

By Charles A. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that we get our best views of the front of the state capitol at this time of year, when the sun is on its northward swing in rising and setting.

For much of the year the front, which faces the northeast, is in shadow, the sun at the back of the building (if there is a sun). Then the front looks like a plane, —no depth.

But when the sunlight strikes across the building face, either in the morning or late afternoon, the contrast of light and shadow give the building character and depth. The projections of the facade and the columns rising between the tall windows of the legislative halls cast shadows, in pleasing contrast to the marble glistening white in the direct sunlight. And the golden figure of the pioneer atop the tower sparkles in the sunshine.

So this is the best time of the year for a picture of the north or main front of the capitol. Take it early in the morning for the best lighting.

One of the best spots for a picture of the statehouse at other seasons is over on Willamette campus, looking northwest. This view gives more of an impression of mass and height which the main front lacks.

If the state had the job to do over another story should be added to the structure. That would have made it more imposing, and provided more of a feeling of mass for the support of the tower. The architects, however, were up against the limitations of the appropriation.

The sunken driveway on the south side is a "mistake." It came about because of an error in the readings of levels printed in the original plan of competition. Either there was a misprint or a misreading of figures. The eastern architects judged there was a slope to the site, which they could take advantage of by locating offices on the lower level, on the south side just like the sidehill barns of Maryland or Pennsylvania. They drew their plan that way. When they came out and saw that the ground was flat they adapted the (Continued on Editorial page)

Synonym for Retreat Used

'Elastic Warfare' On At Kuban; Russian Offensive Reported

LONDON, Sunday, May 30—(AP) The German radio announced early today that a soviet battering ram had forced the German Kuban troops to "adopt a particularly elastic warfare"—the term used during last winter's axis retreat in Russia.

This was the first intimation that Russian power in the northwestern Caucasus had produced definite results in the red army's effort to crush the narrow German bridgehead extending from Novorossisk on the Black sea across the Taman peninsula to Temryuk — but Moscow still remained silent on the progress of the fighting.

A midnight soviet communique recorded by the soviet monitor merely said "fighting continued" northeast of Novorossisk in the Kuban river district — the same phrase used for three consecutive days.

A Berlin broadcast recorded by the Associated Press quoted a German war reporter as saying: "In view of continuous soviet attacks it proved necessary to adopt a particularly elastic warfare" in the Kuban river area.

Their lengthy and detailed reports of the Caucasian front the Germans have claimed since last Thursday that a large-scale red army offensive was under way. (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Generals Said Off to London

By the Associated Press The German radio in a broadcast detained Algeiras, Spain, reported Saturday night that Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sir Harold Alexander and Sir Bernard L. Montgomery had arrived at Gibraltar "unexpectedly" Saturday.

"It is believed that the three generals are on their way to London," said the broadcast.

The German radio frequently broadcasts items of purported origin in Spanish towns near Gibraltar, usually with the hope of eliciting information on allied plans.

Crew of Five Killed In Bomber's Crash

MIDLAND, Tex., May 29—(AP)—A B-34 army bomber from the Midland bombardier school crashed and burned 40 miles north of its base while on a routine flight yesterday, killing the entire crew of five, the school's public relations office announced today.

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Memorial Programs Ousted

Is on Monday Some of Events Ousted Today

MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS ITEMIZED

Sunday: 10:45 a. m., American Legion attends First Presbyterian church in a body. 3:30 p. m., memorial service by Ladies of GAR, Lee Mission cemetery.

Monday: 10 a. m., service at GAR circle, City View cemetery. 11 a. m., American Legion service at Legion circle, City View. 1 p. m., water service, commemorating sacrifices of servicemen who have lost their lives at sea. Willamette river bridge. 1:30 p. m., parade moves from Marion square to courthouse grounds where memorial ceremonies are to be held at the War Mothers' monument. 2:45 p. m., exercises at the armory.

Commemorating sacrifices in service of country; Salem pauses today and Monday to lay wreaths on the graves of the dead and pay tribute to living men and women who wear the uniform of the United States in the current conflict.

