

# All Tunisia Embattled; Planes Pace Fight

## Mickle, Finsley Retiring

### Coos Judge Appointed Agriculture Chief; Silver Promoted

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

Changes in two appointive state offices, director of agriculture and director of parole and probation, were announced at the capitol Monday, first of several that may be anticipated within the next few weeks.

The new director of agriculture will be Ervin L. Peterson, 33-year-old county judge of Coos county, Gov. Earl Snell revealed Thursday afternoon. J. D. Mickle, whom he succeeds, was known for some time to have been considering asking to be released from the \$5000 a year position, which is held at the pleasure of the governor. He was a holdover from the Martin administration, a campaigner for Gov. Sprague in the 1942 primaries.

The state parole board announced its selection of a new parole and probation director, Joseph R. Silver, 34, who had been serving as a field assistant. Fred Finsley, first man to be of May 1 to reenter law practice this office, has resigned as vice at Fossil, where he once served as Wheeler county's district attorney, the board said. Appointment of Silver was not directly dictated by Gov. Snell, but it was understood that he had not approved of a desire on the part of the parole board to elevate the chief deputy director, Irl E. McSherry, to Finsley's position. No immediate changes in the parole organization are contemplated, the director-elect said Thursday night.

In returning to Wheeler county, Finsley has in mind running for circuit judge next year for the Wheeler-Sherman-Gilliam counties circuit long presided over by the late Judge Carl Hendricks.

Judge Peterson's appointment as director of agriculture gave rise to speculation over the filling of another berth on the state highway commission, the position now held by Huron Clough, Canyonville, who wishes to retire. The Peterson appointment could be Gov. Snell's answer to southwest Oregon demands for representation on the commission. Ben Chandler, Marshfield banker, has been proposed as Clough's successor, it is known.

The governor's field for designation of a third member of the (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

## Spies Combing US for Nazis; Talk Warned

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—Rear Adm. Harold C. Train, chief of naval intelligence, said Thursday night the axis is gearing for a "desperate last-ditch fight" and has its spies in this country "combing the bars, restaurants, and shipping centers for every stray bit of information that might fit into the Nazi or Japanese espionage pattern."

In an address prepared for delivery over the Columbia Broadcasting system, Admiral Train said he had definite information that axis spies "are still operating in this country."

It is no secret, he declared, that before Hitler marched into Poland he boasted that he knew more about that country's military strength than most members of the Polish high command. "Hitler," he continued, "has made similar boasts about America, and about the army of saboteurs his henchmen had built up here while we ostensibly were sleeping." Since America entered the war, Admiral Train said, most of these boasts have been proved "empty words," but the statement itself was a "revelation that he is depending on Nazi hirelings in this country to relay useful information back to where it can be used against us."

He warned Americans to be extremely cautious, especially in discussing letters received from their relatives in the service, lest the enemy obtain information to use "against your sons and brothers and husbands who daily are risking their lives to preserve our country and the freedom bought at such a price by our fathers before us."

Released



ALBERT E. ROSSER

## Rosser Freed After 4 Years

### Union Leaders Sent To Prison for Factory Fire

The Oregon parole board Thursday ordered the release from state prison next July 6 of Albert E. Rosser, central figure in a wave of labor terrorism that swept the state in 1937-38.

Rosser, former secretary of the AFL teamster's union Portland local, was convicted of arson in connection with the destruction by fire of the Salem box factory. Sentenced to a 12-year term, he will be released after serving four years because of good behavior, the board said.

His conviction was upheld by the Oregon supreme court in 1939 and the US supreme court refused to review the case.

Rosser is the last of 12 men sentenced to state prison for participation in the terrorism to be released.

## April Fool's Tricks Few

April fool's past and you're wrong, for the first day of April found few pranksters in downtown Salem.

City firemen and police, usually besieged with fake calls, thought perhaps the war situation had something to do with the appreciated consideration of humorists.

Only April foolishness which came to the ears of Statesman reporters was staged for benefit of a member of their profession, employed on another newspaper.

## Nazis Can't Halt Danish Sabotage

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—A German broadcast heard Thursday night by CBS said that "British paratroopers" and Danish citizens have been committing acts of sabotage in industrial plants in Copenhagen, capital of Nazi-occupied Denmark.

