

US Destroyer Attacker Is Hunted By Navy

Campus Chief

What kind of man is Williamette university's president? How is he liked? Look for the answers, about Dr. Carl Sumner Knopf, on The Statesman's feature page Sunday.

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Pro-Axis Jap Cabinet Installed; Moscow Still Holding

An Army May Travel on Its Stomach, but Modern War Demands Repair Shops

Reds Tell Of Odessa Retreat

New Government Pledges Strong Policy on US

By The Associated Press

A new Japanese government apparently pledged to carry out a strong policy toward the United States was installed in Tokyo Saturday morning, while Japan's western neighbor, Russia, reported continuance of ferocious opposition to the armies of Japan's axis partner, Nazi Germany.

Lieut. Gen. Elki Tojo, a staunch admirer of German military methods, took over three posts in the new cabinet—premier, war minister and home minister.

General Tojo, war minister in the recent cabinet of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, chose as his foreign

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(Saturday)—Exchange telegraph quoted the Moscow radio today as saying that Russian troops had recaptured Orel, about 200 miles south of the soviet capital, on Tuesday.

minister Shigenori Togo, former ambassador to both Berlin and Moscow. Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, commandant of the Yokosuka navy (Turn to page 2, Col. 6)

Oil Explosion Injures Five; Ten Escape

VENTURA, Calif.—(Saturday)—Oct. 18.—Five men were burned critically as gasoline fumes ignited in a 200,000-gallon storage tank of the Shell Oil company just before Friday midnight.

Ten other workmen escaped unhurt, including three who for a time had been feared trapped in the inferno.

The crew of 15 was preparing to dismantle the tank, in which there was only a foot of oil. Police Chief T. W. Neel theorized that a spark from a riveting machine ignited gasoline fumes, which blazed spectacularly into the early morning hours. The explosion shot the huge tank 12 feet into the air.

The injured men all reside in Ventura. All rail and highway traffic in the vicinity was halted, including the Southern Pacific railroad's fast San Francisco to Los Angeles passenger train, the Lark.

Coast Plants Planned By US Steel, Report

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Wall Street Journal says it has learned the United States Steel Corp. is considering a privately-financed expansion program on the west coast.

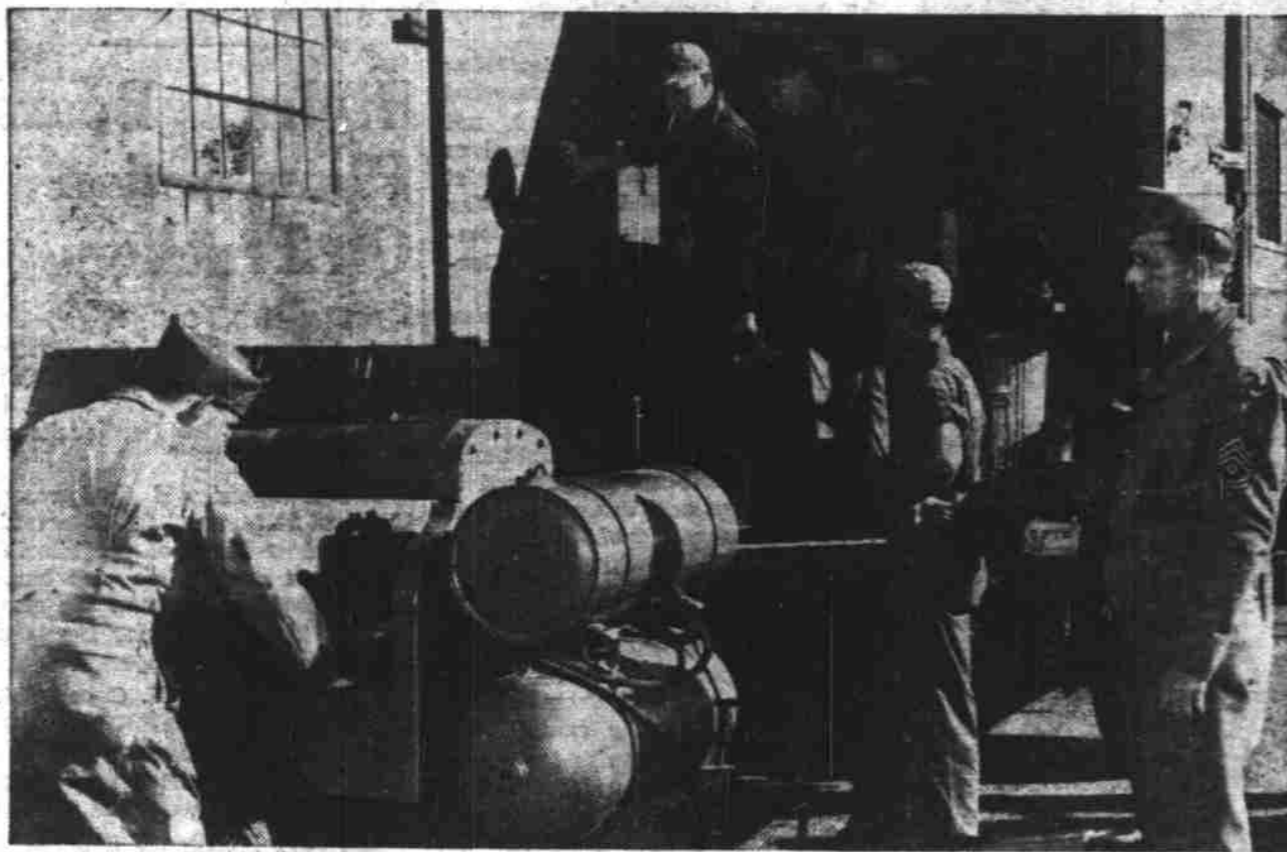
This program, the Journal says, concerning which no details are yet available, would be in addition to the expansion of facilities to be provided as part of the OPM's country-wide 10,000,000-ton industry program.