Principal Memorial day exercises are those scheduled for 2:45 Monday afternoon at the armory, with Charles A. Sprague, Statesman publisher and former governor, delivering the address.

But Salem's observance of the occasion begins today, with members of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, attending services at the First Presbyterian church this morning as an organization, wearing emblems and entering with the colors.

At 5:30 this afternoon, Ladies of the GAR will conduct services at Lee Mission cemetery, following the Bay Scout centennial program.

Monday, set aside as a legal holiday throughout the state by proclamation of Gov. Earl Snell, offers a full program.

City View cemetery services commence at 10 a. m. with memorial rites and placing of flowers at GAR circle, City View cemetery.

Legion Memorial day services are to be held at Legion circle in the same cemetery at 11 a. m. The salute and Taps will be given, and Spanish War Veterans will (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Strand Tells College Aims

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 29—(AP) President A. L. Strand of Oregon State college pledged today to keep the school closely geared to expanding northwest industries.

The new president in his first speech before the college alumni association made special mention of the forestry school, which he said was being reorganized to obtain the best men possible for the industry.

The association elected as president Ursel Narver, Portland, business manager of the Oregon Grange Bulletin. Clyde Williamson, Albany, was named vice president; Matt Mathes, Corvallis, treasurer; Eunice Courtright, Corvallis, acting manager.

Board members chosen were: Mrs. Edith Houck, Roseburg; Donald Meyers, La Grande; Marion Westhead, Arlington; Matt Mathes, Corvallis; Mark McCallister, Corvallis.

Victory Garden Contest's Entry List Closes Monday

Following announcement of the deadline, set Monday, May 31, dozens of additional entries in the Salem Men's Garden club—The Oregon Statesman Victory Garden contest have come in. The enrollment blank is printed here for the last time. Filled-out blanks may be left at The Statesman office or at the YMCA.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Victory Garden Program and Contest

Please enroll my name as a participant in the Salem Victory Garden and Home Food Supply Program. I understand that this enrollment makes my garden eligible for prize awards offered in the Victory Garden contest sponsored by the Salem Men's Garden club and The Oregon Statesman.

Approximate area of my plot is \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

My garden is located at \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print or type name here \_\_\_\_\_

(Deposit your application blank at Statesman office or YMCA.)

Honored



ROSS T. MCINTYRE



BRUCE R. BAXTER

Rear Admiral To Get Degree

McIntyre and Baxter Recognized; WU Awards Announced

Honorary degrees will be conferred upon Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntyre and Bishop Bruce Baxter by President G. Herbert Smith of Willamette university at the annual commencement exercises in the Salem high school auditorium Sunday night.

Dr. McIntyre, who will deliver the commencement address, is personal physician to President Roosevelt. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Since his graduation from Willamette university in 1912, Admiral McIntyre had served on the faculty of the navy medical school until he was called to the White House by the president.

An honorary Doctor of Literature degree will be conferred upon Bishop Bruce Baxter, president of the university from 1934 to 1940. Bishop Baxter Saturday received an honorary doctorate at the College of Puget Sound where he delivered the commencement address.

Three graduating seniors were elected to Alpha Kappa Nu, honorary society for students with the highest scholastic standing for the entire university course. They are Jean Irene Jackson, Helen Davis Simpson and Zoe Campbell. (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Author of American's Creed to Be Honored In Ship's Launching

WASHINGTON, May 29—(AP)—A Liberty ship named after the author of the American's creed, William Tyler Page, for years the clerk of the house of representatives, will be launched tomorrow at Baltimore, Md.

The maritime commission announced today that the sponsor of the ship, which was built at the Bethlehem — Fairfield shipyard, will be 13-year-old Joanne Cronin, Page's granddaughter. Page died last October.

Convicts Face Stiff Penalties

Two Captured, Third Is Sought; Victim of Shot Resting Well

Should R. E. Shields, Mehma mill employe, die as result of the shot through the abdomen received when he defied fleeing convicts from the state penitentiary early Saturday morning three hours prior to their arrest, charges of first degree murder will be placed against the two youths, District Attorney Miller B. Hayden declared Saturday night.

