

By Charles F. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that predictions of dire shortages of food-stuffs for the American people are too pessimistic. They frighten the people unnecessarily. They follow the usual American pattern of exaggeration.

It is true that crop prospects are not so glowing as in 1942 and 1941. In those years bumper crops were produced. The country will not equal the total production of those years, but 1941 may well be above the average.

The producing capacity of this country is enormous; and this year greater effort is being put forth by the farm population than in any year since the last war. Acreage has been added; land is being used to produce crops most badly needed. The backward spring may be succeeded by a good growing summer and a late fall; and the abundant spring moisture will prove a boon in such states as the Dakotas and Nebraska.

The victory garden production will be enormous also. This is outside the usual estimates. Millions of families, who never undertook to grow vegetables before, have tracts, large or small, where they are growing a substantial part of what they need now and for next winter. Home canning and drying and locker freezing will preserve a larger portion of such production than ever before.

Finally, the army must have its storage depots round the world fairly well stocked. This demand has absorbed vast quantities of 1941-1942 crops. Hereafter the demand will be current, sufficient to take care of needs without building up enormous reserve stocks.

Lend-lease is a bottomless pit. But there are two limits there, one shipping, the other home surplus. Improvements in shipping conditions means less loss in transport overseas. And we are not apt to reduce our domestic supply below healthy norms to feed even our allies.

As shipping gets adjusted to war conditions there will be better utilization of boat space. Ships will not come back empty for lack of time to load up. To illustrate this change, wool stocks are now at the highest point; cocoa imports have been increasing. Not only will we be able to import more, our allies may draw more on other nations, like Australia, New Zealand, South American countries.

I get tired of so many "Wolf, wolf, wolf" stories. The country seems to go from spam to spam. Radiators and journalists frighten the people daily into losing the war.

Dining tables of Americans will have plenty of food through the next winter, in spite of all that is said. There will be a real shortage of beef, but an abundance of pork. There will be plenty of bread, fair quantities of dairy products and canned goods, a good supply of potatoes and of citrus fruits. The immediate need is less of agitation, and more of recruitment of labor to save the crops now being grown.

### New Division Slated Today At Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, June 15.—A new infantry division, the 70th, named the Trail Blazers for Oregon pioneers, officially comes to life here today. Activation ceremonies on the parade grounds of the division's area are not to be public, but Brig. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, who is to be installed as commander, has promised that when troops to fill out the division have arrived, civilians will be invited to some recognition event.

Dahlquist's assistant division commander is to be Col. Robert N. Young, while Brig. Gen. Roland P. Schurz is to be artillery commander and Col. Charles H. Owens, chief of staff.

Col. Gordon H. McCoy, camp commander, and his staff will be honored at today's activation. Gen. Dahlquist takes command of the division, which is entirely new, as a seasoned veteran of this and the earlier World war. A resident of St. Paul, Minn., he saw service in England from May, 1941, to November, 1942, as assistant chief of staff, G1, and deputy chief in the European theatre of operations. Returning to this country, he was assistant division commander of the 76th infantry division from November of last year to the past March.

With 45th infantry, Philippine scouts, he was in foreign service from October, 1931, to June, 1934, and he was with the army of occupation in Germany from October, 1919, to March 1922.

### Ex-Salem Pastor Gets New Post

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 14.—(AP) Dr. James E. Milligan, Bellingham, former pastor of the Salem First Methodist church, is new superintendent of the Puget Sound Methodist district. His appointment was announced by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, Portland, at the Pacific Northwest Methodist conference here Sunday.

## Father Draft Delayed

### Indications Point to Two-Month Hold Off Until Childless Used

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP) The drafting of fathers may be delayed a couple of months, it was indicated Monday, as selective service took steps to speed up the induction of childless men now deferred because of their occupations.

By saying that the fathers' draft will begin "at least by the last quarter of this year," as the supply of childless men is exhausted, a selective service announcement hinted that the calling of men with children might be held off as much as two months beyond the date last mentioned officially, August 1.

