

# Army Planning Work Spread

### Western Defense Meet Hears Plans of State Councils; Owen Talks

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much assistance the federal government is prepared to give local authorities in the defense of public utilities, oil storage tanks and other important military objectives.

A vote on the resolution was taken after a member of the California delegation, State Senator Irvin Quinn of Eureka, said he thought the civilian defense program was appallingly vague.

Defense councils of the seven states reported on civilian defense organization progress. All the states said councils had been formed, and all had carried the organization down to local units, although some of the latter were not complete.

Jerrold Owen, Oregon's defense co-ordinator, said his state's fire and police volunteer goal was 10 men for every one on the regular fire and police forces. He said volunteers were being put through a stiff training course.

Richard Graves, California defense council head, said California's experience with women volunteers had been disappointing. Great numbers offered services, he reported, but when they found they would have to work regular shifts day after day in an emergency, many went home.

Owen remarked that Oregon did better, but made a mistake in telling volunteers they would be paid. Although disillusioned about pay, more than half the women stayed on anyhow.

Washington state laid emphasis on seaport and coastline emergency set-ups, J. C. Bollinger of Seattle reported.

Idaho has stopped fishing within a half-mile of all dams, C. E. Arney of Boise reported. The Idaho coordinator said his state, like some others, had provided no funds, but that the work and financing was getting along pretty well anyway.

# GOP Hits Lack Of Candor on Defense Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9—(AP)—Republicans accused the administration Thursday of an "amazing lack of candor" and an unwillingness to disclose "cold, hard facts" about the progress of the defense program as the house debated the \$5,985,000,000 lend-lease bill.

Immediately after Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.) in a 50-minute speech told the house that the nation was making an industrial effort almost on a war basis, Rep. Ditter (R-Pa.) arose to assert that "Hitler is better informed than the American people" about the extent of this country's preparedness.

"What the American people want to know is how well we are prepared to fight right now," he said. "We have had phrases rather than frankness."

# Marion Pupils Get Holiday; Teachers Meet

(Continued from Page 1) is to have its first public vocal expression there, they maintained. Morning sessions open at 10; the afternoon session, with the Rev. W. Irwin Williams as principal speaker, at 1 o'clock. Following his address on "How Shall We Educate for a Strong America," departmental meetings are to be held.

**Driver Pays \$100 Fine**  
Walter E. Partridge of Seattle, arrested earlier in the day on a charge of drunken driving, was released from the city jail Thursday night after paying a \$100 fine. A 30-days jail sentence was suspended upon payment.

# Faces Trial

George Sylvester Viereck (above), 44-year-old journalist, appeared at the New York federal building for arraignment on a charge of withholding information when he registered with the state department as an agent of a foreign power.

# Anzac Airmen Arrive in America En Route to Europe Battlefront



The familiar RAF "thumbs up" salute is given smilingly by some of the 600 Australian and New Zealand airmen who arrived by passenger liner in San Francisco recently. They said they were on their way to "Berlin via Canada and England," and left by train for a secret Canadian destination. Their passage across the Pacific was a closely guarded US navy secret. They are part of an immense air "pool" of the British Empire.—HIN photo.

# Final Chest Report Today

### Drive for Goal Will Continue; Campaign Ahead of Last Year

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Contractors and builders, Rich L. Reimann, chairman, \$135.50. General gifts, T. A. Windishar, chairman, \$245.25.

Government and education, George Alexander, chairman, \$550.26.

Industrial, Robert Shinn, chairman, \$204.50.

Mercantile, Edward Bissell, chairman, \$243.25.

Professional, Gene Vandeneynde, chairman, \$11.

Utilities, W. W. Chadwick, chairman, \$155.50.

Women's division, Dorothea Steuloff, chairman, \$17.

Additions to the list of firms and employes who have contributed 100 per cent to the campaign were Miller Mercantile company, Unruh Knapp and company, Blake, Moffit and Towne Paper company, Doughton Hardware company, Carl E. Armprist Sheet Metal works.

