

US Destroyer Is Torpedoed

US Navy Stages Grim Sea Hunt off Iceland For Axis Raider

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power." The text of the announcement:

"The USS Kearny, destroyer, was torpedoed this morning while on patrol duty about 350 miles south and west of Iceland. No casualties to personnel were indicated in dispatches received by the navy department. Despite the damage received, the ship is able to proceed under her own power.

"The USS Kearny is under command of Lieut. Comdr. A. L. Danis, US navy. The ship is one of the navy's newest destroyers. She was laid down in 1939 and completed in 1940. This ship has a standard displacement of 1,630 tons. The ship is 341 feet long and has a 35-foot beam. She is armed with the standard 5-inch battery of her class.

"No other details are available to the navy department at this time."

For the time being, the navy stood on that statement which, it was noted, left unanswered such questions as:

What type of craft, submarine, surface raider or airplane, fired the torpedo? What was its nationality? Was the Kearny able to strike back?

In official circles, however, the general presumption was that a submarine fired the torpedo. It was considered highly improbable that an airplane would have been operating so far at sea or that a surface raider, if one had slipped past British and American patrols farther to the east, could have approached close enough to the speedy destroyer to hit her with a torpedo.

While the navy declined to say what action was being taken, there was little doubt that an aggressive search was under way for the attacker.

President Roosevelt, at a press conference in Hyde Park, N.Y., said in response to questions about possible retaliation that regular navy orders applied. He noted that the torpedoing was clearly in the American defense zone.

The regular orders given the navy last Sept. 11 were to hunt down and eliminate any "rattle-snake raiders" in American defensive waters.

Although the navy said nothing of the raider's nationality, members of congress quickly assumed that it was a German submarine and talked of retaliation.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) declared the navy should retaliate "with two sinkings for each assault," and Chairman Connally (D-Texas) of the senate foreign relations committee asserted "We shall retaliate by sinking every surface raider or submarine that invades our defensive waters or threatens any of our naval vessels."

(In Berlin, authorized quarters said the only information there on the torpedoing was the American reports, and for that reason comment was withheld. It was pointed out that German submarines were not in constant touch with their bases and usually returned to their stations before making reports.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The navy made public today a list of crew members of the US destroyer Kearny, torpedoed off Iceland Friday. Navy advisers indicated there were no casualties. The list included:

Quentin S. Dumbolt, Corvallis, Ore.; Chester I. Higgins, Seattle; Ernest K. Jensen, Summit, Ore.; Harold E. McDougal, Seattle; John A. Pierson, Route 1, Box 487, Centralia, Wash.; Joe Weiss, Seattle; John G. Wilson, Mossyrock, Wash.; Kenneth H. Wilson, Seattle.

WSCS Elects Salem Woman

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. J. W. Bunch, Forest Grove, was reelected president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Oregon Methodist women's organization, here Friday.

Other officers: Mrs. R. L. Reed, Portland, vice-president; Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, Halsey, recording secretary; Mrs. J. D. Zook, Portland, treasurer; Mrs. R. F. Sanders, Portland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul E. Edwards, Klamath Falls, vice-president, missionary education and service. Conference secretaries: Mrs. E. Franklin Thompson, Salem, student work; Mrs. E. M. Tilton, Dallas, girls' work; Mrs. J. D. McCormick, Newberg, missionary personnel; Mrs. C. W. Stacey, Salem, status of women.

Slaying Suspect Pleads Innocent

PENDLETON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—John Sola pleaded innocent here Friday to indictments charging him with slaying Mrs. Cora Tobin, Kenneth Gorsuch and Marvin Adams on a lonely farm near Hermiston September 25.

Bodies of Mrs. Tobin, her son and nephew were found the next day and the itinerant California worker was arrested in Washington in possession of Mrs. Tobin's car.

Today's War Summary

By The Associated Press
US destroyer is torpedoed off Iceland but proceeds under her own power; some congressmen blame nazis and interpret incident as intended to encourage Japan to new moves in Pacific; house passes bill to arm US merchant ships; Japanese choose army general to head new cabinet, experts in Russian affairs are rising in the imperial government.

Germans claim capture of plants and lignite fields in Moscow's outlying industrial area; Russians say Nazi advance is slowed but admit it is not halted; declare German attacks are beaten off on west; Stalin reported staying in Moscow but other government principals are leaving; London understands Russians will organize new defense area between lower Urals and Volga; soviet admits abandonment of Odessa but calls it a tactical maneuver.