Selective service issued revised instructions for preparation of replacement schedules by employers which, when approved by state selective service directors, set up time tables for replacement of draft-eligible workers in key posts so their induction will not hamper production.

The new instructions require that schedules filed after July 1 must provide for release of occupationally deferred childless men between 18 and 25 years old within six months unless their jobs are exceptionally important to the war effort and extremely difficult to fill.

The belief that the fathers' draft will be delayed was strengthened by testimony before a house committee that many of the more than 2,000,000 men previously rejected for physical reasons may be inducted because standards are now lower.

The testimony was given by Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey at appropriations hearings last month and was made public Monday. He said adoption of lower physical standards by the navy might postpone the induction of men with children.

Paul V. McNutt, war manpower commission chairman, testified that by the end of this month the armed forces will have 9,200,000 of the 10,900,000 men they plan to have by the end of this year, and that after next December inductions into the army may be reduced about 60 per cent.

However, both McNutt and Hershey said that before the war ends the "great majority" of physically fit fathers may be in uniform. Recognizing that drafting of fathers is inevitable, the selective service instructions issued today provided that men in this class, hitherto omitted from replacement schedules because they were safeguarded by paternity deferment, be listed on such schedules filed after July 1 unless the proposed deferment would expire "before October 1."

Officials said the new limitations on deferment of childless men specify those aged 18 to 25 because few men that young are likely to hold jobs so important that they can not be replaced.

## Finns Plan To Resume Debt Payment

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP) Finland, which never missed a payment on its war debt to the United States until it became involved in war with Russia, is expected to resume paying again Tuesday.

The Helsinki government has notified the United States it will pay \$168,945.56 which is due Tuesday under a financial agreement between the two countries.

After Finland became involved in hostilities with Russia congress granted the Baltic republic a moratorium.

When the United States entered the war, however, and Finland continued at war with Russia, the moratorium was not extended. It expired last December.

## Refuse \$1 Fine

PITTSBURGH, June 14.—(AP) The Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators association, whose members employ 25,000 soft coal miners, agreed Monday not to assess the \$1-a-day strike fines ordered last week by Solid Fuels Administrator Ickes.

## 'Milk on the Hoof' Goes on Block



"One hundred, one hundred, I'm offered one hundred. Who'll make it five, make it five, make it five?" Ben Sudtoll, Albany auctioneer, having taken off his coat after the first few sales at John J. Roberts' Sunshine dairy Monday afternoon, was settling down to the business of selling the record-making dairy herd of 100 head to members of the crowd of 200 persons, as The Statesman photographer snapped the picture. Three minutes later, with typical Sudtoll humor, not to be confused with "subtle," he told the better than half the attendance gathered in the barn to "Come into the open; it isn't raining out here!"

## \$245 Is Top Price At Dairy Auction

A five-year-old Guernsey cow, milking 45 pounds daily, brought \$245 to top the sales at Monday's auction of the Sunshine dairy herd at John J. Roberts' South River road dairy farm. The cow, by the former Gilbert herd sire, was raised on the Sunshine farm and Monday was sold to Lester Coste of Harrisburg.

Coste bought six of the 100 head auctioned in the post-fire sale. Prices for the selected and tested Jersey and Guernsey herd members ranged from \$75, with the majority bringing from \$110 to \$200. At least one of the cows has milked from 70 to 75 pounds daily.

Sunshine Chief, registered Guernsey bull brought to the Sunshine farm as a calf two years ago, went to Waucum dairy of Corvallis for \$160. That dairy bought six animals at an average price of \$163.

Lane Johnson, Corvallis dairyman, made the largest number of purchases, securing 12 cows for an average of \$114. Mrs. Ellen Carl of Hubbard bought six; C. G. Olson of Hazel Green, five; and Axel Eoff, Salem, several.

Declared "sacrifices" by some, the cattle brought better prices than those at a recent registered herd sale in the Portland area. This was in spite of the fact that herd records and papers were lost in the fire which a week ago destroyed modern milk barns, milk-

Delayed reports indicated that (Turn to page 2—Story B)

## Nazi Spies Gave Help at Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP) A report declaring that German spies collaborated with Japanese in preparing the way for the attack on Pearl Harbor was made public Monday by the office of war information, which said that one of them was given a death sentence, later commuted to 50 years at hard labor.

