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NINETY THIRD YEAR

County Bond Campaign Goes 'Over the Top'

\$102,000 Excess Sold

Total of Over All Sales \$7,250,960; Drive Continues

Marion county went \$102,000 over the top in its Second war loan campaign Tuesday night and was called on to make the average \$500,000 by Friday, last day of the national campaign.

Individual purchases of war bonds during the drive, which started April 12, reached \$2,602,000, Victory Chairman Jess J. Gard reported.

The \$18.75 with which you buy a \$25 war bond will pay for: 75 clips of 8 bullets each, or— 3 1/2 bayonets or— 5 pairs of army shoes.

The treasury says that when you buy a \$25 war saving bond for \$18.75, \$18 goes immediately into guns, planes and equipment.

Chairman Gard, noting the plea of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau for continuing and still heavier investments in war securities, urged his committee-men and the public on to make individual purchases reach the \$3,000,000 mark by Friday night.

The Salem Eagles lodge, staging a bond drive of its own at its meeting Tuesday night, raised \$12,259 in subscriptions toward the new goal. The lodgemen's purchases were not included in the official totals for the day.

Chairman Gard commended Chairman Frederick S. Lamport and the county war savings staff for their cooperation in the Victory campaign, especially for contributions the staff obtained through promotion of the payroll deduction plan of buying bonds.

Berlin Tells Of New Loss In Russia

LONDON, Wednesday, April 23—(AP)—A new spurt of fighting on the long-drive front south of Leningrad was reported by Moscow today soon after German radio accounts suggested Soviet capture of the important pivotal base of Novogorod.

The Russian midnight communique, recorded here by the Soviet Monitor, said Russian gunners destroyed six German guns, silenced two mortar batteries and demolished ten blockhouses and dugouts Tuesday on the Valkhov front. Valkhov is midway between Leningrad and Novogorod.

In the same general area on Monday, numerically superior German forces broke through and captured a Russian town, but were thrown back by a Russian counterattack before they could consolidate their new position.

The German indication of Russian capture of Novogorod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad, came in a Berlin broadcast description of an eastern front war map, which also showed the Russians had driven to the very outskirts of Taganrog, 42 miles west of Rostov on the sea of Azov.



Crash Kills Salem Flier

Lt. C. C. Cunningham Dies at Army Field in Louisiana

Second Lt. Charles C. Cunningham, stationed with the army air corps at Harding Field, La., was killed in a plane crash Monday according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cunningham, 345 East Miller street. The telegraph was sent by Col. Koontz, commander at Harding Field, who gave no particulars of the crash.

Cunningham was a graduate of Salem high school and had attended Willamette university for two years when the company of the national guards, of which he was a member, was mobilized. He was stationed first at Fort Stevens. Later he was transferred to the air corps and took his training at Sheppard Field, Texas and at Greenville, Miss. He received his wings only a few months ago.

Davis Urges Limit Crops

WASHINGTON, April 23—(AP)—Food Administrator Chester C. Davis, declaring this to be the most important crop season in American history, appealed to farmers Tuesday night to plant to the limit of their acreage even though such plantings would be in excess of their indicated ability of harvest.

Emphasizing the almost boundless war demand for food and livestock feed, Davis assured livestock farmers that the government was organizing the country's labor resources to help harvest their crops.

The appeal was made in a formal statement as the spring planting season drew near a close. Previous agriculture department reports have indicated that farmers planned to plant nearly 10,000,000 more acres to food and feed crops than last year. Indicated acreages of some crops, however, were short of government goals.

Full Strike Seen in Mines

Lewis Attributes WLB With Attitude Of 'Prejudice'

By The Associated Press
John L. Lewis raised the threat of a full-scale soft coal strike Tuesday night after the United Mine Workers' policy committee, attributing "malignant

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 23—(AP)—Illinois' 15,000 Progressive Mine Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, joined Tuesday with the United Mine Workers of America in a threat to stop work at midnight Friday unless a new working contract is signed by this time.

Lloyd A. Thrust, PMW president, said the miners would refuse to work "unless I notify them otherwise that a new contract has been signed."

prejudice" to the war labor board, demanded withdrawal of their wage dispute from the board.

"As matters stand," the mine workers' chief told reporters at New York, "there will be no contract April 30. The mine workers will not trespass on mine property in the absence of a contract."

Sporadic, unauthorized work stoppages, meantime, continued to spread. By the day's end, over 57 mines were closed and more than 31,500 miners had put down their tools.

The war labor board Tuesday instructed a three-man panel to begin hearings in the soft coal wage dispute Wednesday and to proceed until it gets contrary orders.

