

Targets in Great British Air Offensive Reveals Strength Of RAF Says War Analyst

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The targets selected for Britain's heaviest counter air bombings of the war are as significant as the rising offensive strength of the Royal Air Force.

By London estimates, 300 to 400 British planes joined Thursday night's raids on Nazi "submarine and shipbuilding yards" centered at Hamburg and Bremen. If that report as to the number of ships used, is even reasonably accurate it means that the British are catching up with the Germans in both offensive and defensive air strength.

That is an important distinction. England's first necessity since the outbreak of the war has been to maintain and increase her defensive air force. Day and night fighters still are her most urgent need, and they have had to be turned out at home or carried to England through perilous waters. They can not be flown across the Atlantic from the United States as can long range bombers.

Nevertheless, despite months of German bombing of British plants, the means has been found for implementing a British counter attack approaching in its mass weight some of the heaviest German air blows struck at England.

And the targets selected strongly indicate that the raids were not merely retaliatory, but were a start on stepped up efforts to deal with the Atlantic sea menace at the source.

No absolute figures are available on the strength of the Royal Air Force today as compared with what it was a year ago when the age by air began. Britons were informed by their government quite recently, however, that plane reserves of all types now were equal to the numbers on the fighting line.

It has also been officially stated that wide dispersion of war production industries in England had limited the effectiveness of the German bombing campaign.

Mormons Seek Church Permit

The Church of the Latter Day Saints is seeking a permit under local option provisions of the city zoning code to build a church on the southeast corner of Fifth and Madison streets, City Engineer J. H. Davis said Friday night.

Davis said he was informed the proposed church will cost about \$22,000.

Property owners within a 300-foot radius of the proposed church site have been notified and it less than 51 per cent of them object the permit will be issued.

Oregon Father Home Is Named Historic Site

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The home of Dr. John McLoughlin, known as the "father of Oregon," will be designated as the John McLoughlin house national historic site, Interior Secretary Ickes said Friday.

The white frame house stands in McLoughlin park in Oregon City. Dr. McLoughlin lived there from 1846 until his death in 1857.

Brennen Gives Organ Concert

Maurice H. Brennen, instructor in music at Willamette university, will play another of his weekly organ concerts at the First Presbyterian church Sunday, 7:15 until 7:30 p.m.

His program will include the following numbers: "Pour un jour de contrition," "Pour la communion, both by Motu; "Sonatina," Bach, and "Chant du soir," Bossi.

Bride Honored.

SCIO—Wednesday night Scio Rebekah lodge conducted a miscellaneous shower for a recent noble grand of the unit, Lorene Trolinger Young, who became a bride a short time ago. Covered-dish dinner was served and an evening of cards followed.

In One Ear . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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with the key in the lock. He tagged it. It was a West Salem police patrol car.

MEPPEN, May 9.—(East Oregonian Special News Bureau)—Supporter of the new metropolitan police with new buildings and buses going up here and there.

