

## New Proposals Follow 'Big Truck' Bill Defeat; Issue Disposal Slat

### Duration-Plus Plan Offered For Senate

#### Spending of Railways Cited in Opposition To Motor Requests

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER  
Salvage parties dug in Monday afternoon in the state senate and from the lobby seeking to save something on the truckers' side of the issue following a 45-15 defeat administered to the "big truck" bill in the house of representatives.

They came up with two proposals:

From the senate roads and highways committee, a bill to authorize the state highway commission, with the consent of the governor, to permit operation of longer and heavier trucks throughout the war and for six months after.

From the truck lobby, a proposal that 60-foot, 75,000-pound all trucks only be legalized.

The defeated measure would have authorized operation on a statutory "permanent" basis of all trucks up to 60 feet in length and 71,000 pounds in weight. They are now permitted to operate within these limits under a war emergency "duration" order by the state highway commission issued last June.

Sen. L. W. Wipperfurth of Grants Pass, who accepted at full face value testimony of military and office of transportation witnesses at a rehearing last Friday night declaring an authorization such as the "big truck" bill contained to be indispensable to the war effort, told the senate committee Monday he considered those requests reasonable.

The new senate measure, to be drafted by Sen. Dorothy Lee of Portland for the committee, would let the highway commission decide the vexing question of truck size. It is to be ready for introduction yet this week.

The senate committee rejected a request of spokesmen for the Oregon Motor Transportation association that the house (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

## Yank Clipper Crashes Into Lisbon River

LISBON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A Clipper flying boat arriving here on a flight from the United States crashed in landing on the Tagus river Monday, and four were killed and 20 missing of the 40 persons aboard.

The remaining 16 passengers and crew members were brought ashore alive, but many were injured.

The score of persons missing were believed buried at the bottom of the river.

There were four women passengers aboard, and all were saved.

The transatlantic flying boat was the Yankee Clipper, under command of Capt. Sullivan, and had come here by way of the Azores. It carried 27 passengers and 13 crew members.

The Yankee Clipper, now buried at the bottom of the Tagus, is the same one which inaugurated Pan American airway's New York to Lisbon line.

Captain Sullivan, an experienced senior pilot, is among the injured in the hospital. He was unable to explain the cause of the disaster.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Pan-American Airways said Monday night the crash of its trans-oceanic flying boat at Lisbon in which four were reported killed and 20 missing was the first accident on its trans-Atlantic service, established May 20, 1939.

SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Yankee Clipper, which crashed at Lisbon Monday, was one of a series of dozen great aerial Clipper ships built at the Boeing Aircraft plant here, and a company representative said Monday night it was the first ever to meet with disaster in more than 1200 Atlantic crossings.

### Murphy Looks To Philippines

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Frank Murphy, associate justice of the US supreme court, expressed fear Monday that the American people do not fully appreciate the gravity of the Pacific war situation.

"I shall feel uneasy and restless until our flag has been raised again in the Philippines," said Justice Murphy, who was the last governor-general of the islands. "There an empire of 16,000,000 inhabitants and 7,000 islands has been taken from us."

### FDR Warns Of Reverses

#### Compares Reactions With Washington's Fight for Nation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt warned Americans Monday night that they "still face reverses, and misfortunes."

In a Washington's birthday address, he compared the reaction to "the great successes on the Russian front" to that following the American victory over General Burgoyne's army at Saratoga in 1777 which "led thousands of Americans to throw their hats in the air, proclaiming that the war was practically won and that they could go back to their peacetime occupations—and 'normalcies.'"

"It is not enough that we have faith and that we have hope," Mr. Roosevelt declared. "Washington himself was the exemplification of the other great need."

"Would that all of us could live our lives and direct our thoughts and control our tongues as did the Father of Our Country." The president's forum was a series of democratic dinners celebrating the completion of a fundraising drive for the party, to which Mr. Roosevelt's words were broadcast.

The \$100-a-plate dinner at the Mayflower hotel here was addressed in person by Vice President Wallace who said that if the people of the United States and England "put forth the same unified, all-out effort that now is being displayed by the magnificent Russians, Germany can be defeated in 1943." Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, who commanded the marines at Guadalcanal, also was invited to speak.

Wallace criticized advocates of reducing the personnel goals of the armed forces, and struck out at any attempt to use "the unavoidable shortages and restrictions of wartime as a basis for a partisan campaign to undermine confidence in the government."