"Things have got to such a pitch," the broadcast said, "that armed British paratroopers can force their way into Danish industrial plants, and persuade the guards to keep quiet while they plant bombs."

## State Hospital Aides Get Raise

The wage scale for attendants at the state hospitals at Salem and Pendleton and the Fairview home was boosted by the board of control Thursday to \$72.50 a month for men and \$70 for women. The wages are in addition to full maintenance.

The board approved a \$5 monthly raise for the Pendleton institution, and \$7.50 for those at Salem. The increases were allowed to relieve the serious shortage of attendants. The increases are effective as of today.

## Dem Split On Tax Skip

### McCormack Asks Some Abatement; Doughton Tries Balk

By FRANCIS LeMAY

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP) The democratic leadership in the house split apart Thursday night on the issue of tax abatement, with Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass) calling for quick action to skip part of 1942's income taxes, and Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the ways and means committee sharply brushing aside the suggestion.

Doughton refused to call the committee for immediate consideration of pay-as-you-go legislation, indicating that the subject would not come up again until late spring or summer.

During the day McCormack had issued a statement calling for a quick pay-as-you-go compromise abating part, but not all, of 1942 taxes. He said a pay-as-you-go measure, with a withholding levy on wages and salaries, should become effective July 1.

The democratic leader's action directly conflicted with the stand of a majority of his party's ways and means members who opposed any tax abatement, and he drew a sound rebuff from the 79-year-old committee chairman.

"I did not have any advance information about Mr. McCormack's statement regarding tax matters," Doughton said in a formal statement. "He did not consult me as chairman of the committee on ways and means. Neither, so far as I know, did he consult any majority member of the committee before issuing his statement."

These developments came shortly after nine republican ways and means members issued a statement demanding immediate reconsideration of pay-as-you-go legislation and gave notice they would convene (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

## Most Rivers Evade Flood; Santiam Drops

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Willamette valley flood conditions, improving by the hour, will permit the Willamette and Columbia rivers to carry their crests without going over flood stages, the weather bureau reported Thursday night.

The Santiam, Luckiamute and Yamhill rivers, all Willamette tributaries, are receding, said Weatherman E. L. Wells, revising Thursday morning's predictions.

The Columbia swelled to flood stage at 15 feet at Vancouver Thursday but Thursday night's forecast said no further rise was expected.

The Willamette measured 11.8 feet late Thursday at Oregon City and Wells said the crest would pass there Thursday night without going over the 12-foot flood mark. The same was true of Portland, he said, where the river was 16.5 compared to flood level of 18 feet.

The Santiam at Jefferson was still over flood stage by more than three feet but it dropped a half-foot since morning to 16.3 late Thursday.

Portland's rainfall totaled 6.51 inches in the week ending Wednesday night, the weather bureau reported.

Roads in the Portland area blocked by slides were reopened Thursday.

## Harriett Monroe Named WU Queen

Harriett Monroe, senior from Parkdale, was elected Wednesday by Willamette university students as 1943 May queen. Princesses will be Dorothy Tate of Sublimity and Olivia Olson of North Bend, other nominees from the senior class. May weekend is slated for May 7 and 8.

Miss Monroe, a blue-eyed brunette is an independent and is past president of Lausanne hall and of the Willamette Methodist Student council. Both princesses are members of Alpha Phi Alpha sorority.

## Allied Ship Feels Luftwaffe's Sting



An allied convoy ship which has reached an Algerian port with supplies is struck by bombs and left burning fiercely during a German air raid on the port. German bombers strike hard at convoys off north Africa and in Algerian ports in an effort to cut off allied supplies for Tunisia.—Associated Press Telemat.

## Planes Pound Germany, Guinea

### Jap Positions Strafed; Town Hit, Tanimbar

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, April 2.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced Friday that allied planes have made new raids on Mubo, Finschhafen and Saumlaki.

Medium bombers attacked the Japanese-occupied town of Saumlaki, which is on Tanimbar island, 300 miles north of Darwin, Australia.

Finschhafen, New Guinea, where earlier in the week fires started on the waterfront by allied planes flamed more than eight hours, was visited by a single four-motored bomber which dropped its bombs in the same harbor area.

Attack planes bombed and strafed Japanese troop positions in the Kitekeh area around Mubo, which is 15 miles south of Salamaua, New Guinea.

