

Willkie Hurls GOP Challenge

Declares Party Should Take Stand and Lead for British Aid

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republican that is not enamored of it? "Where is the republican that night," he went on. "Where is the

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(P)—The lend-lease bill will give the president virtual control of strategy in the European and Asiatic wars, Rep. Mott (R-Ore.), who voted against it, believes.

"He (the president) would have a very important part in the conduct of a foreign war," Mott said, "and when the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States has a vital or controlling part in the conduct of a foreign war, then I do not see how it would be possible for us to keep out."

does not want to meet the challenge of this newer day?"

He declared that "there is a party in power, not the democratic party—the new deal party—with-out faith in the people, because its idea of winning elections and controlling votes is by the method of government pressures and expenditures."

"We have a party in power which today has at last grasped the meaning of the international situation."

"Yet, no later than 1933 or 1934, there was the London economic conference which it dumped, that might have saved this chaos of war and confusion."

"Here is our opportunity," he said. "We know how the free enterprise system operates. We know that if it is permitted to function it can create for all men more than any man has heretofore known of those who must work."

"Here we are: We know what the international situation is and, too, we know the necessities of a program to save those fighting men."

"People of the republican party, I give you this challenge in the year 1941: Have we the vision? Have we the ability? Have we the leadership to take America down this glorious path that is offered us? I have no doubt that we have."

Thomas E. Dewey, speaking in Washington, also approved aid to Britain while Senator Nye of North Dakota told a Philadelphia rally that Willkie's support of the lend-lease bill constituted "betrayal" and a step toward destruction of the two-party system.

Willkie's stand also was assailed by Rep. Fish, of New York, who told a Baltimore gathering that the 1940 republican standard bearer was "beating the war drums more furiously than the communists and war makers of the democratic party."

Further typifying the division of republican opposition on the British aid legislation, Senator Taft, of Ohio, asserted at a Lincoln day dinner in Harrisonburg, Va., that Willkie "does not and cannot speak for the republican party" on foreign affairs.

At other Lincoln day dinners throughout the country, republican speakers generally advocated aid to Britain but differed on the form it should take. Some confined themselves largely to criticism of the Roosevelt administration's domestic policies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(P)—Clare Boothe, author and playwright, told members of the National Republican club at their annual Lincoln day dinner Wednesday night that "if the republican party does this glorious recovery, some measure of its historic robust health, it will never again elect another president."

"Personally, I would like very much tonight, just to be able to thump the republican party heartily on the back," Miss Boothe said in a prepared address. "But if nothing else, a compassionate regard for the consumptive state of its constitution must stay even the friendliest hand."

West Salem Grade Five Nips Chemawa

WEST SALEM—The West Salem graders administered the first defeat of the season to the Chemawa graders here Wednesday, holding a 37-26 third quarter lead, drove down the stretch to post the 10-point victory.

Chemawa 33 43 West Salem
George 17 13 Micheal
Perry 2 14 Ashcraft
Ricker 2 10 Truxall
Dorris 2 3 Monaco
Williams 2 3 Farnell
Sub for Chemawa: Honens 2.

College Carnival Theme



Here is a striking night view of Heyderdahl, gigantic snow figure which is the theme of this year's winter carnival at Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H. The huge work of art depicts the first ski jumper of Norway, and is the tallest snow sculpture yet attempted at the carnival. It is the work of "Chick" Weaker of Newbury, Vt.

Masons Officiate At Church Rites

Corner-Stone Is Laid at First Congregational Edifice Here

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London; from John Knox's house, Edinburgh, Scotland; from Trinity college, Dublin; from St. Patrick's cathedral, Downpatrick, Ireland; from Blarney castle, Ireland; from Lough Lomond, Scotland; and from Rev. Hutchinson's boyhood church at Moneymore, Ireland.

Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of the northwest district of Methodist churches made the dedicatory address in which he compared the mortar of the masonry in its function of holding stonework together with the province of the churches in holding hard against the ravages of war in its effort to destroy civilization.

The roster of Masons taking part in the ritual includes Past Grand Master Lelf S. Finesth, Past Grand Master Milton L. Meyers, Grand Orator Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, Grand Chaplain E. A. Hutchinson, Grand Secretary E. B. Carlson, Grand Treasurer R. E. Pinnney, Grand Wardens C. D. Phillips and F. W. Hartman.

