

US Destroyer Is Torpedoed

44 of Crew Rescued; Hope Held for Seven Officers, 70 Men

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Hope persisted that more rescuees would be reported, for the Reuben James was equipped with more than ample life boats and life belt facilities. Moreover, since she was on convoy duty, it was assumed that friendly hands were close by to pick up survivors.

Comment on the incident in congress generally followed the already well-defined line of cleavage between those who oppose and those who support President Roosevelt's foreign policy, and his orders to the navy to shoot first when axis ships of war are encountered on the Atlantic.

In general the president's supporters argued that the incident provided additional evidence that the pending resolution to revise the neutrality law should be enacted at once. The legislation would permit American merchant vessels to carry guns and enter combat zones and belligerent ports.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee said the sinking was "another evidence of the murderous and defiant attitude of Nazi Germany."

"This unjustified and dastardly sinking must be avenged," he added. "It ought to assure the prompt passage of the pending bill to modify the neutrality act."

The Roosevelt opposition however, regarded the incident as additional proof that administration policy is wrong. Some spoke of the "price" being paid for "measures short of war," and Rep. Short (R-Mo) said:

"I'm not surprised and I think we can expect this sort of thing every day. President Roosevelt ordered a shooting war without congress declaring it and without the people wanting it."

At his usual Friday press conference, Mr. Roosevelt had no comment to make, but when asked whether diplomatic relations with Germany might be broken off, he said he saw no possibility of such a step. In fact he foresaw no change in American policy as a result of the recent attacks on American vessels.

When reporters asked whether any German submarines had been sunk by American naval vessels, Mr. Roosevelt made it plain that this government had no intention of making such incidents public. Such information would be withheld, he said, for the sake of the effect on German morale. The idea is that morale is shaken when submarines put to sea never to be heard from again.

"Is it the policy to announce when our ships are sunk and not when those attacking them have been sunk?" a veteran Washington correspondent inquired.

The president observed that the questioner was in Washington in World war days and would recall that then the sinking of German ships was not announced although casualties to American vessels were made public.

Reaction in foreign capitals found Berlin spokesmen saying "it was no wonder" the Reuben James was torpedoed if she was on convoy duty, while in London a high official said the incident was clear evidence that Germany has declared "indiscriminate submarine warfare against the United States."

The United States, this spokesman said, "can expect heavier and heavier attacks against her shipping west of Iceland. The number of German submarines operating in the Atlantic is 'enormous,'" he said.

The Reuben James was the third American destroyer to become the target of Nazi torpedoes. The USS Greer engaged in a brush with a submarine on September 4, but was not hit. The USS Kearny was struck on October 17 while battling a wolf pack of submarines which had attacked a convoy. Eleven men were killed and 10 wounded.

The Greer and the Reuben James were old World war type destroyers, while the Kearny, which made port despite a gaping hole in her starboard side, was the latest type of American destroyer in commission.

The Reuben James was launched at Camden, N.J., on October 4, 1919, one of 30 vessels of its type built by the New York Shipbuilding corporation during and soon after the World war. The vessel was 134 feet long with a beam of 30 feet and a displacement of 1190 tons. She carried four four-inch naval rifles and a battery of anti-aircraft guns.

Farrell Cool On Session

Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Portland, speaker of the state house of representatives, declared while in Salem Thursday that he "was not particularly interested in a special legislative session to revise the Oregon tax laws."

It previously was reported here that Farrell was one of the outstanding advocates of the special legislative session because of the recent supreme court decision upholding a state tax commission order for an increase in taxes on homes in Multnomah county.

Cavemen Get "Orders" to Hold County

Recent action of the Oregon Cavemen, Grants Pass, in appointing a committee to protest to Governor Culbert L. Olson, Sacramento, the proposed secession of Curry county from Oregon to California, Friday caused Gov. Charles A. Spurgeon to send the Cavemen a congratulatory telegram.

The telegram, addressed to Rex Tunsting, Cavemen official, read:

"Generally appreciate valor in protecting Oregon territory. If border raids start will depend on you to capture and hold Del Norte county."

A group of Curry county citizens recently conferred with Governor Olson in connection with the secession proposal. Olson counseled deferring further action until Oregon has consented to the secession program.

Plan Offered On Courthouse

Budget Committee in Final Session Asks Vote Preparation

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out in Friday's resolution which goes on to declare—"There is no way to correct the crowded conditions and the poor ventilation which still exist as the cost would be prohibitive."

"The cost of replacing the records lost during a fire would be great and the cost that many property owners would be required to pay in order to prove title to their property would be no comparison to the little additional tax that would be levied to construct a new building."

The budget committee which has just completed its work found it necessary to vote extra money for rent of quarters for the county school superintendent, whose offices are to be added to the space now occupied by tax collection quarters, the resolution points out.

What method of financing is to be recommended is still a question members of the committee indicated, although it was considered probable that the suggested election would be for the purpose of securing authority to levy a special tax for establishment of a sinking fund.

The election, as proposed by budgeters, would be held in conjunction with the May primaries.