Mr. Roosevelt said there would have been no successful outcome to the American revolution had it not been for George Washington's faith, which "overcame the bickerings and confusion and the (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

## Gandhi Weaker

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Mahandas K. Gandhi became "progressively weaker" Monday night on the 13th day of his fast after living through a sharp crisis Sunday that left his old heart feeble for the remaining eight days of his grueling trial of endurance.

To many it became increasingly evident that the Hindu spiritual leader of millions might die if he did not break the fast undertaken to force the British to release him unconditionally from his luxurious prison in the Aga Khan's palace at Poona.

Late dispatches from Poona said, however, that Gandhi passed a quiet day and slept several hours.

As the crisis deepened, the government of India published an 86-page white book which amounted to a prosecution brief to fix the blame for an outbreak of violence which started after Gandhi had initiated a "non-violence" campaign to force the British to grant India immediate independence. Gandhi was arrested August 9.

The white book offered Gandhi's own writings to support its contention that the 73-year-old leader

### Milk Control's Suspension Up Today, House

#### Committee Against Banning Penalty, Compensation Rate

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
"Clean things up and go home. Don't dodge issues; dispose of them." Such is the legislature's present mood.

Today, unless some faction seeks and gains postponement, the issue of suspending milk control "for the duration" will be threshed out insofar as the lower house is concerned. Today also, the house may dispose of the controversial issue of unemployment rates; and in this case the prospects seem excellent that all controversial matters related to unemployment compensation will be wiped out in one decisive vote.

Rep. John Steelhammer's bill proposing to suspend milk control

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR  
Third readings Tuesday:  
In Senate: SB 210, 232, 225, 241, 52, 150, HB 135, 146, 263, 310, 302, 327, 147.  
In House: HB 144, 268, SB 129, 133, 136, 175, 217.

control until after the war was reported out with a "do not pass" recommendation by the house committee on food and dairy products. There will be no minority report. That, according to his statement before the committee, is satisfactory to Rep. Steelhammer. He said all he asked was to "get it before the house."

The committee held up a related bill by the same author, which would permit the state department of agriculture—to which milk control was transferred in a bill signed by Gov. Earl Snell—to set minimum milk prices. Dairy spokesmen told the committee this bill was not "adequate," insisting that pooling is essential. Rep. Steelhammer said if the suspension bill was approved he would (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

### Congress Approves Telegraph Merger

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—An oft-debated proposal to permit the Western Union Telegraph company to absorb its rival, the Postal Telegraph & Cable system, won final congressional approval Monday when the senate passed it, 42 to 17.

Over scattered protests from Senators Aiken (R-Vt.), Langer (R-ND) and others, a conference report compromising senate and house differences over the language the legislation should take was sent to the White House.

The legislation permits a merger of the two companies if they reach an agreement to which the federal communications commission assents.

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# Axis Perils Tunisia Holds

## Red Army 'Bearing Weight'

### Stalin Finds Lack Of Second Front, Tells Battle Toll

By The Associated Press  
LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 23  
Premier Joseph Stalin asserted Tuesday that the "red army alone is bearing the whole weight of the war" in the "absence of a second front in Europe," but declared his red army had inflicted 9,000,000 casualties on the Germans—4,000,000 of them killed—and that time now is running against Hitler's Germany.

The start of "the massed drive of the enemy from soviet lands has begun," Stalin declared in a momentous, confident order of the day commemorating the 25th anniversary of the red army. He asserted Hitler's initial advantages in manpower, arms, and experience have now been wiped out, with the soviet union "becoming ever stronger" and with the initiative in Russia's hands.

Stalin in his order called on his troops to give the Germans "no rest by day or by night," to "annihilate them if they refuse to lay down their arms," and sounded the rallying cry of "death to the German invaders!"

"Time is working against fascist Germany" and she is "becoming more exhausted and weaker while the soviet union is more and more developing its reserves and becoming ever stronger," the warrior-leader of Russia declared in a broadcast recorded by the soviet monitor.

In the last three months alone, he declared, 112 axis divisions had been routed; 700,000 of the enemy had been killed; more than 300,000 had been taken prisoner. But, he warned, Germany is "not yet conquered" and the soviet union must continue to fight the war until the nazis are "do not yet mean that it cannot recover."

In another place Stalin indicated that the red army goal was to free the Soviet Union of the invader—he said that Russians should not now become overconfident and assume that the red army now has only to pursue the Germans "to the western frontiers of our country"—but on the other hand he referred to the red army as "an army of avengers."

