Alma De Luce Back in America, Alter Vichy Tells Story Since Fall of 1939

a bullet, but he seemed immune

I didn't know what war was

It was not until later that I

learned the whole Polish nation

was afire. I couldn't read the

newspapers, printed in Hungarian,

and I rigorously avoided asking

anyone to read a paper to me.

Deliberately keeping from know-

ing what was going on, with my

husband in the middle of it, was

my private defense against going

I suppose that was where my

southern California provincialism

asserted itself. Dan and I had

lived almost all our lives amid

the palms and make-believe of

Los Angeles and Hollywood. Eu-

rope was only a name, until the

spring of 1939, and the Corso,

the promenade along the bank of

the Danube under the horse chest-

nut trees, was only something we

saw in the geographic magazines.

April on Dan's first foreign as-

signment. The trip had been be-

wildering. New York was a blur

of lights and tall buildings. And

then London, Easter services at

Westminster Abbey, hours of

don, exploring streets and build-

Then Dan got the measles.

We worried. The office might

find out about it. If we admit-

ted he was coming out in spots,

someone else might be sent in

his place. So I just said he had

the flu. London was full of it.

He had the measles before. This

was a light attack, and we left

Budapest.

We had gone to London in

AP Writer Daniel De Luce Was There for Budapest a few days later. -In Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece; Now Covers the Burmese Front

Editor's note: Few women have known the world as intimately as Alma De Luce, wife of Daniel De Luce, Associated Press and Wide World correspondent now covering the Burmese front. She was with him in Budapest in September, 1939, when he rushed to Warnaw to help report Germany's conquest of Poland. Then he covered fighting in Yugoslavia, Bessarabia and Bucovine. Later, Mrs. De Luce followed him to Greece, They escaped from there to Turkey. Then went to Iran after the British and Russians moved in, then went to India and when Mr. De Luce left to cover the Burmese front, he sent his wife back to America. She has just arrived after a voyage which lasted 50 days. This is the first of three daily stories by her.)

By ALMA DE LUCE

NEW YORK, April 14-(Wide World)-Up to that moment, in September, 1939, our lives had had an Arabian nights texture. We had thought about the possibility of war, yes, but warespecially in the magic city of Budapest-was one of those vague. far-away things that could never touch us.

It was like a thunderclap when Dan raced home from his office that afternoon.

to injury.

"Pack some things into my brief case," he said hurriedly. 'No bag. Just a couple of shirts. I've got a taxi waiting down-"But where are you going?

"Warsaw." In Poland the German panzer divisions, paced by dive bombers, were throttling the life from a

treaty-created nation of World War I. Shirts, a razor, socks and soap -I put those things in European hotels never furnish soap to their

I caught snatches of the situation from my husband as he threw his things together.

I never know what I am going to get away with, with Dan, but now I took a chance.

"I'm going too," I said, tucking my toothbrush in with his. "It's dangerous and I want to be there with you."

He put the toothbrush back. "You can't go," he was quiet but definite.

He held me tightly for a moment, picked up his bulging brief case and ran down the stairs. From the window I watched him jump into the taxi which carried him north along the back of the Danube. He didn't look back. Children were playing in the

ings since destroyed by bombs. little green park below me, and the flowers on Margaret island, which lay like a green jewel on London. After the warmth of and of the palace on the hill. This the mirror-like surface of the California, the fog in the streets had been our first separation tory of the Political Parties of Danube, were riotous in the sun-But for me the war was on.

I didn't worry. I didn't simply because I didn't know what was going on in Poland. That, coupled with the fact that I had a sublime confidence in Dan. It was a dangerous assignment, but I never have known a man as wholly without fear as Dan. Of course, I reasoned, he would make an awfully big target for

So now I sat at the window. and Dan had gone off to cover a war, and incongruously the little white ferry boat which plied between the shore and Margaret island was tilting precariously at the wharf as it discharged its laughing passengers.

Poland was in agony. And here in Budapest people were ferrying to the island for afternoon tea and gypsy music.

Word didn't come for 15 days. I called the office. No, they had heard nothing from Dan. They had heard nothing from any Associated Press newspaper man in Poland. The country, so far as the Budapest bureau knew, had swallowed them up.