Navy Prepared In Pacific

Announces Airbases In Good Shape; US Ships Sent to Ports

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government might strike at Siberia, now that the defenders of Moscow are fighting with backs to the wall.

The situation in Moscow was further emphasized when the state department formally announced that United States Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt, together with other members of the Moscow diplomatic corps, high officials of the soviet foreign office and members of the American supply mission, has left Moscow for some destination eastward.

Among those traveling with Steinhardt are the United States military and naval attaches, other embassy personnel, two representatives of the American Red Cross and ten American newspaper correspondents.

In its report on air bases, the navy said that the one at Midway Island, which is about 1200 miles from Honolulu on the route to Yokohama, Japan, has been "completed far ahead of schedule."

In addition to the originally planned construction there, it was stated, "substantial expansions" are under way. The navy also reported exceptional progress in the development of Alaskan air bases at Sitka, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor.

The huge new drydock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is basically complete, the statement said, and the Kaneohe air base on the island of Oahu is in operation even while enlargements are being carried forward.

The navy statement on the orders to merchant ships to proceed into port was worded as though to allay alarm. It said there was "nothing unusual or new" in this action, adding that any implication that the vessels would not continue to ply their usual trade was erroneous.

Moscow Envoy Flies Back To Capital

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support" of the United States in getting material to Russia for the war against Germany. A memorandum, based on reports of special committees studying the military needs of Russia, was initiated by the three representatives.

Hopkins had visited Moscow earlier, conferring with various Russian officials including Premier Joseph Stalin.

President Roosevelt, in a statement issued by the White House a few days ago, said large quantities of American supplies already were being sent to Russia.

Airmen Set Up Camp Here

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said here Friday that 109 pursuit planes would participate in Pacific northwest aerial maneuvers Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

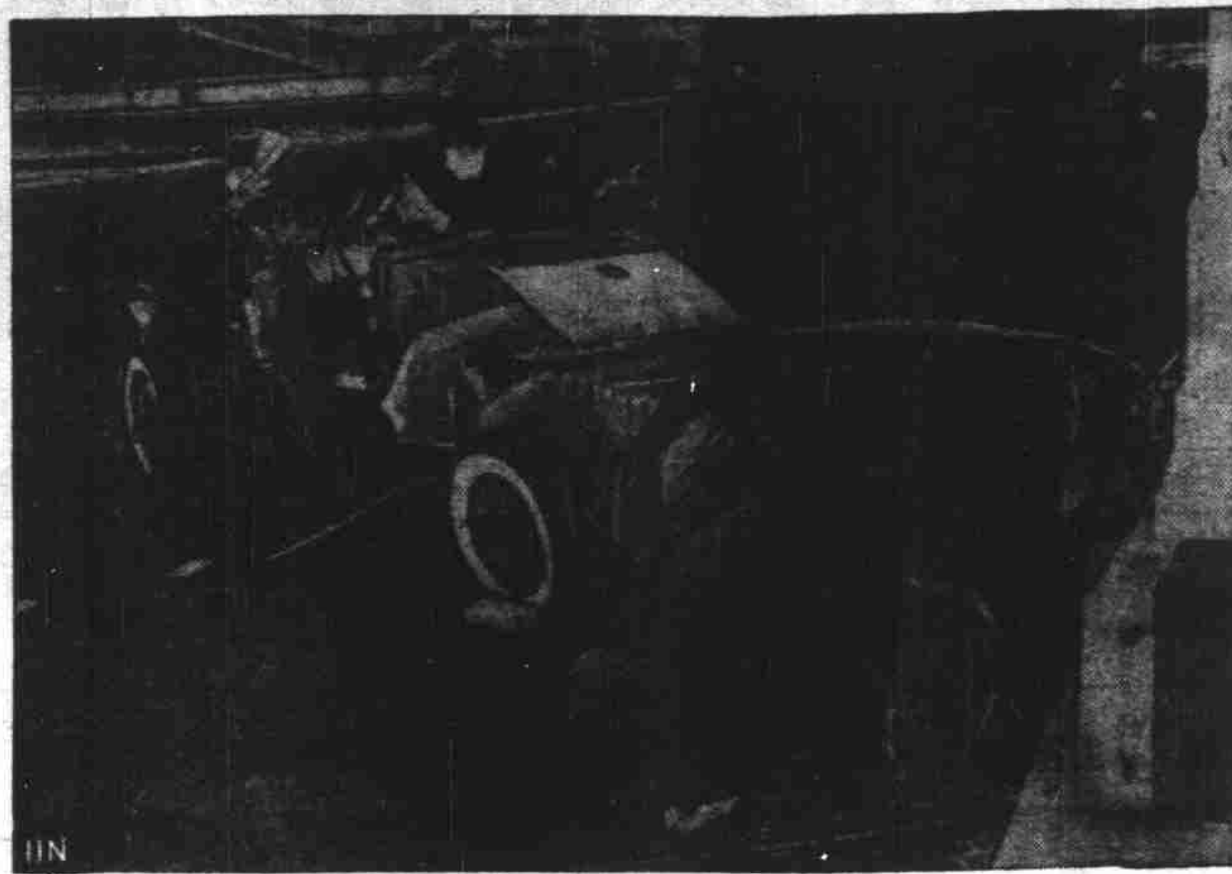
"Everything is being arranged for a test under wartime conditions," Gen. Wash. of Fort Lawton, said.

