

ON THE INSIDE— in Washington!



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Even before Japanese war designs in the now separated Pacific and Indian ocean theatres unfold fully, it is clear that the allies and axis alike are bracing for even more critical developments in the Atlantic as spring approaches.

Further United Nations retreats before Japan in event of successful invasions of Australia or India would be grave setbacks. But they would not end the war. It is in the Atlantic that the vital communication lines of allied victory hopes lie. It is there the ultimate test will come.

The axis could be smashed in Russia. While the Anglo-American fellowship holds the Atlantic ship-bridge to England and to Russia axis victories elsewhere remain but inconclusive incidents of the struggle.

And the dominant fact in the Atlantic as of today is that those communication lines are secure. Neither Japan's intervention in the Pacific nor axis submarine raiding in close American waters has diverted British-American attention from its main task in the Atlantic.

The sea corridors to England and to Russia are open. Heavy convoys of war goods and of Canadian and American troops have reached the British Isles through them not only unscathed, but unattacked. War essentials

for Russia are flowing unchecked through the Arctic and White sea.

These are ominous portents for Hitler. Diversion of his U-boats from the open Atlantic to harry coastal shipping in American and Latin American waters was itself a confession of their inability to cut allied Atlantic life lines. The indicated concentration of heavy axis surface warcraft in Norwegian waters further demonstrates that failure.

The only known element of the axis surface fleet powerful enough to cope with Anglo-American naval forces disposed to safeguard essential traffic to England and Russia is the battleship Von Tirpitz.

She has been spotted and attacked by the British in Norwegian waters. But she escaped the fate of her mighty sister ship, the Bismarck. Had she been sunk or crippled the most dangerous threat to allied Atlantic war traffic would have been ended.

Service Men

Where They Are What They're Doing

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harper, Aumsville, have received word from their son, Howard T. Harper, who was with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines and was wounded last December. He is in a hospital in Australia and is reported getting along fine.

Leonard M. Bilsland, Woodburn; Donald R. Hankel, Turner; Edgar Hole, Dayton, and Weymouth Cowell, jr., Grand Ronde, are among those air cadets who have been sworn in recently and who will be assigned to aviation cadet training centers as soon as openings occur.

MILL CITY — Robert Allen, who has been stationed in Alaska for the past several months, has been sent to a school in Georgia to receive officer's training, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. W. W. Allen.

PORTLAND, March 14 (AP)—The army recruiting office Saturday announced the following enlistments: Donald C. Lee, Corvallis; Owen L. Willis, Salem.

Families of men who have enlisted in the marines from the Salem area are to be invited to a party planned as a feature of the April meeting of the Salem detachment of the Marine Corps league, the committee named for the event has announced.

Persons who have sons, brothers, husbands or fathers in the marines are asked by the league's officers to contact the detachment commandant, L. L. Pittenger, by telephoning 9263 or 5912 or by calling at the sheriff's office, Adjutant William Noyes, 1070 Broadway, telephone 8029, or Dr. Roy S. Scofield, Pioneer Trust building, telephone 6047.

Dr. Scofield, Eugene Wheeler and Pittenger are members of the committee arranging the party, which is to be held April 9.

MILL CITY — Merritt Smith motored to Portland Thursday at which time he enlisted in the US army air corps at the Portland-Columbia air base. He was one of 105 young men to take the oath. He returned to Mill City on furlough, subject to call at any time, and will probably be sent to an army air corps training camp in California.

ELLINGTON FIELD, Tex., March 14 — Sgt. Robert C. Van Ausdell, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl D. Van Ausdell, 336 Oak street, Salem, is one of two Oregon aviation students to represent their state as graduates from the multi-motored army flying school here within a few weeks. Both will receive their silver wings and become flying staff sergeants. A service station operator in civilian life, Sgt. Van Ausdell served two years in the air corps as a photographer before he became an aviation cadet.

Phones Restricted

SILVERTON — The Interurban Telephone company of Silverton received notice this week that the government had restricted any further telephone extensions other than might be required in war efforts.

Wallace Lauds Farmers, Tells Faith in American Workers in Predicting Democracy Victory

OMAHA, March 14 (AP)—The democracies will win the war, Vice President Henry Wallace said Saturday night, not merely because we have shown our capacity to fight with a wholehearted spirit, but because the people that we are fighting for the prosperity and dignity of the common man in all nations.

He delivered that summation of faith in his first major speech since the Pearl Harbor attack, prepared for delivery before a midwest audience here of farmers and city folk, and broadcast over the Blue network.

Hitler and Japan, he said, "are driving desperately against time. They must knock us out by 1942 or not at all. All signs indicate that the summer of 1942 will be a repetition of the summer of 1918, with the axis making one last desperate all-out attempt."

