

Noted War Correspondent Tells Determination of Slavs to Harass Axis in Homeland

Wounded Writer, Escaping German War Machine and now in Cairo, Reveals Vows of Thousands of Warriors

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(Special to The Statesman)

CAIRO, Egypt, May 5.—(P)—Vowing to lay down their arms as long as there is a German or an Italian enemy to shoot at, tens of thousands of well-equipped Yugoslav warriors who escaped the axis invasion are continuing the fight on the sands of Egypt and in the wild mountains of their native Serbia and Bosnia.

Before I escaped from Yugoslavia, with a machine-gun bullet in my leg, I saw whole regiments of those hot-blooded fighting men take their whispered pledges never to give up and then melt into the mountain fastnesses to harass the invaders.

And now, here, in camps scattered over the desert sands, the Yugoslav flag flies side by side with the union jack. Hundreds of army and air force men of the shattered Yugoslav forces are re-forming their ranks to continue the fight beside the British.

Chancellor Hitler, in his reichstag address Sunday, said that 344,162 Yugoslav officers and men had been captured in the Balkan campaign. Military authorities, prior to the start of hostilities, estimated that Yugoslavia would put at least 1,000,000 men into the field.

I have talked with one of these Yugoslav pilots at various stops along the route of escape from Belgrade to Cairo. First I met him at Sarajevo. He had just learned his mother and sister were killed in the Belgrade bombing. He went off that night in a bomber to attack German military train concentrations at Sofia.

I saw him when he returned. His face was grim, his jaw set. "They all landed where I wanted them to land," he said. "But I am not through yet."

I saw him next in Greece. He had gotten his plane that far. Nothing had weakened his determination to fight on.

Now he is here. I listened again Monday to his story of how his sister was blown to bits that gruesome Sunday morning when Belgrade was awakened by bombs instead of by church bells.

He and hundreds of his countrymen here talk a lot these days about history's parallel—how defeated Serb troops in the last war reformed their broken ranks and eventually smashed their way home to victory on the Salonika front.

Technically, Yugoslavia's war against the axis may be over, but not in the minds of those guerrilla warriors in the mountains, those peasants who vowed vengeance in dimly-lit cafes and crowded market places, or those refugee soldiers who got away to fight another day.

For 10 days as I fled down through the hill country of Yugoslavia to the Dalmatian coast I tried to file dispatches telling of the sullen retreat of these patriots into the mountains and of the oaths they swore never to surrender.

But the German onslaught was so swift and the confusion so great that I never had an opportunity to communicate with the outside world.

When news of the armistice came many of the Yugoslav soldiers simply gathered their guns, ammunition and equipment and began the trek into the mountains. Their officers made no effort to stop them. That would have been useless.

Now word has reached here by a devious way that these desperate, determined men are causing the German and Italian occupation forces extreme difficulties.

Get US Contracts
WASHINGTON, May 5.—(P)—Contracts announced Monday by the war department included: Construction of airport control room, Pendleton, to Curtis Gardner, Portland, \$10,497; structural steel, to Portland Wire and Iron Works, \$5427.

Legion Unit Adds Eight

Eight men became voyageurs of Marion county voiture of the 40 et 8 society here Saturday night at the spring "wreck" at which guests included Grand Chef de Gare Ray Scoffren of Astoria and members from Astoria, Portland, Albany and Newport.

New members initiated were Lt. Col. Elmer W. Wootton, T. J. Brabec, J. A. Olson, Rex Kimmel and R. A. Meyers, all of Salem; Frank M. Powell of Silverton, commander of Delbert Reeves post of American Legion; Joe Marcroft of Aurora, president of Marion county council, and Lester Smith of Stayton.

Astoria Span Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(P)—A bill to extend the time for starting and completing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria has been passed by the senate and sent to the house.

New Gates Span Washout Said "Not Serious"

Picturesque, but not a serious disaster, the washing away of most of the falsework for the new Gates bridge across the Santiam river will not cause great delay in completion of the steel span, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs told the Marion county court Monday.

Only a few days will be required to replace the timbers washed out Monday morning by the swift current swollen with the weekend rains. The river had risen four feet in a short time, it was reported.

Damages were largely caused when equipment, including a donkey engine, a pile driver and a derrick were plunged into the river.

Contract for construction of the bridge is held by J. E. Johnson of Newberg. Cost is to total \$14,688.25.

Columnist Wins Pulitzer Prize
NEW YORK, May 5.—(P)—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert E. Sherwood's war drama, "There Shall Be No Night," and Westbrook Pegler, columnist, received Pulitzer awards Monday for excellence in American journalism and letters.

For the first time since 1920 the usual \$1000 award for the most distinguished novel of the year by an American author was not made. Reuben Maury of the New York Daily News received the \$500 award for distinguished editorial writing during 1940. Cartoonist Jacob Burck of the Chicago Times was awarded the \$500 prize for distinguished service for his "If I Should Die Before I Wake," a drawing of a child praying in her bomb-wrecked home as planes roared overhead.

