

Union County Tops 7th War Loan Quota

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Sales Hit Record in Big Drive

Union county today achieved its objective in the 7th war loan campaign, setting a record for the amount of bonds purchased by individual buyers and finishing well under the deadline set by the United States treasury department.

The sales to noon today against an overall quota of \$964,000, the largest ever set for the region, aggregated \$1,138,857, of which \$857,898 is in purchases by individuals, with \$778,867 in E bonds.

With a quota of \$741,000 in E bonds set for the county by the treasury department, it was with anything but optimism that the war finance committee approached the task of finding purchasers for such a large amount of the securities of smaller denominations.

Response is Generous However, the appeals of leaders of the armed forces for everyone to purchase to the limit of their ability to speed the war against the nation's enemies, bringing an unprecedented outpouring of support and during most of the campaign the sales indicated readiness on the part of the individual buyers to loan their money and thereby help speed the war to a victorious conclusion.

Quotas were exceeded in every phase of the campaign, and inasmuch as the treasury department has announced bonds purchased during the coming week will be credited to the 7th war loan campaign, a substantial increase is expected in the sales totals recorded at the close of business today in the banks and post office through which the bonds were issued.

U. S. Drive Succeeds The treasury department announced today that the campaign nationally was far over the top at the close of business yesterday, except that the E bond sales are nearly 25 per cent below the quota of \$4,000,000,000. Total sales today stood at \$22,210,000,000, or 58.6 per cent above the quota.

In union county the sales record was announced today by W. C. Perkins, war finance committee chairman, with quotas listed first and sales second, as follows: E bonds, \$741,000 and \$778,867; individual purchases (including series E), \$796,000 and \$857,898; sales to corporations, \$108,000 and \$281,258; totals, \$964,000 and \$1,138,857.

Fixed U. S. Foreign Policy Sought By President Truman

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 30 (UP)—President Truman hoped today that senate approval of the United Nations charter would lead to a bipartisan foreign policy that will not have to be changed with each new administration.

Mr. Truman was studying public opinion — and congressional opinion — for a go-ahead signal on the 600-word message he has prepared for submission of the charter to the senate Monday. What he wants is overwhelming public support for the charter as the keystone of an organization which will keep the world peaceful in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Truman had completed his message and was in the process of deciding whether to send it to the senate, or deliver it personally.

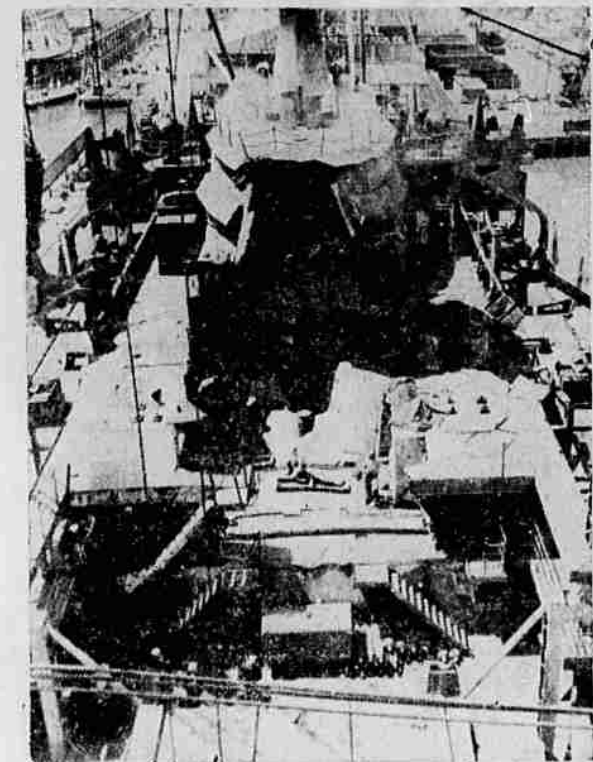
The president's latest position on international affairs was reported by Alf M. Landon, former governor of Kansas and the 1936 republican presidential candidate. Landon spent 45 minutes with him yesterday.