Thus Stalin once more, while mentioning freeing the Soviet Union of Germans, did not indicate any further goal the Russians might have. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

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### American Aerial Gunners Pictured in Action



Somewhere in the European theatre of war this American fighter plane is in the thick of battle with several German planes. In the belly of his plane, Sgt. William Waits of Alexandria, La., trains his machine gun to bear upon a Nazi ship below while, behind Sergeant Waits may be discerned the knees of the waist gunner firing his machine gun from the side of the plane.—IN Photo.

## Price Ceilings Put on 5 Fresh Foods; 5605 Registered Here

### Vegetables Held; Point Values Told

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The government Monday night clamped emergency price ceilings at present levels over five of the country's major fresh vegetables—tomatoes, green and waxed snap beans, carrots, cabbage and peas. It said the action was necessary to head off speculative price boosts caused by the tremendous demand generated by canned goods rationing.

Effective Tuesday no distributor of those vegetables may sell at a higher price than he did in the five days between last Thursday and Monday of this week, February 18 to 22. The surprise price action applied to all dealers except the grower.

A few hours earlier the OPA had announced the point value of dried peas, beans and lentils, and dried and dehydrated soups, and asserted there was a possibility of more liberal allowances of rationed foods in April.

During March, however, the previous announced allowance of 49 points per consumer will remain in effect.

The price freeze on the five fresh vegetables will last for 60 days. As an enforcement measure OPA disclosed it was making sample price checks in retail outlets in every major population center.

Point values announced Monday night included:  
Dried beans, peas and lentils: up to 2 ounces, 1 point; 2 to 4 ounces, 2 points; 4 to 6 ounces, 3 points; 6 to 8 ounces, 4 points; 8 to 10 ounces, 5 points; 10 to 14 ounces, 7 points; 14 to 16 ounces, 8 points; 1 lb., 8 points.

Dried and dehydrated soups: up to 2 ounces, 2 points; 2 to 4 (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

## Quake Rocks Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—(AP) Veteran observers believe that only the porous nature of the ground on which this sprawling capital city is situated saved it from earthquake disaster Monday as the worst shock in two years rocked a large area, causing one death and several injuries.

One person was killed outright in the collapse of an apartment house in the thickly populated workers' district. Four others at first reported fatally injured were later found alive.

The quake followed reports of renewed activity by a volcano known as the "Rock Oven" in the state of Michoacan, south of here, which was said to be emitting smoke. Preparations were being made to remove 3000 persons from a town near the volcano in case of a lava outbreak.

## Leaders Called To Show Unity

### Rickenbacker Avers His Attackers Are Labor's Enemies

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 22.—(AP) Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, declaring "the men who attack me are labor's enemies," called Monday night on the national leadership of industry, labor and government to set an example of wartime unity.

In a prepared address to the New York legislature, delivered at senate and assembly leaders received more than a score of protests from labor unions against his invitation appearance, the famous flier said:

"You cannot demand that the (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

## Allied Planes Sweep Widely, SW Pacific

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, Feb. 23 (AP)—Allied war planes, in a wide sweep of New Guinea and New Britain, dropped bombs on at least five Japanese centers Monday, the allied high command reported Tuesday.

The noon communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters listed Lae, Rabaul, Gasmata and Lorengau as having been hit by the bombers.

The raids on the Bulu-Faisi were described as small-scale night operations by medium bombers. The airdromes at Kahili and Ballale were hit again and fires, visible from a distance of 40 miles, were started among aircraft in the dispersal bays.

Lorengau, in the Admiralty islands, was attacked by a heavy reconnaissance unit. The airdrome and surface craft in the harbor were bombed.

Heavy bombers, swinging in over Rabaul, New Britain, just before dawn, unloaded their missiles on Lakunai airdrome and shore installations at the north end of the harbor.

The airdrome at Gasmata, New Britain, also was pounded in a night attack by a flight of heavy bombers.

Medium bombers carried out a "strong coordinated attack" on the Lae area in New Guinea, the communique said. The bombers were covered by long-range fighters.

Allied attack planes also bombed and heavily strafed the trails and villages from Wipasing to Guadapal.

A small formation of enemy planes lightly raided the Port Moresby area, the communique said. There was no damage nor casualties.

## Fifth of City Signs; More Hints Given

Registration crews that worked at top speed for 2½ hours Monday afternoon and then, in most elementary school buildings of the city, had time on their hands, had issued 5605 war ration books of the No. 2 variety in Salem by 9 o'clock Monday night, Supt. Frank B. Bennett announced.

