

## British Conscription Move Eyed as Threat

### Caterpillar Pest Prevails Here; Crickets Fight Is on

#### Control Steps Not Difficult, Rieder Advises

#### Lead Arsenic Poison Is Recommended; Spray Details Are Told

#### Dust Sown in 100 Mile Area; Wasco County Is Now Menaced

Tent caterpillars have hit Marion county orchards, with the infestation of serious proportions, Assistant County Agent Robert Rieder reported yesterday.

However, the pest is easily controlled and Rieder urges that everyone finding the caterpillar start control measures in order to prevent a more serious outbreak next year.

"Use three or four pounds of lead arsenic to every 100 gallons of water as a spray to kill the tent caterpillar," the assistant county agent advises. The spray does not kill instantly, but the pests feed on the leaves so sprayed.

In stone fruits such as cherries, peaches and plums, the arsenic spray often causes injury after the fruit has set, so to avoid this injury, simply add two or three pounds of hydrated lime to each 100 gallons of spray, Rieder says.

Method simpler for small infestations.

In backyards, where just a few limbs are infested, these may be destroyed by a torch or by cutting out the infested limb and destroying it.

A few caterpillars found on shrubs may be destroyed with ordinary fly spray or any spray containing pyrethrum, which will kill as soon as it hits.

Rieder points out that the tent caterpillars make their appearances in cycles, and that this is apparently their year to come in quantities in this area.

THE DALES, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Circling over 100 square miles of the Warm Springs Indian reservation, CCC enrollees continued today to sow poison dust in an effort to stop a heavy infestation of destructive Mormon crickets.

Menacing the farm lands of (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

#### Deschutes Funds Supported Again

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—A senate-house committee appointed to adjust differences between the two chambers completed action today on the multi-million dollar interior department supply bill for the next fiscal year.

The committee disagreed on several large items added by the senate and decided to submit them to the house and senate for a separate vote.

The house conferees accepted senate additions of \$600,000 to the \$2,900,000 voted by the house for the national bituminous coal commission, and \$500,000 to the \$400,000 voted for general reclamation investigation. They also accepted a senate amendment of \$400,000 for continuation of construction on the Deschutes reclamation project in Oregon and a \$190,000 addition for the acquisition of lands under the Indian reorganization act.

Exemption Is Proposed

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—White collar workers receiving \$200 a month or more would be exempted from provisions of the wage-hour law under legislation recommended to the house today by its labor committee.

#### Actual Firebugs to Pay Penalty For Setting Blaze at West Salem



Above, left, John Newland; right, Cecil Moore; below, Ernest Carson.

#### Three Sentenced, Goon Arson Case

DALLAS, April 25.—(AP)—The three men who fired the West Salem box factory in November, 1937, were sentenced today by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker to seven years in the state penitentiary, despite the plea of Special Prosecutor Ralph E. Moody that two of them be paroled from the bench.

The trio, Ernest Carson, John Newland and Cecil Moore, will be taken to the prison this afternoon. They pleaded guilty 14 months ago.

Moody asked for the parole for Carson and Newland because they gave "valuable service" to the state in the trial of Albert E. Rossier, former AFL teamster secretary for Oregon who was convicted (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

#### Treasury Office Probe Continuing

Whether Grand Jury Will Meet Today Not Told; Drager Is Called

The Marion county grand jury kept a wall of secrecy yesterday around its investigation of the \$23,520.41 shortage in the county treasurer's office as the probe went into its second day.

Francis E. Marsh, special assistant attorney general directing the checkup, said he would be at the courthouse today but did not know definitely whether or not the grand jury would meet. He had indicated Monday there might be some delay in securing certain unnamed witnesses.

Two persons in addition to C. C. Spears, private investigation agent, and Floyd K. Bowers, assistant supervisor of the state division of audits, were seen about the grand jury meeting place. County Treasurer D. G. Drager was closeted with the jury during most of the morning. W. I. Staley, business college head and frequent court witness in the role of handwritten expert, at one time waited outside the jury room.

#### Rival Dispensers Group Is Formed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—A fight in the Oregon Food and Beverage Dispensers association, comprising mainly individuals licensed by the state liquor control commission to sell light wine and beer, has resulted in creation of a rival organization, E. H. Aebi, former association trustee, disclosed tonight.

The new group, called Taverns, Inc., was made up principally of former association members who were displeased by a by-laws change creating a three-man governing board to be appointed by the president, Thomas Holman. Taverns, Inc., members contended the change resulted in too great a concentration of authority in the hands of the president.

Aebi said F. H. Sus, former secretary of the association, had resigned to join the new group.

#### Missing Witness Found in Jury Box After 11 Months

A new kind of surprise witness popped up in the circuit court jury box yesterday when Joseph E. Law, Salem engineer, discovered the case on which he had been drawn as a juror involved an automobile accident about which he had been wondering for 11 months and four attorneys discovered that Law was an eye witness they had been searching for without success during the same time.