"But when the final struggle is brought to a finish, we can have a better peace than at the end of 1918, provided every person in the United States realizes that his every action every day is producing results in terms of life and death for our young men."

"The industrial leaders and workers who expand production of rubber and copper, aluminum and steel will save the lives of thousands. The man who stops the production of even a single plane may determine the outcome of a battle on which will depend a short war or a long war."

The fall of Singapore, the loss of Java, the threat to India, Australia and Africa and "even to our own shores—all these disasters mean that we haven't a minute to lose in putting productive power on the line of battle everywhere in the world," he added.

"America is now fully awake—except for those who so lack imagination that it would require the jar of bombs falling in their own cities and the occupation of our own United States by the enemy to stir them to putting forth the last final ounces of energy."

To the farmers he said: "Thanks to the farm program and your own indomitable spirit, wheat, cotton and livestock products for the war effort. Yes, and there will be ever normal granary supplies ready to function for the hungry millions overseas when the war ends."

To his audience in general: "Industry, at last, is, I believe, fully awake also. Our aluminum production in 1942 will be two and a half times as much as in 1939. Our steel production in 1942 will be more than 50 per cent greater than in 1939. By 1944, under plans now being rushed we shall be able to produce synthetically here in the United States as much rubber as we formerly imported from the far east. Our copper production in 1942 will be a third more than in 1939."

"Yes, industry is 'going to town,' and by the grace of consumer self-denial, it will all be expressed in terms of shipping,

encouragement of power development "Hitler would be master of the world today."

"Looking backward," he added, "I am sure the president feels that he should have done more. But as a matter of fact, it was impossible for him to do more until such time as the majority of our people fully realized what Hitler and the Japs were really up to."

"From the president on down, those who preached the intent of Hitler and Japan to dominate the world were called warmongers. I myself was bitterly attacked when, at Des Moines, in August, 1940, I called attention to the true nature of the world struggle."

Historic Bentson Residence Razed At Silverton

SILVERTON—The Triple Link club is making rosebud badges to be used at the Rebekah convention to be held here on April 18. Olga Olson is the local noble grand.

"Now Pearl Harbor, Singapore and Java have demonstrated beyond all doubt what we are up against. Those losses prove how foolish and dangerous it is to feel safe and secure behind the fancied barriers of the two oceans."

One more land mark is disappearing from Silverton's landscape this week in the wrecking of the old B. R. Bentson home on Second and Main streets. Jack Henningsen and Burt Picha are in charge.

Miss Clarissa Bragger, who has been critically ill at her home here, is reported as somewhat improved.

Miss Avis Espee has accepted a position as secretary in the George W. Hubbs company office. Miss Carol Rhyme, former secretary to Mr. Hubbs, has gone to Portland where she is a stenographer with the Oregon Shipyards company.

FHA Will Continue to Process Home Loans in Non-Defense Areas, Realty Firm Told

The Federal Housing administration is continuing to process loan applications originating in non-defense areas, according to a letter Saturday from Folger Johnson, Oregon director for FHA, to Hawkins and Roberts, Inc., of Salem.

Johnson stated the availability of manufactured materials is the real control over the building program in such areas. It is understood that so long as the dealer has available materials, such as nails, plumbing fixtures, hardware, heating, no curtailment in building of private homes is in force in areas not designated as critical or priority areas.

Recently the war production board selected the FHA field offices to assist in preparing applications for preference ratings on residential building projects. These preference ratings are limited to areas designated as defense housing critical areas. At the present time only four such exist in Oregon, Portland, Astoria, Pendleton and Hermiston.

Johnson continued in the letter, "It should be remembered that the FHA does not lend money, but merely insures mortgage loans submitted by approved lending institutions. So long as lenders and builders can satisfy themselves that materials are available locally, the FHA will not refuse mortgage insurance on loans which are economically sound."

William G. Hardy, president of the Salem Realty board and real estate manager for Hawkins and Roberts, declared:

"Conserving war needed materials and labor is important. True patriotism calls for the remodeling, redecking of every possible residence within this area, and you can make it profitable. Therein lies the patriotic opportunity."

"In many sections of the country investors have found it very profitable to buy up older homes and remodel them for rental purposes. This is one good way to perform a patriotic service which

Independence Man Succumbs

Arthur B. Lacey, Independence, died in Salem Saturday at the age of 79. He was born in Knoxville, Iowa, November 12, 1863.

Survivors are two sons, Raymond G. and John O. of Salem; a brother, W. I. Lacey of Tigard; a sister, Cora Swain of Pontiac, Mich., and five grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Smith-Baun funeral home of Independence.

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