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## Words Occupy Ship Staff On Eve of Action

By LEE G. MILLER  
ABOARD A CRUISER IN THE CELEBES SEA (By Wireless)—This is a story about the eve of action.

Such occasions are supposed to be full of tension. It didn't quite work out that way.

True, we weren't anticipating much opposition. The Japs on the island of Tarakan were supposed to be few, and their air-power insufficient or negligible—if the existence of even a single suicide-minded plane could properly be called negligible.

We had rendezvoused early in the morning, a few miles off Tarakan with 20-odd mine-sweepers, hydrographic ships and whatnot. "Sweeps" moved in ahead of us and grubbed for mines all day. They found several. The next morning we were to begin several days of pre-invasion shelling.

Well, after dinner we correspondents climbed to the top of the bridge structure and sat around with Capt. Jack Duncan of our cruiser and Brig. Gen. Earl Barnes of the 13th air force.

And what did we talk about? We talked about words. It might have been a classroom.

Captain Duncan had a word quiz from a magazine, which started it. Then he told a story about his college days, when a professor had derided him for defining "transpire" as meaning to sweat, and Duncan triumphantly vindicated himself from a dictionary.

I got caught misdefining panopoly. We argued the meaning of the word sublimite, which the others said meant suppress or subordinate. I said it meant to vaporize. I still don't know who was right. (Editor's note—neither was right; sublimite means to direct an impulse from its primitive aim to one that is culturally or ethically higher).

We debated whether the word transit can be used as a verb. (Editor's note—it can).

Admiral Russell S. Berkey joined us, and someone wanted to know what the "seven seas" were. The admiral and the captain reeled off the names of dozens of seas, including several we had just traversed. We tried to name the seven wonders of the world and the seven ages of man, but we bogged down. We didn't tackle the seven sins.

The moon rose, full and yellow as butter. A fine breeze made amends for the day's heat and humidity. Officers and orderlies and signalmen came and went with messages for the admiral or the captain, but scarcely a word was spoken about the next day's operation, though there over our shoulders lay Tarakan, already smoking from aircraft strikes and probably from Jap demolitions as well.

The admiral went to prepare his day's report and the captain had duties, too, so the rest of us adjourned to the wardroom.

We combed over the phonograph records, and argued about the dates when several tunes were originated—several of the company confessing that their reference point in fixing the year was the romance they associated with the tune.

The galley provided cinnamon toast, and coffee which as always was available.

And so to bed on the eve of the naval bombardment of the oil-rich island. I thought the Jap garrison was not likely to be sleeping so soundly as we.

The next morning I saw Lieut. (jg) Herbert A. Starbird, whose folks live in Melbourne, Fla., and John Hunt, of Linden, Wash., lowered in seaplanes by a crane. They took off from smooth water to spot our fire on Tarakan.

With them today aviation radiomen J. P. Cantrell, of Kansas City, and Donovan E. Booke, whose wife is in Seattle.

Then we cottoned our ears and settled down to watch the firing. I had been told that the turret guns made less racket than the five-inch ack-ackers but I'm dubious about that now.

We were firing in single-turret salvos—three guns at a time. Each blast shook me till I thought my teeth would lose their fillings. And there would be more the next day and the next. Anyway, nobody fired back.

**HOPPE BOOSTS LEAD**  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 12 (UP)—Willie Hoppe last night increased his lead over Welker Cochran in cross-country billiards tournament to 59, with a 60 to 52 win.

The tournament score now stands at 3,844 for Hoppe to 3,794 for Cochran. Hoppe having won his fourth straight match last night. The high run of the evening, seven, was made by Hoppe.

The Sahara desert is the largest continuous arid region in the world, covering more than 3,000,000 square miles.

## Today We Pay Tribute to—



The late Ensign Lloyd J. Mills, 25, who gave his life in the country's service in Alaskan waters while returning from a bombing mission against Japanese shipping in Kiska harbor in the early days of the war. He was awarded the distinguished flying cross and a ship was named in his honor. He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills of Cove.