Equipment of the 205th coast artillery—including guns and searchlights—will be utilized in the blackout, in which many Oregon cities will participate.

The maneuvers will provide the first major test of the aircraft warning system, also, Gen. Wash. said.

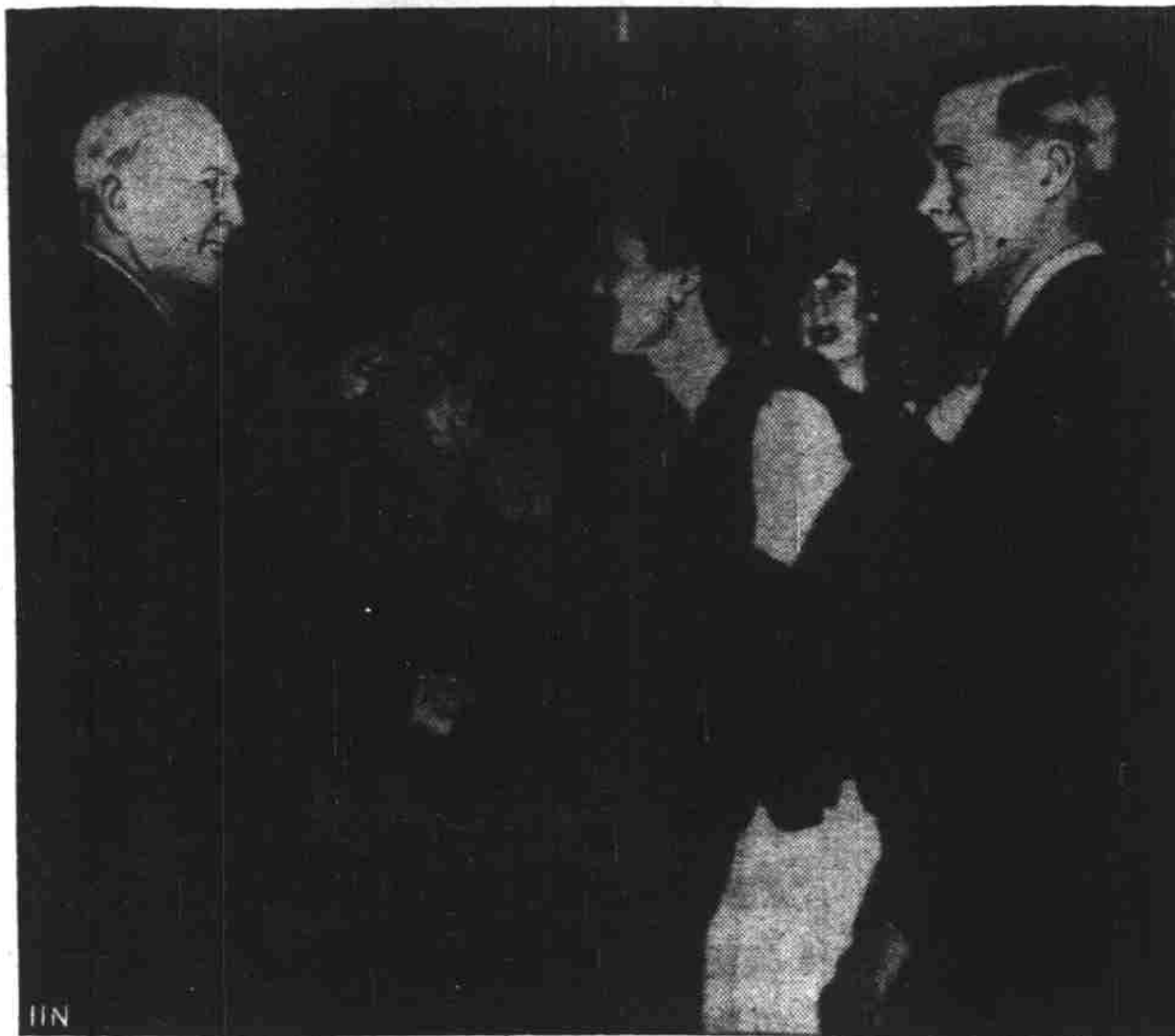
Arrested at Astoria
DALLAS — Peter Molera was arrested in Astoria Monday and held for Polk county authorities there. He was wanted on robbery charges. He was traced when the pickup he had stolen was found in Astoria. Molera is on parole from San Quentin prison.