The man identified as Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, 47, native of Berlin and veteran of the German army. The OWI made public reports of the federal bureau of investigation which said that Kuehn admitted preparing a set of signals, to be flashed from windows in his two Hawaiian homes, for disclosing the types and number of American warships in Pearl Harbor; that he received more than \$100,000 from German and Japanese sources during his six years in Hawaii, and that his step-daughter operated a beauty parlor intended to attract "navy business."

## Son of Lebanon Founder Passes

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP) Lonner O. Ralston, 84, retired stockman whose grandfather founded the town of Lebanon, died at his home here Monday.

He was born in Lebanon in 1859. As a boy, he helped release the first shipment of China pheasants to this country. The fowl were sent by his uncle, Owen Denny, US envoy to the emperor of Korea. Survivors include his widow; a sister, Mrs. George H. Otten, Salem, and nine grandchildren.

## Bomb Assault On Axis Strongholds Continues

### Raiders Attack Sicily

Quarter-Million Tons Of Explosives Drop On Italian Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 14.—(AP)—Hurling down a quarter-million pounds of bombs, big American Liberators have smashed Catania and Gerbini on Italian Sicily in a raid of crushing force similar to the air bombardments that broke the lesser islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa on successive days.

A communique from Cairo announced Monday that thundering formations from the Ninth US air force hit Gerbini and Catania, both important enemy air bases, in daylight Sunday, blanketing 25 grounded enemy planes at Gerbini with bomb bursts and smashing hangars, runways and dispersal areas at Catania.

At Gerbini, three axis planes attempting to take off were torn apart—"blown up," said the official announcement—by the guns of the Liberators.

At Catania, enemy fighters rose in strong force and five of them were shot down.

In spite of heavy enemy opposition it was announced that in both the Catania and Gerbini raids, and in earlier attacks by British bombers on Catania and on axis shipping in the Aegean sea off Greece, a single allied plane was lost.

Two enemy ships were set afire in the Aegean and a third was damaged.

These far-ranging sweeps by the Cairo-based air arm were carried out while the northwest Africa air forces operating under this headquarters were taking their first Sunday holiday in more than six months.

General Eisenhower's communique disclosed that the northwest Africa forces had confined themselves to patrol and reconnaissance, suffering no loss.

## Cherry Crop To Be Picked By 'Neighbors'

For better or worse — though there will be approximately six million pounds of cherries to harvest in the mid-Willamette valley within the next few weeks, and a need for more than 3000 pickers to harvest them—the cherry growers have no choice but to depend chiefly on Oregon people, "the neighbors," to do the job.

That was the answer provided at a meeting of cherry growers and others called by Robert E. Reider, Marion county agent, Monday night at the chamber of commerce.

Mexican labor, which some other communities have imported for critical harvest periods, cannot be provided here in sufficient volume to solve the cherry picking problem. It developed when Ralph Beck, state supervisor of farm labor placement, outlined the requirements. It is too late to arrange for bringing workers direct from Mexico. There is a possibility that some—not over 500 at the outside—might become available due to crop conditions elsewhere in Oregon, but that is decidedly uncertain.

Cherry growers expressed serious concern as to the availability of sufficient pickers for the reason that the strawberry harvest is behind and will conflict with cherry harvest.

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## Youth Elated Over Harvest Labor Wages

They aren't shipyard wages, but Orval Boyle, ninth grade, Parrish junior high school, who is spending his first summer in Oregon, thinks \$32.75 for seven days' work in the gooseberry harvest isn't chicken feed.

## Germans Fail In Attempt to Cross Donetz

LONDON, Tuesday, June 15.—(AP)—An unsuccessful and costly German attempt to cross the Donets river in the south and a bloody local skirmish in the Orel sector of the central Russian line were reported today in the Russian midnight communique.