Landon said Mr. Truman's general policy has his approval and that he believes the president was making material progress toward a goal of no politics in the field of foreign affairs.

Allied Troops to Move Into Berlin

PARIS, June 30 (UP)—Supreme headquarters announced that American, British and French troops will move into Berlin to take over their respective occupation zones beginning tomorrow.

At the same time Americans and British troops will begin withdrawing from the areas they now occupy but which lie within the permanent occupation zone of the Russians. SHAEF authorities said the re-adjustment of occupation forces in Germany is expected to be completed by July 4.



DAMAGED SHIP IN FOR REPAIRS — Workmen at Alameda, Calif. ship repair yards look at the blasted compartments of the USS Pinkney, which was struck by a Jap suicide plane amidships while off Okinawa. Although the Jap plane penetrated through several decks, hitting the wards, the ship was able to return to port for repairs.

Survivors of Shangrai-La Crash Are Rescued in Glider Pick-up

A WAC corporal and two army companions have been rescued in a daring glider operation from the floor of a hidden New Guinea valley where they were isolated for 46 days after a plane crash.

Safe at Hollandia, they reported in a short-wave interview today that they were "feeling fine" and looking forward to shower baths.

They are WAC Cpl. Margarot Hastings, Sowege, N. Y.; 1st Lt. John S. McCollum, Trenton, Mo., and T/Sgt. Kenneth W. Decker, Kelso, Wash. Since their air transport crashed up May 13, they lived among friendly primitive natives in a veritable Shangrai-La shut off from outside world by 15,000-foot peaks.

They were literally jerked out of the valley in a glider from a short airstrip built by

American paratroopers. The glider was borne aloft by a two-plane transport, which swooped low over the improvised landing to hook it.

To avoid the towering cloud-capped peaks surrounding the valley, the tow plane was forced to climb steeply over a 15,000-foot ridge. The return trip to Hollandia with the glider was completed in 80 minutes.

Cpl. Hastings, McCollum and Decker were the sole survivors of a crash-up in which 20 other army personnel were killed on a mountainside.

They were discovered by army planes on reconnaissance. Subsequently pilots dropped supplies to the valley almost every day, and doctors parachuted with paratroops.

The three survivors maintained contact with the outside world by radio.

Hollywood to Be Target of Probe Of Subversive Acts

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—Acting Chairman John E. Rankin, D. Miss., announced today that the house un-American activities committee has decided to investigate "subversive activities" on the west coast and especially in Hollywood.

According to reports, one of the most dangerous plots ever investigated for the overthrow of this government had its headquarters in Hollywood, Calif., Rankin said. He said committee investigators will leave for Hollywood "at once."

Rankin left no doubt as to what he thinks about the movie capital.

"The information we get," he asserted, "is that this is the greatest hotbed of subversive activities in the United States."

Rankin said that Hollywood "individuals and organizations" will be investigated. He declined to say whether any "big name" Hollywood stars will be called as witnesses, but said "some of them probably will enter into it before we're through."

Gen. Devers Named Ground Force Head

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—Gen. Jacob L. Devers, who coordinated planning for the invasion of southern France, has been named commander of army ground forces to replace Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, who recently was assigned to head the 10th army on Okinawa.

Devers, 58, recently returned to this country from command of the sixth army group in Europe, comprising the U. S. 7th army, the French 1st army and several other units.

OPA Price Control Bill Goes to President

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—The house today gave last-minute approval to legislation extending price control for another year and giving the new secretary of agriculture, broader food control powers. The final vote was 255 to 94.

The house vote completed congressional action on the measure. Preparations were made to fly the bill to President Truman at Kansas City for signature before the act expires at midnight tonight. Otherwise there would be a temporary lapse in OPA, at least technically.

Republicans were defeated in efforts to retain original house provisions to provide court reviews of OPA orders and give the secretary of agriculture virtual food czar powers.

As approved, Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, D. N. M., the new secretary of agriculture, will have authority to veto all future office of price administration food pricing orders.