Contributors of \$10 or more included:

\$50—Portland General Electric company.

\$100—Ronald Jones.

\$75—Busick's market.

\$60—R. D. Paris.

\$50—Willamette Cherry Growers, Commercial Book store, B. E. Sisson.

\$44—Employees of Blue Lake Producers.

\$40—J. C. Evans.

\$30—Grand theatre.

\$7—Mr. and Mrs. George Scott.

\$25—Harry U. Miller, R. J. Hendricks, Hollywood theatre, Oregon Motor Stages, Firestone Auto Supply company.

\$20—Doughton Hardware company, Elizabeth Putnam, Capital City bindery.

\$17.50—Sam Gillette.

\$15—Mrs. Jennie Jones, Malcolm Hawke, Carl B. Armprist, C. E. Guenther, N. M. Finkbeiner.

\$12.50—B. M. Donaldson.

\$12—R. W. Johnson.

\$10—Eileen Chamberlain, Mrs. J. Nunan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Purdy, Roy Fitzwater, West Coast Powder company, Style Arch Shoe company, Arthur Moore, W. B. Duncan, Dr. Mary Purvine, Margaret Rosencrans, Fred Smith Lumber yard, Vincent Neal, Erwin Batterman, Sherman Bostwick, I. L. Darby, McCune and Lovell service station, E. C. Mennis, E. F. Hallik, R. V. Hollenberg, E. F. Williams, Paul Wolfe, William Lidbeck, W. W. Looney, C. F. Smith.

# Shower Given for Recent Bride

ELDRIDGE—Mrs. Don Clement (nee Betty Edwards) was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. A. W. Nusom, sr. Mrs. Maude Timm was assistant hostess.

Assisting with serving were: Misses Elinor and Shirley Brown, Anna Mae Martin, Darlene Edwards and Mary Brunk.

Invited guests were Mrs. Opal Evans, Mrs. Evelyn Conklin, Mrs. Bud Timm, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Clements, Miss Clements, Miss Hattie Skelton, Mrs. Charles Tomaha, Mrs. Emil Cramer, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Arthur Goffin, Mrs. Alyn Nusom, Mrs. Ida Bushman, Mrs. Nellie Chapman, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Mrs. Arthur Banyard, Mrs. E. J. Becker, Mrs. Karl Daughter, Mrs. Carter Keene, Mrs. Pearl Patterson, Mrs. John Kieniski, Mrs. I. Sears, Mrs. Fern Runco, Mrs. Frank Stiers, Miss Adeline Manning, Mrs. A. W. Sahil, Mrs. Kraber, Mrs. A. N. Heiser, Mrs. Lester Pearmine, Mrs. Shara and daughter, Mrs. Lew Martin, Mrs. Thornberry, sr., Mrs. Avon Thornberry and Mrs. Jesse Thornberry.

# ODDITIES

... in the News

DES MOINES, Ia.—(AP)—A worried bus passenger sent word to the state bureau of investigation that he had lost \$40 to a pick-pocket between Omaha and Des Moines.

Two state agents met him at the bus station — and found the money in his pocket. "I don't know whether he was trying to stir up trouble or just forgot which pocket he put it in," Chief R. W. Nebergall said it.

RICHMOND, Va.—(AP)—Drought notes: There were eight candidates for baptism and a dry well Sunday at Bethlehem Baptist church in Henrico county. The pastor, the Rev. R. E. Brown, talked to County Manager S. J. Mahaffey and the fire department offered the solution — 800 gallons of it, dumped into the baptismal pool.

NEW YORK—(AP)—For two months, Detective Carson Miller roamed the Bronx, wearing a dress, a blonde wig and high-heeled shoes, hoping to lure on the Don Juan who had been doing a kiss-and-run act on pretty girls.

He stayed home one night to rest and treat his sore feet. Don Juan staged his act—and a private detective nabbed him.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(AP)—It's so dry in Pennsylvania that workmen building a bridge in Montour county had to haul water a mile to mix concrete.

PORTLAND—(AP)—Horns blared as the traffic light turned green but the lead car at the north Broadway and Larrabee intersection failed to move.

