

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

This is mostly about telephones, which are such remarkable gadgets that we can't help wondering how we ever got along before Don Ameche invented them. The thing that most recently piqued our curiosity about them was the time signal number you can dial and hear a gentle voice inform you that when the buzz buzzes Paul H. Hauser, Jr. it will be exactly whatever time it will be when the buzz buzzes. We went to the telephone company and a man told us, to our great surprise, that every time we did that we were listening to a girl in Portland, who does nothing all day but sit and say "When you hear the signal it will be . . . every 15 seconds. It's no use trying to date any of the girls, though, because they can't hear a word we say."

The fact that Chinese culture always engulfs that of their conquerors has been noted here. Local Japanese laundries are ardent devotees of Chinese checkers.

THE CASE OF SERGEANT CUTLER

There's no Doe like Buck Sergeant Jack Cutler of the Salem police returned yesterday from his first hunting trip, bearing a solitary doe as trophy of the chase.—News item.

Sergeant Cutler from Missouri, Of Missouri tribes the head, hunting monthly in the forest, 340 1/2 Commercial tepee, Lately hunted in the forest, Hunted deer there in the forest. There the Night Deer Sergeant Cutler Bore his nice new shining rifle, Boom-boom stick with sights upon it. Red-capped hunters were around him, Shooting holes in brush and thicket, But the dapper Sergeant Cutler Neither heeded them nor heard them. For his thoughts were with the male deer. On their tracks his eyes were fastened. Many felons had he followed. By their tracks, this mighty hunter; Fingerprint, indeed, would help him, But deer of fingers haven't any. "Deer in thousands," he was muttering, "Then there must be one for me." Then his heart within him fluttered, Trembled like a jitterbug, Wah-wah-Taysee, little jitterbug, As a deer came down the pathway. Then upon one knee he sprang, Sergeant Cutler aimed his rifle, Took a head and pulled the trigger. Dead the deer lay in the forest. Deadest doe in all Grant county, And the heart of Sergeant Cutler Throbbled and shivered and exulted As he there affixed a deer tag. And he but the male deer homeward. All the station men and boys, All the cops praised Sergeant Cutler, Called him Strongheart, Mahng-go-Taysee! Called him Lionheart, Mahng-go-Taysee!

War Intelligence—The Saturday Evening Smoother and Tatting society will hold an emergency meeting to decide whether or not it will remain neutral in the present unpleasantness overseas. European capitals are watching the session with interest, a source close to the foreign office has affirmed. . . . A slight increase in the price of cream puffs and lady fingers is predicted due to war conditions.

CORRECTION
Earlier reports that changes in the Republican band's practice schedule at the city hall had no political significance are believed to be in error. Authoritative city hall sources reveal that there is some lack of harmony in the organization and that a push is being planned by the trombone section.

Relief Deficit of Over Million Seen

David Eccles, state budget director, Tuesday predicted that Oregon would close the 1939-40 biennium with a \$1,395,238 deficit in the relief budget. The budget director said the revenues estimated for relief purposes would not be as large as expected. The 1939 legislature estimated relief revenues would aggregate \$9,200,000, but Eccles predicted the amount would not exceed \$7,864,761. Most of the relief funds come from liquor profits.

War Briefs

BRUSSELS, Oct. 4.—(Wednesday)—An official Belgian communiqué today announced 12 German soldiers crossed the Belgian frontier in automobiles. They were arrested and disarmed. The communiqué gave no further details and left unmentioned the point where the border violation took place.

PARIS, Oct. 4.—(Wednesday)—Military authorities today arrested two persons whose names appeared on a tract urging "immediate peace"—and ordered an inquiry against 29 others who also apparently signed the appeal. The pamphlet had been circulated among members of parliament. The military action seemed to characterize the government's reaction to the German-soviet Russian offer of peace based on the partition of Poland. At the same time, Premier Daladier gathered his cabinet together under the chairmanship of President Lebrun to consider possible action against former communist members of the chamber of deputies, now under another party banner, who sent a letter to Edouard Herriot, president of the chamber, suggesting parliament be called to discuss peace.

Allies Refusal Balks Nazi Peace

Chest Works Launch Drive In High Hopes

Community Campaign Is Opened Tonight by Kickoff Event

City Already 'Sold' on Cause's Worthiness, Leaders Believe

To the accompaniment of an appropriate amount of enthusiasm though not all of it will be expressed in the sort of noises evoked by gridiron cheerleaders, the "kickoff" for the third annual Salem Community Chest campaign will take place at a dinner scheduled for tonight at 6:15 o'clock at the Marion hotel. Team leaders are hoping to have all of their solicitors present, which would insure an attendance of about 200.