Lt. Commander George M. Denny, formerly of La Grande, and his wife and two children are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denny in La Grande. Denny, a member of the navy dental corps, is stationed at the navy base at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Walter D. Hinkley of Seattle, the former Grace Rayburn of La Grande, has received word that her husband has been promoted to the rank of major in the judge advocate general's department of the army. Major Hinkley is stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Mrs. Hinkley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rayburn of La Grande.

## Industrial Sugar Slash Foreseen

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—America's sweet tooth was threatened today as makers of candy, cake, ice cream and soft drinks were warned they face a 20 to 25 per cent cut in sugar allowances for the last half of the year.

News of the likely slash in allotments to industrial users came from Richard H. Field, officer of price administration general counsel, in testimony before the house food committee.

## RATION CALENDAR

**Processed Foods:**  
Book 4—Blue stamps H2 through M2 valid through June 2. Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30. Blue stamps T2 through X2 valid through July 31. Blue stamps Y2, Z, A1, B1, C1 valid through August 31.

**Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:**  
Book 4—Red stamps Y5 through D2 valid through June 2. Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30. Red stamps K2 through P2 valid through July 31. Red stamps Q2 through U2 valid through August 31.

**Sugar:**  
Book 4—Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2. Sugar stamp 36 valid through August 31.

**Shoes: Loose stamps invalid.**  
Book 3—Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid. New stamp valid Aug. 1.

**Gasoline: Coupons not valid unless endorsed:**  
"A" 15 coupons expire June 21.

**Stoves:**  
Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificates.

**Wood Coal, Sawdust:**  
Delivery by priorities based on needs.

**Fuel Oil:**  
Period 1-2-3-4-5 coupons valid through August 31. Not more than 91 per cent of season's ration's should have been used to date.

**Waste Paper:**  
Bundles of newspapers and magazines may be left at the storage depot, 1166 Jefferson ave.

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## Rainiers, Solons Tie, 9-9, in Wild 13-Inning Slugfest

By United Press  
The Seattle Rainiers and Sacramento Solons battled to a 13-inning 9 to 9 tie last night in one of the wildest see-saw contests in the history of Sacramento's Doubleday park and the first Pacific coast league game to be called because of lateness in the 1945 season.

In other league games Oakland defeated Los Angeles 8 to 3. Portland nosed out San Diego 2 to 1 and the San Francisco Seals made it four straight over Hollywood by a score of 9 to 1.

**Homer Ties Score**  
The Seattle Sacramento slugfest turned into something like a movie scenario in the ninth when the Rainiers came to bat with the score 9 to 4 against them. After they picked up two tallies and with two down and two on, Chuck Aleno slammed out his second homer of the evening to tie up the game.

Earlier the home team collected six runs in the eighth when both Glenn Elliott and Byron Speece blew up, allowing three tallies on three hits and four walks. Then Jo Jo White tripled with the bases loaded to complete the near-disaster for the Rainiers.

The Beavers made a seventh inning comeback with hits by Ed Adams, Sid Cohen, Frank Demaree and an error by Tony Criscola to even their series with San Diego at two apiece and to retain a comfortable lead in the league standings.

**Circuit Clout Wins**  
The Seals, stepping back into their batting stride after last week's slump, poured it on to the lowly Twinks with five runs in the second frame. Emil Mailho's home run inside the park with two on polished things off nicely.

The Acorns blasted four Angel pitchers—Ken Hicks, Bud Merkle, Joe Slotter and Russ Cumbro for a total of 14 hits. They were sparked by Jake Caufield, just back from the Phillies, who got four hits in five trips to the plate. The six-hit hurling of Garth Mann helped too.

**Snowstorm Causes Extensive Damage**  
BOSTON, May 12 (UP)—More than \$1,000,000 crop and property damage was caused by New England's worst May snowstorm in history, officials estimated today.

The storm raged across northern New England for 18 hours before blowing out to sea off the Maine coast last night. Trees and poles were knocked down, power and communication lines toppled, scores of communities were isolated and at Sunapee Harbor, N. H., the snow reached a depth of 18 inches.