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Navy Prepared In Pacific

Announces Airbases In Good Shape; US Ships Sent to Ports

HONOLULU, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The world's mightiest fleet, that of the United States, went about its intense gunnery practice and patrol activity as usual Friday, with no outward sign of the tightening tension in the Pacific over political developments in the orient.

Units of this fighting force, based at Pearl Harbor here, put in at intervals for supplies of shore leave. Sometimes ten days or a fortnight elapse between the visits of these warships.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—As if to serve notice that it was feeling fit for any showdown in the Pacific, the US navy announced Friday that its program of constructing air bases in that vast ocean is progressing very well.

Without so much as a mention of Japan, where an axis-minded premier has just been chosen, the official announcement said:

"In short, the new Pacific bases program is keeping well ahead of the general expansion program of the navy in building up the nation's two-ocean navy to the greatest array of seapower the world has ever seen."

Only a few hours earlier the navy had announced that it had ordered "a very few" American merchant ships into port for instruction. It did not say where these ships are located, but other sources indicated that the international crisis with Japan had sent a number of vessels speeding to safety from Pacific war clouds.

These two developments followed increasing predictions on Capitol hill that the new Tokyo (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Wage Demands Of Rails Hit

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Edward A. O'Neal of the American farm bureau federation opposed the wage increase demands of organized railroad labor in a brief submitted Friday to President Roosevelt's fact-finding board.

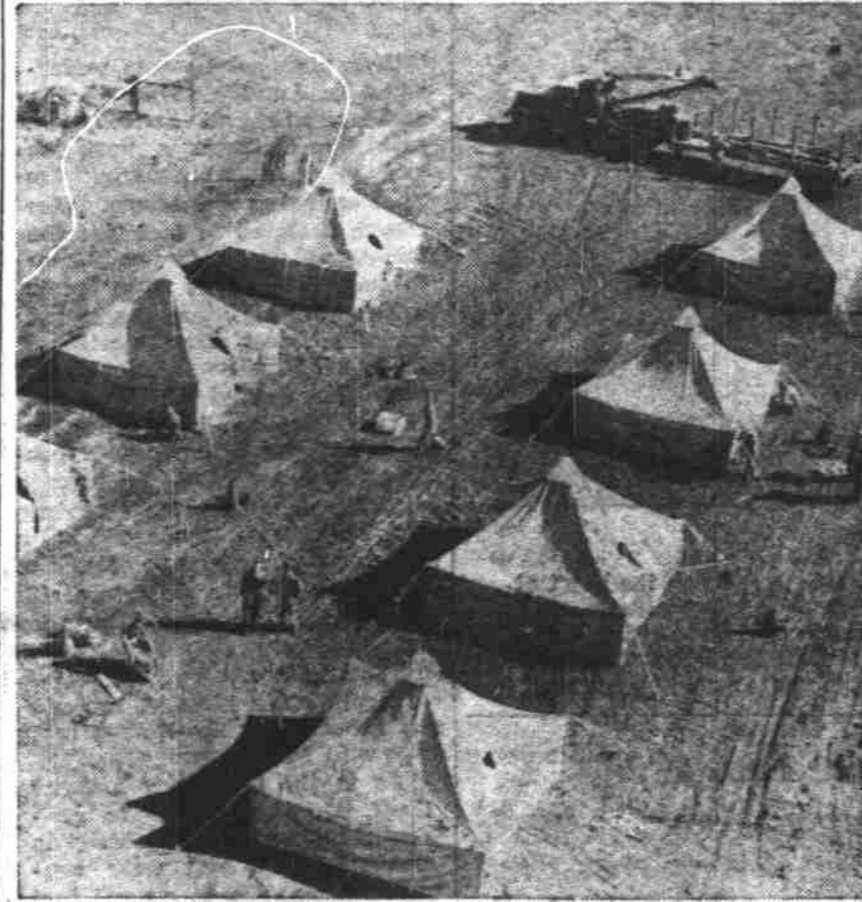
O'Neal contended that: Railroad labor is generally well paid; the proposed increase "would certainly mean higher freight rates"; higher freight rates would mean raising the already high cost of distribution.