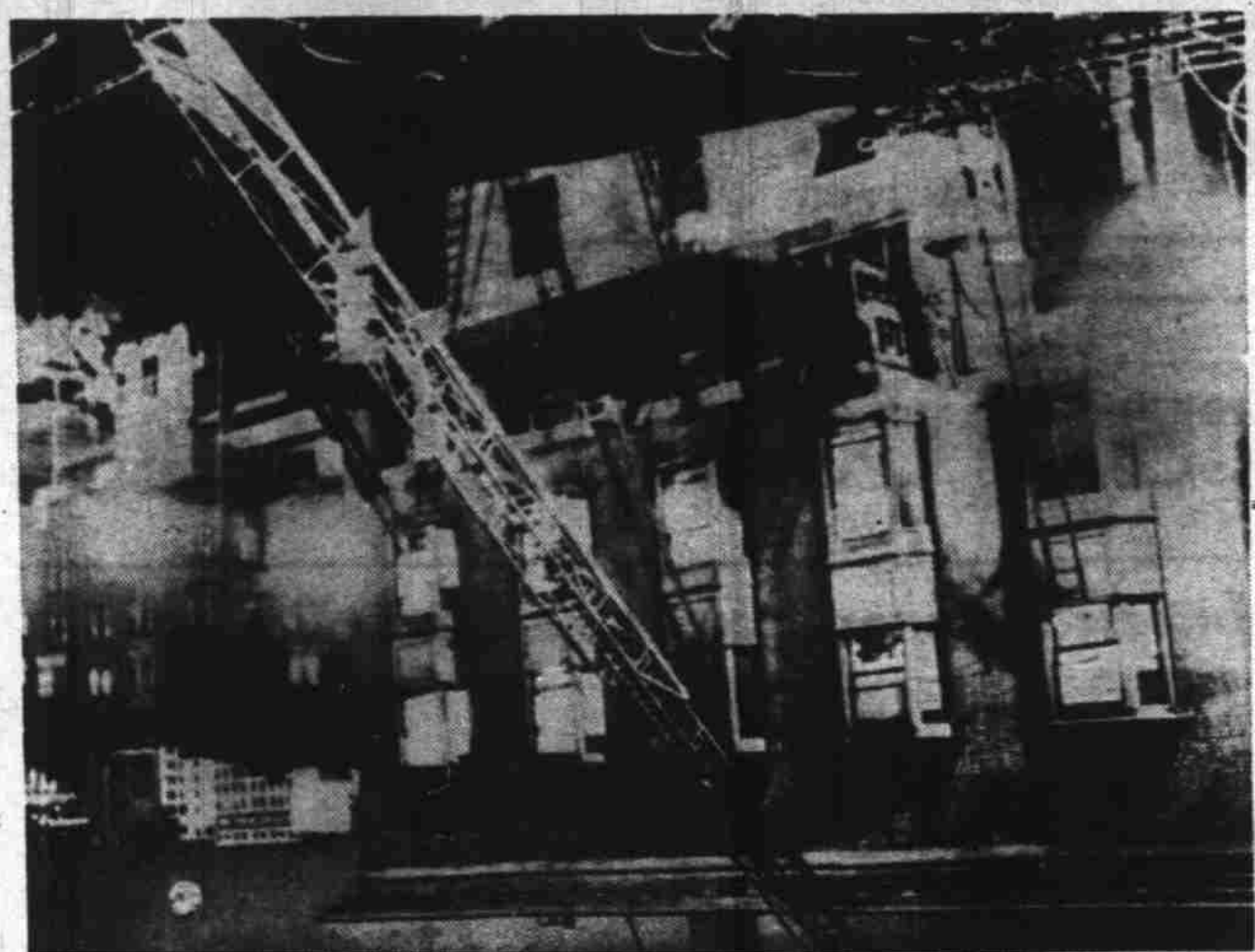
—Fountain East Oregonian.

Better get a move on, New York.

The director of the state fair denies that dog races will be held there this year. He might have said, "Far from going to the dogs the fair is not even going to permit the dogs to come to the fair."

And that's every bit you get this week, Mr. Spitzbart.

Four Met Death in This Seattle Hotel Fire



Graphic view in Soundphoto above shows the blaze which swept through a hotel in Seattle early May 8, killing four persons and hospitalizing eleven others after scores were trapped in the frame building. The fire started in a wastebasket, police said. Photo shows firefighting apparatus reaching to the building's upper stories as trapped victims scream for aid. Interior stairways were first to give way.

Yank Planes Used in Raid

RAF Batters French Coast Sub Bases in Follow-up Offensive

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ted as far as Posen in former Poland.

Industrial damage at Bremen and Hamburg was minimized by the Germans but the British told of docks and buildings blasted to bits, of great fires which sent columns of smoke thousands of feet into the air.

Ten British planes were lost, the British said.

For their part Germany struck savagely at Hull and other English ports deemed vital to British survival. The British have acknowledged steadily mounting damage to important port facilities.

The British said 13 German planes were shot down Thursday night over England, 11 of them by night fighters.

British, allied and neutral shipping losses in April were 166 ships, totaling 468,124 tons, the British ministry of shipping announced early today (Saturday).

This was the highest monthly toll yet announced.

Other major military news came from the Italian high command which announced that Italian planes had scored torpedo and bomb hits on two British battleships, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, a destroyer and three merchant ships in a violent battle in the Straits of Sicily. None of the ships were claimed as sunk.