No matter what happens to Shields the two 21-year-olds face prosecution under the habitual criminal act, Hayden declared. Shields, whose body was pierced by the shot Merlyn Gene Kensler told state police he fired, was resting well Saturday night, attending physicians said.

Meanwhile, Kensler and his companion in the flight, Doyle Clark McCann, were back in the prison, dressed in at 4:15 p. m. some 12 hours after Shields had slammed the screen door of his home in their faces and received in return a .38 bullet wound completely through his body.

The two were captured shortly after 7 a. m. by state police and prison guards who closed in on them as the third hostage they had seized in their flight led them in circles through the brush in the rough country two miles west of Mill City.

George W. Durham, only one to attempt escape among the 22 other prisoners left unguarded when McCann and Kensler overpowered and disarmed the two guards who stood watch over two "gun gangs" in the prison field Friday afternoon, was still at large early today.

Reports that two cars had been stolen on the highway north of Salem caused some officers to believe Durham might have returned to his home in Multnomah county, although he is known to officers there and (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Italian Fleet Is Being Held For Something

WASHINGTON, May 29—(AP) Failure of the Italian fleet even to delay the reopening of allied communication lines through the Mediterranean aroused speculation today over the possibility that the battered but still formidable sea force is being held in reserve for some momentous development in the European war.

Two possible uses of the fleet, which may include as many as seven or eight battleships, were considered in informed quarters:

1. If the German high command has effective control of the force with its own officers in key spots, it might be employed at Hitler's direction to battle any allied invasion thrust across the Mediterranean into Europe. Properly fought, the fleet could offer considerable resistance to a British-French-American invasion armada.

2. If Italians still have effective control of their navy, they may be holding it not so much for its fighting powers as for its value as a force with which to bargain in case the Italians decide to try to make terms with the allies.

While the record of failure of the Italian fleet in the past is considered a fairly good indication of what may be expected from the Italians in any future naval operations, there is one exception.

Authorities here said that a battle in defense of their own shores probably would inspire the Italian officers and men to put forth more prodigious efforts in conflict than they have yet shown.

The exact makeup of the Italian naval force is a matter of speculation but there may be seven, at the outside eight, battleships capable of action.

Superiority in All Branches Claimed In South Pacific

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, May 29—(AP)—The allies have superiority in forces of all classes in the South Pacific, Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, deputy commander, told a press conference today.

He said the campaign against the Japanese is "going well" but that "we will not content ourselves sitting where we are. We are on the offensive."

Submarine Bases Hit In Latest Yank Raids

Softening for Invasion?



Circled areas were objectives of allied air raids in the Mediterranean theatre, recent communique disclosed. Targets at underlined cities were attacked in raids which struck hard at Sardinia, Pantelleria, Sicily and the toe of Italy. Reports reaching Switzerland said refugees were fleeing northward from southern Italy, and a Rome broadcast said the "city districts proper" at Cagliari and Sardinia had been abandoned.

Butter Subsidy Goes in Effect First of Week

Public Due to Benefit 10 Days Later; Others Due to Follow Soon

By the Associated Press WASHINGTON, May 29—(AP) Breasting a tide of criticism over the handling of food problems, the office of price administration announced tonight its subsidy on butter will go into effect next Tuesday at the rate of 3 cents a pound. Retail prices beginning June 10 will reflect the cut, which amounts to about 10 per cent, OPA said, explaining the lag between the subsidy payments and the cut in retail prices is due to the fact that the subsidy will apply only to newly-produced butter. The effective retail date had to be set later because of pre-subsidy butter that will be in trade channels during the 10-day period.

At the same time, OPA said the promised 10 per cent subsidy rollback in meat and coffee prices will follow shortly. It was understood from other sources that the meat program probably will be announced in a week or 10 days.

OPA's announcement came as criticism, in congress and out, of the handling of food problems and prices raised the prospect that James F. Byrnes, the new war mobilization director, will have to cope with it quickly.

