos Bay power plant still was operating.

Employees at district offices, however, respected the picket line. It was established after wage negotiations between the firm and the CIO utility workers' organizing committee local broke down.

A 17-cent hourly wage boost is sought by the linemen, compared with a 15-cent final company offer. Company officials asserted their figure was 38 per cent higher than the 1941 wage.

Vanport Tot Killed by Blow of Motorcycle

VANPORT, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Three-year-old Audrey Fay Cooper was fatally injured by a motorcycle yesterday in the street in front of her home, sheriff's deputies said today.

They said witnesses absolved the driver, Robert C. Montag, 26, of any blame. He said the tot ran into his motorcycle.

Nylon Export Ban Issued

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The government yesterday banned further export of nylon hosiery except by permission of the Commerce Department's office of international trade.

Democrats Astir After 104 Years of Lethargy

LAFAYETTE, Tenn., April 5.—(AP)—For 104 years Macon County, Tenn., has had the traditional one-party system of the south—except it was the Republican party.

Yesterday a handful of Democrats decided to hold the county's first Democratic primary on June 1.

## Federal Wage Hike Proposal Holds "Joker"

### Bill Calls for Discharge Of 200,000 to Preclude Boost in Appropriation

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The House held out the promise of a \$400-a-year pay raise for thousands of federal employees, but there was a big catch to it.

The catch is that enough federal workers be fired to make the necessary funds available, so that no increase in salary appropriations will be required.

The bill is not yet law and it may give way to a compromise measure, for the Senate already has voted to raise the pay of federal workers about 11 per cent.

The provision making the pay raise of some workers contingent on the firing of others was introduced yesterday by Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.), and quickly approved.

He estimated that on the basis of an average \$2,000 annual salary, the government would have to discharge 200,000 employees between now and July 1 to finance the pay boost.

All \$400 raise would apply to all civil service employees earning less than \$10,000 (except those who would have to be fired), including those in the executive, legislative and judicial departments. It would not affect workers whose pay is set by wage boards, such as navy yard workers. Nor would it affect the salaries of congressmen, federal judges or postal workers.

Wage Bill "Dead"—Pepper

Meanwhile the author of the administration's minimum industrial wage bill abandoned it for dead today because the Senate insisted on expanding it to hike the

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## Baptists Postpone Building Projects

The congregation of the Roseburg Baptist Church has outlined an extensive building program, but action will be delayed until the critical material shortage is relieved, in order to avoid conflict with the new national home building program, the Rev. H. P. Seance, pastor, reported today.

The congregation several months ago purchased the apartment house located between the Baptist Church building and the Presbyterian manse and proposes to erect an auditorium on that site. An addition to the present Sunday School building, to provide additional facilities for religious education, is proposed. The present wooden structure at the corner of Lane and Rose Streets will be razed and the grounds landscaped, according to the plan now adopted in tentative form.

Death Sentences on 5 Japs Upheld by Wedemeyer

SHANGHAI, April 5.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer, the highest reviewing authority, yesterday upheld the death sentences decreed for five Japanese convicted of complicity in the torture and cremation of three American airmen at Hankow in December, 1944.

The five will be hanged the week of April 20. They were convicted by a U. S. military commission of participation in the torture parade, strangulation and cremation of Second Lt. Lester R. White, Slickville, Pa.; Sgt. Henry W. Wheaton, Milwaukee, and Sgt. James E. Forges, Jr., East Hartford, Conn.

Big Prize Demanded for Right of Way on Coast

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—The State Highway Commission complained yesterday that beach property owners were asking as much as \$3200 an acre for land sought as right of way for the Oregon Coast Highway.

"We're not going to attain right-of-way while prices continue out of sight," Merle R. Chessman, Astoria, declared. Other members suggested condemnation proceedings.

Purchase of the Astoria-Megler, Wash., ferry for \$167,000 has been approved by the commission, but plans to take over the project on May 1 were postponed.

More Space for Business Expansion—Hans Hansen's expanding automotive business demands more and more space. Being accommodated, he provides it. Pictured above is his new structure on Rose street, between Oak and Washington, which, when completed, will house his Pontiac sales and service, a reconditioning plant and a used car sales department. This layout complements Mr. Hansen's Chevrolet agency on Stephens street and his Buick agency at Oak and Rose.

