

50 'Over-Age' Ships in Deal

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ed that congress should have given the opportunity to pass upon the transaction. They called it the act of a "dictator," and asserted that the transfer of the destroyers was forbidden by law.
On the latter point, Mr. Roosevelt attached to his congressional message the opinion by Attorney General Jackson holding that no legal obstacle existed. Jackson's argument dealt among other things with the 1917 law providing that:
Jackson Opinion Cites Old Statute
"During a war in which the United States is a neutral nation, it shall be unlawful to send out of the jurisdiction of the United States any vessel, built, armed, or equipped as a vessel of war, or converted from a private vessel into a vessel of war, with any intent or under any agreement or contract, written or oral, that such vessel shall be delivered to a belligerent nation."
The "over-age destroyers, Jackson said, were clearly not built, armed, or equipped with any such intent or with reasonable cause to believe that they would ever enter the service of a belligerent. Acting swiftly to put into operation the agreement concerning air and naval bases, the army and navy announced that a ten-man board representing both services left by plane Tuesday for Bermuda to examine sites for defense outposts there. Officials said the group would fly to Norfolk, Va., and there board a navy cruiser bound for Bermuda where it would meet British experts.
Whether congress would have to act on authorizing legislation or on appropriation bills before base construction could begin was a matter of conjecture.
Auxiliary Appropriation May Be Utilized
Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee said the navy already had \$10,000,000 for construction of auxiliary air bases which might be used in connection with the new program.
Vinson suggested also that the president might use some of the \$200,000,000 defense fund over which congress has given the president wide discretionary authority.
The navy department, preparing to go through with the deal as quickly as possible, announced that the destroyers involved were of the 1200-ton type, carrying four-inch guns and 2 1/2 inch torpedo tubes—the exact size used by Britain.
All were completed in 1922 or prior to that time, the navy said, and thus were "over-age." The navy figures that a destroyer no longer retains maximum effectiveness after it is 16 years old.
In the interest of the safety of the ships, their names were not disclosed.
Destroyers Are on Eastern Seaboard
But all were on the eastern seaboard, it was said, and many of them had been in service as part of the "neutrality patrol," and six of them were in Boston and would be delivered by September 6. They will be sailed to Canadian ports by their present crews and there turned over to British crews.
The naval and air bases to be acquired by the United States are in Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Antigua, Trinidad and British Guiana, the last situated on the South American mainland.
The Newfoundland and Bermuda bases, Mr. Roosevelt said in his message, were gifts "generously given and gladly received," while the others were in exchange for the destroyers.
"This is not inconsistent in any sense with our status of peace," the chief executive said. "Still less is it a threat against any nation. It is an epochal and far-reaching act of preparation for continental defense in the face of grave danger."
Preparation for defense is an inalienable prerogative of a sovereign state. Under present circumstances this exercise of sovereign right is essential to the maintenance of our peace and safety. This is the most important action in the reinforcement of our national defenses that has been taken since the Louisiana purchase. Then as now, considerations of safety from overseas attack were fundamental.
"The value to the western hemispheres of these outposts of security is beyond calculation. The need has long been recognized by our country, and especially by those primarily charged with the duty of charting and organizing our own naval and military defense."
"They are essential to the protection of the Panama canal, central America, the northern portion of South America, the Antilles, Canada, Mexico, and our own eastern gulf seaboard. Their consequent importance in hemispheric defense is obvious. For these reasons I have taken advantage of the present opportunity to acquire them."

Destroyers for England

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Samples of 50 "obsolete" US navy destroyers which President Roosevelt announced yesterday he was trading England for strategic naval and military base sites for western hemisphere defense from Newfoundland to British Guiana.—AP Telemat.



This remarkable action photo shows how Lou Webb, Los Angeles, met death on New York state fairs-racer track at Syracuse. His car is seen hurtling over machine driven by Kelly Pettita, as third racer, Paul Russo, speeds across intent on race. Webb's car turned end-over-end three times after photo was taken, broke in pieces against front of grandstand.—AP Telemat.