But presently they began crossing the Rumanian border, returning, one by one. None had seen

Dan would come back, of course. I bought a two-pound goose liver and made fresh pate de fois gras for him. I practiced making crepes suzettes. He liked them for breakfast with his tea. We drank tea because it was only six dollars a pound, as against \$11 a pound for American coffee. I read all the books in our little library. I went swimming. I went to teas. There wasn't much said about the war at the tea. I was glad. Instead, we discussed the newest fall creations, just arrived from Paris.

Dan did come back. He had lost 15 pounds. He was infinitely tired, ready to drop. I cried, of course.

Dan never talks a great deal, and when he does he doesn't dramatize anything. As I poured champagne for him, he told me the story. Now, for the first time, I began to realize in what danger he had been. Bombs had rained around him while he wrote his stories. His clothes were filthy. He hadn't had a bath. His only food had been occasional sandwiches. He had dysentery.

But he had done a good job. Henry L. Mencken, the Baltimore magazine editor and newspaperman, wrote him personally, commending him on his stories.

sightseeing, Sundays devoted to So Dan was back. The little walking over the whole of Lonwhite ferry boat still ran to Margaret island at tea time, and at night the smooth Danube still re-Rents and food were high in flected the lights of the bridges and the chill of the houses made since our marriage nearly three us welcome the announcement years before. Other and longer that we were to be moved to and more anxious separations were to come-Poland merely had been the fuse that set off the conflagration of a second World war.

Poland was crushed. But my husband was safe. Dan finished his narrative, of characteristic brevity. Now I knew what he had been through.

I suppose it sounds silly, but I was ill for two days.

Jittery Nazis To Lodge Office PORTLAND, Ore., April 14-(A)

Lot L. Snodgrass, La Grande, was elected grand master of the Royal Laval Given Position: council, Royal and Select Master, A.F. & A.M. Tuesday. Other oficers: Otto W. Zimmer-

Davis, Salem, steward; Andrew

McCallum, Ashland, sentinel.

Schools' Use

Required to

Be Doubled

meetings, the Salem school board

decided at its Tuesday night ses-

sion. War-time economy, mem-

bers pointed out, make it imprac-

ice for more nights than the build-

A year's leave of absence was

granted to Mrs. Ruth Brandon

Stoebig, Parrish junior high school

home economics teacher, and Mrs.

ings are now in use.

named to fill the place.

their new budget this spring.

Signup Set

By Teamsters

asked Tuesday night by their un-

ion secretary, Lewis C. Harkins,

and by Civilian Defense Coordi-

nator Bryan H. Conley to regis-

ter at Harkins' office, 259 Court

For emergency duty in case of

air raid, drivers are to make prep-

aration necessary to avoid confu-

Volunteers will be divided into

cording to the type of transporta-

tion involved and will receive as-

signments in first aid, casualty

fice work. Instruction will be giv-

have volunteered to organize.

the movement.

Against Invasion man, Baker, deputy grand master; Ray G. Hoffman, conductor of (Continued from Page 1) work; Lyman C. Palmer, Eugene, conductor of the council; C. P. Hitler something unpleasant

think about. While the nazi high command was laying claim to the capture of "large number of localities" on the central front, Stockholm dispatches reported that the Russian forces of the Ukraine had made a major breakthrough in the German line just north of the great steel city of

Coast Is Built Up

Kharkov. This thrust was said to have occurred below Belgorod, a railway function 45 miles northeast of Kharkov, and was apparently an enveloping movement.

DOVER, England, April 14.-(A) -The Germans have put thousands of laborers to the task of building new gun emplacements and strengthening already formidable defenses along the French coast as an added precaution against allied invasion. The laborers were seen plainly

Tuesday, through field glasses. some 20 miles across the channel. Military informants said that nazi guns massed along the channel coast have a total firepower equal to that of a fleet of battleships and form a concentrated mass of artillery more powerful than in any sector of

the German front facing the Russians. The new works include, in addition to gun bases, a series of new concrete fortifications and tank barriers extending back several miles from the shores

The work was greatly intensified immediately after the commando raid of March 27-28 on the German submarine base at St.

