

# ALLIES SMASH OUT BIG GAINS

## Land War Risks Civilization Loss, Hoover Cautions

By GEORGE CORNELL

NEW YORK — AP — Herbert Hoover, declaring that air and sea might be America's best weapons against aggression, said last night that land war against Russia would risk "the loss of all civilization."

He urged a period of watchful waiting for evidence of Europe's unity and military strength before sending more ground troops there.

The former Republican President said that instead of committing land armies abroad, the U. S. should build "overwhelming air and naval power" for use against Russia if she attacks Europe.

## Fine Imposed On Rail Union For Sick Halt

CHICAGO — (AP) — The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, a federal judge ruled yesterday in fining it \$25,000 was responsible for the rail switchmen's "sick" strike last December.

Judge Michael L. Igoe imposed the fine on the rail union as full crews of switchmen ended a 10-day similar "sick" walkout and returned to work across the country.

The fine was based on violation of a federal court order of Dec. 13 directing the switchmen to return to work. The stoppage ended after three days.

The union faces a second charge of contempt in connection with the walkout just ended. A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14 but Igoe indicated he would continue it to a later date.

Judge Igoe, who dismissed charges against 40 of its national and local officers and 31 delegates of the BRT in the contempt hearing said: "As long as a union is functioning as a union, it must be responsible for the mass action of its members."

The government has asked Judge Igoe to fine the rail union \$1,000,000, fine three of its top officers a total of \$100,000, and to consider fines for other officials of local unions in the Chicago area.

Judge Igoe said he didn't believe in imposing "astronomical fines," and added: "but the union must realize the great wrong they have done."

There was no comment on the ruling from brotherhood or railroad officials in Chicago or Washington.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

These two paragraphs occur in a personal letter from a friend who is a thoughtful and intelligent member of the Oregon legislature now in session in Salem:

"I believe we are making fairly good headway here in Salem but we have reached a point where we have to get down to earth. We decide on various measures. One point which I wish to bring to your attention is the fact that we now face a decision as to whether we are really going to cut the various budgets drastically and try to stay within the present income, plus the 20 or 30 million dollars still in the so-called surplus fund, or whether we are going to continue our spending spree."

"I believe the ways and means committee would like to make some drastic budget cuts, but they are meeting every day with various heads of departments, colleges and what not and therefore have tremendous pressure on them. I believe they would appreciate hearing from the people — in other words, the taxpayers. I believe you would be doing the boys a good turn if you gave the ways and means committee some encouragement on the line of really cutting the budgets."

OK. Here goes:

I believe as strongly as I ever

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## Douglas County's Irrigation Possibilities Will Be Told At Roseburg, Elkton Meets

Irrigation, its possibilities and limitations in Douglas county, will be presented to interested farmers and stockmen Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 13 and 14 at Roseburg and Elkton. The Roseburg meeting will be held at the Knights of Pythias hall and the Elkton meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall. Both meetings will be from 10 to 3 o'clock each day. Reports by J. Roland Parker, county extension agent.

Speakers include Arthur S. King and Mel Hagood, irrigation specialists, from Oregon State college, and engineers representing the local power companies and the state engineer's office. How to get the most out of irrigation will be discussed by King, and he will include crop management under irrigation, water requirements, soil adaptation and use of fertilizers. Hagood will explain the fundamentals of a good sprinkler irrigation system, particularly as efficiency relates to size of main line and lateral pipe, sprinklers, pumps and power plants.

Representatives of the local power companies and the state engineer's office will explain the use of electric power, covering costs, efficient use and safety, and requirements for water rights, dams and farm reservoirs. Distributors and handlers of irrigation equipment will also be present to show interested individuals various kinds of irrigation pipe and equipment.

The program at both meetings will be the same, states Parker, and was arranged to be of help and interest to farmers having an irrigation system or planning to install an irrigation plant. Development and expansion of irrigation in 1951 will depend largely on the amount of equipment and power available for civilian use in carrying out the defense program, in the opinion of irrigation equipment dealers.

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## Draft Proposal Clears Hurdle

### Subcommittee Okays Taking 18-Year-Olds

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Defense department proposal for drafting 18-year-olds appears certain to reach the Senate floor. It was included in a bill approved last night by a 7 to 1 vote of the Senate preparedness subcommittee.

Although the measure still must clear the Senate armed services committee, that step seemed certain since the seven senators who voted for it in the subcommittee form a majority in the 13-man armed services group.

