

Nazis Loose Air Torpedoes as New Weapon

Stores Closing During McNary Party Tuesday

Plans Laid at Luncheon for Decorations, Displays

Airplanes to Fly Over Fircone as Gesture of Welcome

Full impact of the national interest to be centered in Salem next Tuesday as the result of the republican vice-presidential notification ceremony of Senator Charles McNary was felt locally yesterday as civic leaders gathered to plan the town's part in the celebration and the state board of control announced the closing of all non-essential state offices at 3 p. m. on the day of the notification.

At a luncheon meeting held in the Marion hotel, representatives of local organizations laid plans to provide extensive street decorations and appropriate pictures of Senator McNary for display in store windows on the day of the notification ceremony, as well as bands and other entertainment in downtown streets during the morning hours.

Closing of all downtown stores after 2 p. m. on the day of the celebration was also decided upon unanimously by the board of the Salem Merchants association, which met during the afternoon.

Carl Hoeg presided.

Airplane Flight to Give Salute

In addition, plans for a flight Sunday of 75 airplanes over Fircone, the McNary home three miles north of Salem on the river road, were announced by the Salem chamber of commerce.

The parade, which is participating in an air meet at Albany on that day, will salute the senator at 4 p. m. on the day of his arrival home from the national capital.

Entertainment planned will not include a parade, it was added.

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In One Ear ...

—Paul Hauser's Column

This happened some time ago so falls in the "now it can be told" category whether it can be told or not.

It was a gathering of a committee of the city council with some officials of a certain utility which has dealings with the city. The subject under discussion was a revision in rates.

Each of the utility bigwigs Paul E. Hauser, Jr. present had his say and finally it came the turn of an engineer of the company to briefly explain the proposed revisions.

Seeing in his brief case, the engineer pulled forth a typed paper and, holding this before his eyes, began to put the scheme into words understandable by aldermen. He kept his eyes on the paper in his hand as he talked.

When he had finished the chairman of the committee reached over and got a firm grip on the paper.

"May I see this," he said, thinking it was a written exposition of the revisions.

Since he already had it in his hand the engineer could do nothing but stammer, "Well, yes, I guess so."

So the committee chairman took the paper and started to read it.

But what he read had nothing to do with rates. It was a letter from the president of the utility to employes setting out how to act and what to say in the presence of councilmen.

It's Paid for, so C Long-Needed Repair and Paint Job



Built in 1894 and paid for in full early in 1940, Salem's city hall is now getting needed repairs, including leak-proofing and painting its metal roof.

The glaring red paint applied to the roof will not be toned down with a duller shade; weather will do the trick, the city dads hope.—Statesman photo.

Hemisphere Loan Bill Passes House

Authorizes 500 Million Export-Import Bank American Loans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—(AP)—The house tonight by a vote of 183 to 144 passed the admiralty appropriation bill authorizing \$500,000,000 in Export-Import bank loans to help in the "orderly marketing" of surplus products of western hemisphere nations.

The legislation, still to be acted on by the senate, also increases the borrowing power of the reconstruction finance corporation by \$1,500,000,000.

One-third of this would go to the bank for a revolving fund for loans to Canada and Latin-American nations. The remaining \$1,000,000,000 would be used by the RFC for loans to domestic

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Gibraltar Bombed Twice by Italians

LA LINEA, Spain, Aug. 21—(AP)—The British fortress of Gibraltar was twice bombed today, in attacks apparently intended to undermine explosively Italy's "total, unconditional" blockade of all the western British African areas, and the Mediterranean was alive with the threat of a broadened war.

From here, flames could be seen racing down the crest of the great rock—the site of long-range anti-aircraft batteries—toward the city of Gibraltar itself.

Manslaughter Is Charged Robinson Party in Williams' Case Is Given 24 Hours to Enter Plea

L. D. Robinson, 60, was allowed 24 hours in which to enter a plea on a charge of voluntary manslaughter of Joseph Williams yesterday when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Alf O. Nelson in Silverton in the absence of Salem Justice of the Peace Miller B. Hayden.

He was held in the county jail under \$5000 bail, which later he had not been able to furnish.

Robinson was arrested by state police after Williams was fatally injured, allegedly as a result of an altercation over details of a gun-swapping deal.

Robinson, witnesses told authorities, knocked Williams down and drove over him in his coupe. Williams was said to have struck Robinson over the head with a 12-gauge shotgun, and to have attempted to strangle him.

Williams died shortly after being received at a local hospital. G. R. Mudd, witness of the dispute and guest of Williams Monday night and Tuesday, was released by District Attorney Lyle J. Page after being questioned. Officers said all three of the men had been drinking heavily.