Orchardists reported Maine's McIntosh apple crop was hard-hit. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the Vermont apple and peach crop was ruined.

## Youth's Murder Puzzles Police

CHICAGO, May 12 (UP)—Police delved today into the juvenile complexities of the north-west side jive set for a clue to the bizarre slaying in fashionable hotel Stevens of 17-year-old Morton Stein—"Flash Gordon" to his friends.

Stein's body, brutally beaten and stabbed, his pockets empty, was found yesterday by a maid in the towering lakefront hotel. The victim, a handsome youth who "didn't like school," had been stuffed into a clothes closet. There was evidence of a savage struggle.

**State Policeman Is Given Promotion**  
Lewis Olsen of the state police force has been promoted to the rating of sergeant and has been transferred from La Grande where he served 12 1/2 past few months, to Arlington, his former home. He and Mrs. Olsen left yesterday.

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## Union High School Wins League Baseball Title

Athletes of the Union high school made a clean sweep of the 1944-45 season, completed an undefeated year in three major sports when their baseball team took a 10 to 5 victory from Elgin on the Elgin campus yesterday afternoon.

Union high teams previously went undefeated in league games of football and basketball.

"Bobo" Roberts, Union hurler set the Elginites down with five hits and fanned 13 opposing batters, but got himself into something of a hole in the last of the fourth inning when he made two wild pitches and gave a base on balls, which Elgin turned into three tallies by adding a hit along with a Union error.

Union failed to score in the fourth, but went on a coring spree in the fifth, chalking up four tallies, and added another in the sixth after Elgin had scored two more.

Chandler, starting pitcher for Elgin was yanked in the sixth, and Wiles, who had been catching to that point took over the mound job, and Chandler went behind the plate. Roberts went the route for Union.

Roberts issued six bases on balls to one by Chandler, while the Elgin pitcher sent two men to first by hitting them with pitched balls.

**Fight Results**  
By United Press  
New York—Lou Nova, 202 1/2, Van Nuys, Calif., outpointed Gunnar Barlund, 206, New York, (10).

Erie, Pa.—Benny McCombs, 169, Flint, Mich., outpointed Tommy Hubert, 163, Washington, (8).

Boston—Phil Terranova, 128, New York, outpointed Vince Dell'Orto, 133 1/2, Clifton, N. J., (10).

Worcester, Mass.—Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, 126, Boston, knocked out Billy Murray, 130 1/2, Boston (3).

Providence, R. I.—Jackie Peters, 150, Philadelphia, knocked out Verne Patterson, 154 1/2, Chicago, (2).

Windsor, Ont.—Kayo Morgan, 124, Detroit, outpointed Tommy Nelson, 124, Detroit, (8).

Hollywood—Enrique Bolanos, 132 1/2, Mexico City, decisioned Eddie Hudson, 132, San Jose, Cal., (10).

**Baseball Standings**  
By United Press

**American League**

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| Chicago      | 10 | 5  | .667 |
| New York     | 11 | 6  | .647 |
| Detroit      | 10 | 6  | .625 |
| Washington   | 9  | 10 | .474 |
| St. Louis    | 7  | 8  | .467 |
| Philadelphia | 8  | 10 | .444 |
| Boston       | 7  | 11 | .389 |
| Cleveland    | 5  | 11 | .313 |

**National League**

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| New York     | 14 | 4  | .776 |
| Brooklyn     | 11 | 6  | .647 |
| Chicago      | 9  | 7  | .563 |
| St. Louis    | 8  | 8  | .500 |
| Boston       | 7  | 9  | .438 |
| Pittsburgh   | 7  | 9  | .438 |
| Cincinnati   | 6  | 7  | .461 |
| Philadelphia | 4  | 14 | .244 |