Submarine is Lost In Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—The navy today announced the 1325-ton submarine Kete was overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The skipper of the submarine was Lt. Cmdr. Edward Ackerman, 29, Cincinnati, O. He was listed as missing in action along with the rest of the crew. The vessel had a wartime complement of from 40 to 85 men.

Loss of this craft, which was presumably operating in far eastern waters, brought to 44 the number of submarines lost from all causes this war. It was the 325th naval vessel to be lost.

Jury Acquits Bowman on Charge of Slaying Father

A jury of three women and nine men early today found Albert Forrest Bowman, 28, of North Powder, not guilty of the murder of his father, Albert (Bert) Bowman, prominent North Powder stockman and rancher.

While the jury was not polled by the court upon the vote on the acquittal verdict, the members advised Circuit Judge Green upon his questioning that ten of the members voted for the acquittal. The votes of the other two were not revealed.

The case was given to the jury at 2:30 p.m. yesterday, and the verdict was returned at 12:30 a.m. today.

In his instructions, Judge Green told the jurors they were permitted under the law to return one of three verdicts, first degree murder, which might involve the death penalty, second degree murder, the penalty for which is life imprisonment, or manslaughter, which would entail a prison sentence. He also advised them a unanimous verdict would be necessary to find him guilty, but that as few as ten of the jurors could bring in a verdict of not guilty.

Since the opening of the trial on June 11, the case has attracted wide attention and a packed courtroom at every session, due to the prominence of the Bowman family.

The elder Bowman was killed at his ranch in the North Powder district April 22, and his son was arrested a few days later after admitting to officials that he struck his parent with a rock and threw the body into a well after a fight in which he said his father was the aggressor.

Throughout the trial both sides laid particular emphasis on the attitude of the elder Bowman, the state seeking to bring out See BOWMAN . . . Page 3

Top Quality Beef Slaughter is Cut For Next Quarter

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—The office of price administration has reduced maximum percentages of good and choice grade cattle that may be slaughtered within the next three months.

OPA said the action was taken to keep percentage figures in line with the smaller proportionate supply of good and choice cattle during this period when there is a big movement of lower grades to market.

The percentages refer to proportion of good and choice cattle that a slaughterer may kill compared with his total kill.

The new percentages in the states from the Pacific coast to and including Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico and the western part of Texas lying directly south of New Mexico, are: July, 80 per cent; August, 70 per cent, and September, 60 per cent.

The maximum in effect in the past three months, OPA said, was 75 per cent.

The revised percentages take into account the usual increased marketing of lower grades during the next three months, the agency added.

Zone A consists of states from the Pacific coast to and including Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and the western part of Texas lying directly south of New Mexico.

Vacation Travel Reservations Curbed

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—Vacationists who normally depend on Pullman or chair reservations will face possible long delays in returning home under new office of defense transportation regulations which went into effect last midnight.

Climaxing a campaign of warnings against civilian travel, the ODT in an order aimed at vacationists imposed a five-day advance limit on railroad passenger reservations. The order does not cancel reservations already made under the previous 30-day limit.

It was believed the Spanish charge d'affairs, Joaquin Manuel Gortaza, who took over only three days ago, would be summoned to the foreign ministry today and given his walking papers.

Security Charter Hearings to Start Monday in Capital

Former Foes of Foreign Tie-ups Drop Opposition

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—The senate foreign relations committee will begin hearings on the United Nations charter on Monday, July 9, under rules designed to hold testimony to a minimum.

This was announced today by chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., after a meeting of the committee.

The hearings will be delayed for one week after President Truman presents the charter for ratification next Monday. The committee agreed that it could make better time in the long run if it awaited the arrival of state department documents which explain the charter. These documents include commission reports and minutes of the San Francisco conference containing interpretations of various phases of the charter.

A subcommittee of five was appointed to draft the rules for the hearings. The members are Connally, Sens. Walter F. George, D. Ga.; Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich.; Theodore F. Green, D. R. I.; and Warren R. Austin, R. Vt.

Connally said that former secretary of state Edward R. Stettinius, jr., will be the first witness.

Asked if there was any indication of opposition to ratification, Connally said that "strange to say" the committee has not yet received any request for permission to testify either for or against the charter.