With Roseburg's March of Progress

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## OPA Agent Scoffs At Liquidation Fear Of Milk Producers

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—Andrew H. Trice, OPA district price executive, today scoffed at dairy-men's complaint that the industry faces liquidation without a 20-cent boost in the butterfat price.

Citing figures from the state milk control board, U. S. Department of Agriculture and Oregon State College surveys, he asserted milk producers' fears were groundless. The 6-cent increase granted "is entirely adequate," he stated.

Trice said dairymen should present further evidence for a price boost, if they have compiled such facts, at a public hearing.

## Price Control Year Longer is Favored

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The House Banking Committee today approved a year's extension of price control, as recommended by President Truman.

It defeated 13 to 9 a Republican effort to limit OPA's new lease on life to nine months.

However, the committee aimed a blow at OPA pricing policy, voting 15 to 6 to prohibit the agency from requiring retailers for a period of six months to absorb larger cost of manufactured products, such as automobiles, refrigerators and radios.

Moreover, the group by a 15 to 5 ballot, approved—subject to House and Senate action—a gradual termination of the government's \$2,000,000,000 annual subsidy program.

The latter amendment would require the government to reduce subsidy payments by 15 per cent over the year beginning July 1 and get out of the subsidy business by June 30, 1947. The subsidies include payments to hold down food costs.

Communists Warned to Avoid Teamsters Union

SEATTLE, April 5.—(AP)—William Short, pioneer Seattle labor leader, has been appointed director of the Teamsters Union for the eleven western states, Dave Beck announced last night at a dinner of delegates to the western conference of teamsters.

Beck sounded a warning to Communists attempting to infiltrate into labor's ranks.

"No Communist is coming into the Teamsters' Union," he said, "if he attempts to, we will take him by the nape of the neck and seat of the pants and throw him out."

Oregon Prison Escapees Not Yet Recaptured

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—Authorities were still combing the area east of here for two state penitentiary escapees today after a Gresham man said he picked up two riders answering their description.

Byron Neal Dyson, 21, and Glenn Wilson, 21, escaped from the penitentiary at Salem Tuesday.

Earlier a suburbanite said two men answering the fugitives' description asked him directions in the same Multnomah County district.

Elderly Pair Rescued From Burning House

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Bertha Duncan, 74, and a roomer, Max Netzer, 76, were rescued here from a flaming two-story frame house ignited, Fire Chief Edward Granfell said, by sparks from the chimney.

Firemen said the elderly woman knew nothing of the blaze until she met them coming into the house with fire hose. Estimated damage was \$6,000, including \$1,500 to a nearby apartment house.

U. S. National Bank Head At Medford Passes Away

MEDFORD, April 5.—(AP)—George T. Frey, 44, manager of the U. S. National Bank branch here, died at his home here Wednesday.

Frey began his banking career with the old Capital National Bank of Salem.

Boys' Teams to Compete in Collection of Paper

Three teams, each composed of 20 boys, and each representing a high school class, will collect paper in a competitive drive April 27, H. W. Gray, supervisor of the Roseburg Recreation program, reported today.

Captains are Roland Barrows, senior class; Duane Pope, junior class, and Alfred Morrisette, sophomore class. Each captain will select the members of his team.

Monday night, April 29, the 60 boys composing the three teams, together with their girl friends, will be entertained at an ice cream feed and dancing program at the Roseburg Armory.

Strike at Coos Logging Camp Brought to End

COOS BAY, April 5.—(AP)—A two-day wage tie-up, prompted by classification of some men as choker-setters rather than riggers, ended with operations under way today at L-L Logging Company and Coos Bay Logging Company camps.

The men went back to work yesterday after accepting a company offer of \$1.30 hourly for choker-setters, \$1.40 for second riggers, Marvin Berge, IWA official, reported.

## Byrnes' Stand At UN Council Evokes Tilt

### Pepper's Assertion That U. S., Britain Ganged Up On Russia Stirs Solons

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—Congressional friends and foes of Secretary of State Byrnes heaped fuel today on a foreign policy debate touched off by Senator Pepper's contention that this country is guaranteeing "British imperialism."