**Pacific Coast League**

| Team          | W  | L  | Pct. |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Portland      | 27 | 13 | .675 |
| Seattle       | 22 | 17 | .564 |
| Oakland       | 22 | 18 | .550 |
| San Diego     | 22 | 19 | .537 |
| Sacramento    | 19 | 21 | .475 |
| Los Angeles   | 19 | 22 | .463 |
| San Francisco | 19 | 22 | .463 |
| Hollywood     | 11 | 29 | .276 |

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**LEGION ADVOCATES COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING**  
Declaring that America's lot in its military experience has shown that our "enemies give us the opportunity to prepare after we have been attacked," American Legion officers and La Grande post members advanced the principle of compulsory military training during the visit of department officers to La Grande last week. Other matters of importance taken up were the pressing problem of rehabilitation of returning veterans and discussion of the activities of the recently appointed state committee to investigate operation of veterans' hospitals in Oregon. Among officers present at the meeting were those shown above: top row, left to right: Louis Auclair, adjutant of the Imbler post; Merton Davis, past commander of the Sons of the Legion; Carl Zeimer, past commander of the Elgin post; Penn Crum, state department commander. Bottom row, George Tisa, commander of the La Grande post, No. 43; Fritz Nissin, department adjutant; Jesse Rosenbaum, commander of district seven, and Robert H. Harper, commander of the Walla-walla post.

## Nova Wins Again On Comeback Trail

NEW YORK, May 12 (UP)—Lou Nova, seeking another chance as a heavyweight title challenger, last night built up his comeback record to 19 victories in 21 fights, gaining a unanimous 10-round decision over Gunnar Barlund of Finland.

Barlund opened a severe gash over Nova's right eye in the fourth round, and a slight cut above the left eye in the sixth, and was unable to follow through with his advantage.

## Three Stars Appear In Mystery Drama

Anne Shirley, Claire Trevor and Dick Powell have the starring roles in "Murder My Sweet," a mystery drama, which opens tomorrow at the Liberty theater.

It is a story of blackmail of a wealthy woman and four murderers, into which Powell delves in the role of a private detective. Miss Trevor is the blackmailer's victim and Miss Shirley has the role of her step-daughter. Otto Kruger plays the blackmailer Miles Mander, the wealthy husband and father of the feminine stars, and Mike Mazurki is seen in the role of an ex-convict who employs Powell to find an old sweetheart, an assignment that leads to the violence.

On the same bill is a March of Time film, "The Returning Veteran," which tells what civilians can do to smooth the service man's transition to civil life.

## Field of 155 Is Listed for June 9 Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12 (UP)—The war-delayed 71st running of the Kentucky Derby—America's premier horse race—will be held at Churchill Downs June 9 when the largest field since 1929 will run for the historic wreath of roses. Col. Matt Winn announced today.

Winn said 155 of the nation's top three-year-olds have been entered in the mile-and-a-quarter test which had to be postponed from its original May 5 date because of the federal government's ban on racing which ended with the war in Europe.

In 1929, when Clyde Van Dusen won, 149 horses were nominated for the derby. Last year when Pensive won there were 148 nominations.

## Santa Anita Dates Set

ARCADIA, Cal., May 12 (UP)—Colorful Santa Anita race track today polished final plans for its first session since Pearl Harbor, promising the richest stakes program in turf history opening Tuesday and running 40 days to July 7. The schedule will be topped on June 30 by the famed \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, world's richest race.

NEW YORK, May 12 (UP)—The Jamaica race track will have its richest 12-day meeting on record when it reopens May 21, featuring eight traditional stakes events with \$80,000 added in purses, racing secretary John B. Campbell said today.

CHICAGO, May 12 (UP)—Chicago race fans will get their first taste of "pony fever" in four months today with the opening of a nine-day meet at Sportsman's park.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., May 12 (UP)—New England was ready to welcome the return of racing today with its first \$1,000,000 betting day expected from a crowd of about 40,000 at Narragansett park. The meet will continue for nine days.

Earl Hansen and his orchestra will play at the "Dance! Minam Store Tonight" at the Earl Hansen and his orchestra.

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