These instructions had been given and the board had adjourned for the day when President John L. Lewis announced the United Mine Workers would not work without a contract after Friday midnight. Vice Chairman George W. Taylor said the board would decide Wednesday whether to recognize this as a defiance or to proceed pending development of an actual shutdown.

Earlier the UMW committee had virtually closed the door against consideration of its wage dispute by the WLB—by the vigor of its language in a request that the government direct continued "collective bargaining without political limitation."

The committee made its request to Secretary of Labor Perkins. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Stassen Resigns To Join Navy

ST. PAUL, April 23—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen, republican, the nation's youngest governor, resigned his office Tuesday and left for the Great Lakes naval training station where on Thursday he enters active duty as a lieutenant commander in the navy.

The 35 year old executive turned the keys of office over to Lt. Gov. Ed Thye, the first farmer in Minnesota to occupy the governor's office.

3 Ousted In Society Expose

School Board Ruling Hits Graduate Students Also

A ghost that has haunted Salem public school administrators and district directors for 18 years walked boldly but quietly to the board's council table Tuesday night and three senior high school boys were expelled for membership in the Julius Caesars, old and illegal secret society.

(See Page 2 for additional school board news.)

Across the records of one graduate and three others already out of school the board ordered there should be written a notation to be included in every transcript of credit and every record of school attendance sent out to response from other schools or would-be employers.

John Johnson, senior and former high school basketball player; James Noyes, junior, and James Semb, junior, were expelled by board order.

Notation to the effect that Herbert Booth, graduate who is now a student at Oregon State college, Darryl Gemmill, Robert Kroepelin and Robert Schaeffer held membership in one of the forbidden organizations was ordered placed on their records.

Both rulings were in keeping with the board's action of May 21, 1942, when the policy was outlined. (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Jap Vessels Are Bombed

Air Raids Favored By Good Weather; Activity Heavier

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Wednesday, April 23—(AP)—An allied Liberator bomber attacked two Japanese merchantmen in the Arafura sea Tuesday, the high command announced.

A direct hit was scored on a 4,000 ton ship and near misses, which often are damaging, fell near the other.

In other raids, a Flying Fortress destroyed the wireless station at Gasmata, on the south shore of New Britain, and a Catalina exploded supply dumps at Finschhafen, on the Huon peninsula of New Guinea.

The Arafura sea action occurred 50 miles northwest of Dobo, in the Aroe group. The direct hit fell on the bow of the 4,000 tonner.

Elsewhere in the sector to the northwest of Australia, a four-engine allied bomber raided the enemy base at Nabire, Dutch New Guinea.

The village of Watdek, on the Kai islands, was raided by a two-engine bomber.

Long range fighters poured cannon and machinegun fire on the village of Rebi on the Aroe islands.

Over Timor, medium bombers raided an enemy base near Beru and fought off Japanese planes which tried to intercept.

The aerial action was heavier than that earlier in the week, due to an improvement in weather conditions. (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Aleutian Bombing Mission



Three United States B 24 Liberators, operating from an advanced Aleutian base, roar toward the Jap bases on Kiska and Attu, their bomb bays full of "eggs" for the enemy installations there.—Associated Press Telemat.

Knox Warns Japs May Send Nuisance Raids Against Northwest Cities

US Liberator and Mitchell Bombers Hit Kiska After Four Day Weather Tieup; Fighter Planes Accompany Attack

WASHINGTON, April 23—(AP)—"Nuisance" air raids on the American coastal areas are a possibility, although a remote one, Secretary Knox said Tuesday, while the navy reported 13 new American aerial attacks on a potential base for such raids, Kiska island in the Aleutians.

After being balked four days by bad weather, American Liberator and Mitchell bombers, accompanied by Warhawk and Lightning fighters, blasted at Kiska again and again Sunday, but poor visibility prevented an exact check on results.

The same day a flight of Liberators attacked Attu island, about 200 miles west of Kiska, scoring hits on the runway and other installations.

Naval Secretary Knox was asked at a press conference prior to issuance of today's communique whether the Japs might employ their bases in the western Aleutians for air raids on the American west coast.

SEATTLE, April 23—(AP)—US Senator Mon C. Wallgren of Washington expressed the belief Tuesday that "the Japanese will not overlook northwest forests if they attempt an air raid on our coast."

Secretary Knox said that all construction had exceeded allied losses for 1942. He described the Truman committee's conclusion as an "obvious error" arising in his opinion from the fact that new merchant ships are ordinarily figured in deadweight tons while sinkings are ordinarily reported in gross tons, which are 1.5 times larger than deadweight tons.