As President Roosevelt called on American people to "prepare in a thousand ways" if they wish to preserve their freedom, in address Monday dedicating Great Smoky Mountains national park at Newfound Gap, Tenn.—AP Telemat.

Charter Revision Reaches Council

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tion of the Baar and Cunningham report on the city's sewage disposal provisions, in which construction of a new sewage disposal plant is outlined.
The report calls for total expenditure of \$386,680 in city improvements, an interceptor sewer and a treatment plant to provide a disposal system which would give "primary treatment" to sewage by sedimentation and sludge digestion, and which would assure removal of "the material which is most offensive when discharged into the Willamette river" as at present.
The matter was turned over to the committee on sewers and to the city engineer.
Wood bids on 125 cords of wood to be delivered when required at various addresses were declined in full by the council, and substitute bids asked when bidders were unable to agree on a \$3.50 per cord price asked by Henry Fern of Dallas, or \$4 per cord asked by two Salem bidders, Thomas Roberts and E. J. Yates.
A bill for licensing of magazine and book peddlers was continued indefinitely, and a new sign ordinance was referred to the street committee for consideration.
The council listened to reading of a letter by Homer H. Smith criticizing its \$25 fee for sending fire equipment out of the city limits on the ground that the charge is excessive, and also heard the request of the management of the New Salem hotel asking relief from disturbances created by newspaper boys on Ferry street at early hours in the morning.
Absence of Alderman George Belt drew fire from David O'Hara, another member, who asked immediate action on petitions for installation of street lights at the

Clear Weather Coming To Replace Early Rain

PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(P)—The weather bureau predicted an early end today to the welcome early September rains which touched most west-state areas. Family cloudy conditions were expected to give way to clear weather tonight and Wednesday except for a few mountain and coastal areas.

Incinerator Started

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 3.—(P)—Construction was well advanced today on McMinnville's new municipal incinerator, being erected in compliance with a state board of health recommendation, at a cost of \$2000.
The city engineer, J. W. Jones, said the incinerator will be located on the east side of the city, near the intersection of the city's main highway and the railroad line. The estimated cost of the incinerator is \$2000. It is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Tuesday Gate Exceeds 1939

Stock Judging Progress Is Rapid; Breeders to Meet Tonight

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quet on the grounds last night. E. B. MacNaughton, Portland, will be the speaker tonight at the annual banquet and election of officers of the Oregon Purobred Livestock Breeders' association.
Judging of 4H club exhibits went on rapidly. First place winners in the dairy showmanship contest were:
Jerseys, Bill Foster, Sherwood; Holstein, Ralph Barber, Nehalem; Guernsey, Frank Setniker, Hillsboro.
Salem 4H Members Water Winners
Donald Michael of Springfield won the grand champion barrow trophy with a Hampshire in the 4H pig exhibit. Awards of six registered female pigs were made to members who exhibited champion barrows in each breed. Winners were Reed Volstedt, Albers; Coralee Nichols, Salem; Laella Nichols, Salem; Charlotte Hain, Salem; Donald Michael, Springfield, and Willis Nyberg, Tualatin.
Approximately 125 head of market hogs were selected by the sitting committee for the annual 4H auction sale to be held Friday at 10 o'clock.
T. M. Rolfe, Grass Valley, won all Percheron championships except senior champion mare, which went to Norval H. Martin, mayor of The Dalles.
Among special features today will be the fair's redhead contest, the winner of which will be the redhead person whose hair most closely matches that of the champion Rhode Island red cock. The event will be held at the poultry pavilion between 1:30 and 2 p. m.
Champion awards announced yesterday were:
Lincoln sheep—Champion ram and ewe, William Riddell at a rams, Monmouth.
Oxford Downs sheep—Champion ram and ewe, C. P. Kizer and son, Harrisburg.
Herford cattle—Champion bull, Herbert Chandler, Baker; reserve champion bull, Flourence Rock ranch, Prospect; champion female, Herbert Chandler; reserve champion female, Flourence Rock ranch.
Guernsey dairy cattle—Grand champion bull, L. A. Miller and son, McMinnville; champion senior bull, L. A. Miller and son; junior champion bull, Minnie W. Miller; reserve champion bull, C. Fleming; Troudale; grand champion female senior, M. C. Fleming; grand champion junior, M. C. Fleming; grand champion female, M. C. Fleming; reserve champion female, Minnie W. Miller.
Rambouillet sheep—Champion ram, Glenwood farm, Portland; champion ewe, Glenwood farm, Shropshire sheep — Champion ram, J. J. Thompson, route five, Salem; champion ewe, Gath Brothers, Turner.
Milking shorthorns — Grand champion bull, Roger Dumdi, Carlton.
Southdowns sheep — Champion ram, Eldon Riddell, Independence; champion ewe, Claude Stenshoft, Salem.
Purobred Nubian milk goats — Senior and grand champion doe, Mrs. E. H. Bergerhoff, Vancouver, Wash.; junior champion doe, Robert W. Casebeer, Portland.
Purobred Toggenburg milk goats — Margaretha Steiger, Portland, all champions.
Purobred Saanen milk goats — All champions, Walter D. Wheeler, Portland.
Purobred Alpine milk goats — Grand champion doe, Robert W. Casebeer, Portland.