Law was promptly excused from duty and attorneys for both sides rushed down the court room aisle after him.

The case was that of Nellie E. Black against R. C. Stith and

#### North Santiam Booster Group Now Organized

Improvement Completion and Later Extension to Coast Sought

Flood Control Dam Gets Approval Along With Other Projects

Organization of the North Santiam Development league with the immediate objective completion of the North Santiam highway to Bend and ultimate extension by way of Salem to the coast was perfected at a meeting held last night at the Argo hotel, called by the Hollywood club of Salem and a delegation from Stayton.

Representatives were present also from Idanha, Aumville, Jefferson, Grand Island and the Salem Kiwanis club, in all about 35. Roy R. Hewitt, Salem, was elected chairman of the permanent organization; L. E. Spraker, Stayton, vice-president; Dr. Lloyd L. Hockett, Salem, secretary; L. H. Wright, Stayton, treasurer; C. E. Haseman, Idanha, and W. H. Henderson, Salem, executive committee members, with three other empanelled to select three other committee members.

No Provision For Power, Explained

"Contrary opinion which apparently kept a Salem chamber of commerce delegation away from this meeting, the committee which drew up the proposal for organization does not urge inclusion of any electric power provision in the plans. We are looking for means of getting a road across instead of looking for a fight," A. M. Church, temporary secretary, informed the group.

The organization proposes completion of the highway for approximately a 13-mile stretch this way from Detroit; construction of the North Santiam dam as authorized in the Willamette Valley flood control project; extension of irrigation in the valley; and encouragement of home and factory building in the district.

"Some of the first money for the Willamette basin project will be expended on the North Santiam highway," R. H. Kipp, secretary (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### Request Receiver For Hearst Firm

WILMINGTON, Del., April 25.—(AP)—US district court was asked today to appoint a receiver for Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., the holding-operating company for many of the Hearst newspapers in the United States.

The suit was filed by three stockholders who charged neglect, mismanagement and waste. The plaintiffs were Mary E. Lanford and Iola J. Harter of Washington, and Everett L. Mier of Chicago.

The complaint asked that a receiver "take possession of all the monies, assets and properties" and conserve them pending final settlement. The bill asked also an accounting by company officers.

#### Holdup Staged At Candy Shop On High Street

Bold Bandit Takes Only Currency; Excellent Description Given

Woman in Store Admits Scare but Tries to Stall for Time

A bold robbery, staged at 8:35 o'clock Tuesday night at May-belle's Candy shop, South High and Ferry streets, left Salem police with only meager clues this morning to find the robber.

Ten dollars in bills were taken by the robber who entered the shop and told Mrs. Marion Sloan, sole employe at night to "give me your money."

Mrs. Sloan, frightened by the small revolver which the robber pointed at her, walked slowly towards the cash register. When she rang it open, the robber pointed at the bills and told her to hand them over. She complied.

Mrs. Sloan was then ordered to go into the kitchen in the rear of the store. The robber backed to the door and started west on Ferry street. He warned Mrs. Sloan to stay in the kitchen. She started out into the candy shop, saw the intruder and the side-walk. He tapped the window with his gun and motioned her back into the kitchen.

Mrs. Sloan told police last night that she stayed there until she heard a car start up and speed down Ferry street. Then she took the telephone and called the police station.

Visibly shaken by the experience, Mrs. Sloan told details to (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

#### Shortage of Coal Becoming Serious

Critical Stage Within 2 Weeks Is Predicted as Deadlock Continues

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Chairman Percy Tellow of the coal commission estimated today that the dwindling supply of soft coal could reach the critical stage forerunner of a national emergency, if the soft coal wage negotiations remained deadlocked for another two weeks.

Tellow pointed out in an interview that current production in the states outside the Appalachian field was only about 2,000,000 tons weekly, as against a normal consumption demand of 7,000,000 a week. Normal production, geared to keep pace with consumption, has been about 7,000,000 tons a week.

The shutdown of operations in the Appalachian field pending the negotiation of a new contract between the operators and the United Mine Workers, has halted production of 7,000,000 tons a week.

#### Goering Uniforms All Need Revision

BERLIN, April 25.—(AP)—Business is good for Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering's tailors.

The No. 2 suit lost so much weight during a vacation in Italy that all his uniforms have to be taken in at the seams. He has a lot of them.

#### To Assume new Education Post

Howard President, Education College

Succeeds Churchill Who Is Partly Retiring; Year Budget Is Adopted

EUGENE, April 25.—(AP)—The state board of higher education named Dr. C. A. Howard, president of Eastern Oregon college of education, to the presidency of Oregon college of education today and adopted a budget of \$3,163,399 for the coming year.