What Price Speed? Traffic Safety Lesson for All



Impact of this sedan against a retaining wall on New York's west side highway must have been terrific to shear off virtually the whole top half of the automobile. Two of the three occupants of the car were killed, the third seriously injured.

Duchess of Windsor Returns to Her Home Town



Mayor Howard Jackson, left, and the Windsors

Returning to Baltimore, her home town, after eight years' absence in which time she won the heart of the former British ruler, the Duchess of Windsor is pictured with her husband as they were officially welcomed by Mayor Howard W. Jackson, left. Receptions and parties were many for the royal couple, stopping in Baltimore en route back from the Duke's Alberta, Canada, ranch. The Duke of Windsor now is governor of the Bahamas. Gov. Herbert O'Connor of Maryland and his wife are in background.

Youth Admits Torch Slaying, Police Declare



Police Chief Ralph Chapman (left) of Kalamazoo, Mich., said that Robert L. Gordon, 26, (center) Chicago tile salesman, had admitted the slaying of George E. Eastman, 57, a traveling representative for the same Chicago company and Gordon's benefactor, by igniting gasoline in a room in which Eastman was sleeping. Also questioning Gordon is Prosecutor Raymond Fox (right). Eastman died of burns in a Kalamazoo hospital.

Powder Blast Rocks Kellogg

KELLOGG, Idaho, Oct. 17.—(AP)—With a blast that was heard from Couer D'Alene to Mullan, across the Idaho panhandle, a powder magazine holding 25 tons of dynamite for the Sunshine Mining company exploded up the Big Creek gulch near here early Friday.

The powder house on solid rock and built of double brick walls with double steel doors completely disappeared. Trees on a hill behind were razed for several hundred yards, and a dwelling 200 yards away was shaken until plumbing was torn loose and plaster fell from the walls. All windows were blown out. What is left will be torn down.

Two soldiers who were sent to arrest him were greeted with pistol shots and wounded. The officer then ran through the main streets of Athens firing on Italians he met until shot by an Italian officer in a midtown square. Three soldiers and three civilians were wounded.

From Minnesota

FOX VALLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollister, Catherine and Dale, of Staples, Minn., are visiting at the G. A. Berry home. Mrs. Hollister is Berry's sister. The two families and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Berry, Mill City, were Holly visitors Sunday.

Sprague Crowns Queen

MERRILL, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Governor Sprague crowned Georgia Lisk-ken queen to open the two-day Merrill potato festival Friday.

Slayer Given Prison Term

OREGON CITY, Oct. 17.—(AP)—George Himler, 79, interrupted his trial on a first degree murder charge here Friday to enter a plea of guilty to manslaughter.

His trial, on a charge of slaying Charles Straight, 56, at Clackamas heights Sept. 13 after a party, was nearing its end.

Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette immediately sentenced Himler to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Pro-Axis Jap Cabinet Set

Government Pledges Stronger Policy in Dealing With US

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yard and former commander of the fleet in China waters, was made navy minister.

