

Russian Bombs Strike Capital

Suburban District Is Given Jolt by Invaders in Capital City

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ening Helsinki with complete destruction.

With today's raids, military observers drew the conclusion that the soviet high command was seeking every opportunity to strike terror into Finland's civilian population to offset failures on the war front.

The Finnish high command in a communique said more than 400 Russian airplanes participated in yesterday's mass attacks but that damage was relatively slight. Only two persons were reported killed and ten wounded.

The raids were directed chiefly against southwest Finland and Finnish fortifications on the Karelian isthmus.

Finn Troops Destroy 12 Russian Tanks

An enemy attack on Alttajoki, on the eastern front north of Lake Ladoga, was repelled. Finnish troops on all fronts destroyed 12 Russian tanks and three armored cars, the communique added.

Swedish and other Scandinavian correspondents in the field reported a partial withdrawal of soviet troops from Leningrad, the port of Finland's extreme north Petsamo district. Other Scandinavian reporters, however, told of preparations for a great Russian advance from the Salla district, 200 miles south of Petsamo but well in the Arctic circle, with 40,000 men already massed for action, others coming west and still more being dropped from planes in paratroopers.

These reports came against the background of air raids and stories that loudspeakers in front of red army positions in the Karelian isthmus were blaring to opposing Finns: "Surrender within 48 hours or the Germans are coming."

Public Apathy Is Candidate Chance

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thinking of running for sheriff, whose vote-attracting possibilities will not help Andy Burk's insomnia, if Andy has insomnia.

Starting the family car these frosty mornings is no more difficult than getting the party machines moving. Leaders are trying to run them in low gear until things warm up a bit. The Marion County Republican club had a crowd out at its meeting last week, but it took an election with a hot contest for the presidency and a name factor, drum-beating to do it. But at that the GOP has more enthusiasm than it could muster in the lean new deal years.

As for the democrats, they have fallen upon evil days. Not only have Oregon and especially Marion county gone back to its normal republican-majority status, but the Bourbons' ranks are split over the Commonwealth Federation and, right now, that split is especially bitter over the Commonwealth's "draft, Roosevelt" petitions. There are indications that at least some old-line democrats would be receptive to the idea, if they could forget the source.

The democrats got the jump with the help of Jackson day but now the republicans are on the march. Last night a goodly number of them gathered at Dorchester house, DeLake, for a McNary-for-president rally; and plans are beginning to shape up for the Lincoln day banquet. The one in Salem will be the night of February 12 at the Marion hotel. Lewis Judson is general chairman. Mrs. R. L. Wright heads the decorations committee and Dr. E. F. Pound will head the committee to select the speaker. Oregon's headline event that night will be the rally at the Portland auditorium at which Thomas E. Dewey will be the speaker.

There were rumors Saturday that Folger Johnson, Portland architect, was the choice of federal housing administration officials for the Oregon administrator position vacated by the death of Jamison Parker. These rumors emanated from Portland and may have represented wishful thinking.

Chan Brown Lone Council Aspirant

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Study of the city's character with the aim of revision was the major point in Mayor W. W. Chittick's recommendations to the council in his annual message.

Bids for leasing of the municipal airport from private operators will be considered. The airport is now under temporary management of Lee O. Eyerly, who is expected to submit a bid for the permanent lease.

Proposals for requesting property owners on the south side of Trade street between Liberty and High streets to petition for paving of the unfinished portion of the street will also be submitted. The portion under consideration adjoints the Paulus Bros. cannery and property owned by the Portland General Electric company.

Three Arrested

Persons arrested late last night for traffic violations in Salem included: Elmer Harvey, general delivery, failure to stop and no driver's license; W. H. Vargnet, 346 N. 15th, violation of the basic rule; and Lloyd Perill, Buhl, Ore., failure to stop.

Evil Forces Held Fed by Quarrels

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Evil forces attempting to undermine righteousness feed on controversies in religion, a meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews was told today.

The prejudices which breed hate are due to ignorance and misunderstanding and lead consequently to a forgetfulness of the dignity and sanctity of human personality.

Josephine Clerk Offered Leniency

Circuit Judge Offers to Make Up Shortage in Funds

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton sentenced F. L. Coon, former Josephine county clerk, to 18 months in the state penitentiary today and then paroled him with an offer to contribute money to cover Coon's defalcations.

Coon pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of embezzling \$7,271 in public funds. He thanked the judge for the offer but explained friends already had contributed sufficient money.

A petition from 250 businessmen asking leniency was presented to the court by W. T. Miller, the defendant's attorney.

Coon, clerk for 19 years, wrote a check to cover defalcations not included in the indictment. District Attorney Orvall J. Millard said a check of records showed at least \$345 had been taken.

The grand jury continued its study of county affairs based on a report and audit by Alfred W. Mundt, certified public accountant. Mundt was employed by the county court.

Ben W. Coutant, 50, republican, was sworn in today as Coon's successor.

'Travel America' Year Is Favored

European Fight Prompts Proclamation of US President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, noting that the European war would "deter travel" by American citizens to belligerent areas, today proclaimed 1940 "Travel America year" and asked the American people to do their vacationing in Western Hemisphere nations.

This, he said, would "further consolidate our unity" by promoting better knowledge of "our own and each others' countries."