In northwestern (Dutch) New Guinea, a medium allied bomber was intercepted by two Japanese fighter planes and shot them both out of the sky.

## Churchill Gets RAF Wings

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, who has frequently taken over the controls on long flights and first learned to fly in 1913, was given the honorary wings of the RAF Thursday on his 25th anniversary, becoming the first commoner to wear them without passing modern pilot tests.

In a letter to the premier announcing the distinction, Air Marshal Sir Bertine Sutton recalled that since the outset of the war Churchill has undertaken more than 30,000 flying miles on duty.

Churchill replied "I am honored to be accorded a place, albeit out of kindness, in that comradeship of the air which guards the life of our island and carries doom to tyrants."

## Lane M. Weinberg, Scio, Killed at Sea

SCIO, April 1.—Lane M. Weinberg, 25, was reported here as killed in action while in the navy at sea in south Pacific convoy service as a gunner's mate. He attended Scio high school while a resident of the Riverview community near Scio. He was outstanding in school athletic and other activities. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weinberg, are on a farm on Scio route three. His sister Eva also attended the local high school and worked at the Scio telephone office. The young man enlisted in the US navy less than six months ago.

The sister now is Mrs. Lee McIntyre, Albany. Two other married sisters, one at Lebanon and the other in California, together with four brothers at the Scio farm home, survive.

## Soviets Drive In Caucasus

### Several Localities Captured; Donets Defenses Hold

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Friday, April 2.—Russian troops have captured several localities in the continuing drive to wipe out the Nazi Caucasian bridgehead at Novorossiisk, have reduced another stronghold on the Smolensk front, and held firmly on their Donets river defense line, Moscow announced early Friday.

The midnight communique also reported that German troops had penetrated to the western outskirts of one populated place in the Sevsk area, 170 miles northwest of Nazi-held Kharkov, but said a Russian counter-attack threw back the enemy and killed 200 Germans.

The Germans announced the capture of Sevsk, 80 miles below Bryansk, some time ago.

The resumed Russian Caucasian drive presumably was in the area of captured Anassisk, 33 miles north of Novorossiisk.

Other Russian units operating in the Abinskaya area are only 20 miles northeast of the former soviet Black sea fleet base.

South of Bely on the central front, the Russians said, one of their units forced a German garrison into a hasty retreat after threatening to encircle it.

Soviet artillery also supported an infantry operation which toppled another stronghold on the same front, and the communique said German officers taken prisoner reported that many formations of the 367th Nazi infantry division had lost 70 or 80 per cent of their men in recent fighting on the exhausting front where heavy rain and mud has hampered the red army advance.

In the sector east of axis-held Kharkov the Russians continued to hold their defense line along the upper Donets river.

Air fighting picked up in the south, where 11 raiding Nazi planes were destroyed and six were damaged.

## Furloughs for All—Remember the Day

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 1.—(AP)—A banner headline in the Camp Carson newspaper, The Mountaineer, startled soldiers.

"90-day furlough for all Colorado men—soldiers overtrained. Discipline must be relaxed, say camp officials," it read.

Then the soldiers remembered it was April Fool's day.

## Workers Go to Dayton

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—A contingent of 381 farm and dairy workers from Mississippi and Oklahoma were moved to the Dayton farm labor camp Thursday. There they will receive short-term instruction before being assigned to labor-shortage areas of western Oregon.

## Mosquitos Surprise Nazi City

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—The RAF celebrated its 25th anniversary by attacking two towns in western Germany where startled Germans stood gaping in the streets at swift British Mosquito bombers which dipped as low as 50 feet to plant their delayed-action explosives on industrial objectives.

Squadrons of fighters also attacked railways and other axis-held transportation in France and Belgium by daylight, the air ministry reported.

The Mosquitos, the RAF's fastest bombers, which twice have attacked Berlin by daylight, blasted a power station and important railway workshops at Trier and Chranz near the German-Luxembourg frontier.

With bombs fused to explode a few seconds after the Mosquitos were safely away, the airmen attacked at altitudes from 50 to 200 feet. At Ehrang the crews reported their bombs caused a "terrific explosion," and it was believed a gasoline dump was hit.

Nazi anti-aircraft gunners apparently also were caught flat-footed because none of the planes was lost and only two German fighters were sighted.