Bible Class Slated
S. E. Forsberg, dean of the Multnomah School of the Bible, will teach the union Bible class to

Japs, Soviet Become "Friends" at Stroke of Pen



What may be a historic moment is pictured in cablephoto above, just released in Moscow. Foreign Commissar Molotov is beaming over the right shoulder of Dictator Josef Stalin who stands (in light jacket) behind Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese foreign minister, as he places his signature to the pact that pledges the neutrality of Soviet Russia and Japan in the event either is attacked. The photo was delayed in Moscow.

Take Honors in Credit Contest



These three Salem high school students were winners in the annual credit essay contest sponsored by the Salem Credit association and as such were guests of honor at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday. They are, reading from left to right, Jean Nieswander, Christine Caplan, winner of the \$15 first prize, and Anita Strickland.

Credit Responsibility Seen as Important Goal of Education

Credit responsibility is an important goal in education in this day of thorough credit organization through which each individual's credit record follows him wherever he goes; and it is a useful item in the development of that highest objective of education, character.

This was the observation of Dr. R. Franklin Thompson of the Willamette university faculty in an address at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon. The program was sponsored by the Salem Credit association.

Discussing the practical aspects of credit organization, Dr. Thompson noted that Salem merchants lost almost \$180,000 through bankruptcies in 1940 and that most bankruptcies involved persons owing from \$500 to \$5000 in small amounts to from 30 to 50 creditors.

Both Dr. Thompson and Les Whitehouse, speaker who preceded him, mentioned figures showing that 60 per cent of divorces are caused by family financial difficulties.

Christine Caplan, winner in the credit association's essay contest among high school students, read her essay which dealt with the family budget plan. Anita Strickland, second place winner, and Jean Nieswander, third, were introduced. More than 300 essays were entered, it was stated by James Clark who presided during the program. Dr. Floyd Utter was contest chairman.

Salem Boys "Fly High"

Cy Crawford of Salem was first in class A and Gene Ramsden of Salem second in class B of a northwest gas model airplane meet Sunday at Tacoma. Ninety one planes participated.

night at 8 p. m. at the Salvation army auditorium. The class will meet two more times this season.

Dorothy Eley Senior Class Valedictorian

Valedictorian of the graduating class of 1941 at Salem high school is Dorothy Eley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Eley, 890 North Fifth street. She is the highest scholastically of the more than 500 seniors, whose highest ten are all girls.

Principal Fred Wolf announced Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, president of Pacific university, is to give the commencement address for the high school June 5 in the auditorium. Baccalaureate service is June 1; and the junior-senior prom June 6.

Chief Inspects Troops by Air

PORT LEWIS, May 5.—(P)—Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, IX corps commander, cruised over Fort Lewis Monday night in one of the army's latest type planes surveying effectiveness of a night withdrawal problem by the third division.

Flying over an area where 13,500 men and hundreds of trucks were moving back six miles to new defense positions, General Joyce checked on the third's ability to conceal itself under blackout conditions.

The third, going through a two-day maneuver while the first division deserted the fort for a three-day leave, held off a theoretical "red" army at the southern edge of the military reservation throughout today, then withdrew to a new line. The problem, next to last for the third before it leaves in mid-month for California war games, ends Tuesday.

General Joyce, after flying over the area in a B-23, the air corps latest, dual-tailed, green-colored medium bomber, joined troops on the ground later Monday night.

Two Salem Men Enlist in Army

Technical Sgt. Willis S. Estep, local army recruiting officer, announced Monday that two men have been enlisted in Uncle Sam's regular army through the Salem office.

Charles P. Towne, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Towne, 1334 Marion street, has been enlisted for the medical department, Philippine islands. Young Towne attended the Salem high school.

Milard H. Williams, formerly of 111 Chemeketa street, was also enlisted on April 24. He will be forwarded to the infantry, unassigned, Hawaiian department for his three years of training.

According to Sgt. Estep, many vacancies now exist in the infantry, coast artillery, signal corps, chemical warfare service, medical department, finance department and air corps.

Young men of good health, good character and who have no dependents should apply at the local recruiting office at the postoffice building.

Eight to Graduate
MIDDLE GROVE—Five boys and three girls make up the eighth grade class which will have its graduation ceremonies Wednesday at 8 p. m. City Superintendent Frank Bennett, Salem, will be the speaker.

Willamette Valley Briefs

Teachers Selected
BROOKS—The local school board has rehired the following grade school teachers: Jean Graham, principal; Evelyn Henry, intermediate teacher, and Mrs. F. E. Hammel, primary instructor.

Move to Aurora
AURORA—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, who for 10 years have operated the Golden Goose auto camp on the highway between Aurora and Hubbard, have leased their place of business to Pop Hess and moved to Aurora.

Graduation Date Set
OAKRIDGE—Oakridge school will have graduation exercises and closing day program Wednesday at 8 o'clock. Fay Clymer and Clyde Jantze will graduate. The speaker will be J. W. Kennedy.

Class Has Review
WEST SALEM—Dr. A. F. Goffier announced the Red Cross first aid class will meet in the city hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock for a review lesson. The final examinations will be given a week from tonight.