Nine of Arkansas Fugitives Caught

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and a girl captive, were found imbedded in a rotten log. Four deaths were counted in the wake of the Arkansas prison break in which 36 convicts made their escape.
Nine of the 36 convicts who shot their way to freedom yesterday from the Cummins prison farm in Arkansas were recaptured during the night-and-day-long search through two states.
Frank Conley, 34, one of the ring-leaders in the massed escape, was shot down by posse bullets on the levee of the Ochsicht river here at noon today, only 50 yards from the spot where Frank Carter, a posseman, was killed last midnight.
2109 High School Students to Work
WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—(P)—Allocation of \$86,332 to provide part time jobs for 2109 Oregon secondary school students during the coming school year was announced today by the national youth administration.
An average of 300,000 such students will be given such jobs throughout the country, NYA announced.
Opening Day Students Are Least in 18 Years
PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(P)—High and grade school registrations in public schools today were the lowest in 18 years, school officials announced.
Officials said 35,678 students answered the opening day bells compared with 40,634 a year ago. The grade school total of 24,841 was the lowest since 1923.
Building Is Record
EUGENE, Sept. 3.—(P)—Monthly building records tumbled in Eugene during August with authorization of construction to cost \$150,544. The highest previous one-month total was \$139,893. The August total almost doubled that of August, 1939.

Congress Both Decries, Lauds Destroyer Trade

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's transfer of 50 over-age destroyers to England for air and naval bases took congress by surprise today and evoked praise and criticism from members of both parties.

Congressional comment included the following:
Barkley (D-Ky)—One of the greatest accomplishments in the history of national and hemispheric defense that has ever been consummated.
Nye (R-Ind)—A direct act of war in violation of our treaties, statutes and international law. The house could bring impeachment action.
Gibson (R-Vt)—I can see no harm in the destroyer trade. We've got to defend ourselves. We certainly need these bases.
"Road to War" (D-I)—One of the latest steps on the road to war. Whatever the bases were worth should be charged against the unpaid World War debts. We should keep the destroyers.
Beck (D-Wash)—We ought to keep our fleet if the threat against our country is half as ominous as repeatedly charged on the floor of the senate. It is a tragic mistake to deprive ourselves of some of the most valuable ships in our navy. If it is obvious that we cannot get obsolete ships here and be effective units on the other side.
Utah Senator Approves
Thomas (D-Utah)—I am glad it has been consummated. There is no doubt the president had ample power.
By Representatives
White (D-Idaho)—I am no more in favor of taking over land and making these huge expenditures necessary to develop and equip these bases than I would be to put the Louisiana purchase on the basis of a 99-year lease. If these new bases are worth fortifying and equipping they are worth an outright purchase.
"Poor Trading" —Jeffries
Jeffries (R-NJ)—I think it was a mistake from the standpoint of adjustment of the World War debt. We could have done some bargaining so that we could own the bases.
Lewis (D-Colo)—I am very much pleased but there is one thing more to be done. We need to establish on islands in the Pacific similar bases.
Sabath (D-Ill)—It's a good idea, a splendid deal, and will protect us in the future.
B-III—If they are so badly off that they need 50 of our old tubs to save them, what is the balance of their navy? It's the first move toward getting us into this man's war."
Fish (R-NY)—Hitler would be perfectly within the law to declare war on us tomorrow.
Pierce Backs President
Pierce (D-Ore)—I shall back the president. I want to do everything I can to aid Great Britain. I fear Hitler. I think acquisition of the naval bases is a good thing.
O'Connor (D-Mont)—Everybody favors helping England short of sending troops. If this trade of over-age destroyers for air bases could be done without imperiling our defense equipment it was a wise thing to do, and the president should know the answer to that.
Thorkelson (R-Mont)—I think this is the most atrocious and unconstitutional act any president ever could have negotiated. Under the constitution not even congress has the power to dispose of our first line of defense. Acquisition of these leased air bases is simply an excuse to provide entrance for us into this war. England is using the United States as she always has done to build up her own defenses at the expense of this country's taxpayers.