Demand Trebles For Service Men

Demand has trebled for "former service" men qualified to handle national defense work, National Deputy Inspector General John H. Schum of the US Veterans of Foreign Wars declared in an address before local legionnaires Wednesday night.

Schum, also employment chairman for the Oregon VFW, reported that the state department will soon complete classification of all members as to their ability to aid the government in time of national emergency.

Also a guest speaker was Walter Eck, judge advocate of the Centers on national defense.

Oregon U. Forms News Photo Frat

EUGENE, Feb. 12.—(P)—James Leonard, Coquille, president, announced Wednesday the formation of the University of Oregon of what he expected to become the "mother" chapter of a national professional fraternity for collegiate news photographers.

The society, as yet unnamed, will admit to membership qualified students who are interested in the pictorial field of journalism. Admission to honorary or associate membership also will be granted professional news photographers on Oregon newspapers, Leonard said.

Joint Control Of Fish Asked

Three-State Authority Is Suggested at Hearing on Conservation

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placed on the person arrested for a traffic violation instead of on the arresting officer.

Earl Campbell, traffic safety supervisor of Portland, declared that a nation-wide survey of traffic accidents showed that excessive speed was the principal cause.

The present traffic law was declared to be ineffective by Judge Donald Long of Portland. He said the Lee bill, if approved, would result in improved traffic conditions.

Among others who spoke for the measure were Lee Ackerman, city judge of Klamath Falls; J. L. Franzen, Oregon City manager; Alton Miller, city attorney, Oregon City; M. B. Steele, Portland, and C. M. Heigel. Steele said he represented a large number of commercial motor vehicle drivers.

A. F. Harvey, superintendent of motor transportation for the state public utilities commission, testified before the house motor vehicles and aeronautics committee Wednesday night that HB 196, if passed, would reduce tax income from private carriers by \$123,000.

The bill, introduced by Rep. William B. Morse, (R-Crook-Jefferson), and Roy E. Carter, (D-Coos-Curry), would change the method of taxing private carriers. Instead of a mill per ton mile tax, private carriers would pay the regular \$5 license fee plus \$5 per ton per annum.

Declarer State Revenues Would Not Be Decreased

A. C. Anderson of the Oregon Association of Truckers testified for the bill that revenues would not be decreased because many such trucks are evading the ton-mile levy.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Carl Engdahl, (Rep.-Umatilla), voted to report out favorably a measure authorizing cities and counties to construct and maintain emergency landing airports in cooperation with the federal government.

It also reported favorably a bill authorizing the secretary of state to advertise the 1943 Oregon Trail centennial on license plates for that year. The bill approved by the senate was amended however so that the plates will be standard in size.

The committee laid on the table a bill by reappointing the Oregon coast highway area prohibiting use of commercial trailers and semi-trailers on any highway between 1 p.m. on Saturdays and sunrise on Mondays.

The house counties and cities committee heard Wednesday night arguments for and against proposed repeal of sections of the state housing act compelling city and county governing bodies to determine need of housing authorities on petition of 25 voters and to establish authorities if need is found.

Opponents of the amendment said it would take the teeth out of the housing act. Proponents said it deprived city councils and county courts of their discretionary powers.

4H Club Leaders Plan Conference

Local 4H club leaders of Marion county will meet February 15 at the Salem YMCA, Wayne D. Harding, county club agent, announced Wednesday.

Officers to be installed by Carmel Weddle, state corresponding secretary for the local leaders association, are Mrs. T. P. Otto, president; Mrs. Floyd Fox, first vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Terhune, second vice-president; Verle Saucy, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. Harrison, executive committee member at large.

Talks will be given by Agnes C. Booth, county school superintendent, and Betty White of Aumsville.

Signal Oil Beats Cougars 47 to 37

LONGVIEW, Feb. 12.—(P)—Equally effective against either the regulars or the reserves, Portland Signal Oil basketball team defeated Washington State college here tonight, 47 to 37.

The teams were an even match on the floor, but Chuck Patterson, formerly of the University of Oregon, was the margin of difference. The dusky star tallied 19 points despite the concentration on him by the WSC centers who opposed him, and on defense he stuck so closely to Forward Dale Gentry, while the Walls Walla boy was in the game, that Gentry netted only one field goal.