The policeman on duty, walked out. He found the driver, Erik Bjorkman, 56, Portland contractor, dead, apparently of a heart attack.

PORTLAND—(AP)—Student Pilot Monteith Macourbrrie was taking his license test from Federal Aeronautical Inspector L. B. Pud-

ney, learning how to land in an emergency. Just then the motor of the low-wing monoplane failed and Macourbrrie had a real-life demonstration on his hands. He put the plane down on a farm field, damaging a wing tip and the landing gear.

Pudney thought he handled the test all right. CHICAGO—(AP)—Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. the other day a stranger in the neighborhood was the best customer in Max Bruian's candy store. Five times he came in to buy cold drinks, chewing gum and cigars.

On his sixth visit, however, he held his hand in his pocket as if he were armed, and walked out with the \$15 in the cash register.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—(AP)—High in the sky, machinist mate H. Campbell, of Greer, SC, found himself alone in a plane. Below him Ensign G. J. Tomasini drifted to earth by parachute after an unfastened safety belt caused the pilot to be tossed out.

Campbell had not taken any flight instruction but he had watched the pilots work. He brought the plane down safely.

CHICAGO—(AP)—Thieves broke into the car of H. E. Richards and took some hunting clothes, drawings and a small tank containing nitrous oxide, called "laughing gas."

Richards said it won't be so funny if they open the tank, because it probably would make them unconscious.

Camp Problem Unit Formed (Continued from Page 1) A. B. Starbuck of Dallas, who talked on sanitation. Chairmen of committees named are:

Health and sanitation, Bowersox; schools, Finseth; housing and trailer, Butler; law enforcement, Barrett; road building, Van Well; social and recreation, Murphy; roadside regulation, Chadwick; sewerage, Mayor Guy Newgent of West Saleem; water supply, Herron; finance, Mayor A. G. Senders of Albany.

Friends Arrange Surprise Party PIONEER—A group of friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bird recently.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black, Mr. and Mrs. William Theisels, Mr. and Mrs. Darel Bird and Leland, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Theisels, Evelyn, George and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wood, Gail and Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Day, Lila, Myrtle, Leslie and Lulu, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, Oriand and Lois, Walter Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coy and Jimmy and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dornhecker and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robbins.

Panama's president flees to Cuba; new head of government understood to favor closer cooperation with US in severing its old regime had barred armed freighters from Panama registry.

# Court Accepts Tax Petition

### High Bench to Decide Property Levy Plan in Multnomah County

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Ralph B. Bailey, an assistant attorney general, argued, however, that "this is a statewide matter and the question of whether the tax commission has authority to enforce its orders should be settled for all time."

"Until this controversy is settled by a court decision, the tax commission cannot complete its tax ratios between the various counties or determine definitely its utility assessments," Bailey declared.

The commission's writ put two principal questions: May a legal order of the commission be enforced by the commission?

Which assessment system does the law require to be followed, that of uniform or that of variable ratios?

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The paper asked if Japan was expected to regard with equanimity arrangements to tighten her encirclement and provide munitions for Chiang Kai-Shek.

The paper Kokumin said it was evident that the Japanese-American conversations in Washington "will sooner or later collapse completely as long as the United States forgets Japan's friendly attitude toward America."

Kokumin added: "We may not be able to avoid the worst eventually. "The United States should know she is responsible for whatever happens."

HEADS NAMED By DeMolay Mark Hatfield was reelected Thursday night as master councillor of Chemeketa chapter, Order of DeMolay. He was elected state master councillor at the convocation last spring.

Public installation for the new officers is slated for October 23. Another event on the fall calendar is a visit November 6 by Sunnyside chapter of Portland, which will give the initiatory degree. A dance will follow.

Other new officers are: Val Sloper, senior councillor; Dick Casteel, junior councillor; Bill Habernicht, senior deacon; Jack Gibson, junior deacon; Stan Prather, senior steward; Richard Meyers, junior steward; Bob Brown, marshal; Jerry Williams, chaplain; Bob McCloughlin, sentinel; Melvin Johnson, standard bearer; Bill Smith, Bob Phillips, Warren Doolittle, Don Page, Clyde Christman and Bob Johnson, preceptors.