British Fliers Try Fire Ruse

Used, but the air ministry said the Germans managed to bomb only one spot in Kent, and the majority were turned back at the coast.
Helping in the defense of Britain, a newly-formed Czech squadron was thrown yesterday into the battle of Britain on the side of the besieged United Kingdom and the British, jubilant, predicted the effect would be a telling one.
In Rumania, at the same time, three men attempted to assassinate King Carol but were frustrated in their move to kill the man who recently bowed to German and Italian dictates and surrendered about half of his rich Transylvanian province to Hungary in the Vienna settlement.
It was an alleged iron guardist plot to seize power and place Prince Mihai on the throne. Seven shots were fired at the lighted palace windows after a group of men broke into the gardens. One guard and one of the attacking gunmen were wounded, and other groups of iron guardists attacked the Bucharest radio station and central telephone headquarters.
The British yesterday hailed with delight the news that their navy would get the US destroyers at the price of a string of bases reaching approximately 2100 miles from Newfoundland to the South America continent.
The announcement of the trade made by President Roosevelt occasioned no surprise in Germany but official circles said all aspects of the case would have to be studied before the German attitude could be defined.
However, unofficial German sources said the move was too late to help England.
The British, while throwing back the massed German attacks, announced new successful attacks on enemy bases in Norway to Italy, including heavy raids on a power plant at Genoa, a dynamite works at Cologne, and gun emplacements on the east-held French coast.
Italy's air forces reported damage to a British battleship, an aircraft carrier, a cruiser and a destroyer in the central Mediterranean in raids by small dive bombers developed expressly to harass British shipping.
The far-away French island of Tahiti, in the South Pacific, has decided to continue the war against Germany at the side of Britain, Gen. Charles de Gaulle said in London.

Salem's Produce At Fair Is Tops

Many Ribbons Garnered by Mid-Valley Exhibitors, Land Products Show
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Rose, Cecil Boyd, Salem, first on Comice.
Fruites and plums: Best box—Frank Alsip, Monmouth, first on Italian and Petite; Roy E. Smith, Salem, first on Green Gage and Bing Damson plums.
Peaches: Best box — Dave Schlag, Salem, first on late Crawford; Roy E. Smith, Salem, first on any other variety.
Grapes: Baskets — Ray E. Smith, Salem, first on Concord, Moore, Niagara; Harvey Young, first for European variety.
Vegetables: All first places—Kathryn Harms, Salem, bush lima beans; Mrs. John Zumsteln, red cabbage; Mrs. C. K. Ogru, Brooks, egg plant; Bobbie Ray Banick, Woodburn, garlic; J. C. Leedy, Brooks, onions; Rodney M. Pitts, Canby, winter variety table pumpkin; Ellwood Falst, Canby, green Hubbard squash; Danah squish; Henry Alsip, Monmouth, winter squash, ice cream melons.
Vegetables, root crops: All first awards—A. Lisl, Newport, beets; Anne E. Rominger, Brooks, carrots.
Field vegetables and root crops: All first awards—Harvel Young, Monmouth, white stock carrots, white mangel wurzels, sugar mangels; Henry Alsip, Monmouth, red mangel wurzels; Frank Hansen, Aumsville, prizewinner mangels, best stock pumpkin; A. A. Herwick, Salem, best stock squash.
Commercially packed vegetables: First awards—A. Lisl, Newport, lettuce, cauliflower; K. Salto, Salem, globe type onions; Mrs. C. K. Ogru, Brooks, celery.
Oregon grain show—Western Oregon sweetpotatoes, J. E. Banick, Woodburn.
Eastern—Oregon sweetpotatoes, J. B. Adams, Moro.
Forage and grass seeds—J. B. Banick, Woodburn, our first; one first to Bobbie Ray Banick, Woodburn.
Big Fire Only Straw
What looked like a fire from Salem last night turned out to be only a farmer having his annual strawpile-burning test on his hill-top field three miles west of Rosedale on the Skyline road.