Among the things Byrnes likely will settle are: 1. The extent to which subsidies may be used. 2. Whether food matters should be concentrated under the agriculture department or whether all price-fixing that affects farm products should remain a joint question for OPA and Food Administrator Chester C. Davis.

OPA officials said the "rollback" program has been approved by Byrnes, and that it is assured of going ahead in spite of opposition from some congressional sources and Davis.

The subsidy on butter will be paid by the defense supplies corporation, a subsidiary of the reconstruction finance corporation, at the rate of 5 cents a pound at the creamery level, beginning Tuesday. Next Friday the prices creameries charge others will be cut by the same amount to Saturday wholesale prices will be cut by the 5-cent margin. The retail price cut will take place the following Thursday, June 10.

Because each part of the butter handling business adds on to the original cost of the product (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Grandson Is Heir To Oil Fortune

HOUSTON, Tex., May 29—(AP) Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Woodward, injured fatally in an auto-train collision a week ago, left their vast oil fortune to an only grandson, 15-year-old Robert Woodward of Houston, under terms of their wills filed for probate today.

The grandchild, son of Mrs. Grace Woodward, will become independent executor of both estates upon attaining the age of 30. Meanwhile the estates are to be held in trust and administered solely for his benefit by three trustees.

Henry Ford to Take Over Presidency Again, Predicted

DETROIT, May 29—(AP)—The Free Press says that Henry Ford "in all probability," will assume the presidency of the Ford Motor company at a meeting of company executives Monday morning.

Ford, who will be 80 years old July 30, thus will take over for a second time the direction of the company he founded. He relinquished the presidency in 1919 when his only son, the late Edsel Ford, became president and since then has held no formal office with the company. Edsel died last Wednesday at the age of 49.

Speech Contest Held

EUGENE, May 29—(AP)—Roger N. Carrstensen, Junction City, was declared winner of the traditional Failing-Beekman, senior speech contest at the University of Oregon tonight.

Invasion to Be Launched Soon Is Prediction of Rome Radio

LONDON, May 29—(AP)—London newspapers speculated in lively fashion today on the prospects of European invasion, with one saying that "The greatest naval operation in history is imminent," while the Rome radio lugubriously declared that "Now the enemy has chosen Pantelleria, Sicily and Sardinia as his objectives."

The Italian broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, expressed conviction that Italy was marked for an invasion attempt soon.

"All British and American war material at present is constantly flowing toward the Mediterranean area. The enemy has no alternative," it declared, adding that "it was contemplated" that a Russian attack in the Caucasus would be timed to coincide "with the Anglo-American offensive."

The Germans have reported a Russian offensive in the Caucasus already under way, but the Russians themselves have not confirmed it officially.

A military commentator of the Rome radio asserted that the invasion of Italy would be attempted "with thousands of barges full of marines under an enormous air umbrella," but declared that even if the allies succeeded in gaining (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Plane Named For DeShazer

KANSAS CITY, May 29—(AP) Eight twin-engine bombers were named today for eight members of Maj. Gen. James Doolittle's Tokyo raiding party who were captured by the Japs.

The ships were named by workers of the North American Aviation, Inc., modification center as a memorial tribute to the airmen who flew the same kind of planes on the historic mission.

Names of the eight captured American airmen were painted on the bombers. The eight, some of whom the White House says have been executed, included Cpl. Jacob D. DeShazer of Madras, Oregon.

Pacific Airmen Expand Range To Over 1000 Miles From Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, May 30—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who has said the range of his bombers constituted the allies' margin of safety in the southwest Pacific, extended that margin yesterday by sending Liberators more than 1000 miles from Australia during attacks on enemy shipping and air bases.

Liberators made the long flight to bomb three islands of the small Sunday group which are distinct from the large Sunday group of Sumatra, Borneo and Java. Two Liberators powered their way west to Soembawa in the Steppingstones group of islands westward of Darwin to start fires in the village of Bina. One then went on to Lombok, next to Bali, to bomb the Rambang airfield. Waingapoe, on Soembawa island, also in the little Sunday group but nearer to Australia, also was raided.