Ex-Newberg **Editor Dies**

RICHMOND. Ind., April 14.-(P)-Dr. Walter C. Woodward, 64, nationally known Quaker leader, died here Tuesday several weeks after suffering a stroke of paral-

Dr. Woodward was a former instructor of history and political science at Earlham and Pacific college, Newberg, Ore., and once was co-publisher of the Newberg Graphic. He was author of "His-

Tammany Elects NEW YORK, April 14 -(AP)

Rep. Michael Joseph Kennedy station, messenger center and ofwas elected leader of Tammany hall Tuesday, succeeding Chris- en in driving during blackout and ed February 6.

Salem Man Named | Four Lost in Two Sinkings

Eight More Missing From Torpedoed Merchant Ships

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early Saturday morning. Two crewmen - Third mate Marion Feathers of Houston, Tex., and Radio Operator Posnan Tiers. were known to have died in this attack. Eight other men were missing when the 27 survivors were brought to Morehead City. The ship in Thursday's attack was struck first on the starboard side in the pumproom. The crew abandoned ship within ten minutes. From the lifeboats they saw a second torpedo hit amidship, Grade school buildings over the also on the starboard side. This city may be used for first aid torpedo started fires aft and amidclasses if such meetings are held ship which quickly enveloped the the same night as air raid warden entire vessel.

AAUW Ends tical and almost impossible to pro-Latin America vide lights, heat and janitor serv-**Study Class**

Concluding class in the Latin American course of study sponsored by Salem branch, Ameri-Gladys Jensen, formerly Salem can Association of University high school home economics in- Women, held Tuesday night at structor and more recently a sub- the YWCA featured Salem's obstitute in the system here, was servance of Pan America day.

Mrs. C. A. Ratcliff, the branch's Warned that there is little likeliinternational affairs chairman and hood of securing federal funds for director of the course, reviewed school library work, directors de- two Spanish novels by Mexican clared they would take the prob- authors, and Mrs. R. D. Woodrow lem of providing the extra library told of her experiences on a threehelp into consideration in drawing months tour of Mexico. Memories of a two-years residence in that country were recalled by Mrs. James B. Manning. The classes, held twice each

month since September, have heard personal observation and experiences as tourists or residents in the countries studied from Miss Dorothea Steusloff, Miss Esthel Gulley, Mrs. B. B. Averill, Mrs. Paul V. Barden, Mrs. Woodrow and Mrs. Manning.

Other contributions in form of special reports have been presented by Mrs. Herbert E. Rahe, Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Hockett, Mrs. street, for the driving corps they Elmer O. Berg, Mrs. Carl Weigel Mrs. Esther Little, Mrs. Victor N. Phelps of Independence, Mrs. John Ficklin, Mrs. Amie Mills. W. J. McReynolds, Miss Marguerite Clock, Mrs. S. J. Butler, Mrs. that he was "in favor of arbitrary stitutions. sion, Harkins said, pointing out J. A. Jelderks, Mrs. Chester F. legislation only as a last resort." that teamsters' unions all along Luther, Mrs. Milo Rasmussen and the Pacific coast are joining in Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ratcliff.

Gahlsdorf Is sectional groups, subdivided ac-New Officer

L. Morland, superintendent of hold their state convention here topher D. Sullivan, who was oust- other air raid conditions, Conley Emanuel hospital, Portland, was May 8-9, the state executive comelected president of the Oregon mittee announced Tuesday.

Association of Hospitals Tuesday. Band Concert William Gahlsdorf, manager of Salem General haspital, was named vice president.

Acceptance by Portland hospitals of a plan for pre-paid hospitals of a plan for pre-

pital care was announced by Ralph W. Nelson of Portland san-itarium. He said that memberships would be sold, entitling holders to 21 days free hospital care annually. The physician's fee would not be included.