Sixteen British planes also were reported shot down. German airmen were given credit for three of the British craft, and the Italians admitted losing five planes. On the diplomatic front Russia again took the spotlight in her first foreign policy move since Joseph Stalin discarded his official anonymity and became premier a few days ago.

Russia withdrew diplomatic recognition from three German-occupied countries—Yugoslavia, Belgium and Norway. The ministers of those emigre governments allied with the British war cause were told their powers no longer were valid; in other words to leave Moscow.

Observers immediately interpreted this move by Stalin as one aimed at patching up differences with Germany caused by the soviets' expressed displeasure at Nazi inroads into the Balkans.

Kumatore Honda, Japanese ambassador to Nanking, was quoted today by Nichi Nichi, Tokyo newspaper, as saying Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would conduct any possible peace negotiations with Japan only with the United States as mediator and would not deal directly with the Japanese government.

The Spanish government had a shakeup Friday night when a number of ministry of interior officials appointed by Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suner during his term as interior minister were replaced by men close to his brother-in-law, Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

The changes have been interpreted in Madrid as Franco's determination to have Spain a maximum of independence in the "new order" of Europe.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 9.—(AP)—With British armored forces and airmen in pursuit, Iraq's army has scattered over the desert, straggling the hands behind them with armored cars, trucks and cannon, a British communiqué said Friday night.

The British also said they had destroyed the small Iraqi air force, left high and dry by the failure of Germany to fulfill a promise for delivery of a number of planes by May 2.

The RAF bombed Iraqi rebels out of the Rutbah airdrome and British troops in armored cars re-occupied it, the British declared.

Deny Gailani Flees

NEW YORK, May 9.—(AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast Friday night what it said was an official Iraqi denial that Premier Raschid Ali Al Gailani had fled Baghdad Thursday night.

Pupils Make Trip

LIBERTY—The annual trip to the coast, which has become a tradition for the local eighth grade, will be made today. Principal Joseph Watt and several parents will furnish transportation for the outing for the class.

Visits at Lyons

LYONS—Cyril Lyons, who is stationed at McCord field, near Tacoma spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lyons. This is a first visit home since he entered camp in October.

Salem Banned On PUD Line

PORTLAND, May 9.—(AP)—Bids on three highway projects were rejected Friday by the state highway commission on the grounds that they were too high. Contracts on five other projects were awarded.

The commission rejected a request of the Salem PUD for permission to place a pole line carrying 11,000 volts on the West Salem bridge. If it is placed in a lead-sheathed cable, approval will be given, the commission said.

Lack of competition among bidders was held responsible for bids exceeding commission estimates. Among the following awards were: Grant and Wheeler—Oiling 25.63 miles of the Mountain Rest-Mt. Vernon and Butte Creek—Service creek sections of the Pendleton-John Day, Beech Creek and John Day highways, J. C. Compton, McMinnville, \$14,635.

Funeral Set For Japanese

INDEPENDENCE—Funeral services will be held Sunday from the Clough-Barick funeral home in Salem for Jentaro Mitoma, 64, well known hop man here, who died at the E. Clemens Horst and company hop ranch Thursday. Concluding services will be at the Mt. Crest Abbey crematorium in Salem.

Arrangements are in charge of Smith-Baum mortuary of Independence. Jentaro Mitoma was born in Japan, June 24, 1876 and has been in this country 38 years. He had been hop contractor at the Horst hop ranch for the past 15 years. He is survived by his widow, Hima Mitoma; son, J. Mitoma, Jr.; a daughter, Hissaye, who resides at Horst ranch, and a married daughter, Chyono, in Japan; two grandchildren; and a brother, Frank Mitomo, now in Japan, who started the Mitoma hop ranch north of Independence.

SOS—Raider Attacks

SANTIAGO, Cuba, May 9.—(AP)—The government radio reported tonight it had intercepted an SOS message indicating the merchant ship Hercules has been attacked by an armed raider, apparently off the southeast tip of Greenland.

Fire on US Destroyer

SEATTLE, May 9.—(AP)—Four Seattle fire companies and two fireboats were dispatched to the Todd-Seattle drydock Friday night to fight a mysterious fire aboard the United States destroyer Gilmer.

Crete Chief



Maj. Gen. B. C. Freyburg, who is commander in chief of the New Zealand expeditionary force in the Near East, now has been named to take charge of all the Allied forces on the island of Crete, to lead when the Germans pushed on to victory in Greece. General Freyburg, holder of the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for bravery in action, was wounded nine times in the last war.