Another Liberator flew northwest over the Banda sea to Boreo island, some 700 miles from Darwin, to score damaging near misses on a 1000 ton cargo ship pulling six barges, strafe the boats and attack the island.

Nearer Australian bases, a Japanese convoy of two small warships and four medium-sized merchant vessels was spotted at Hansa bay—whence it on northeast New Guinea, midway between Wewak and Misaki. The Hansa bay convoy first was sighted by a Liberator on reconnaissance east of Wewak yesterday morning. This Liberator was pounced upon by four Japanese fighters, shot two of them down, reported what it had seen, and proceeded to strafe coastal villages from Saldor to Finichshafen on the trip home.

That evening another Liberator bombed the convoy, leaving a 5000-ton transport smoking. The escorting warships, believed to be destroyers, threw up a heavy curtain of anti-aircraft fire. The convoy was the first reported seen in recent weeks in the New Guinea sector.

Climax Is Put Upon Heaviest Week of Raids

13 Bombers Are Lost; New Targets Found In South Italy

By LYNN HEINZERLING

Associated Press War Editor

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, soaring out in the greatest numbers ever launched from Britain, pounded three strategic naz targets in France in daylight Saturday, capping a week of unprecedented aerial blows upon Europe and its Nazi overlords worried by the spectre of invasion.

Soon after their return a strong RAF force roared off for more attacks on Germany.

The great four-engine bombers rained 2000-pound blockbusters upon the submarine bases at St. Nazaire and La Pallice, and likewise laid bursts upon military targets at Rennes in Brittany.

They roared to the assault after RAF bombers and fighter-bombers paved the way with raids on airfields in northern France, and after a week of murderous blows had created widespread fire and destruction, with the German industrial centers of Dortmund, Duesseldorf and Essen rocked by 5000 tons of bombs.

Thirteen bombers, apparently all Flying Fortresses or Liberators, were lost in the attacks over France Saturday.

The new spasms came while invasion speculation buzzed in allied and axis countries alike and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced that his African armies were ready to begin new tasks.

Perhaps significantly, the Germans announced early today (Sunday) that they had adopted "particularly elastic warfare" in the Caucasus where the nazis report a huge Russian offensive under way to eliminate the last enemy strongholds in the Kuban. This term was used by the Germans during the retreat last winter. The Russians, however, still were silent on the progress of such operations, saying only that "fighting continued" northeast of Novorossisk.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 29—(AP) Powerful fleets of Flying Fortresses and Liberators spread the pattern of ruin to new areas of the Italian mainland yesterday and strong forces of lesser aircraft pursued their relentless campaign to knock out the island-based air defenses of the exposed peninsula.

Almost 100 Fortresses, spanning the greatest distance yet in their offensive against Italy from North Africa, bombed the submarine base, shipbuilding center and industrial port of Leghorn, 180 miles north of Rome and left a great cloud of smoke wreathing the docks, shipyards and oil refinery.

In a companion assault, a score or more of Liberators from the middle east air force, flying in two waves, dropped 80 tons of bombs on the air base of Foggia, 90 miles east of Naples, heretofore untouched in the current offensive. Several hangars were hit and at least 13 bombers destroyed in the ground.

(London sources said large units of the shore-bound Italian fleet may have been stationed at Leghorn, and observers said the attack was a timely demonstration of the vulnerability of the Italian fleet which apparently does not have a single refuge not exposed to allied bombs.)

(The fleet presumably was being held in reserve by Mussolini for the day when the allies may begin an invasion. But already the RAF from British home bases had bombed the naval base at Spezia, only about 140 miles north of Leghorn. The blow at Leghorn, 450 miles from Tunis, showed that probably all Italy now is open to allied air assault.)

VFW to Decorate Graves, Announce

Graves of deceased VFW post members are to be decorated this weekend by Commander Henry Sim and his committee, on which Frank Millett, Cliff Redfern, Russell Mudd and Frank Prince are serving.