Gov. Sprague **Opens Drive** n Rally Here (Continued from Page 1)

ly," Gov. Sprague predicted. "My opponent is a very thorough gentleman," he explained

"We have no personal animosi-Explaining his candidacy for reelection, the governor said that "times are such that I have honestly felt that it was my duty to remain in the office if the voters so willed, because of the war emergency organiza-

tions I have undertaken to set

up and because of my many

contacts with the army, the navy and federal officials. Gov. Sprague said he believed Oregon was laying "foundations in agricultural, industrial and forestry lines that will make for the permanent economic stability of the state of Oregon."

Music for the rally was provalley campaign manager for the defense coordinator. governor, presided.

Slowdowns (Continued from Page 1)

situation, but did not elaborate

on the possibility of an executive Knox advised the committee

against suspending the 40-hour week and setting a percentage limitation on war profits, arguing that both moves would harm rather than aid war pro-As the last witness before the

committee begins actual consideration of what, if any, laborprofits legislation it will send to the house floor, Knox declared

n a war," he said, "you don't say: 'You do this-or else.' The less you resort to compulsion, the

Democrat Meet Set EUGENE, April 14-(AP)-Young PORTLAND, April 14-(AP)-A. Democratic clubs of Oregon will

By Army on Blossom Fete

A concert by a United States army regimental band in Willson park was added by the Salem Cherrians Tuesday to their pro-gram for Blossom day, to be observed next Sunday, Hunt Clark, publicity chairman, reported.

The concert will be played from the state capitol steps at 3 p. m. Sight-seers' routes for this Blossom day will be shortened, to save motorists' tires, Clark said. They will be outlined in detail later this week.

Blossom week will close on Saturday night, April 25, with the Cherrians' annual Blossom dance at the Salem armory. Proceeds from the dance this year will be devoted to entertainment of soldiers stationed in the Salem vicinity. Tickets are to be on sale at Busicks' Court Street market, Perry's drugstore, The Spa and The Quelle.

Army Plans NW School. Civilians

An army school, to be located either in Oregon or Washington, vided by the McDowell sextet, by for training of key men and wo-Westly McWain, planst, and by men in civilian protection will be Joan Orchard, 6, who led the aud- set up some time late in May, acience in singing "God Bless Amer- cording to announcement made ica." Irl S. McSherry, Willamette Tuesday by Jerrold Owen, state

Plans for this school were discussed at a conference between Owen and Col. George J. B. Fisher, United States army, who is attached to the office of civilian defense in Washington, DC, and Thomas Coakley, assistant regional civilian defense director in charge of protection from San Francisco. Final plans for the school, in-

cluding its location, must be decided by Colonel Fisher. Sessions of the school will extend for 10 days but the school will continue throughout the year. Army instructors will be furnished as well as all material used

will be provided by the govern-Only key men and women of civilian defense will be enrolled.

Men may be assigned to the school

who are on the staffs of state in-It was expected that a number "In dealing with a democracy of state guard officers would be

DA Joins Army

SPOKANE, April 14-(A)-Acclaimed a little over a year ago as the youngest United States district attorney in the nation when he was sworn into office at 33, Lyle D. Keith resigned Tuesday to join the army, as a captain in the judge advocate general's office.

of America. With the plant

young women flyers of America who are doing their part in the

National Defense picture... Chesterfield. They Satisfy.

Final Day's Signup Heavy

Clerk Lee Ohmart said. Registrations, and mailing of

nembers of the clerk's force broughout the day. Registration totals may not

available for several days.

Philippine **Troops Raid**

Of the prisoners, 6700 were Americans, it said and the re-

mainder Filipinos. The Japs also claimed as booty: 196 guns, including heavy artillery; 320 machine guns, 500 automatic rifles, 10,000 rifles, 124 tanks and armered cars, 220 cars, and other The 'army's communique an-

communications with Cebu, where the Japanese, fresh from their Bataan triumph, landed troopssome 12,000 in all-last Friday. Effective resistance took the form of the sinking of a cruiser, one of several warships whose guns covered the landing, and fighting ashore which kept the in-

Y Membership **Drive Begins**

new mambers. Each member of day night at the North Salem fire other than arms and munition the respective sides has pledged station, with Mrs. Hazel Marshall received from the United Nation