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Everyone has heard that an army travels on its stomach, but in modern mechanized warfare an army is no better than its repair facilities. So, wherever the air corps goes it takes a complete machine shop with it. The 684th ordnance company from Portland airbase, now camping at the Salem airport carries in trucks tools and machinery to completely overhaul an airplane or perform the smallest job of soldering. Top right—Pvt. 1st Class Robert Roney at the vice, Pvt. William Cawley at the lathe (rear) and Pvt. 1st Class George Clark work in the machine shop mounted completely in a single truck. Top left—Sgt. D. C. Carter, top non-commissioned officer of the company, directs the unloading and setting up of equipment preparatory to the arrival of military aircraft from the Portland airbase for maneuvers October 20-November 4. Below—View of the living quarters of the enlisted men during the air activities, with semi-trailer truck used for transporting equipment in background.

Airmen Prepare Base For Test Maneuvers

Maintenance Unit Sets up Camp and Necessary Machinery for Tactical Groups Due in Salem Next Week

Preparations for the army airbase which is to occupy the Salem airport for a few days beginning next week were well under way Friday, with tents up and mobile truck units in place, south and west of the hangar.

Lieut. George W. White, supply officer who supervised the work and is to remain in command of the maintenance unit, expressed deep appreciation for the welcome and cooperation given the group in its opening days here. Special word of gratitude was expressed for tickets for the 60 some men to Friday night's football game at Sweetland field.

Twelve tents were pitched just south of the hangar, for the use of the tactical unit, the 54th pursuit squadron, which are expected to arrive Monday or Tuesday, approximately 150 strong with 20 planes, to take part in maneuvers.

Large trailers, constituting the DP supply wagon, office, portable machine and repair shop, were located immediately west of the hangar—a reproduction on small scale of the air base at Portland.

A road roller brought down from Portland was busy improving the road into the airport and camp. Field kitchens were ready for use.

The maintenance unit is stationed in the dormitory and first aid building at the state fairgrounds. A guard is maintained at the airport.

To avoid city traffic, the army vehicles are to use a route which comprises airport road, penitentiary road, Turner road and Silverton road.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, second air force interceptor commander, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Weather

Partly cloudy today and Saturday with showers and cooler Saturday. Maximum temperature Friday 68. Min. 43. No rain. S. Southeast wind. River—1.7 feet. Partly cloudy.



Students Open Church Parley

Delegates From Three States Hear Dr. Knopf At Methodist Meet

Methodist students of Oregon, Washington and Idaho opened Friday night their second annual conference, with Willamette university as the host school and Pres. Carl S. Knopf the principal speaker. Approximately 100 had registered and a few more are expected this morning.

First session was in the campus library, following a dinner in the state capitol, where a luncheon and banquet are scheduled today.

On the program today, in addition to business and election, are talks and discussions by Harvey C. Brown, associate secretary of the Methodist Student movement, and Harvey Seifert, executive secretary of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship, both of whom were introduced Friday night. They are from Nashville, Tenn.

A tour of the capitol building is to be a highlight of this afternoon, preceding a banquet in charge of the University of Idaho delegation. The conference closes Sunday morning.

Delegates are present from University of Oregon, Oregon State college, University of Washington, Washington State college, University of Idaho, College of Puget Sound, Oregon College of Education and Willamette.

Margaret Ire, president of the region and student at CPS, conducted the meetings Friday night and will continue until the election tonight.

FDR Enters Power Row

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Secretary Ickes have taken a hand in the congressional fight over enactment of legislation to provide a Columbia power authority to handle and market power from the government's great hydro-electric projects on the Columbia river in Washington and Oregon.