Probe of Clatsop PUD Election Is Asked

PORTLAND, May 9.—(AP)—An investigation of activities which led to defeat of the Clatsop county people's utility district in the recent election was asked of the federal power commission Friday.

The PUD sponsoring committee asserted in a letter that false propaganda was used and excessive sums of money spent in opposition to the proposal.

Party Honors School Class

CENTRAL HOWELL—The seventh grade pupils and Mrs. Grace Schen entertained in honor of the eighth grade pupils at the Schen home in Salem Monday night.

Eighth graders are: Shirley Kaufman, Mary Ann Warner, Erma Cowden, Alton Roth, Ralph Steffen, Melvin King, Raymond Roth and Delbert King.

Baccalaureate services for Central Howell eighth grade graduates in conjunction with Pratum will be held Sunday, May 11, at the Pratum Mennonite church with Rev. D. J. Unruh delivering the address.

Graduation exercises will be the evening of May 15. May 23 is the last day of school and the school picnic May 24.

VFW Auxiliary Fetes Leader

Veterans Foreign Wars auxiliary Marion Post 661 were hostesses at a no-host dinner at the Quelle cafe in honor of Mabel Tanner, Jefferson City, Mo., national president of Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries Friday night. There were about 40 guests and friends present.

A violin solo was played by Sana Millet, accompanied by Miss Sullivan. Amelia Bolton gave several selections on the piano.

Distinguished visitors present were: Arvilla Atkinson, department president; Edith Mudd, junior vice-president; Rita Wolfe, president district No. 4, Mrs. Harold Perkins, president of American Legion auxiliary capital unit No. 9, Charles Robertson, commander of Marion Post No. 661, Mrs. Elmer Ray, president of Dallas auxiliary 3203, and Mrs. Walter Wickert, president of Marion auxiliary.

After a brief visit to Veterans hall at Cottage and Hood streets, Mrs. Tanner went to Portland.

Back to Rosedale

TURNER—Mrs. Ada Mathias who has been ill the past two months, was moved to the home of Mrs. A. E. Robertson Wednesday. Mrs. Gladys Codner has left for her Rosedale home after spending six weeks at the Mathias home.

Shingle Mill Blazes

TILLAMOOK, May 9.—(AP)—A fire early Thursday destroyed the boiler room and part of the conveyor system at the Simmons Creek shingle mill six miles south of here. The cause was not determined.

Education Meet Set

EUGENE, May 8.—(AP)—The postponed April meeting of the state board of higher education will be held in Portland next Tuesday, Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter said here Friday.

Stockman Buys Bull

PLEASANTDALE—A purebred Hereford two-year-old bull has been sold by Ed Richards to Orval Stoutenburg, who is manager of the Floyd E. Fowler stock ranch near Logsdon in Lincoln county.

School Bars Lindy

SULPHUR, Okla., May 9.—(AP)—The Sulphur school board directed Friday that pictures of Charles A. Lindbergh be removed from class rooms and American flags substituted.

China Demands US Mediator

Tells Japanese Peace Must Be Negotiated Through America

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The Chinese generalissimo was determined not to deal directly with the Japanese government in any possible move for bringing peace.

Honda, without naming the individual, said in the Nichi Nichi dispatch that "certain foreigners" recently visited Chungking and conferred frequently with Chiang Kai-Shek. It was said here this obviously referred to Marine Captain James Roosevelt, son of the United States president, whose visit to the Chinese nationalist capital now takes on a new and highly significant importance.

The Nichi Nichi story quoting Japan's envoy to the Japanese-sponsored government at Nanking came a few hours after the Japan Times and Adviser, English language newspaper controlled by the Japanese foreign office, said that Japan had reached a "new stage" in her policy toward China.

This paper declared the effort to overcome the Chinese force of arms "must have little more appeal even to the most sanguine of soldierly minds."

The paper suggested that Japan's new policy be two-fold: "First, peace and order in China, because no peace can be possible in the far east without a peaceful China;

"Second, development of China as an active partner in the new Asiatic co-prosperity sphere, because a new economic structure for east Asia would be impossible without the cooperation of China."