General Tojo has seen service in China as chief of staff of the Kwangtung army. Thus the principal positions in the government—premier, war and navy and foreign portfolios—were held by men who have had actual experience in China and Russia and have observed the Germans.

The cabinet was installed at the palace in the presence of Emperor Hirohito.

The Russians, meanwhile, issued a report favorable to the soviet arms.

In a communique implying that the defense had somewhat strengthened, although not claiming that the Nazi offensives had been halted, the soviet command reported early today that the red armies before Moscow had beaten off heavy German assaults from the west.

At the same time the Russians acknowledged the abandonment of Odessa, in the far southern theater on the Black sea, but asserted that it was an evacuation made "in perfect order"—a deliberate maneuver and not one forced by the Germans and Rumanians, who had announced their entry into the city on Thursday.

The German for their part claimed to have reached Moscow's outlying industrial regions and it appeared that the soviet leadership, while far from conceding the loss of the capital, was preparing to reorganize for eventual resistance from bases 500 miles or more to the east in the 100,000 square-mile area between the lower Ural mountains and the Volga.

This plan, which was understood in London to be in the making, would if carried out, give the Germans a vast job still to do even assuming the total conquest of Moscow. One source declared in fact that the Russians if necessary would base ultimate operations from below a line running from Stalingrad on the River Don northeast 1200 miles to Chelyabinsk, which lies behind the Ural.

Some Russian informants replied that the necessities of preparing such a project had been in part responsible for the departure from Moscow to Kazan 450 miles to the east of various principals of the government—a departure still not officially confirmed but one that by every sign nevertheless had taken place.

Joseph Stalin himself, however, was reported by the British radio to be still in Moscow.

As to the battle for Moscow itself, German claims to continued advances were only in general terms and were confined principally to reports that factories, power plants and lignite fields in the city's economic region—at untested distances west and south of the city—had been occupied. It was added that assuming the wind was right Moscow's defenders could hear the sound of German guns.

In the far south, the nazis reported a renewal of heavy activity for the Ukraine offensive pressing eastward from the Donets river toward the Don. Russian counter-attacks were acknowledged, but they were said to have consisted principally of desperate charges by old-fashioned horse cavalry into the Nazi tanks, and all were declared bloodily broken.

The Russians were similarly short on detailed information Friday night. They did report, however, in dispatches to the official soviet press, that German thrusts had been smashed somewhere in the vicinity of Vyasma, which is 125 miles west of Moscow, and about Kalinin, 95 miles to the northwest. Nothing was said of any operations closer to the capital.

The Moscow radio broadcast that red troops were defending the city's approaches "with great tenacity," and that "the advance has been somewhat slowed down."

It was thus not claimed that the offensives had been halted, and this agreed with the impression in London that the city was about to be enveloped.

German reports of heavy action in the south were corroborated, the soviet reporting that large German and allied forces were involved in what appeared by various accounts to have developed into a major offensive.

The Moscow radio asserted that the Russians had recaptured five points about Mariupol on the sea of Azov coast.

Famed Astronomer Dies
VICTORIA, B.C., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Dr. John Stanley Plaskett, 75, famed Canadian astronomer, died Friday at his Esquimalt home.

Broken Down Truck "Racket" Gets Man Year in Penitentiary

Joe Bronson, 28, Scotts Mills, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary when he pleaded guilty Friday before Judge L. H. McMahan to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He was dressed in at the prison Friday afternoon.

Salem, Woodburn and Silverton police officers held a number of warrants similar to that on which he was sentenced, they said, declaring that he was the man who operated the "broken-down-truck racket" in this area last spring.

Bronson, they declared, on separate occasions told a number of Marion county householders that he had a wood truck broken down not far from the house where he at the moment was making the appeal.

The man was returned to Salem on Thursday from Oregon City, where he had just served 90 days on a similar charge.

Highway Board Plans Action On Truckers

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The state highway commission Friday promised quick action on truckers' requests for permission to use longer and heavier trucks on Oregon roads.

The truckers said the present limits of 50 feet and 54,000 pounds were below those of neighboring states and much time was being lost in shifting loads at the state border. They asked for limits of 60 feet and 68,000 pounds.

Chairman Henry F. Cabell said he might ask a court opinion on the commission's authority to lift limits, or might call a hearing to which legislators would be invited.

The 1941 legislature defeated a proposal for boosting length and weight limits, despite highway commission recommendation.