The text of the proclamation follows:

"Whereas the exigencies of international conflict may be expected to deter travel by American citizens to the areas involved, and

"Whereas no such deterrent to travel exists among the friendly nations of the Western Hemisphere, and

"Whereas it is important that we in the Americas further consolidate our unity by a better knowledge of our own and each others' countries through the instrumentality of travel, and

"Whereas the facilities of the government of the United States may well be devoted to the encouragement of so laudable a program now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do proclaim 1940 as Travel America year and do invite our own citizens and friends from other lands to join in a great travel movement, so that our peoples may be drawn even more closely together in sympathy and understanding."

Methodist Youth Continue Session

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leaders to discuss the problems of youth.

Sessions today open with a business meeting at the Williamette chapel at 8:45. Worship services at the Methodist churches will feature Bishop James H. Straughn at First church and Karl Downs at Leslie.

Dr. Bruce Baxter of Williamette will give the closing address in First church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by communion administered by the district superintendents of the Oregon conference and the host pastor, Dr. J. C. Harrison.

Youths Convicted On Kidnap Charge

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Two young men were found guilty of kidnapping Friday and the superior court fixed the penalty as life imprisonment.

The men, Eugene Weaver, 19, and Raymond Prucha, 24, were accused of kidnapping a 16-year-old school girl from her escort's parked automobile, slugging her companion and taking her to an other isolated spot to attack her. The jury deliberated 19 hours.

Hookup Completed

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Arrangements for delivery of 300 kilowatts of Bonneville power over Portland General Electric company lines to Canby were completed Friday. The hookup will provide energy about February 1.

Royal Airmen Make Surveys

Austria, Bohemia Scouted in Preparation for Aerial Conflict

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the southeast coast of Scotland, near the Firth of Forth, important naval base.

Trawler Hits Mine:

32 of Crew Die

In the war at sea it was disclosed that the trawler Lucida had gone down with the loss of her crew of 12 after hitting a mine.

On the home front fears of sabotage were stirred by a series of incidents.

At Donaghadee, northern Ireland, a sentry's shots drove off four men apparently attempting to cut the cable between Scotland and northern Ireland, while at Henden airport, in suburban London, sentries fired at an intruder who ignored their challenge.

Fire routed northern Ireland's governor, the Duke of Abercorn, and his household from 300-year-old Harcourt castle.

Explosions and fire swept a shipyard at Northwich, Cheshire, approximately 30 miles southeast of Liverpool, but officials said sabotage was not involved.

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2 Projects Added To Forest Roads

Highway Commission Lets Contract to Capital Construction Firm

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Two projects were added yesterday to the federal forest road program for Oregon at a meeting of the state highway commission and federal public roads administration officials.

W. H. Lynch, government district engineer, said \$100,000 would be spent grading and surfacing the Oregon coast highway south of Port Orford and another \$25,000 would be used to grade, widen, surface and clear the Warm Springs highway from Wapinitia.

The commission, ending a two-day session, awarded contracts to the low bidders on eight road jobs.

Clackamas county—Edlefson Weygant company, Portland, \$36,781.25, grade and pave .31 of a mile, south unit, Oregon City section, Pacific highway east. Barham Bros., Salem, \$30,697.50, construct viaduct and retaining wall, south unit, Oregon City section, Pacific highway east.

Columbia County PUD Papers Filed

Petitions for the creation of the Columbia county people's utility district were filed in the offices of the state hydroelectric commission here Friday.

The project would embrace virtually all of Columbia county with the exception of the incorporated towns and cities and the area included in the proposed Scappoose people's utility district. Officials said this project, if approved by the commission, probably would go on the ballot at the next general election.

Train Kills Man

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A train killed an unidentified man, about 40 years of age, beneath the steel bridge early Friday.

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High Plains Hit By Near Blizzard

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which piled up into big mounds on roads and highways under a stiff wind.

BEND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Scattered reports of sub-zero temperatures on the central Oregon plateau, the first this year, were received here today.

Crescent temperatures reached 6 degrees below zero early today. Highway maintenance units stationed on the Sun mountain section of The Dalles-California highway said it was 4 degrees below zero. The Deschutes basin retained its blanket of snow despite a blazing sun in a cloudless sky later in the day.

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Fair Attendance Shows Good Gain

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—State and county fairs picked up 15 to 25 per cent in attendance last year, delegates to the annual meeting of the Oregon Fairs association learned.

President Herman H. Chindgren of Molalla and Mrs. Mabel H. Chadwick, secretary, said increased interest was accompanied by fair ground improvement, new buildings and better facilities for handling exhibits.

Officers will be elected and fair dates set Saturday.

Railroad Changes Favored by Bean

State Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean is in hearty accord with a recent report of the interstate commerce commission that the transportation problem will not be solved until steps are taken to reduce the "great amount of preventable and uneconomic waste in this field," he announced Friday.

The commission warned the railroads that the sole route to their salvation lies in consolidations, coordinations and other projects to reduce expenditures and at the same time improve service where possible.

"I feel that the railroads operating in this state are anxious and willing to meet with the demands of public business interests to further the cause of increased transportation," Bean declared. "It will require strong leadership, sound basic principles in operation and harmonious action to promote those interests which will mean so much to the state and the entire northwest."

Norton Candidate

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, 75, whose judicial district embraces Josephine and Jackson counties, announced Friday that he would be a candidate for re-election.

However, if elected, he said he might resign before completing his six-year term.

Russian Supplies Move Into China

Trucks, Camel Caravans Unchecked by Soviet War in Europe

HONG KONG.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Unchecked by Moscow's involvement in Europe, Russian supplies