Four British planes were missing from the sweeps over France and Belgium and a fifth plane failed to return from a daylight reconnaissance over northwest Germany.

## Eden Declares Peace Bases

OTTAWA, April 1.—(AP)—Three basic principles for an enduring peace were laid down by Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, in an address Thursday to a joint meeting of the house of commons and senate.

1. Total disarmament of Germany, Italy and Japan; 2. Maintenance by the United Nations of sufficient force to ensure that none of the axis powers can ever again plunge the world into war;

3. Close understanding among the British commonwealth of nations, the United States, Russia and China, with full cooperation of all United Nations.

Eden recalled he had been a soldier in one war which he had hoped was a war to end war and now his son was preparing to take part in a second.

"It is our duty to see that this cruel and inhuman lot is not also the heritage of our children's children," he said.

## Flight Strip Awarded

The state highway commission awarded a contract Thursday to Vernie Jarl, Gresham, for clearing the approaches and side clearances to the Marion county flight strip project. Jarl submitted a low bid of \$5850.

# Axis Flies Fresh Force to Africa; Fortresses Hit

## Possible Use of Sardinia Port for Evacuation Base Ruined; Americans Gain

By DANIEL DeLUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 1.—(AP)—The axis is desperately flying fresh troops into Tunisia, it was disclosed Thursday, and the allies have thrown a mighty, overpowering aerial fleet into a campaign, to forestall such reinforcement, to wipe the enemy from Africa and to destroy his potential means of escape.

The presence of air-borne reinforcements for Marshal Erwin Rommel's hard-pressed troops was revealed with the capture of more than 700 Italians and German grenadiers during a renewed American push east of El Gueitar toward the coast. Some of the prisoners said they had been in Africa fewer than 10 days.

Nearly 100 Flying Fortresses, the greatest force of the big four-motored bombers ever massed for a war operation, bashed the important axis supply base at Gagliari on Sardinia Wednesday, seriously crippling its usefulness to the enemy, while swarms of other American and British planes turned Rommel's retreat up the eastern Tunisian coast into a nightmare of destruction.

Telling of the great blow at Gagliari, an American pilot said: "If there was anything we did not hit then it must have been buried." "I saw thousands of bombs bursting," said another. "They seemed to be exploding on every bit of the harbor."

Any hopes the axis might have entertained of using Gagliari as the base for a "Dunkerque" evacuation of divisions now enclosed in a great allied trap apparently were wiped out by the concentrated assault of the Fortresses, which hit five merchant ships and 21 smaller craft, damaged or destroyed 71 enemy planes on ground and in the air, and spread acres of fire across the city's port area. Not a Fortress or an escorting Lightning fighter was lost.

The bulk of Rommel's forces trying to beat their way north for a junction with Col. Gen. Jürgen Von Arnim's troops were reported Thursday continuing their tortuous retreat under a rain of bombs and bullets while a rear guard dug in about 24 miles north of Gabes in an effort to fend off the pursuing British Eighth army.

Although slowed down by thousands of mines strewn by the retreating enemy, armored American units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., were reported pushing steadily eastward from El Gueitaria Pass for an imminent junction with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth army forces.

After having been held up for more than a week by rock-riddled enemy positions on hills commanding the roads to the coast eastward from Maknassy and southeast from El Gueitaria Pass, Patton directed a series of attacks Thursday.

American spearheads of tanks and infantry plunged fiercely into wavering enemy defenses and rounded up German and Italian prisoners less than 50 miles to the west of the British. The American attack was preceded by an artillery barrage which one observer said was "one of the most terrible and wonderful sights I ever saw."

It was officially announced that 31 enemy planes were shot down in combat over north Africa Wednesday, while 12 allied planes failed to return. American P-40 warhawks destroyed 10 axis planes against a single loss of their own while supporting Patton's ground troops in the El Gueitaria Pass area.

In an attack almost as destructive as that by the 100 Fortresses, two waves of American Billy Mitchell medium bombers escorted by Lightnings twice struck at an axis convoy in the Sicilian Narrows, sinking at least three large merchant ships and leaving others burning furiously and settling. Six German fighters, which attempted to intercept were shot down and others damaged.

The following types are not affected: Run-proof rayon mesh hosiery, lace and mesh hosiery, and combinations of cotton, wool, continuous filament, and spun rayon yarn stockings.

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