Only five "iron men" played for the Signal Oilers, and under a pre-game agreement the four fouls—and-you're-out rule was skipped. As a result, forward Romano of the Oilers stayed in the game with seven personals against him.

Portlander to Celebrate

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(P)—Mrs. Ida Nesbold, Portland, will celebrate her 53rd birthday here Friday—and the birthday of the state at the same time. She was born Feb. 14, 1889, the day Oregon was admitted to the union.

Plan Wheat Crop Cut

IONE, Feb. 12.—(P)—Thirty-eight Morrow county farmers laid plans Wednesday to cut Oregon's wheat surplus. They expect to plant 5400 acres of yellow mustard, the first large mustard crop to be attempted on the county's wheat lands.

Record Winter Salmon Run in Columbia River

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 12.—(P)—Fish packers reported that the Columbia river opened Wednesday with one of the greatest winter runs of chinook salmon in history.

One fisherman landed 1200 pounds, a record catch for any winter season, and numerous hauls of 500 pounds were reported by single boats.

Lincoln Ideal Told at Meet

Marion County GOP Hear Emancipator's Stand on Constitution

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Marion county republican club, President Martin LaRue of the Young Republicans, President Ernest Miller of the county Willkie club, Justice of the Peace Joseph Felton and Gordon Taylor, congressional district committeeman, Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson led in the invocation.

Music included vocal solos by Helen Dean with Mary Martin as accompanist, and violin solos by Nellie Pearmaine with Margaret Wondolick, accompanist. Mrs. Wright led the group in a patriotic song at the close.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 12.—(P)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague advised republicans Wednesday night to drop partisan opposition to President Roosevelt.

"Support our president during this critical period," he urged at a Lincoln day banquet here, but added that the GOP should not "relinquish vigilance or independent judgment."

Boy Scouts Hold Court of Honor

Many Youths Receive New Advancement Awards and Merit Badges

A large number of Salem Boy Scouts appeared before the Cherry City district court of honor last night for awards in advancement. The court was a feature of national Boy Scout week celebrating the 31st anniversary of scouting in this country.

New first class scouts are Cole Stephens and Bobby Jones of troop 11 and Elmer Jorgensen of troop 54 of Gervais. Those advancing to second class are Kenneth Munson, Lee Wagers, Leonard Warnke and James Maddox. Bill of troop 42; Harry Hammer and Calvin Button of troop 13; Ernest Inzer, jr., of troop 19; Charles Adams of troop five; Dewayne Isaacson, Lewis Ramus and George Watson, all of troop seven.

Merit badges were awarded to Richard Colley, Romeo Dare, Glen Welch, William Foren and Clyde Ketchum of troop 14; Charles Johnson of troop 12; Leo Reed of troop one; Kenneth Murphy of troop eight; J. T. Hopp, Wayne Lutz, Walter Miller, Edway Newman and Don Hardy of troop nine; Robert Singleton, Stanford Hein, Bill Ready, Russell Kretz, Jim Arnett, Doug Carter, Howard Beugli, Richard Vincent, Richard Givens, Norman Beugli, Roy Houck, Walter Welty, Earl Cooper, Jr., and Charles Davis, all of troop 11.

Angus Erwin was given a special award of service stars for two years' service as Cub den chief. Gerald W. Mason, member of the state parole board, was principal speaker. Robert Lange of the Salem 20-30 club presided over the court.

Call Board

HOLLYWOOD Today—"Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot" with Ruth Terry and Johnny Downs and The Three Mesquiteers in "Rocky Mountain Rangers" with Robert Livingston.

GRAND Today—Held over, "This Thing Called Love," with Ronald Russell and Melvyn Douglas. Saturday—"Angels Over Broadway" with Douglas Fairbanks, jr., Rita Hayworth, Thomas Mitchell and Joe E. Brown in "So You Won't Talk."

ELSINORE Today—James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr in "Come Live With Me" and Cecil B. DeMille "Land of Liberty" with all of Hollywood's stars.