Williams is survived by a son, Joseph, Jr., now serving in the navy, and a brother, William, of Wenatchee, Wash.

Malay's Body Found

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 21—(AP)—The body of Robert Malay, 67, widely known river character of West Linn, was recovered from the Willamette river yesterday. The small boat in which he had been fishing Sunday was found overturned earlier in the day.

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Trotsky Dies After Saying OGPU Did It

Whispers That Confidant Who Slew Him "Most Likely" Agent

Attacker, Identified as Native of Iran, in Hospital

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21—(AP)—Leon Trotsky died tonight after whispering an accusation that his pickax assailant "most likely" was a member of the OGPU, Soviet secret police.

A savage attack by a confident felled the 60-year-old guiding genius of the Russian revolution in his home late yesterday. An emergency operation and administration of oxygen were futile. He died at 7:25 p. m. (CST) before brain surgeons from the United States could reach him by chartered plane.

The attacker was identified by police as Jacques Morlan Vandendresch, 36-year-old native of Iran. Bodyguards beat him off from the assault but not until he had driven the ax into the exiled revolutionist's skull.

Scene of the attack was Trotsky's fortress-like residence in the nearby village of Coyocacan, where a machine-gun attack on Trotsky failed last May.

Only hours before he died, the old bolshevik was quoted as murmuring to his secretary that "this time it is the end" and that he was sure his assailant "was a member of the OGPU or a fascist—most likely the OGPU."

Mrs. Trotsky With Husband
Mrs. Trotsky was at her husband's side at the end, together with attending physicians—some of Mexico's most noted surgeons.

The exile died just 40 minutes before Dr. Walter Dandy, noted Baltimore brain surgeon, was to have left New York City by plane to operate on him.

In the same hospital with Trotsky was his assailant, under treatment for minor injuries suffered at the hands of the Russian's bodyguards.

Within the three-hour period before Trotsky died hospital bulletins told of the victim's weakening of his condition.

His heart, overworked for hours, finally began to weaken. His temperature fluctuated wildly, and his breathing became less rapid and less regular.

Joseph Hansen Trotsky's secretary, told of the incident, made declarations. Hansen said the genius of the Bolshevik revolution also gave him this political testament:

"I am sure of the success of the fourth international. Go forward!" Stalin Blamed
For Attack
(Hansen, in a telephone call to New York, was quoted by James P. Cannon, secretary of the socialist workers' party, as saying that Trotsky told him, "I will not survive this attack. Stalin has finally accomplished the task he attempted unsuccessfully before.")

While this was going on, police questioned a Brooklyn, N. Y. girl about her knowledge of the man who attacked Trotsky yesterday.

The girl is Sylvia Ageloff, whom police identified as a sister of Ruth Ageloff, a former Trotsky (Turn to page 2, column 5)

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OLD FOLKS—BUT NOT AT HOME



Soon to "sail against England" are these death dealers being stuffed with explosives in a German munitions plant in photo above. Placing charges into shells, employes pictured are either men too old for military service, or women. Most young workers, of course, have been pressed into army duties. (IIN)

Fire Turned Away From Two Hamlets

Large Timber Area Saved as 2000 Acre Blaze Is Stopped

BEND, Aug. 21—(AP)—Motorized trenching equipment backed by 150 men halted a 2000-acre fire six miles east of the twin northern Klamath county towns of Gilchrist and Crescent today.

The commercial loss was not great although the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, Gilchrist and forest service timber stands were in the path of the flames. Forest authorities said the fire was "man made."

Visibility had improved considerably in central Oregon today and rain weather gave the crews confidence that the lines would be held.

On the Klamath Indian reservation, reinforced crews checked four wind-driven fires covering a total of 10,400 acres.

The Swan lake blaze swept over 600 acres last night, increasing its total to \$600. The Wilson point fire was halted at 1000 acres and two other less serious conflagrations accounted for 800 acres.

The Klamath Forest Protective association said conditions were "the worst in history and predicted 'untold damage' if unfavorable winds recurred. Some of the burned land was timbered but an accurate classification has not been made.

Bike Rider Hurt In Mix With Car

Dayri Linnel, 15, of 1490 Hines street, was seriously injured yesterday evening when the bicycle which he was riding was struck from behind by an automobile driven by Oren Stratton, 76, of 955 Belmont street. Stratton, who possesses a special driver's license because of his eyesight and is required to have a special mirror on the left side of his car by state order, said he estimated his speed at between 12 and 15 miles per hour. His car dragged Linnel 57 feet before stopping, city police said.

Stratton was taken to the Salem general hospital by the city fire truck where he was treated for a badly fractured left ankle, back bruises, lacerations of left hand and left knee and cuts around the waist. He is expected to recover.