Challenging the Florida Democrat's assertion that the United States and Britain have "ganged up against Russia," Senator Hatch (D. N. M.) told a reporter he believes Byrnes is "following a firm course that is calculated to strengthen the United Nations, where a lesser course would destroy it."

Hatch also took issue with Pepper's charge—made in the course of a lambasting of British foreign

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## Fines Imposed by Error of Warden Remitted to Pair

Exonerated for Victor E. Smith and Maynard C. Byrd, who in January, 1945, were fined \$25 each by Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield for illegal angling, came today in the form of checks from the State Game Commission as the state's share in the fines, Smith said.

The wheels of justice turned slowly, Smith explained. A few days after their appearance before Justice Hartfield, Smith and Byrd learned that the Calapoia, on which they had been arrested by the game warden while fishing for 20-inch winter steelhead, actually was not a closed stream, but open. They had pleaded guilty because they assumed that the game warden knew his regulations.

Correspondence with Gov. Earl Snell lasted for more than a year, Smith said, usually because the governor was away on trips or vacationing, and their letters were pigeonholed.

Meanwhile, the News-Review carried the story of their arrest and fines over a wide area, and they are still reminded of the incident by old friends who have not seen them for awhile, Smith said.

The county paid up its share in the fines—\$15.10—in January, while the state came through with checks for \$9.90 this week. The wheels of justice have made a compensatory if tardy turn, Smith feels now.

All Fluid Milk for Sale Must Show Grade, Ruling

SALEM, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Attorney General Neuner ruled today for the State Department of Agriculture that all fluid milk offered for sale must be graded, with the grade shown on the labels or caps of the milk containers.

He held that dairymen who can't meet the grade requirements can be prevented from selling milk.

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CENTURY MARKER — Arpad Sabados, of Chicago, tips a soda to celebrate what he claims is his 110th birthday. He came to this country from Hungary in 1877, smokes cigars, enjoys a big steak (when he can get it) and says he takes an occasional "nip."

## Two Sentenced to Prison for Looting Summer Homes

Lawrence Ivan Gates, 24, was sentenced to two years, and Nellie May Byrne, 21, to six months in the penitentiary yesterday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, on the charges of larceny in a dwelling house. The pair pleaded guilty on the district attorney's information to robbing the summer homes of Roseburg residents on the North Umpqua, approximately 10 miles from here.

Reputy Sheriff Dick Baker, who with Sheriff Al Smith investigated the case, said it would have taken a good sized truck to haul away the loot "that the pair had accumulated in their dwelling on the Frank Strader ranch. They admitted to the officers, Baker said, that they planned to sell the stolen articles."

Gates and his girl companion entered the summer homes of Ivan Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kent, Dr. Charles Wade, and M. Hazel Dixon, according to Baker, and took their loot to a house on the Strader ranch where Gates was employed.

Gates was sentenced to serve two years concurrently on each of three counts, and the girl to serve six months concurrently on each of two counts. An accomplice, a 15-year-old boy, was paroled to his mother by juvenile authorities, Baker said.

Oregon Motor Stage Drivers, Shopmen Strike

PORTLAND, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Intra-city bus transportation in Salem and Eugene was at a standstill today after 300 drivers and shopmen for Oregon Motor Stages staged a strike at midnight.

The walkout also halted company service between here and the coast, to a number of valley points, and between coastal cities. The tie-up followed failure of a conference before U. S. Conciliator George Brewer on the wage dispute.

A 30 per cent increase over the present 98-cent-an-hour rate is sought by drivers on the city lines. Long distance drivers want \$1.40 an hour instead of the current \$1.10, \$1.15 and \$1.20. Machinists ask a boost from \$1.20 to \$1.50 hourly.

Douglas County Payrolls Total Last Year Noted

Payrolls of Douglas county firms covered by the State Unemployment Compensation law amounted to \$10,202,697 last year, and persons employed numbered 4,579, it was reported in Salem today by the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Roseburg Dated for Law Officers' Conference

The semi-annual conference with law-enforcement officers in Roseburg, is scheduled for April 26. It was announced by Howard I. Bobbitt, special agent in charge of the FBI in Portland today.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenzweig

During the emigration period of the 50's, Missouri was the gateway to the west for opportunity seekers. Now it's the gateway to the national capital for federal job aspirants.