Dr. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction for 10 years, will succeed J. A. Churchill, who has reached retirement age. Churchill will remain at Monmouth as president emeritus and perform various staff duties. Howard, at the La Grande institution for two years, was graduated from Oregon State college and formerly served as principal of Eugene high school and superintendent of schools at Marshfield.

President Churchill, who began his career as superintendent of Baker schools in 1891, was state superintendent of public instruction for 13 years and president of Southern Oregon college of education from 1927 to 1931.

The operating cost budget was assigned as follows: University of Oregon \$916,847; Oregon State college \$1,283,779; medical school \$329,297; Oregon college of education \$176,189; Southern Oregon college of education \$84,701; Eastern Oregon (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

#### 6th Arrest Made In Poison Probe

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Assistant District Attorney Vincent P. McDewitt announced early today the arrest of a sixth person in a wide-spread poison for insurance ring.

McDewitt said Mrs. Josephine Romano, 41, admitted she killed her husband 20 years ago and collected \$7,000 of his insurance.

The arrest came a few hours after the district attorney had announced "startling developments" in an investigation of the ring which operated in four states.

Four slayings previously had been attributed to the syndicate. District Attorney Charles F. Kelley announced three or four more arrests would be made within the next few days.

"Since yesterday there have been a number of startling developments," he said. "Just how many deaths are involved we do not know for sure, but the number has been augmented considerably.

"Some of the real brains of the ring are still at large, although we have some of the brains in custody."

#### Acid Thrown Upon German Soldiers

PRAGUE, April 25.—(AP)—Official news agency dispatches from Pilsen today reported 30 attacks on German soldiers in which acid was thrown on them by unidentified persons.

The attacks were said to have occurred on streets well crowded with pedestrians. German authorities in the region, which formerly was a part of Czechoslovakia, arrested 50 "Marxists" of Czech nationality and 50 Jews in retaliation.

#### Flight Is Postponed

MOSCOW, April 26.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—A magnetic storm over Finland and unfavorable weather conditions farther west caused postponement early today of a so-called Moscow-to-the-world's-fair flight.

#### Attorney Convicted

CANON CITY, Colo., April 25.—(AP)—Dr. Raymond L. Atterberry was convicted of second degree murder today for strangling his 21-year old wife to death last December 21.

### Hope of Softening Reply From Hitler Is Apparently Vain

#### Return of Ambassador Was to Convey This Information, Admitted in London Semi-Officially

#### "Silly" to Hope Nazis May Be Swayed By This Move, Press View There; England's Budget Rocketed

(By The Associated Press)

Great Britain was reported to have decided Tuesday upon conscription—compulsory military service—for more than 1,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 21.

Although the British government hoped this dramatic preparedness move would soften whatever words Chancellor Hitler is arranging to speak in his reichstag address Friday, the German press promptly retorted it would make "no impression on the reichsfuehrer."

Semi-official circles in London acknowledged the sudden return of the British ambassador to Berlin was to convey to Hitler news of the decision, which was made after reported prompting from both France and Russia.

However, Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, important Berlin newspaper, said "it would be silly to believe that the German government could be surprised" by conscription "or be dissuaded from its course by warnings or threats."

The British envoy, Sir Neville Henderson, cooled his heels in Berlin, failing to get an interview with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Britain's conscription decision was expected to strengthen the French-British alliance and smooth the way for Russia's entrance, with Turkey probably following.

Britain took one other great step yesterday in preparation for trouble. The government announced the largest peace-time budget in British history, with half of it to be spent on the armed forces and civilian defense.

It was a budget of \$1,320,000,000 (\$6,177,600,000), with the defense cost set at nearly \$630,000,000 (\$2,948,400,000).

Mr. Roosevelt informed congress that the aim of this "reorganization plan No. 1" was to "improve the administrative management of the republic" and to save some \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

At a press conference later in the day, he announced two more plans would be forthcoming at this session of congress... one dealing with inter-departmental transfers and mergers, and the other with changes within departments. The latter will combine all law enforcement agencies of the treasury.

Unless both branches of congress specifically disapprove, the plan will become effective 60 days hence. Under the reorganization act, no changes in the president's proposals can be made and congress has only the alternatives of approving, or vetoing, the program as a whole. Estimates (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

#### Keesh to Handle Tax Foreclosures

Edwin Keesh, attorney who conducted Marion county's first major tax foreclosure program seven years ago, will be retained formally in the near future to prosecute a new group of foreclosures, County Judge J. C. Siegmund said yesterday. The county court and District Attorney Lyle J. Page were reported by Judge Siegmund to have agreed on Keesh's appointment as a deputy district attorney for this purpose.

A large number of properties became subject last year to tax foreclosure after installments on old levies had lapsed but action toward the county's acquiring them was postponed.

District Attorney Page said he anticipated institution of foreclosure actions soon.