Honda is in Shanghai en route to Tokyo, apparently at the request of Premier Prince Fumimaro Kono and Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, both of whom were said in some circles to be determined to settle the dispute with China in order to prepare further for the greater east Asia program of Japan.

SHANGHAI, China, May 10.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Usually well-informed neutral quarters said today that Japan appeared to be preparing to withdraw troops from large areas of the interior of China to concentrate them along the coast.

There were strong indications that Japan shortly will abandon as fruitless the effort to conquer all China and attempt to force the Chungking government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek into submission by new tactics, these quarters said.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—State department and Japanese sources said Friday night that nothing was known here of any official moves to have the United States serve as a medium in possible moves for bringing peace between Japan and China.

Two Die in Portland Police Row



Police Lieut. P. R. Johnson, 67, (left) was shot seven times as he sat in precinct headquarters in Portland early on May 9. Patrolman Arthur B. Chase, 57, (right) identified by Patrolman R. L. Turley as the assailant, fled in an automobile. Eight hours later his body was found in his locked automobile near Estacada, about 50 miles from Portland. Capt. J. J. Keegan said he had committed suicide. (Associated Press photo.)

Portland Policeman Slays His Superior, Then Kills Self

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—(AP)—A policeman, brooding over his suspension, early Friday emptied a seven-shot revolver into the body of a superior officer he blamed for his predicament, then ended his own flight into the Cascade mountains by killing himself.

Patrolman Arthur B. Chase, 57, who was to have come before the police disciplinary board Friday for failing to report for duty Wednesday, shot and killed Police Lieutenant P. R. Johnson, 67, at precinct No. 1 headquarters.

Desk Sergeant E. E. Cook, who witnessed the shooting, said he was unarmed at the time and unable to interfere. Another officer, R. L. Turley, had been forced from the building by the assailant.

Although one of Chase's bullets tore off his trigger finger, Johnson managed to draw his own gun and fire four shots at Chase. None took effect. Johnson, a native of Virginia and a veteran of 33 years with the force, died about half an hour later.

Chase fled in an automobile, visited the home of a nephew in a Portland suburb, Arthur Wood, calmly washed up, discarded six

World War News Today

By The Associated Press
British bombers lash at French coast in follow-up to greatest raid of war in which between 300 and 400 planes fire Hamburg and Bremen; Germans again smash at Britain after explosive and incendiary attacks on Hull and other English dock areas.

Admiralty reports German raider sinks in Indian ocean; Italian high command reports big Mediterranean battle in which fascist planes torpedoed at least six British warships and shot down 16 British planes.

Iraq air force is destroyed and army scattered by British, Cairo reports; British still fear Germany may strike into Iraq through Syria, possibly with passive French approval.

Moscow withdraws diplomatic recognition from Yugoslav, Belgian and Norwegian ministers.

British ship losses for April highest of war—106 ships totaling 488,124 tons.

Tax Equality Is Aim of Law

Commission Officer Explains Measure to County Assessors

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of the conference that most assessors are attempting to comply with the law.

"I am confident," he said, "that if the law is followed the property assessment in Multnomah county, taken as a whole, will be more equitable than at the present time and no property owners will be penalized." Galloway would not comment on reports a special legislative session may be called to consider Multnomah county assessment problems.

U of O Election Claimed Illegal

EUGENE, May 9.—(AP)—University of Oregon students prepared Friday for another election after the judiciary committee confiscated the ballot boxes Thursday night on grounds the voting machinery had been set up illegally.

Dean Wayne L. Morse, appointive head of the judiciary committee, said that many students not entitled to vote were allowed to do so and others were deprived of their ballot rights.

The difficulty arose principally over setting up possession of activity cards as a requisite for voting whereas they are not held by all students eligible to vote and are held by others who are not.

A date for the new election has not yet been set.

Director Billed For Service

Rev. Rodney M. Britten of Portland recently appointed director of Christian education for the Oregon Baptist convention, will be the speaker at morning and evening services Sunday at Calvary Baptist church, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Arno Q. Weniger, who is in the east fulfilling speaking engagements and attending the Northern Baptist convention at Wichita, Kas.

Ground for Calvary Baptist church was broken just three years ago Sunday.