The executive has written Rep. Hill (D-Wash.) urging that if the proposal to create a Columbia power authority cannot be enacted at once, the Bonneville power administration law be amended so as to permit acquisition by the administration of private utilities corporations to be operated in conjunction with public agencies.

Ickes has sharply challenged a recent statement by Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, that the Reconstruction Finance corporation does not have power to advance funds to public utility districts of Washington to buy out private power interests.

Spain Prisoners Freed

MADRID, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Spanish cabinet today granted conditional freedom to 2624 political prisoners and freedom with exile to 332 others.

Linotypers Worry Over War Debts

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Newspaper linotype operators complained Friday that America's war effort would not be worth it if the debt reached \$100,000,000,000. The trouble, they explained, was that linotype magazines don't contain enough ciphers to set the figure in one line.

Moscow Envoy Flies Back To Capital

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—W. Averell Harriman, head of the United States delegation to the Moscow conference on Russian war needs, was reported to have arrived in this capital Friday night in a bomber which flew directly from London.

With Harriman, it was understood, were several army officers.

The direct flight from London, where Harriman returned after conferences with British and Russian officials in Moscow, will put into the hands of the government the latest information on the status and requirements of the Red army, hard pressed by advancing German forces.

Whether Harriman planned to make a preliminary report to officials here or go to Hyde Park for a talk with President Roosevelt was not known immediately.

The chief executive and Harry L. Hopkins, lease-lend adviser to the president, went to the president's New York state home Thursday night.

At the Moscow conference in late September and early October—at which Lord Beaverbrook represented Britain and Foreign Commissar Molotov the soviet government—Harriman pledged "the fullest possible" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Hank Greenberg Asks Release From Army

FORT CUSTER, Mich., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Corp. Henry "Hank" Greenberg has applied for discharge from the army under the revised selective service law, military authorities disclosed Friday.

The former Detroit Tigers' release is unlikely before Jan. 1.

Trade Bureau Favors Armistice Day Close

The Salem Retail Trade bureau Friday voted unanimously to go on record as favoring the closing of local business houses on November 11 in observance of Armistice day. Armistice closing was requested recently by the Federated Patriotic Orders.

Ships Arming Bill Passed

House Stirred by US Warship Torpedoing Approves Two to One

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A tense, solemn house, stirred but not excited by the torpedoing of the United States destroyer Kearny, voted by an almost two-to-one majority Friday to authorize the arming of American merchant ships to protect them and their crews from Nazi "pirates."

The brief but momentous measure, repealing the neutrality act's two-year-old ban on the arming of merchantmen, was sent to the senate by the overwhelming roll-call vote of 259 to 138. Short tempers flared several times during the debate which preceded the vote but the outcome was never in doubt.

Republicans divided sharply on the issue, 39 of them joining with 219 democrats and the lone American-Laborite to pass the measure. Twenty-one democrats sided with (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Germans Close in on Moscow



The German high command said they were fighting closer to Moscow (1), claiming that Kalinin and Kaluga had been in their hands for several days. Arrows indicate places actions developing against the Russian capital. London sources said that the German drive toward Kharkov (2) still met with stubborn resistance. Germans stated that defenses of Odessa (3), under siege nearly 60 days, had been penetrated by Russian forces.

Nazi Plot Seen

Warship Is Torpedoed in Iceland Area

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. A grim hunt was believed in progress Friday night in the foggy north Atlantic for the raider which torpedoed the US destroyer Kearny but failed to sink her some 350 miles southwest of Iceland this morning.

Tension in the capital, meantime, was high as some members of congress interpreted this first successful attack on an American warship since the European conflict began as a Nazi effort to encourage Japan to some new aggression in the Pacific.

Reports circulated in maritime quarters that the navy had ordered all American merchantmen to leave far eastern waters, but the navy said it had only given "a very few" ships orders to go into port "for instructions regarding their voyages." It did not say whether these ships are in oriental waters.

The Kearny herself—\$5,000,000, 1630-ton destroyer completed only a year ago—presumably was limping toward some American port for repairs.

The navy's brief announcement that the Kearny had been attacked said she was able, despite the damage, "to proceed under her own (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Flu Epidemic Warning Given

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Oct. 17.—(AP)—The nation was warned today to brace itself this winter for an epidemic of influenza which may be as severe as that of 1918 and 1919.

It may not kill as many people as did the epidemic of the first World war, when hundreds of thousands died from the disease, Dr. S. Edward Salkin, Dr. Joseph F. Bredeck and Dr. David Douglas of the St. Louis (Mo.) health division told the American Public Health association today, but all scientific indications point to a rapid and widespread epidemic sweeping the country during the coming winter months.