Officers of the Chest said that from such indications as were available, they were confident that the public was already "sold" on the merits of the seven agencies which the Chest funds support and on the Chest method of collection. Mayor W. W. Chadwick issued the following proclamation on Tuesday:

"The slogan of the Salem Community Chest campaign for 1939 is 'Have a Heart.' Fundamental when a citizen is asked to contribute to the Community Chest, that is the only question he needs to ask himself—whether he 'has a heart' that responds to the community's need for emergency relief and for continuation of the work which Salem's various charitable-building institutions are doing. "There are cases of need which public relief agencies cannot accept, and types of necessary assistance which they cannot perform. The Red Cross, the Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. are some of these needs. Of greater lasting benefit to the community are the life-directing services which most of these same agencies afford and which the other three—the Boy Scouts, the YMCA and the YWCA—make their principal concern. "When you are approached by the solicitors for the Salem Community Chest, bear in mind that these are the civic services in which you are being invited to have a part—and have a heart. (Signed) Mayor W. W. Chadwick."

At the kickoff dinner tonight George Alexander, who will be acting chairman of the campaign committee throughout the campaign, will be the toastmaster. Rev. T. J. Bernards will lead in the invocation. Dinner music will be provided by Brad Collins and his orchestra and group singing will be led by George Lee Marks, director of music at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Josephine Albert Spaulding will sing a solo. Entertainment will include a pantomime "Muscle Men" arranged by Barney Kenworthy and Fred Smith. Brief addresses by W. M. Hamilton, president of the Chest; Governor Charles A. Sprague and Dr. J. C. Harrison are expected to be heard at 8:30 p.m. The various solicitation teams, all of which have held meetings for instruction and distribution of supplies, will begin their canvass of the city Thursday forenoon. At noon on Thursday and Friday, as well as throughout the coming week, luncheons will be held in the main dining room of the Marion hotel. The Chest has resolved to reach the goal of \$50,000 in time to celebrate that achievement at a "Victory dinner" Friday noon.

Navy Plane Downed
KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 3.—(P)—Ensign R. J. Crowley, Seattle, pilot, escaped injury tonight when a navy biplane crashed through a fence attempting to take off from a farm field near here.

Chinese Junk From Shanghai Nears US, Voyagers Starving

SEATTLE, Oct. 3.—(P)—The coast and geodetic survey vessel Discoverer radioed today it had given aid to a Chinese junk 105 days out of Shanghai, which was in distress without food or water off northern Vancouver island. The junk, with five men and one woman aboard, took aboard food, fresh water and tobacco and then declined a tow, saying it could reach Puget Sound without further assistance. The Discoverer radioed the coast guard here. The Discoverer's message: "At noon Tuesday sighted Chinese junk off Cape Cook, Vancouver island, signaling distress. When approached, reported name Taiping, master's name Anderson, 105 days out of Shanghai, lost, out of fresh water and food, also rudder damaged. Five men, one woman aboard, one reported ill seafarer. Attempted tow unsuccessful account mast starting and junk broaching. "Supplied water, food and tobacco and proceeded Seattle on their statement they could make Puget Sound without further aid. Discoverer arrives Canal Locks about 2 p.m. Wednesday. "Jones, commanding officer." The Discoverer, under Lieut. Comdr. G. C. Jones, was returning from a summer's survey work in the Aleutian islands. Earlier this year, Richard Haliburton, writer and adventurer, and his crew were lost in a similar attempt to cross the Pacific from the Orient to the China coast. The ship, Sea Dragon, their radio went silent March 24 in mid-Pacific and no trace of their craft was found.

Allies Defeat Is Impossible, Hoover's View

No Worse Than Draw in War Forecast by Ex-chief

All-Around Superiority Belief Expressed in Interview

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—(P)—The belief that British-French superiority economically and at sea would make their defeat by Germany impossible was expressed today by Herbert Hoover in an interview with Roy W. Howard printed in The New York World-Telegram.

The former president, who in a series of high official positions saw much of the inner struggle of the world war at first hand, thus summed up his opinions: "If one surveys the whole front—sea, land, air and economic resources—I am convinced the allies can defend their empire."

"The end may be victory for them. At worst it might be stalemate. I do not see any possibility that I can be defeated."

Mr. Hoover's views were given in response to an expression by Howard, who is editor of The World-Telegram, that "a dangerous emotionalism is diluting American reasoning; that the idea is spreading rapidly in certain sections of this country that France and England are facing defeat and that in order to avoid catastrophe to civilization and to save ourselves the United States must sooner or later enter the European war."