\$15,000 Slash In Tax Talked

O'Hara Advocates Saving; Ford Suggests Same Sum as in 1940

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tee asked instruction as to details of tabulation in the budget as prepared by City Recorder A. Warren Jones.
General Fund Requests Near Tax Limit
As presented to the committee, the budget calls for total general fund expenditures of \$300,000 during the fiscal year of 1941. Of this \$300,000 is expected to be raised from receipts from various non-tax sources and the remaining \$214,784.33 left for direct taxation.
An allowance of \$47,147.33 for tax delinquency brings the total levy to \$267,637.00, or \$483.66 above the \$261,449.06 allowed under the 6 per cent statutory limitation.
For the total budget, including street, fire and general bond sinking fund expenditures, the tax levy is estimated at \$311,447.76, to which is added \$68,366.59 for estimated delinquencies, making a total tax of \$379,814.34.
Of this amount, \$284,938.24 is included inside the 6 per cent limitation, and \$94,876.10 outside. The former figure is \$2183.17 inside the total levy possible under the 6 per cent limitation on total tax increase.
Support of Junior Bond Proposed
Increases in the proposed budget appear in the bond concert appropriation, listed at \$2150 as against \$1076 last year, with the increased expenditure proposed for repairs to the Willson park fountain and support of a junior bond; in the building inspector's office, which asks an \$1800 expenditure on a new deputy and \$800 for a new automobile; parks' maintenance, which includes \$500 for development of new parks and \$400 for a west end park; in the police department, for which five new men at a total expenditure of \$7500 have been asked; and maintenance of public buildings, for which purchase of an automatic oil burner has been asked at a cost of \$800.
Significant reductions have been made in other items, however, including fire hydrant expenditures, for which \$2500 is asked as compared to \$7445 appropriated last year; street lighting, estimated at \$21,520 as opposed to \$27,654.25; and street cleaning, cut from \$18,200 to \$14,640.

Willkie Objects to Ship Deal Method

FR Should Have Let Public Discuss Trade, Congress Act, Says Nominee
RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Although declaring "the country will undoubtedly approve" of the administration's trade of destroyers for naval base rights in British possessions, Wendell L. Willkie said today it was regrettable President Roosevelt "did not deem it necessary" to obtain prior congressional approval or permit public discussion.
Willkie handed reporters this formal statement at a press conference in his back yard:
"The country will undoubtedly approve of the program to add to our naval and air bases and assistance given to Great Britain. It is regrettable, however, that the president did not deem it necessary, in connection with the proposal, to secure the approval of congress or permit public discussion prior to adoption."
"The people have a right to know of such important commitments prior to and not after the fact."
"It is essential to our future that these times when the struggle in the world is between democracy and totalitarianism not to eliminate or destroy the democratic processes while seeking to preserve democracy."
"It is the contention of the totalitarian rulers that democracy is not effective. We must prove that it is effective by making full use of its process. Congress has constitutional functions as important and sacred as those of the chief executive."

Japan Asks Army Admittance Port

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would transport their troops by sea to Hailphon, whence the Yunnan railway runs 220 miles to the Chinese border and from there 200 miles further to Kuning, capital of Yunnan province and nerve center of China's internal and international land and air communications.

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