County Salvage Committee Named

Registration books for the May Salem, as chairman of the Marion primary elections were closed at county salvage committee was anthe Marion county courthouse at nounced Tuesday by Gov. Charles 8 o'clock Tuesday night after a A. Sprague. Salem members of day that appeared to bring in the committee working in the two years ago, Acting County metals, paper and any essential war materials include also Warren Pohle, Claude Steusloff, Virelection notices to precinct judges, gil E. Golden, Charles McElhinney, occupied attention of nearly all Joe Kester, Claude McKenney, Preston Doughton, Milo Rasmussen and Mrs. Walter Spaulding. Jefferson-Delmar Davidson, M. H. Beal, Ed Gleason, R. L. Chester, Mrs. Robert Terhune, Arthur Harris, Rev. R. W. Elmer.

R. W. Elmer.

Brooks—R. C. White, chairman, Nathan Kurth, Salem, Mrs. Jay Bartholomew, Mrs. Homer Egan, Mrs. Charles Beckner, Salem, H. C. Bell, W. P. Collard, Salem.

Mt. Angel—R. J. Berning, Miss Theresa Dehler, Dr. E. J. Corcoran, R. J. Welton, Walter Peopping.

Gervais—Earl Dunn, Zeno Schwab, Gordon Jones, Ross Cutsforth, B. J. J. Miller, Chris Jorgensen, Mrs. Mame Cutsforth, Mrs. Vera Harper, Mrs. Nell Seeley.

Seeley.

Aurora—Mrs. P. J. Hunt, Mrs. E. A. Brandtl, Mrs. W. O. Fry, Mrs. Ellen Sims. Mrs. Lester Wampole, Mrs. Harvey Thompson, Donald, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. W. O. Lindquist.
Woodburn—Milton Gralap, Mrs. Mary E. Austin, Herbert Hoyt, Dr. Ira Rich, Bert Willeford, Louis Koenig, Clarence Aline, Robert W. Haberly, Mrs. Lawrence Scholl.

Stayton—Robert J. Wood, Mrs. Eva Humphreys, Mrs. Rose Bell, Ward A. Inglis, Joseph Pieser, Paul Kirsch.

nounced the reestablishment of Raid Precautions Classes Slated Here This Week

First classes in air raid precautions open to persons not actively enrolled in civilian defense activities have not been as largely attended as requests for such inaders within a few miles of the struction had indicated they might America and elsewhere. be, workers at the county defense office declared Tuesday night as they urged larger groups to take advantage of the courses opening in various parts of the city this

Home protection, a demonstration of a protective pumping device and methods of protection Tuesday night by the Salem YMCA junior board of directors, according to Ancil H. Payne, boys'

WU Choir Returns Appointment of C. W. Paulus Forty three members of the

Willamette university a cappella choir, accompanied by Dean Melvin H. Geist, director, and Mrs. more voters than the same day campaign to salvage rubber, Geist, arrived in Salem at 1 a, m Wednesday after a ten-day tour of eastern Oregon and western Idaho. They were originally scheduled to arrive earlier Tuesday night but were delayed by tire

trouble between here and Eugene. The choir gave two or three concerts daily for schools, radio stations, churches and civic gatherings in a total of 18 communities. They traveled in a chartered

Last concert of the series was at Bend Tuesday.

Buying Put With BEW

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Nelson"-meaning that the authority over foreign economic relations conferred on Wallace was equivalent to the vast domestic powers vested in the chairman of the war production board.

The board of economic warfare will continue to work mainly through RFC and its lending and spending subsidiaries headed by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, this official said, but can issue mandatory directives to carry out plant financing, stockpile buying and other functioning in Latin

The presidential action also gave BEW sole control over the "preclusive buying program, This is the government's effort to interfere with trade relations between neutrals and the axis by buying up everything the neutrals have to trade with. So far such efforts have been centered mainly on Latin

An additional provision gives ouncil chambers with L. F. Le- BEW-whose actual operating boss is Milo Perkins, executive directides in the drive for 50 A similar class is to be held Fri- or-control over "reciprocal aid." The winning side will be honared at a banquet at the end of the areas.

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