To this, Howard reported, the former president responded: "It is true there is the utmost danger in war times of emotions overwhelming common sense. The most regrettable thing that could happen to us would be the building up of a war party in the United States, but the premise of the ideas you mention is wrong. German exhaustion. Matter of time. "The war is only a month old. But the major factors are already emerging. The British and French (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Estonia Balking At Russ Demands

Soviet Wants new Bases Added to Agreement, Pact Opposed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 4.—(Wednesday)—(P)—Ratification of the Russian-Estonian mutual assistance pact has been unexpectedly delayed, it was learned here today, despite the fact that today was the deadline for the formal ratification. A Russian military commission which was sent to Estonia has returned to Moscow without reaching an agreement on the Soviet naval and air base question.

Reliable reports here said that differences arose over Soviet demands that Estonia supply bases other than those provided for in the original Moscow agreement of last Friday. These were to have been on the islands of Dagoe and Oesel and at the mainland port of Baltisk. Estonia, it was reported, vigorously opposed all the new Russian demands.

AS WARSAW SURRENDERED IN RAILWAY CAR

Reminiscent of the signing of the World war truce in 1918, this scene shows Polish leaders and German army officials negotiating terms of surrender of Warsaw in a railroad car. Polish spokesmen are background. General von Blaskowitz, German commander, is at left. (Hij radio photo.)

Nazi Bustle Hints Attack Into Alsace

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 3.—(P)—Heavy reinforcement of the German garrison along the upper Rhine river north of Basel and mysterious night activity along the riverfront led tonight to reports the Germans were planning an attack against northeastern Alsace.

Troop trains which heretofore passed through Baden now are said to be depositing thousands of soldiers, many of whom are veterans of the Polish campaign, at bases in the forests of the Black forest and the upper Rhine valley. Quantities of equipment sent from Austria and Bohemian factories to the Rhine valley include large pontoons.

Carefully-shielded lights were observed over the shallow water on the German side of the river at Germany's "Rhine-land Gibraltar" of Istein, where the Rhine rushes into rapids.

The Germans, if they strike from the Istein area, would cross to that part of Alsace lying between Mulhouse and the Swiss frontier, which forms the threshold of the great Burgundian gate between the Vosges and Jura mountains before Belfort.

For centuries has been the pathway of armies invading France from the east. Now, however, 40 land miles between Istein and Belfort are heavily fortified by the French.

China Carrying Air War to Foe

Warplanes Inflict Damage at Hankow Base as Raids Resumed

HANKOW, Oct. 3.—(P)—Carrying aerial warfare to the enemy for the first time in months, Chinese airmen today bombed a Japanese air base on the outskirts of Hankow, from which the Chinese were driven last October.

At least 10 Japanese planes were destroyed at the Hankow airfield, Chinese authorities at Chungking said. They asserted about 180 Japanese planes were lined up on the field when the Chinese fliers dropped their bombs. They said the explosions caused huge columns of smoke visible for many miles. Chinese officials said bombs from the eight raiding warplanes ignited warehouses and gasoline stores at the Hankow airfield, which formerly served as a Chinese air base.

Japanese naval aircraft were reported carrying out widespread attacks on Chinese airfields in Szechuen province. Chungking has been threatened for five nights by Japanese planes, reports said. Last night the air raid alarm lasted five hours and 45 minutes, but the Japanese were said to have concentrated on Luchow and Suifu, both in Szechuen province.

Filling more gaps in the blockade of China coast, the Japanese navy announced the closing tomorrow of the port of Kuatow, 30 miles south of Wenchow, near the Chekiang-Fukien border.

Tooless Brogues Taboo For Schoolmarm too

KONE, Oct. 3.—(P)—Style or no style, tooless shoes are "out" in one school classrooms. Superintendent of Schools Erritt Hummel decreed today. The order followed appearance of a teacher in a classroom wearing the vented brogues.

Chamberlain's Speech Flatly Spurns Offer

Welcomes Other Moves for Peace if Not Based on Threat

"Mere Assurances" From Nazi Regime Held Not Sufficient

By J. C. STARK
LONDON, Oct. 3.—(P)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared flatly today against treating with Germany on the basis of "mere assurances" from the Nazi regime but said he would welcome any peace proposals which would achieve Britain's announced war aim of ending "German aggression."

This was the reply of the British-French allies to the Soviet-German declaration last week that Berlin and Moscow would hold "consultations" if Britain and France failed to make peace with Germany.

Making his fifth weekly report to the house of commons on progress of the war, Chamberlain called the Soviet-German declaration a "scarcely veiled threat."

George Urges Care In Handling Neutrals
The dramatic session pitted against Chamberlain white-manned David Lloyd George, Britain's world war prime minister, in an extreme which reversed the roles the two statesmen have played in recent years.