Sen. Hiram W. Johnson, R. Calif., a leader in the fight that kept the U. S. out of the league of nations and the world court, told reporters last night he might "possibly" vote for U. S. participation in a new world league to keep the peace by force if necessary.

Already most of the really formidable opposition to the charter has melted away. Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D. Mont., looked on as probable leader of an anti-ratification fight, told reporters during the week that as far as he is concerned there will be no organized opposition. He said he had not made up his own mind yet what position he will take.

Two other senators, expected to battle vigorously against U. S. entry into the projected world league, signified they are for it. Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, R. Wis., said he definitely intended to vote for ratification. Sen. C. Wayland Brooks, R. Ill., said as matters stand the charter might also get his support.

Army Price of Mutton Increased

WASHINGTON, June 30 (UP)—The office of price administration today authorized an increase of 25 cents per 100 pounds in maximum prices for all grades of lamb and mutton carcasses sold to war procurement agencies or assigned to buyers of set-aside lamb or mutton.

A similar increase in maximum prices was granted for lamb and mutton carcasses sold to the war shipping administration.

OPA described this action as part of the government's overall program to assist lamb producers in the form of increased subsidies and price adjustments. The increases will not affect civilian ceilings.

Byrnes Named for Place in Cabinet

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 30 (UP)—President Truman announced through his press secretary late today that he would send the name of James F. Byrnes to the senate Monday as his choice for the post of secretary of state.

Chinese Penetrate Border of Former Colony of France

PEARL HARBOR, June 30 (UU)—The Chinese invaded French Indo-China today and enemy broadcasts indicated two more allied invasions were approaching or already underway.

The Chinese high command announced that its forces had smashed across the border to take the town of Chungchingfu, northeast of Caochang. The Japanese recently took full control of the former French colony because they feared an invasion.

Other Chinese forces, 225 miles to the northeast, recaptured the burning city of Liuohow, former American airforce base taken by the Japanese last november. The Chinese also captured Linhai in their drive along the China coast which has carried within 130 miles of Shanghai at points.

Allies Continue Pounding of Rich Borneo Oil Port

MANILA, June 30 (UP)—Allied ships and planes were reported continuing to pour explosives into Balikpapan today in one of the most shattering bombardments of the war, and Tokyo said an allied landing was "imminent."

A weak Tokyo transmission in Italian heard in London implied that landing operations already had begun at Balikpapan. It appeared more likely, however, that the broadcast merely was reviewing allied activity off Balikpapan and interpreting it as a prelude to an invasion, as Tokyo has done on several previous occasions.

The Tokyo radio reported that the allied fleet which, according to Japanese reports, has been shelling the Borneo oil port ceaselessly for three weeks, had increased to more than 41 vessels. Tokyo said it now included five heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, 10 destroyers, more than 20 minesweepers and submarine chasers, three tankers and "a number of transports and other craft." The Japanese said an aircraft carrier also was believed in the vicinity.

Starmer is Named Chairman of City School Trustees

W. B. Starmer was elected chairman of the La Grande school board yesterday at the reorganization meeting.

C. W. Bunting was elected vice chairman and Claude Berry was sworn in as director for a new five-year term. Other members of the board are Lester Kingsley and Foster Sims.

Starmer was elected for the first time in 1935. Bunting became a member of the board in 1937. Berry was first elected in 1937 and Kingsley was appointed in 1936. Sims was appointed for a one-year term in 1941 and elected for a five-year term in 1942.

National Forest Area Use Curbed

SALEM, Ore., June 30 (UP)—All national forests in Oregon, and protective areas near them, were closed to unregulated use today by proclamation of acting governor Howard C. Belton.

The proclamation, issued by Belton in cooperation with the state forestry department, includes the following national forests and adjacent areas: Deschutes, Fremont, Malheur, Hood, Ochoco, Rogue river, Siskiyou, Umatilla, Umpqua, Willamette, Whitman and Willamette national forests.

Weather Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature: Maximum 68, Minimum 41, Precipitation Trace. Forecast: Generally clear tonight and Sunday.