The allied loss figures used as a basis for Tuesday's announcement included losses from all causes—submarine sinkings, mines, airplanes, captured or otherwise.

Stated in terms of gross tonnage and including all losses of allied ships there is no great difference in the navy and the committee figures for 1942, the net loss in gross tons being in the neighborhood of something over a million tons. These figures, however, do not include new construction by all allied nations and do include all losses—not losses from submarine operations alone.

Official statements which were expected to be issued by both the British and Polish governments were not immediately forthcoming. A press conference in which Premier Sikorski had been scheduled to explain the position of the Polish government in the dispute was cancelled after newspapermen had assembled.

50 per Cent Tax Cut Seen

Oregon state income taxpayers will receive at least a 50 per cent reduction in taxes paid on this year's income, payable next year, State Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher estimated here Tuesday.

Fisher said he based his estimate on collections this year which are far higher than any previous year.

Figures released by Fisher show the \$12,100,000 personal and corporation income taxes already have been collected this year, as against \$8,200,000 during the corresponding period in 1942. Fisher predicted that total collections for 1943 would be between \$18,000,000 and \$21,000,000, compared to \$13,800,000 for all of last year.

The 1943 legislature's formula for next year's income tax reduction is based on collections this year and next year's estimated collections.

Lightning which struck the KSLM transmitter at 8:36 p.m. Tuesday and burned out several meters caused the station to go off the air briefly until the trouble could be located and repairs made.

Contact with the transmitter caused a flare of light and sound as of a large explosion.

Patton Assault Speeds

French Smash to Pont Du Fahs; Nazi Ships Hit

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 23—(AP)—French troops have smashed to the outskirts of Pont Du Fahs, their high command announced Tuesday night as the German defenses on the Tunisian bridgehead gave way slowly both at that key axis supply base and in the Medjez-El-Bab area, and front dispatches indicated that the critical stage of the great battle was near at hand.

Advancing in numerous sectors in the face of fierce opposition, allied forces pushed the axis line back to within 23 miles of Tunisia and presumably were even closer to Bizerte.

Ten miles west of Mateur, however, American infantry which attacked the Djebel El Azog were forced to fall back under heavy counterattacks. But even these troops were able to occupy the Djebel El Ajred in the area south of Jefna, itself due west of Mateur.

French goumiers, driving into Pont du Fahs from the southwest, were reported continuing their pressure on the retreating enemy in mountain terrain strewn with land mines.

Other French forces along the Mediterranean in the north, who had been reported within six miles of Lake Achkel and about 23 miles from Bizerte, advanced another three miles toward the great naval base and captured prisoners and considerable material, the French command announced.

American forces in this area were advancing in the region west of Lake Achkel, which at its western shore is only 17 miles from Bizerte.

In the sector between Medjez-el-Bab and the Mediterranean, the axis rear guard was reported falling back so rapidly before the thrusts of the American corps of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. that the enemy had no time to bury his dead.

There, Patton's men were storming the strongest axis elevated positions in the northern Tunisian sector—Green hill and Bald hill.

Along the center of the Tunis front, British First army infantry had advanced 11 miles along the road from Medjez-el-Bab to Tebourba, reaching the Toum railroad station, 23 miles west of Tunis itself.

Since Sunday, naval forces have lost 89 tanks and the outcome of the battle for Africa appeared tonight to depend on how long the Germans can withstand the (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Negotiations In Pole-Russ Break Start

LONDON, April 23—(AP)—Britain opened negotiations toward patching up the differences between Soviet Russia and the Polish government-in-exile Tuesday and there were strong indications that the United States was participating in the intensive effort to restore diplomatic relations between the two allies, severed last Sunday by Russia.

US Ambassador John G. Winant was called unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon to No. 10 Downing street, official residence of Prime Minister Churchill. His visit was followed immediately by a conference attended by Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Wladyslaw Sikorski, the Polish premier.

Official statements which were expected to be issued by both the British and Polish governments were not immediately forthcoming. A press conference in which Premier Sikorski had been scheduled to explain the position of the Polish government in the dispute was cancelled after newspapermen had assembled.

Neither the British nor the American officials are attempting to assess blame for the rupture, authoritative sources said, but are concerned only with restoring relations between Russia and Poland on the basis that it would be mutually advantageous to them and to all the United Nations.

Marine Fighter Planes Ready to Go at Guadalcanal



Lined up beside a landing strip at a picturesque field on Guadalcanal island, these Grumman fighter planes of the US marine corps, part of this country's growing might in the South Pacific, are all ready to repel any attempt by the Japs to retake the base.—Associated Press Telemat.

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