Male Chorus at Silverton Will Give Concert

SILVERTON—Silverton's recently organized male chorus, under the direction of Floyd Ellefson, will make its first local appearance Tuesday night at the Eugene Field auditorium.

This will be the initial music week program. The program: Coronet solo, "Willow Echoes," by Frank Simon, Donald Penwick, accompanied by Wayne Rose; string quartet, "Old Black Joe," by Poehon; "Sunday Morning" by Abt, Dick Adams, principal Agnes Naegli, violin Jerry Merryman, viola Marion Hubbs, cello; clarinet solo, "Fantasia on the Twelfth Mass," by Mozart, Floyd Ellefson, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Byberg; vocal solo, "The End of a Perfect Day," by Jacobs bond, Mrs. Stanley Swanson, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Byberg at the piano, and O. E. Herigstad, violin obligato; piano solo, "Poem," by Fibich, Vera Heidenstrom; male chorus, "On to Oregon," "On the Sea," "Keep in de Middle ob de Road," Silverton Songmen, Floyd Ellefson, director.

Service Clubs Plan Outlined

PORTLAND, May 5.—(P)—Plans to set up clubs adjacent to army camps, naval stations and defense industries were outlined at a tri-state meeting here Monday.

Backed by the YMCA, National Catholic Community service, Salvation Army, YWCA, Jewish Welfare board and the National Travelers Aid association, the program is designed to offer recreation and guidance to men in military service and in defense industries.

Eugene E. Barnett of New York, representing the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., coordinating agency, told representatives from Oregon, Washington and Idaho that recreational and health buildings will be erected by the government, and the new organization will maintain them.

First Daughter Born
ZENA—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson are the parents of their first daughter, born Saturday in Salem. Mrs. Robertson is a daughter of Mrs. Milton Stephens of Zena.

Joint Meet Slated
LINCOLN—Mrs. J. D. Walling will be hostess for a mother-daughter meeting of the Goodwill club at her home Thursday. Weather permitting, a covered dish picnic dinner will be served on the lawn at the all-day meeting.

Family Quarantined
LIBERTY—The Schalk family is under quarantine for scarlet fever. Several of the children have been ill.

THE SPIRIT OF

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by JOHN CLINTON

Frankly I've never been a mother; so I am not personally aware of how mothers regard Mother's Day, which is next Sunday. But somehow I feel that the old picture of mother as a helpless white-haired lady is all wet.

Any time a woman can raise a son or a daughter, bring them through all the childhood perils of mumps, measles and warts—then guide them through the perplexities of adolescence, and finally see them successfully carved loose in the world—has help, not for my money.

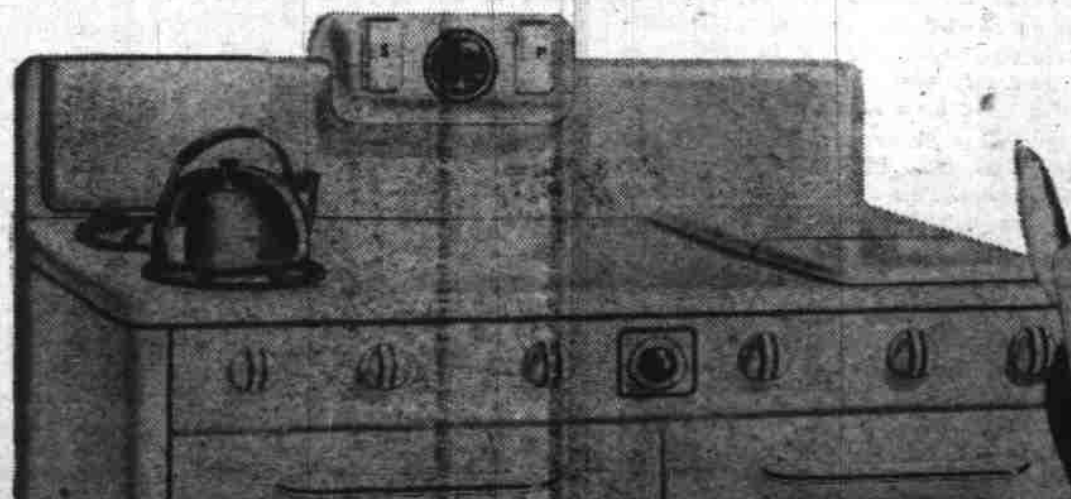
So, I thought I'd just haul off and direct this week's column to Mother, Clinton-style—Mother who drives the family car expertly to market or to school—who bats out over a thousand miles a year—and who, through it all, manages to be a pretty sweet, sound and sensible person. My hat, mother, is off to you!

In fact, mother, I'm going to suggest to you that you get acquainted with the fellows at your neighborhood Union Oil station. In the first place these men—they call 'em *Minute Men* 'cause they're fast—will save you time when you have to get gas or oil. In the second place, they're helpful gentles if something goes wrong.

And the reason I'm telling it to you, mother, is because you probably have more to do with the family car than anyone thinks you do. And, in the meantime, I hope all your children send you candy, tickets to a good show, and a big hug!

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