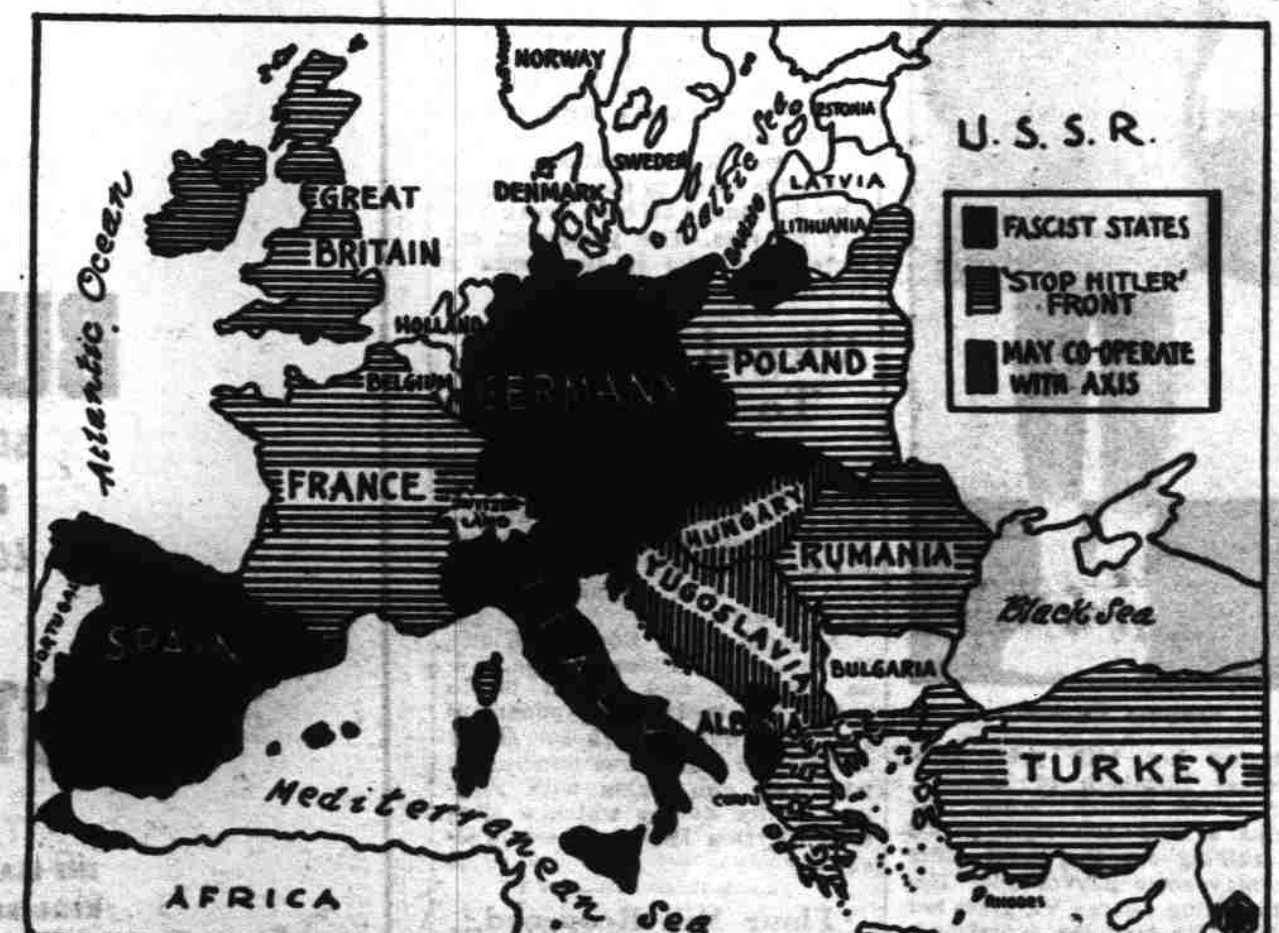
#### Strain Upon School Budget Due to City Growth Is Seen

The 1939-40 Salem school district budget will have little room for new or extended appropriations, W. H. Burghardt, business manager, advised the school board last night.

"The normal increase in teachers' salaries, under the salary schedule, will just about take up the allowable 6 per cent increase in the budget," Burghardt reported.

An increase of approximately \$16,000 in the current expense tax is permitted under the 6 per cent constitutional limitation. The routine salary increases will require at least \$12,000 of that amount. Burghardt indicated the board has not yet named its citizens' budget committee for the year. Looking to the approaching

#### ATTITUDE OF YUGOSLAVIA IS IMPORTANT



The nature of Yugoslavia's accord with the Rome-Berlin axis, recently announced, is in dispute; Diplomatic sources indicated it amounted to economic cooperation only but Rome announced it as a diplomatic victory. The map shows how important Yugoslavia is to the conflicting alliances in Europe.