The subcommittee added several restrictions and modifications to the broad plan urged by Secretary of Defense Marshall to build up the nation's fighting manpower and provide a long-term reserve.

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He proposed that Chiang Kai-shek be freed "to do what he wishes to China" and that the U. S. "furnish him with munitions."

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He declared it was an "unbearable strain on our economic system to try simultaneously to maintain armies in the Pacific, build an air and naval forces, arm free nations and send land armies to Europe."

"The whole Korean tragedy is developing proof that the way to punish aggressors is from the air and sea and not by land armies," he said.

Opposing the creation of land armies for expeditions "into the quicksands of either Europe or China," Hoover said that Stalin's "greatest hope is to get us into a land war."

## Valerie Sparks RHS 'Sweetheart'

"Sweet Valerie Sparks was crowned "Sweetheart" of RHS at a special intermission ceremony during the "Sweetheart Dance," held last night in the Senior high school gymnasium.

Miss Sparks, a junior, was chosen by student balloting from a group of candidates, including Willa Wilson, JoAnn Ware, Barbara West, Darlene McCallister, seniors; and Lois McKinney, Barbara Peterson, and Anne Mariott, juniors.

Selection of the candidates was based upon personality, beauty, leadership, social ease and scholarship. They were chosen by the R. club.

Miss Sparks was crowned by Vernon Thompson, student body president. Special music was provided by Evelyn and Beth Devaux, who sang, and also by Ruth Chism.

The dance was sponsored by the Peppers. The affair was well attended.

## Major Issues Loom

### Legislators Start Work On Education, Tax Bills

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — AP — The 34-day-old Oregon legislature, which thinks it is about one-third finished, has finally started working on its big legislation.

The bills to legalize the sale of colored oleomargarine and to set up the expanded civil defense agency had the most popular appeal this past week.

But committees really went to work on the all-important education and tax bills.

The senate education committee held a hearing on bills to reorganize the State department of education, and found no opposition. But it will find plenty of opposition at Monday's hearing on bills to reorganize local school districts.

The house tax committee, faced with the job of finding new revenue, hopes to be finished in a month. It introduced the governor's bill to put income tax revenues into the general fund to start the ball rolling. The same committee held a hearing and heard utilities object to being taxed under the corporation income tax law.

The 16-14 vote in the Senate for the oleo bill was a big surprise, as the dairy interests caved in under a flood of mail from housewives. A poll of the House shows 30 members would vote for the bill, or one less vote than needed. Several members refused to say how they would vote.

The civil defense bill completed its trip through both houses, and the new agency probably will be set up next week.

There have been 620 bills introduced, compared with 608 at the same time two years ago.

Here is the status of other important legislation: Government reorganization—The "Little Hoover" commission introduced its bill a week ago to set up a state department of finance and administration. It would take over the state budget division, purchasing department, printing board, and the secretary of state's accounting division.

Milk Control — Relaxing of the state Milk Control law, under which the state fixes production quotas and minimum prices, appears likely because of strong consumer opposition to the law.

Highways — The bill to let the Highway commission issue \$2,000,000 worth of road construction bonds still is in committee, but probably will be passed. Gasoline tax increases are being considered. Truck tax increases up to 33 percent, and severe penalties for truck overloading are before the house highways committee.

Pensions — The house social welfare committee will hold a hearing next Thursday on a bill to repeal the three-months-old law which lets the state file claims against estates of deceased pensioners.

Veterans — The bills to give all World War II benefits to veterans of the Korean war is stymied in committee because it's having a hard time writing a legal definition.

Labor Expected — Labor-management — A bitter fight is expected over labor-backed (Continued on page Two)

## Hoover May Take Stand On Issue

WASHINGTON — (AP) — With lawmakers divided in their reactions to his proposals, former President Herbert Hoover may be invited to repeat for Congress his top-swing warning against "steps toward another land war in Europe."

The senate foreign relations and armed services committees begin public hearings next Thursday on the troops-to-Europe issue.

A Republican member of one of the committees, who asked not to be identified, said he thought the point of view that Hoover has expressed "certainly should be presented."

"There shouldn't be just a one-sided presentation to the committees," he added.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) announced that Secretary of Defense Marshall and Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, will be the first witnesses, with Secretary of State Acheson testifying the next day.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the North Atlantic defense force, also may be asked to testify, Connally said.

The call for public hearings—a change in previous plans—apparently will provide a public sounding board for opponents as well as proponents of sending troops to Europe.

## Nimitz To Be Sworn In As Security Head

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Admiral Chester W. Nimitz will be sworn in Monday as chairman of a new presidential commission to devise means of fighting spies, saboteurs and traitors.