# Soviet Admits Hour of Peril

### Epic Resistance With Civilians Fighting With Army Revealed

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dispatches direct from there, went about its accustomed business and there was no observable sign of panic or broken morale anywhere behind the red lines.

The Russian press appealed to the people:

"Realize the gravity of the situation, the greatness of the danger and abandon all complacency."

The whole of the soviet union was warned officially:

"... There can be no middle course, it is either destruction of Nazi Germany or the most brutal extermination and enslavement of the peoples of the USSR."

The German high command itself asserted that the last fully effective Russian armies remaining on the whole of the eastern front were fatally encircled and Hitler's military spokesmen claimed flatly that Russia was beaten, although acknowledging that much more blood would have to be shed to complete the victory.

These red armies described as encircled were officially estimated in Berlin to aggregate 60 to 70 divisions. Russian divisions at full strength are about 20,000 men, but while German figures implied that as many as 1,400,000 soviet troops thus might be trapped, it was acknowledged in effect, that the total was much lower. One Berlin commentator remarked that some soviet divisions of late had been found to contain not thousands but only several hundreds of men.

In any case, the nazis claimed not only that all Russia's armies in her west were broken, but that there was no longer a single effective Russian command.

"The military decision has fallen," they said, implying that this was "the most essential condition for peace" which Adolf Hitler had mentioned in an order of the day given to the troops on October 2 but released only Wednesday, while favorable military news was pouring in, to the German people.

The publication of this order-

with its mention of peace and its declaration that defeat of Russia would knock out Britain's last ally on the continent—strongly suggested what had been expected in some quarters before: that Hitler was getting ready to offer Britain an end of hostilities provided he could finish off Russia.

Whether Russia was to be finished off, however, even if she lost all her western half to the invaders, was another and the greatest question of all.

Members of the British and American supply missions to Moscow, returning during the day to London, expressed confidence that the city would in fact hold out. Some declared that even granting the fall of the capital the Russians would fight on behind the Ural mountains. Such an eventuality was, in effect, acknowledged by the Germans themselves.

The immediate and urgent allied job, as seen in London, was a supreme effort to sustain the soviet union and thus if necessary to encourage such a stand in eastern Russia.

# Salem Expert Will Design Airport Job

A Salem architect will undoubtedly design and supervise construction of the airport administration building, Alderman Tom Armstrong, chairman of the council airport committee, said Thursday on the eve of leaving for Spokane to confer with the commander of the second army air corps.

The airport committee decided Thursday to invite all Salem architects to submit letters telling how much of the project they would handle and for what remuneration. Recommendation of the one selected is expected to be made at the next council meeting.

Armstrong, Mayor W. W. Chadwick and Lloyd Rigdon, member of the committee, leave early this morning for Portland, where they will probably take an army plane to Spokane. Plans are to invite the corps commander to visit Salem and the airport in furtherance of the proposed air base here.

Meanwhile, administration leaders, highly "confident of enough votes to authorize the arming of American ships, at least, proceeded with their plans for the legislation. Hearings before the house foreign affairs committee are to start on Monday, and some hope to have the bill through the house by the end of next week.

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# FDR Requests Arming Vessels

### Denounces Germans As 'Madmen, Pirates' In Congress Message

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"We intend to maintain the security and integrity and the honor of our country.

"We intend to maintain this policy of protecting the freedom of the seas against domination by any foreign power which has become crazed with a desire to control the world. We shall do so with all our strength and all our heart and all our mind."

Congressional reaction to the message closely followed the already well-defined line of cleavage between the supporters and the opponents of his foreign policy.

Typical of the comment was this from Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee:

"... A splendid and eloquent exposition of what American foreign policy should be."

And this, from Senator Taft (R-Ohio):

"A policy of carrying on an undeclared naval war on the Atlantic."

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