

2 CZECHS SENTENCED TO DIE AS 'U.S. SPIES'



GUAM AIRFIELD DEDICATED—Eighteen B-29s roar overhead and personnel of the 19th Bombardment Wing march in review at the dedication of Anderson Air Force base on Guam. The field was named in honor of Brig. Gen. James Roy Anderson who died in a Pacific plane crash in February, 1945. Guests at the dedication included the general's widow and son, Jay, flown to Guam from their home in Washington, D. C. (AP Wirephoto).

Douglas County Democrats Hear Discussion Of Issues

Approximately 140 Douglas county Democrats gathered at the Jefferson-Jackson day dinner at the Evergreen Grange hall last night to hear their candidates discuss vital issues at stake in the forthcoming primary election.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LISTENED the other night to E. B. McNaughton, of Portland, newspaper man, banker, economist and now college president (Reed college). His, perhaps, is the most brilliant mind in the Pacific Northwest. When he speaks, people listen—because he is both interesting and convincing.

He told his hearers what Oregon must do if we are to balance our economy. These aren't his words, but this, in effect, is what he told us:

WE MUST GET MORE MAN HOURS OUT OF EVERY FOREST TREE AND EVERY AGRICULTURAL ACRE.

THE economy of the Pacific Northwest in the past, he said, has been a COLONIAL ECONOMY.

That is to say, we have shipped away our raw products, in their rawest possible form, TO BE PROCESSED SOMEWHERE ELSE. Thus we have got the short end of the total payroll involved and somebody else has got the long end.

You will remember, I think, that

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Living Costs Show Climb

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—The government today reported a slight rise in living costs, chiefly due to higher food prices.

The living cost boost was three-tenths of one percent in March.

Food costs went up six-tenths of one percent, after having declined for three straight months.

The latest government living cost index, put out by the Labor department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, is 1.5 percent lower than a year ago. It is 25 percent higher than in June 1946 when wartime price controls were relaxed and 69 percent above the prewar level.

The index for March was 167 percent of the 1935-39 average, which is considered a base period.

Besides food, the bureau said, prices for fuel, electricity and refrigeration rose four-tenths of one percent. However, the gas-electricity portion of this group of items is still below prewar prices.

Rents, apparel and house furnishings all edged up slightly in March, too. This was the first increase for apparel, one-tenth of one percent, since November 1948. Clothing prices had fallen steadily since then, but a total of eight percent.

Allrons' Concert Set

The third and final concert of the year, sponsored by the Friends of Music society, will feature Donald Allron, organist, and Mary Kapp Allron, violinist.

The duo will be heard Thursday at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church of Roseburg. Admission is free, with a goodwill offering to be taken to help defray traveling expenses.

The Weather
Considerable cloudiness and cooler today and Sunday.
Sunset tonight 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:19 a.m.

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RIVERS SWELL

Midwest Area Hit By Record Flood Waters

(By The Associated Press)

The Dakotas and Minnesota battled their worst floods in more than 50 years today as rain-swollen rivers and streams spilled over thousands of acres of land.

Thousands were made homeless by the spring floods—an estimated 7,000 in North Dakota alone. Many towns were isolated and others were endangered. All of North Dakota has been declared an emergency area. The Red and James rivers were the major trouble spots in North Dakota.

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Non-Commie Ultimatum Is Replaced

State Officials Weigh Possible Action On Note

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(AP)—State department officials weighed several courses of action today to meet a serious new crisis created in Soviet-American relations by the Russian fighter attack on an American plane.

The Baltic incident which cost 10 U. S. airmen their lives prompted demands for drastic action from Congress—possibly including a break in diplomatic relations.

While administration leaders shied away from any such extreme step, several other lines of action remain open.

These include sending a strong note to Russia, denouncing the Soviet version of the Baltic incident; recalling Ambassador Alan G. Kirk for consultation, and carrying the case either into the United Nations or to the international court at the Hague.

Not Rejected

Russia's latest note, bluntly rejecting the United States position on the Baltic affair, evidently foreclosed the possibility of working out any kind of a settlement through normal diplomacy between Washington and Moscow.

The note brought a prompt reaction from Secretary of State Acheson at a news conference yesterday, while at the capital there were immediate demands for severe action by the American government.

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