The fiery Welshman urged "very careful consideration" of any "specific, detailed and broad" proposals which might come from Germany through Soviet Russia or Italy.

This point was that abrupt rejection might make Russia and Italy "hostile neutrals." He added that:

"We know and the United States know that they can help us as neutrals. Antagonizing Russia, Italy warmed."

"Russia and Italy, within the limits of neutrality, can make all the difference between being friendly and hostile neutrals. "We do not want to double our enemies."

Lloyd George said it would be a "first class mistake" to enter a conference without asking the United States, Russia and Italy to participate, if a peace parley is suggested.

Chamberlain replied that no peace proposal "has yet come to us, and at this stage it would be premature to build any hopes on the likelihood of such a proposal being made."

He added, however, that "no man would welcome more wholeheartedly a peace proposal."

Albany Drawing Held no Lottery

ALBANY, Oct. 3.—(P)—Charges of conducting a lottery against Carl Curlee, Albany chamber of commerce secretary, and Carroll Waller were dismissed today in a preliminary hearing in justice court.

The men were arrested recently before 3000 persons gathered for a prize drawing, a feature of the Albany merchants' fall opening program.

Justice of the Peace Victor Oliver said the drawing was not a lottery as the number-bearing tickets were distributed without cost.

Germans Studying British Response Before Next Move

Quick, Powerful Thrust Westward Is Expected Soon After Fuehrer Explains to Reichstag

Nazis Puzzled at Britain's Method of Conducting Blockade War, not Attacking Country

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler and his aides tonight gave "serious" consideration to Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech today which Nazis interpreted as setting forth Britain's determination not to halt the war now.

The text of Chamberlain's statement to the house of commons was rushed to Hitler, who studied it with Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

"Several passages in Chamberlain's speech must be examined closely before authoritative reaction can be given from Germany," a Nazi official said.

It was obvious, however, that a grave view was taken of Britain's attitude and that Germany has made up her mind to strike hard and fast after Hitler explains to the reichstag later this week that Germany has obtained what she wants from Poland and therefore sees no reason why the war should continue in the west.

Nazis professed "complete inability" to comprehend the British stand. They said Britain does not want to quit and yet does not want to fight.

By fighting, they said they meant forthright attacks on German soil, not just an effort to shut off Germany's raw material supplies through a trade and war blockade.

Subs Right To Attack Armed Ships
That German submarines would attack every armed merchantman was made clear.

"The German navy not only will be entitled to, but will be obliged to, break the resistance of such ships with all possible means," said the semi-official commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland.

"None regrets more than Germany that the English method is leading to unnecessary enlargement of the number of persons exposed to the dangers of war." Indications that the United States congressional debate on the neutrality issue would last about three weeks were taken as a good sign in German official quarters. Neutrality Debate Held Good Thing.

"All traps involved in lifting the arms embargo thus can clearly be brought out for the American people," one source said.

"It eliminates the possibility of railroaders' proposals through without the people knowing what they are being let in for."

Word of continuing recognition of the Polish government by the United States was received here with a shrug. "There's nothing we can do about it," informed quarters commented.

The Washington statement concerning Poland was not considered "specific" in these quarters as to whether it recognized the new Polish government formed in Paris Saturday or the old one.

One result of Chamberlain's speech was expected to be the speeding up of negotiations with Russia to increase raw materials moving into Germany.

A visit to Berlin by Soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov was held to be "quite probable."

Noted Architect Of Oregon Dead

PORTLAND, Oct. 3.—(P)—Edgar Lazarus, 71, Portland architect who designed the famous Columbia river gorge Vista House among many other noted Oregon structures, died tonight.

His wife survives him.

Senators Norris and Holt Air Opposing Embargo Views

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—(P)—Senator George Norris (Ind-Neb), who voted against United States entry into the World war, urged repeal of the arms embargo tonight, asserting that England and France were fighting "the battle of humanity and civilization against 'ruthless and murderous' foes."

Speaking to a radio audience while the senate's youngest member, Rich B. Egan (D-Ava), was advocating over another network that the embargo be retained, the elderly Norris said the guiding theory of Adolf Hitler and "other dictators" would mean the end of existing civilization if carried to its logical conclusion.

Norris said it had been argued that the administration-supported bill to repeal the arms ban and forbid American ships to carry any goods to the belligerents would favor England and France, leaving the world control in their hands and prevent Germany from making any purchases in this country.

"But it is equally true," he continued, "that if we fail to take the course I have outlined, and the present embargo law is kept intact, such action will be favorable to Hitler and other dictators."

It was fortunate, Norris added, that "in following our legal rights as universally recognized, we are able to enact a law which will more likely keep us out of the war and at the same time puts us on the side of humanity and civilization."