CAPITOL Today—Louise May Alcott's "Little Men" with Kay Francis and Jack Oakie and George O'Brien in "The Stage to China" with Virginia Vale. Saturday—"You're the One" with Orrin Tucker and Bonnie Baker and "Blackout" with Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson.

Today—"The Westerner" with Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan.

Saturday—Midnight Show. LIBERTY Today—"Souls in Pawn" with Ginger Britton. Friday—"Prairie Law" with George O'Brien and "Sandy in a Lady" with Baby Sandy and Eugene Palette.

STATE Today—Doris Cooper Davenport with Walter Brennan "The Westerner" and Bill "Yesterday's Heroes"

GRAND 30-40 The Longest - Loudest Laugh Hit of Them All! RUSSELL & DOUGLAS THIS THING CALLED LOVE Now! 12th Big Day

Italo-Spanish Leaders Meet

Talks Are Held Secret as Conjecture Rife on Parley Meaning

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his estate at Villanueva-Leubet, near Cagnes. He is on a "24-hour holiday" from Vichy.

There was a sharp divergence in the opinions of observers as to Spain's future role, now that Franco and Mussolini seem to have settled it.

The majority held that Mussolini called on the reluctant Spanish nationalist regime to pay off the debt of axis help in the Spanish civil war by supply bases for operations against Britain in the Mediterranean. Some said Franco traveled to Italy to explain reasons for his reluctance to go to war.

A minority leaned to conjecture that Spain was to be a peacemaker between Italy and Britain. No one pretended to know for sure.

The Greeks announced in Athens that Mussolini's men in Albania had abandoned vain counter-attacks and the British reported a 5-hour pounding of Il Duce's airfields on the island of Sicily, believed to have been the bases for recent German diving-bombing attacks in the Mediterranean area.

The royal air force communique reporting the Sicilian attack said bombers struck their targets at 20-minute intervals. Fires were reported seen 60 miles away, presumably from Malta, which the Germans reported raiding again.

Soviet Russia called to head her army general staff an officer who recently commanded the Kiev military district bordering Rumania and the Balkans, Gen. G. K. Zhukoff.

He also was appointed vice-commissioner of defense. The former chief of the red army general staff, K. A. Meretskiy, remained as vice-commissioner of defense.

The Italians and British agreed that fierce fighting was going on in possession of Italian held Cherem 43 miles from Asmara, capital of Eritrea. The British claimed the capture of Eigena, inland town 25 miles southwest of Mersa Taalal and 30 miles south of the Sudan border.

Authoritative British sources in Cairo said more than 1000 Axis planes have been shot down or destroyed in Africa since the war began, including 86 found unserviceable at the Bangasi airport of Benina.

Yugoslav border reports said the Italians suffered extreme losses in their last 5-day drive against the Greeks. The told of bitter fighting in the upper valley of the Devol river and infantry combat in the upper valley of the Skumbi river.

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is from the public that most of these proposals spring," observed Malcolm Epley, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald, in writing his impression of the session after a brief visit.

Another school sent its pupils to "do" the capitol and the legislature Wednesday. From the Hopville school, near Independence, the boys and girls enjoyed an afternoon of seeing laws made and unmade, of visiting such state officials as the governor and the state treasurer.

Gloria Chindgren, daughter of Rep. H. H. Chindgren of Molalla is now serving as a house page. Beatrice Williams is another new house page.

Rep. Harry Bolvin has lost and gained a secretary. Dorothy Alvis, formerly his secretary, has been appointed clerk of the reappointment committee named Monday by Speaker Farrell. Alyce V. Johnson is Bolvin's new secretary. New secretary to Sen. Louis W. Wiperman is Esther Lothrop.

Harry Schenk, executive secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association, was passing out inations Wednesday to capitol friends to help the Eugene Monday Morning Quarterback club "do a little quarterbacking" Friday night, when University of Oregon's basketball team plays Idaho. The club will hold a buffet dinner before the game.

The rule of stare decisis (abide by cases decided) is not to be the rule of deciding appeals from the decisions of local selective service boards in Oregon, said Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, chairman of the first congressional district appeal body, while visiting the legislature. Everything possible is being done to leave vital decisions to the local boards to be determined on the particular merits of each case at the time it arises, he said, and the appeal boards are definitely not inclined to build up a series of precedent-making cases on which future decisions may be based.

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