The figure was one-fifth of the anticipated registration for the week as based on issuance of war ration book No. 1, Bennett pointed out.

Bush school registrations totaled 1044 to lead all districts in the city; at Highland there were 883; Englewood, 821; Garfield, 726; Grant, 607; Washington, 571; Richmond, 557, and McKinley, 436.

No county-wide tally was taken, although in almost every school district of the county, registration commenced Monday.

Only persons required to wait for service at the registration table were those who arrived at

To be registered today at elementary schools in the city for war ration book No. 2 are persons whose last names begin with letters from D to H, inclusive. Registrations is from 3 to 9 p. m. Those unable to register on the day assigned according to alphabet may register another day, but should plan to do it early in the week, school officials suggested.

The school buildings prior to the 3 o'clock opening hour, with the exception of those who stood in line at Garfield and Washington schools.

At those two registration points only three sets of registrars worked, compared with five at other centers in heavily populated districts.

In addition to the three registrars at each table, recommended by OPA, Salem used one student helper with each crew, while members of Hi-Y, Girls' Letter club and the Honor society of the (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

## OWI Reorganizes 'Target Areas'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—In a wholesale reorganization of its overseas branch, the office of war information divided the world into seven geographical regions or "target areas" and gave a single official sole responsibility for the psychological offensive in each of the groups of countries.

Officials of the branch, which is headed by playwright Robert Sherwood, predicted increasing effectiveness in this country's education and propaganda effort abroad, declaring they now can "aim with a rifle rather than a shot gun."

## Junction Of Thala Neared

### Russians Sweep On Toward Dnieper; Chinese Hold

By The Associated Press

The most dangerous attack yet thrown in by the Germans in Tunisia—a tank assault under Marshal Rommel's command which had broken through for 16 miles to within four miles of the tactically important road junction of Thala and was accompanied by a renewed infantry thrust westward toward the allied base of Tebessa in Algeria—menaced the allied positions Monday night. The latter drive had been beat back earlier in the day by American troops.

Although an allied observer announced toward the end of a day of sharp enemy successes, that the Thala operation was "showing signs of exhaustion" and that the British and American armed forces now appeared "to have the situation in hand." It was plain the outlook was viewed with some gravity at allied headquarters.

By reaching Thala, Rommel would command highways that could lead him north to threaten the rear of the main allied forces before Tunis and Bizerte.

This would require a vastly bigger force than that now in motion—late estimates from allied headquarters put at 40 tanks the strength of the column directed at Thala where previously it had been estimated at 70. Reports from the field, however, significantly mentioned that Kasserine Gap—through which Rommel had sprung northward toward Thala—was being "very heavily held" by the nazis and that heavy guns had been brought up by the enemy there to suggest that he was going to increase the power of the attack.

This seemed likely, for if the allies should be able to hold and block the gap, Rommel would risk the isolation in the mountains beyond of his present column.

In Russia, where the greatest of all fronts was again overshadowed by the sharp, recurring military storms of North Africa, the soviet armies were pushing on slowly toward the Dnieper river, beating down German counterattacks that were increasing in violence the nearer the Russians approached to that strong natural defensive line.

The soviet communique was mainly in general terms, but reported the recapture of two more towns west of Rostov along the Azov sea and of others in the western Caucasus and below Orel to the north which, it appeared probable, would be the next German base to fall.

Red army troops have driven to within 25 miles of Novorossiisk, where the last German remnants in the Caucasus are caught in a tightening pocket, by capture of Akhinskaya.

For the first time, the German communique mentioned fighting in the Dnieper river region. They said Russian formations had been widely encircled between the Donets and Dnieper and shattered with the loss of 25 Russian tanks. The soviets were reported attacking south and northeast of Orel in a heavy snow storm. Russian attacks were reported beaten back in the Kuban region and west and northwest of Kharkov.

In the Pacific, the Chinese command reported that the most important of the current Japanese offensives—that along the old Burma road in western Yunnan province—still was being held in check along the line of the Salween river, where three enemy attempts to force a crossing had been thrown back.

In the Solomons area, the US navy announced that fires had again been set off by an American air raid on the Japanese position at Munda on New Georgia island, one of his best bases now that Guadalcanal has been wrested from him.

Pease Elected  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) The Oregon society of the Sons of the American Revolution Monday night elected Karl V. Pease, Salem, president.