The accident occurred when Linnel, riding north on Capitol, signaled to turn west on Center and pulled in front of Stratton. Stratton was issued a ticket charging reckless driving and ordered to appear in municipal court today.

Halt Order Given Ships at Panama

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Aug. 21—(AP)—An order requiring all vessels entering the ports of Balboa and Cristobal to halt for instructions near naval vessels stationed outside the entrances to the Panama canal was issued tonight by Governor Glen Edgerton of the canal zone.

Otherwise, said the order, it would be "unsafe" to proceed on account of "changes being made from time to time in the channels."

Huge Fall Opening Ad Club's Scheme

Stores to Present Style Revue on Steps of Courthouse

Under the impetus of the success of the Salem Centennial, members of the Salem Ad club are arranging a Fall Opening celebration for next Thursday night that is expected to far exceed past year's showings for such events.

The general chairman is Dr. Henry E. Morris.

The highlight of the evening will be a fall style revue to be held on the west steps of the courthouse at 8 p. m. Tommy Hoxie has been retained by the Ad club to stage this event, and a dance information indicates that more than ten local men and women's ready-to-wear stores will participate with living models enhancing the charm and beauty of this year's fall and winter fashions.

Hoxie has arranged for a large stage to be erected especially for this revue. Spectacular lighting and clever entertainment features will mark the high spots of the presentation.

Many merchants will arrange special window attractions for this night. The Independence Hop Fiesta will be represented at the opening. The Ad club committee has arranged for several bands to play on the streets during the evening.

As a climax to the evening the official Ad club modern and old-time dance will be held at the Crystal Gardens starting at 9 p. m.

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Collier Survives Mix With Planes

British Ship Makes Port After Fighting off Three Nazis

DUBLIN, Aug. 21—(AP)—The British collier Prestatyn Rose arrived here today 18 hours after being engaged in a combat with three German bombing planes in the Irish sea.

The crew said more than 50 bombs dropped. None took effect, but the 2151-ton ship was damaged by machine gun fire.

The attack, said the men of the Prestatyn Rose, occurred off Tuskar rock at the entrance to the Irish sea. Three aerial torpedoes were launched at the ship, they added—one of which passed directly underneath her.

The captain and first officer stood on the bridge pouring rifle fire at the bombers while the crew of 13 manned the action stations.

(The German wireless said tonight that "successful" bombing attacks on an unstated number of British merchantmen "far off" the Irish north coast had been reported for the first time in an army bulletin.)

It was added that they were freighters carrying food from the United States on a scheduled course north of Ireland and through the North channel and the Irish sea.

(The attacks, said the wireless, occurred more than 100 miles off Tory Island, which itself is some 10 miles northwest of the Irish mainland, and the fact that they were possible "shows clearly the extraordinary strategic advantage possessed by Germany, Germany is actually in a position to prevent supplies from reaching Britain not only in the waters off the British coast but also far out in the Atlantic.")

Hague Discharge Refused by Board

PORTLAND, Aug. 21—(AP)—The state liquor control commission rejected today the demand of Common Sense, Inc., that it discharge Administrator J. J. Hague.

Common Sense, initiator of a measure that would repeal the state liquor monopoly law and permit sale of hard liquor by the drink, charged that Hague violated the law by speaking against the proposed law at Hood River.

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Houses Blown Down by Row; Victims Many

Torpedoes Hurlled at End of Day of Hit-Run Bomb Attacks

Whole Town Set Shaking as Plane Shucks off Deadly Burden

LONDON, Aug. 21—(AP)—Aerial torpedoes—propeller-stemmed cylinders of destruction—were loosed by Nazi bombers tonight in attacks which smashed houses by the row and buried innocent victims in the ruins.

(This certainly was a new application of an old weapon if not the debut of a new weapon. The possibility remained, of course, that the torpedo-bearing planes, low in fuel, merely jettisoned their loads to lighten themselves for return to base.)

(Lacking naval targets, they might have chosen land targets rather than loose torpedoes aimlessly at sea.)

The torpedoes were hurled, along with shriek bombs, at one southeast town after a day of ceaseless hit-and-run attacks by lone Nazi raiders while the royal air force kept up its steady counter-punching at German bases.

A whole row of eight little worker cottages was smashed into a tangle of debris where the torpedoes were launched horizontally. Numerous other residences were wrecked.

One old woman, just put to bed by her son, was in bed when she was ripped to splinters by the explosion. The son alone crawled from the wreckage.

"Not One Brick on Another"
Not one brick was left upon another where the adjoining house stood.