Nurses Association Guests at Church

Oregon State Nurses association, District No. 3, will attend as a group and in uniform at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday at 7:30 p.m. After the service the nurses, choir and congregation will enjoy a social hour in the parish hall with the council of church women as hostesses.

During the church service the choir will sing "Sing Alleluia Forth" by Dudley Buck. An appropriate address to the nurses will be made by Reverend George H. Swift, rector.

Berry Pickers Arrive

GRESHAM, May 9.—(AP)—With strawberry picking scheduled to start next week, 20 families have reached the farm security administration mobile farm labor camp here. About 200 families of migratory workers are expected.

Speaks at Church

HOPEWELL—Miss Helen Wiens, Dallas, who is district leader of the Eutopia society, gave the address at the Hopewell United Brethren church Ladies Aid spring mother and daughter banquet Tuesday evening.

Baby Daughter Dies

OAK POINT—Ollie Eloise Rutherford, two weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Rutherford, died in the Dornbecher hospital in Portland Wednesday.

Benefit Dance Set

MILL CITY—A firemen's benefit dance is to be held in the firemen's hall Saturday, May 10.

10,000 out on Lumber Strike

Expected 12,000 More to Stop Work Should Negotiations Fail

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Union representatives are demanding a 7 1/2 cent an hour wage increase, to bring basic wages to 75 cents, a closed shop and a week's vacation with pay.

Meeting with the employer-employee representatives is E. S. Jackson, federal labor conciliator who aided in the conferences which two weeks ago brought about an agreement between operators and lumber and sawmill workers union (AFL) representatives in Tacoma.

Mills at Bellingham, Everett, Anacortes, Port Angeles, Forks, Centralia, Chehalis, Shelton, Olympia, Longview and the Grays Harbor district are affected by the present strike, Kolyvoun said.

SEATTLE, May 9.—(AP)—The Commercial Telegraphers union (AFL) called a strike Friday night for May 22 in the entire Seattle branch of the Western Union Telegraph company.

A. B. Wicklund, union representative, said the New York headquarters of the company had for the third time rejected terms agreed to for a contract between the local union and the company here. He said the contract would have affected wages and working conditions of 175 employees out of the local's membership of 400, which includes messenger boys.

Wicklund said the union had demanded a 40-hour week to replace the present 43 1/2 hours, without a wage reduction, and had asked a union shop.

SPOKANE, May 9.—(AP)—Spokane truck drivers accepted a wage increase of \$1.50 per day and dropped a demand for week vacation with pay in an agreement this week with employers, A. J. Ruhl, secretary of local 690, Teamsters union, reported Friday.

Ruhl said the Truck Owners association, acting for the employers, accepted the increase for drivers, loaders and checkers, now receiving \$8 daily, and increased the wages of extra men by 10 cents an hour.

The agreement, affecting 300 men, called for a 45-hour week of five and one-half days, with time and one-half for overtime.

SEATTLE, May 9.—(AP)—Seven CIO members riding in a sound truck used for anti-AFL broadcasts near the Boeing Aircraft company reported to police Friday night that three bullets had been fired at them from a passing car on a busy street.

Vonn Wernicke, former Boeing employee discharged after he was expelled from the AFL Aeronautical Mechanics union, told officers two shots were fired from a green sedan crashed into the roof of the truck as it was proceeding north on Fourth avenue approximately two blocks south of the King street railroad station. He said a third shot went through a window, barely missing one of the other men riding in the front seat of the truck.

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LYONS—The Sheep and Calf clubs held their meeting at the grange hall Monday. The sheep club was in charge of the meeting and the calf club furnished the refreshments. The clubs will attend the 4H county fair held in Albany today.

Night Milk Is out

PORTLAND, May 9.—(AP)—Portland milk delivery men will no longer make their rounds at night under a new contract. The 500 union men won monthly wage increases of \$17.50, boosting their pay to \$132.50 a month, and a week's vacation with pay.

Visit Nebraska

HAYESVILLE—Mrs. Georgia Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Paul and Jerry left for Holdrege, Neb., where they were called by the death of Mrs. Anderson's father, Chris Anderson. They expect to be gone about ten days.

Army Buys Horses

RICKREALL—A horse auction was held here Saturday when army men bought 11 out of over 100 head. Blaine Southwick sold his saddle horse to them.