Appearing in the interests of a new courthouse, Herman LaFay, Salem attorney who opposed the bond issue for such construction in 1938, pointed out that because of defense needs federal aid might be secured for immediate building, suggesting that one level might be devoted to recreational facilities should the proposed Polk-Benton cantonment be established.

Charles Cray, Salem Trades & Building council business agent, appearing in the interest of high wages for men employed at the county shops, was told that the budget merely recognized establishment of the funds from which their wages are drawn and that an increase may still be negotiated with the county court.

A salary increase for the night deputy sheriff, listed in the budget as a clerk but in reality carrying the responsibilities of a peace officer from 5 p. m. to 1 a. m., was asked by Chief Deputy Kenney Randall in the absence of Sheriff A. C. Burk, and was denied.

Also refused was an increase asked by T. J. Brabec, head of the tax collection department, who explained that the rapid turnover in help in his office has left him with added responsibilities.

A guarantee that his office would continue to bring in receipts over and above those collected by it in previous years sufficient to more than pay the asked increase of \$10 a month in his deputy's salary was offered by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, but the increase was not voted.

The total tax levy required in the budget adopted amounts to \$331,234.46, which already lowered by the deletion of \$47,000 for the school fund (to be provided out of state income taxes) will be spread over properties with whose assessment value has been considerably increased since last year.

Sharkliver Price up
SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Santa Cruz fishermen were notified Friday that the price of scupin shark had risen \$100 a ton to \$1300.

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Fourteen Died in This Crash, Pilot Saved



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Fourteen of the fifteen persons aboard were killed when a Northwest Airlines plane en route from Chicago to Seattle crashed and burned three miles north of Moorhead, Minn. The flaming wreckage is pictured in above sound-photo. Twelve of the victims were passengers. Also killed were the first officer and ship's stewardess. Lone survivor of the crash was the pilot, Captain Clarence Bates of Minneapolis (left). Captain Bates, extent of whose injuries was not immediately determined, was rushed to a hospital in Fargo, N.D. after he was found wandering in a daze a short distance from the burning plane. He mumbled something about controls failing to respond because of ice. He tried to land in a gun club's field but did not see a ravine until too late, sought to clear it and crashed.

Obligations of Service Men And Citizens Told at Realtor Meet

Obligations of service men and the ordinary citizen to each other are large and cooperation is necessary now more than ever, Lieut. George Chipman, engineering officer of the 54th pursuit squadron stationed here, declared to the Salem Realty board Friday.

"We're not martyrs but have a job to do," said Chipman in stating "Democracy is higher selfishness—I sacrifice that you and society may benefit."

The flier, who said he had been in five different maneuvers since August 1, told of the intensified training and the short professional life which can be had in flying. Lieut. Chipman expressed additional enthusiasm for the warmth and homeliness found in Salem by the air corps.

Discussion was presented by members of the board on plans for rehousing of farmers who are to be removed from their places if the proposed cantonment south of Monmouth is established. It is expected to be continued in further detail at a later meeting.

OSC Alumnus Flays Board

The state board of higher education has "scuttled the fundamental principle of non-duplication of major work" at Oregon State college and University of Oregon, C. F. "Ted" Chambers, Salem, president of the OSC alumnus association, declared in a statement issued here Friday.

Chambers said the Oregon State college alumnus association repeatedly has gone on record in support of the spirit and letter of the 1929 legislative act designed to set up an efficient system of higher education for this state without useless and expensive duplication.

"After a brief nine-year trial, since the major reallocations were not operative until 1932, and for no reasons except institutional pride or political expediency, the present board has scrapped this fundamental policy," Chambers said.

Five Injured In Car Crash

Five persons were injured when two autos collided about 10:30 Friday night in the 2500 block North Capitol street.

Helen Gallagher of Corvallis was driving one car, and the other was a Mrs. Stenkamp of Bend, cut forehead; her daughter Joanna, 19, student at Marylhurst college, shock, cuts and bruises; son Joe, 16, smashed lower lip, broken teeth; Jack Hassler, 14, face cuts. Another Stenkamp daughter was driving the car. She and two other passengers were not injured.

The hurt were treated by the city first aid crew and taken to Salem Deaconess hospital.

RAF Attacks Germany
BERLIN, (Saturday) Nov. 1.—(AP)—The RAF attacked several places in north and northwestern Germany overnight with explosive and incendiary bombs, but nine of the raiders were shot down, authorized German sources announced today.

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City Blackout Gets Approval

Siren of Ambulance Confuses Citizens; Accidents Rare

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on the "cops" and shouted down city police officers who drove through darkened streets attempting to hold the side of traffic. Orders to "turn out your lights" in voices trained for football cheers allegedly drew several of the official cars to the curb.

Mishaps were few. As cars were stopped on the Pacific highway just north of the underpass during the blackout, an auto driven by William Schirman, 1240 North Cottage street, turned over after striking a stopped vehicle whose driver was Merton Dal Ackley of Tillamook. No one was injured.