Late into the night firemen and rescue squads hurred into the ruins for bodies. Beneath other homes voices were heard faintly and rescuers believed they might find some still alive who had sought shelter in basements and were trapped.

"I saw a bomber sweep down from the clouds," one witness related. "It had its engines shut off and as it dived I saw a huge black bomb shaped like a torpedo leave the plane. As the torpedo dropped the plane seemed to shoot up into the air as though after releasing a heavy load."

The witness said the explosion "shook the whole town." Its crater measured more than 30 feet long.

Customarily aerial torpedoes are launched at sea from planes diving close to their targets.

Another raider splattered a southwestern town with six bombs which killed one man in a garden, smashed a row of stores, and destroyed an empty school air raid shelter.

Nazi Change Blitz Tactics
The Nazi aerial invasions brought a change in tactics—darting attacks by individual planes where only a few days ago they had come in compact, roaring hundreds.

Solitary raiders appeared here and there along that "corner of hell," the southeast coast; over the industrial Midlands, over Wales and northeast England.

There were civilian dead and many civilian wounded, but as always their number was not stated. The air and home security ministries said inhabitants of one town were machine-gunned.

Bermuda Awaiting Big Announcement

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 21—(AP)—The colonial secretary announced today, after a two-day secret session of the house of assembly, that "a very important" government announcement requiring a special edition of the government newspaper would be issued shortly.

Only the most vital notices are so treated, the last such occasion having been the issuance of a proclamation at the outbreak of the war.

(There has been some speculation that Bermuda might be among the British western hemisphere areas leased to the United States for defense purposes.)

Senate Kills Amendment To Include Money in Draft

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—(AP)—On a constitutional point of order, the senate squelched an effort today to make the conscription bill draft money as well as men, whereupon Senator Clark (D-Mo) stormily asserted that the chamber might "dodge" the issue now but would be forced to vote upon it later.

The question was raised in an amendment to defer the draft until the United States went to war. It also deleted a provision under which men who were not called into the army could be formed into home defense units. Instead, it stipulated that the units could not be created until congress passed legislation ordering such action.

(The bill before the senate would require all men 21 to 30 years old, inclusive, to register and become liable for a year's military training. The house committee, (Turn to page 2, column 6)

Bishop Baxter Given Honor By Methodist Meeting Here

Over 375 Methodist church leaders and laymen gathered at the First Methodist church here last night to honor Bishop and Mrs. Bruce R. Baxter and the bishop's mother. Following the dinner Bishop Baxter spoke at a mass meeting which closed the all-day retreat of lay leaders of 66 churches of the Salem district.

In a brief talk at the banquet said that not only Methodism but the state, the northwest and the nation will derive a great gain from the appointment of Dr. Baxter as a church bishop. Pointing out that many Salem people think of the appointment only in the terms of the loss of a Willamette university president, Governor Sprague said the move should be considered a gain since it gives Dr. Baxter an unshared opportunity to function as a Christian statesman.

Also paying tribute to the newly-appointed bishop in brief banquets were Rex Futnam, state superintendent of education, Dr. J. C. Harrison, Attorney E. A. Nott, Dr. D. H. Shultze and Judge V. F. Moses. Dean U. G. Dubach was toastmaster.

Italian-Greek War Is Predicted Soon

ROME, Aug. 21—(AP) Via Radio—"A clash" between Italy and Greece in the "near future" was predicted tonight by the Italian wireless while the fascist press campaign against that little pro-British kingdom reached a new crescendo of violence.

The wireless cited the "sharp tone" of that very campaign as indicating a showdown was approaching and remarked that this was the presumption in "political quarters."

The newspapers published assertions that Greeks were planning to burn Albanian villages in the Greek region of Clamuria—a region now declared by Italy to be rightfully part of fascist-held Albania—and that armed bands were ready, "especially in the event of complications," to massacre the inhabitants.

Greece was accused of acting as a "more or less voluntary provoking agent on behalf of Britain."

Quoting Virginia Gayda, one of Italy's main journalistic spokesmen, the wireless said that a "final solution" would concern not alone the province of Clamuria "but also parts of the region of Janina."

Our Senators Lost 7-2

The Wheatland Perry, continuing to defend the hop-bound coasts of Marion county, put out to sea last week to woe, but came back when it was learned the dock forgot the broom.

POLITICAL NOTE
The Marion county Republican club has pulled its Republican Headquarters banner out of the trunk and strung it across Commercial street. It looks as if it had already gone through a mud-slinging campaign.

Note to Jitterbugs—Ran Wilde's orchestra has been signed to play for the free but not free-wheeling dances at the state fair this year, according to reliable informants. It will also play for the night show, which will again be the All-American revue with girls, flags and a "name" star.

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