## New Community Hospital To Be Dedicated Sunday

The Douglas Community hospital will be formally dedicated Sunday at 2 p.m. The dedication ceremony will be followed by open house inspection. The hospital will remain open Monday for inspection, then will officially be ready for business on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Dr. H. M. Erickson, head of the State Department of Health, will be the speaker. The Rev. W. A. MacArthur will be master of ceremonies, and persons prominent in the hospital's sponsorship will be introduced.

A special section of today's News-Review has been devoted to the new hospital.

## Gen. Rilea Dated Chamber Speaker

Major Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, above, will be the guest speaker at the weekly Roseburg chamber of commerce forum luncheon Monday noon in the Hotel Umpqua, announced Tom Pargeter, chamber program chairman.

Gen. Rilea, who will be in Roseburg for the day in the interest of the local Co. D, 186th Infantry, Oregon national guard, will speak to the chamber on "The National Guard and the World Situation."

The general is commander of the Oregon national guard and is state adjutant. He has an outstanding record in military affairs during the last war. He will be introduced by Lt. Col. Robert Irving, battalion commander of the local unit.

## Winds Boost Flood Danger

By The Associated Press

Warm winds moving in from the Southwest combined with rising temperatures increased the flood potential in sections of the Pacific Northwest today.

The weather bureau at Seattle said there was no immediate relief in sight from record rains and melting snows in the mountains that sent western Washington rivers on a flooding rampage yesterday.

The weatherman offered a ray of hope, however, when a forecast revealed a cold air mass had moved in over southern British Columbia. If this moves down over Washington it will check the snow melt and lessen the flood danger.

The forecast was for cooler weather Sunday, but the weather bureau said it probably would not be sufficient to check the rising water.

At least six western Washington rivers boiled over their banks yesterday, marooning scores of families and causing heavy damage.

The heavy rains loosened earthslides in many locales, wrecked homes, blocked roads and endangered lives. Rain-induced slides did thousands of dollars worth of damage in Seattle.

Mud slides swept half a dozen beach homes into Puget Sound at Tacoma. Six others were crushed at Des Moines, midway between Seattle and Tacoma, and two shoreline homes and a portable school were wrecked at Seattle.

All occupants escaped unharmed. A six-inch deluge at Snoqualmie pass, route of the state's main east-west highway over the Cascades, came atop a heavy blanket of snow that already had started a huge runoff as temperatures earlier in the week arose above normal.

Most critical were the situations in the Snoqualmie river valley north of Seattle; the Arlington area along the Stillaguamish river and the Auburn-Kent section where the Green river was spilling over its banks.

Public Offices To Observe February 12

Public offices and banks in Roseburg will observe Lincoln's birthday Monday.

The city hall business offices and those of the county court house and state agencies will be closed for the day.

Most business houses, except banks, however, will remain open.

## Three Prizes Sacked Near Battered Seoul

Kimpo Airfield, Incheon Fall To Tank-Infantry Columns Pushing North

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO — (AP) — Allied Tank-infantry columns, rolling northward on the floodtide of their 17-day Red-killing offensive, captured three big prizes around Seoul today without firing a shot.

They swept into the southwest industrial suburb of Yongdongpo. They raced on to the big Kimpo airfield 15 miles northwest of Seoul.

They rumbled into the battered Yellow sea port of Incheon 19 miles west of the old South Korean capital.

"Where the hell are the Chinese?" A GI shouted as he entered Yongdongpo.

Patrol Crosses Han

One patrol crossed the frozen Han river, breached the southern gate of Seoul itself and tangled in a brisk fire-fight with a company of Chinese troops inside the capital city.

Allied artillery and howitzer shells crumpled into the capital, already buffeted and devastated three times by the tides of the strange Korean war.

Allied warplanes buzzed low in attack. They speared out Napalm firebombs, rockets and machine-gun shells wherever pilots could flush a vanishing enemy. They raked a force of 1,000 Reds trying to flee north across the Han.

Tonight U. S. and Red elements exchanged shots across the Han—first indication the Reds might defend Seoul. An American 23rd division intelligence officer said the Chinese are believed to have abandoned the city and left its defense to North Koreans.

Cover Provided

Big guns of allied warships including the battleship Missouri and the cruisers U.S.S. St. Paul and the British Belfast poured shells into the enemy area. The warships were prowling the Yellow sea waters off Incheon.