Court Officer May Command Seized Ship

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A United States marshal's special deputy who also is a citizen of Great Britain soon may command the former Italian motorship Leme.

Captain A. G. Rhind, the British subject, was made a US marshal's deputy here Friday. Federal Judge James A. Fee, who authorized the unusual action, said it was necessary because the federal court still had technical authority over the vessel, against which civil suits lodged before it was seized from its Italian officers and crew last spring still stand.

Meantime, maritime circles here understood that the ship, which might be armed, would be transferred in the immediate future to British registry, under lease, and probably would be renamed the MS Lowlander.

Captain Rhind has a crew of 44 men ready to board the vessel when the transfer is completed. The federal district court recently convicted Captain Giovanni Polonio and 14 other officers and men of the Leme of sabotaging the ship. They await sentence. The remainder of the crew of 52, including one woman, are in custody of immigration authorities or are en route to Italy.

Valsetz Society Has First Meet

VALSETZ — The first School Improvement society meeting of the year was held in the "soup kitchen" Thursday. The two new teachers, Miss Russell and Mr. Rose, were introduced.

Mrs. Bert Thomas is chairman in charge of Red Cross meetings being held in the school house.

Mrs. Levi Cyphert is expected home this weekend from Pennsylvania, where she has been visiting her brother for the past few weeks.

Bill Thomas was home visiting his parents last weekend.

Roy Goss bagged a fine four-point buck dressing out at 192 pounds.

Mrs. Kenneth Goins was hostess to the bridge club last week.

Metz Hubbard is back on the job after a several weeks' illness.

Ships Arming Bill Passed

House Stirred by US Warship Torpedoing Approves Two to One

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113 republicans, three progressives and one farmer-laborite against it.

Only one attempt was made to amend the measure, Rep. Imae (D-Calif.) proposing that provision be made for life insurance for the crews of armed merchant ships. The proposal was ruled out, however, on the ground that it was not germane.

Republican opponents of the legislation concentrated their efforts on a motion to send it back to the foreign affairs committee for additional hearings, contending that the democratic majority had unjustly deprived the minority of its rights by limiting hearings on the proposal to two days and by keeping the questioning of cabinet members and other administration witnesses secret. The recommittal motion, offered by Rep. Tinkham (R-Mass), was rejected by a roll-call vote of 257 to 138.

As the house began the final hour of debate on the historic measure, Rep. Plimley (R-Vt.) declared that the torpedoing of the Kearny demonstrated that the United States was confronted with a "world conspiracy of the basest, foulest, most wicked criminals in history, saturated with a crazy determination to crush our civilization."

"It follows then," the Vermont said, "that what we are discussing is a trivial issue as compared with the whole account to be rendered, or with the issues that really confront us. The man who will submit to slavery deserves to be a slave."

A number of republicans who have been critical of the administration's foreign policy were among those who voted for the bill, including Rep. Fish (R-NY). Also in favor was Rep. Marcantonio (AL-NY), who has voted against every defense measure except the recent lend-lease appropriation. Last night, he surprised the house by advocating an American expeditionary force to help "open a western front" and thus prevent a Hitler victory.

Dr. Knopf Speaks At Men's Dinner

Dr. Carl Sumner Knopf, president of Willamette university will be speaker at the men's dinner, St. Paul's Episcopal church, in the parish house Monday at 6:30 p. m.

The committee in charge includes Robert R. Boardman, chairman; R. H. Baldock, George L. Arbuckle; V. E. Kuhn; Dr. Charles D. Wood; E. J. Scollars; S. Unruh and Ernest Smith. For reservations call the church 5164 or any member of the committee.

Buys Land Near Scio

SCIO — Roy V. Shelton, Scio, this week closed sale of the Jess Rodgers two acre tract near Scio, now occupied by Earl Lee and family. Purchaser is Noyes Whittemore, Ambury, Wash., member of the Bartlett & Whitten logging firm, operating in the Snow Peak section east of Scio. Consideration reported was \$1250. Six families of Bartlett & Whitten employees and officers recently have taken

Fox Valley Guests

FOX VALLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston and children visited Mrs. Daisy Johnston in Salem Sunday. Mrs. Johnston is with the Frank Berries. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are ill.

Comes From Kansas

SUVER — Clifford Hamster's mother from Kansas is visiting at the home of her son and family.

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