Louise Larson, 18, who stood on the sidewalk in front of her home at 945 North 14th street to watch the proceedings, was attacked by a large rat, supposedly of the river variety from the nearby Mill creek. The rodent was beaten off by her father.

"Trick or treat" artists, who ceased their activities in most parts of the city during the actual period of darkness, went to work with renewed enthusiasm as lights flashed on.

In downtown Salem numerous persons assigned to turn out neon signs found difficulty in locating switches and in getting more than blinking response from the fixtures.

Cars parked on South Commercial street with lights 1 or 2 burning and doors locked called for a peculiar type of "heroism" from bystanders who backed up against the glow finding the only dry surface touched by their clothing the very center of the warmed lenses.

Only two actual refusals to turn out lights were met by police and air raid wardens, according to reports received during the night. A music store in Hollywood gleamed brightly during the entire test period in spite of requests from wardens and operators of a switch engine near the river said they had been directed not to cease operations.

The county defense council had announced it would not ask industries to participate if such cooperation would hinder operations. In Salem the paper mill, which ordinarily operates night and day using extensive artificial lighting, turned off outside lights and all but most necessary inside fixtures during the blackout period.

A power company official hazzarding "a guess in the dark," estimated that the experiment in Marion county had cost power companies approximately \$1000.

"Fifty five police reserves did a highly commendable job in halting cars entering Salem on 14 highways during the blackout," declared E. C. Charlton, assistant chief of police. No accidents were caused within the city limits by the blackout, and all motorists coming into the city cooperated, he stated. A number of regular officers were placed on extra duty downtown for the Halloween celebration.

Persons who sought high places (the roof of the First National bank building, the top of the courthouse and the top of the capitol building were chosen by The Statesman's observers) declared that Salem and West Salem were "black," but at midnight city police were still answering telephone queries as to "Why didn't we have a blackout tonight?"

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Photographer Sees Darkly

Londonesque Picture Revealed From Top Of State Capitol

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per cent of its illumination extinguished was made by observers from the vantage point of the capitol. Downtown neon signs began to be turned off immediately upon the sound of the siren and street lights were last to go.

One driver, seemingly a bit confused, drove down N. Summer street with his lights on during the blackout, but pulled over to the side and turned them out at the "all-clear" signal.

Board, Lewis In Wrangle

Board Asks Parley in Coal Dispute But Hits Time Limit Pressure

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to consider the merits of the dispute carefully, calmly, and not under pressure."

Lewis' reply, which he made public, was this brief note:

"You assured the president that your board could reach a decision before the end of next week. The temporary agreement extends a week beyond your own time requirements."

"Under the circumstances it is obvious that your point is not well-taken."

The union shop asked by Lewis would require that all regular employees in the mines be members of the union. The management would be free to hire non-union members, but such workers would have to join the union after a period of probationary employment.

BENDIX, N.J., Oct. 31.—(AP)—The bayonet-encircled plant of Air Associates, Inc., hummed Friday night with defense production under stern guard of 2100 soldiers who poured into the strike-torn area during the early morning.

"The machines are turning in the shop and shipments already have been made of critical material," Col. Roy M. Jones, army air corps officer in charge of federal operation of the aircraft factory, announced.

Almost 600 of the plant's normal complement of 750 have been rehired, Col. Jones said tonight. More than 500 worked today and 91 others were at work on the night shift, which normally operates with 100 employees. The men were taken back into the plant, which holds \$5,000,000 in defense orders for vital aviation equipment, without regard to their former status, Col. Jones emphasized.

Germans' Big Push Wanes

Weary Nazi Troops Slow Moscow Drive But Speed in South

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entrance to the Russian Caucasus.

All this suggested the likelihood that the last decision for Moscow might long be delayed—perhaps even through the winter on a relatively static front—while Hitler was putting all his pressure on the south in an effort to reach Caucasian oil, block the British-American supply route running up from Iran, and—in the Crimea—to knock out the greatest southern soviet naval base at Sevastopol.

It seemed possible, in fact, that the current diminution of the offensive against Moscow might be explained in part by the shifting of forces southward.

The war in Russia, in any event, had reached one of those brief periods of a hard, uneasy twilight, where the shadows of things that might come were long across the world and dimmed the harsh perspective of the struggle in the east.

In France the day passed with no clear indication as to how many Frenchmen had followed the appeal of General Charles De Gaulle, the Free French leader, to stand still and silent for 5 minutes in demonstration against the mass execution of French hostages by the German conquerors.

The available information from Vichy indicated that there, at least, not many responded, but there was no way to get independent and impartial information as to what had happened in the rest of unoccupied France and in occupied France as well.

Private Plane Disappearance Still Mystery

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mountains at dusk. The report, Pudney said, was investigated but no planes were reported missing.

"A man could walk from Eugene to Estacada (in the time which elapsed) and it would seem that Dwyer's report, while significant, may in no way relate to McKenna's disappearance," Pudney said.

Meantime, he reported that an intensive check of other airports in the northwest had failed to disclose the arrival of the plane.

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