The whole Communist defense in the West had crumbled. But the Reds were making a stand in the central Korean area against the northward drive of the old U. S. 10th corps. The 10th now was fighting a unified element of the U.S. Eighth army under overall command of Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

Far to the north of the swift ground action, U. S. Fifth air force F-80 shooting star jets tangled in the Sianju area with Russian-made Mig 15 jets.

No damage to either side was reported.

Enemy Aircraft Show

The Migs showed up in force for the first time in days. Three flights of shooting star pilots reported the Mig attacks. There were 12 Russian-made jets in one flight, seven or eight in a second and an unreported number in the third.

American B-29s plastered Red rail bridges near the Red Korean capital of Pyongyang with 64 one-ton block-busters. Other super-forts hit the rail yards and bridges at Suncheon, about 30 miles north of Pyongyang.

The lightning ground thrusts on the western front started at dawn Sunday. United Nations tanks and men crunched over new snow and raced to their objectives.

All along the western front, the Reds apparently were pulling back toward the old parallel 38 border. It was not apparent whether they would make a stand for Seoul as they did last September when the allies landed at Incheon.

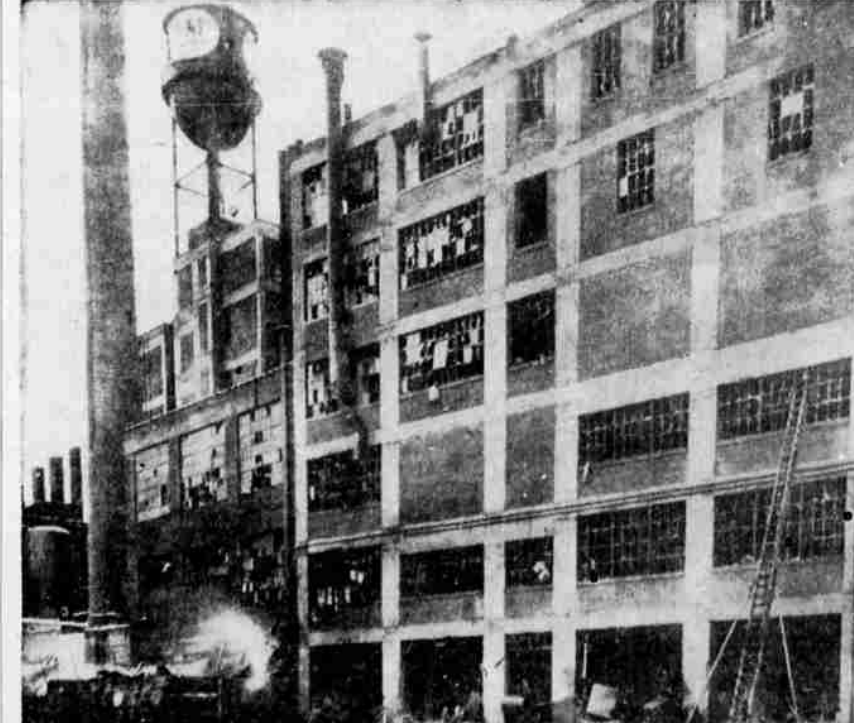
## Recommendation Given Local Jail

John Gallagher, Prudential Life Insurance Co. manager at Spokane, wants a room in the Douglas county jail.

That is, of course, if he must go to jail.

He writes Horace Berg, local Prudential representative, that the county jail must be a very nice place, enclosing as the reason for his opinion a clipping from The Spokesman-Review, as follows:

"Police Officer Gene Kenworthy said today anybody who decides to run afoul of the law should do it at Roseburg, Ore. "Kenworthy was assigned to return Roy L. Nelson from Medford to Spokane to face a forgery charge. The first night on the return trip Kenworthy stopped in Roseburg and placed Nelson in the county jail there for safe-keeping. "Sheets on the beds," he said of the county jail in Roseburg. "Fruit juice for breakfast. Ham or bacon and eggs for breakfast. A trusty mowing a nice green lawn out in front. Roses in bloom. "I have been in a lot of jails, but never have I seen anything like this."



EXPLOSION WRECKS PLANT—This is a general view of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. plant at St. Paul, Minn., which was damaged heavily by an explosion. At least 9 persons were reported killed and more than 40 injured. At lower left is a railway boxcar which was overturned and shattered by the force of the explosion. (AP Wirephoto)

## Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The legislature has a bill to require teaching of the effects of alcohol to grade and high school students, supplementing another bill of like nature applying to college students. How about current "visual education" on the subject and a "trial and error" system?