The Germans, armed with tommy guns, attempted to cross to the west bank of the river. Several dozen of the party were mowed down by soviet fire and many more drowned in the river, said the communique, recorded by the Soviet Monitor.

In the Orel sector, northwest of Mtsensk, the soviet troops engaged in operations which the communique said were of "local importance."

Three German artillery and two mortar batteries were reported destroyed and over 100 Germans wiped out.

Three German planes were reported brought down by ground fire and two German airmen captured.

The Russian air force continued its activity and on various sectors of the front, the communique said, air units destroyed or damaged at least 20 trucks carrying troops and supplies, blew up an ammunition dump and silenced three artillery batteries. Several trains were also reported hit by soviet attackers.

The Moscow radio reported in a separate broadcast that the soviet had blasted troop trains with bombs at Orel during daylight June 13.

The broadcast, recorded in London, said the Germans made air stabs at Saratov, about midway between Stalingrad and Guliyshov on the Volga, on the night of June 12 and 13 but the nazis were driven off by antiaircraft fire.

Several enemy aircraft smashed through over the city, the broadcast said, and "haphazardly dropped bombs. Fires that broke out in residences were promptly extinguished. Some civilians were wounded. Six German aircraft were shot down."

## Germans Raid London Twice

LONDON, Tuesday, June 15.—(AP)—Heavy explosives were dropped on London suburbs early today by enemy planes touching off the capital's air raid sirens twice within an hour.

Thunderous gun fire followed both alarms and searchlights spotted at least one fast raider over the city's outskirts. The all clear sounded shortly after each alert. The explosives fell during the first alarm but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

## RAF Hits Europe Again

Heavy Damage Left By US Planes in Sunday Attack

LONDON, Tuesday, June 15.—(AP)—After allied lunges at Germany and RAF assaults on the Rhineland and axis shipping off the Dutch coast Sunday night and Monday, axis radio stations at Calais and Paris went off the air suddenly shortly after midnight today, indicating that the RAF was again raiding the continent.

LONDON, Tuesday, June 15.—(AP)—RAF bombers blasted Germany again Monday night, the British announced today, carrying the renewed allied aerial offensive into its fourth successive night as Nazi raiders stabbed twice at London in sharp reprisal attacks.

Reconnaissance photographs showed Monday that very heavy damage was wrought by American bombers in their violent raid Sunday on the German port of Bremen.

These photographs disclosed at least a dozen hits on and around the Atlas works, one of the port's largest shipyards.

The companion American raid on Kiel ran into such fierce fighter opposition that effective use could not be made of the cameras.

It was, said a spokesman for the Eighth US air force, the bitterest resistance yet encountered over Germany.

"The enemy," he added, "put into the air all types of fighters and the struggle was prolonged and severe."

Twenty-six American planes were lost in both attacks, but a great number of German craft were shot out of the sky.

The RAF for its part attacked an enemy convoy off the Dutch coast, aside from its assaults in the Rhineland, sinking two ships and damaging four others.

The Berlin radio dismissed Monday night's operations by the RAF as "harassing flights" over northern and western Germany. It asserted that no bombs were dropped.

British-based allied bombers have dropped 6,000 tons of bombs of all calibers on Germany since the aerial offensive was renewed in full strength last Friday after a two-week lull, unofficial sources estimated.

There was no official announcement, however, of the total weight of the explosives and incendiaries dumped on the Nazi homeland.

## US Airmen Hit Nips on China Front

CHUNGKING, June 14.—(AP) American airmen dealt fresh blows to Japanese strongholds in northern Kiangsi province Sunday in support of Chinese ground forces whose high command reported new gains Monday.

The continuing counter-attack by the Chinese along the upper Yangtze already has eliminated the danger to Chungking.

American Mitchells, escorted by P-40 Warhawks, rained more than 100 bombs on the air field at Nanchang, Japanese-held provincial capital. Direct hits were scored on two large hangars and runways at the landing field, probably the most important Japanese air base between Shanghai and Hankow.

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## Jury Indicts Third Convict

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP) George Durham, 33, who escaped from the state penitentiary with two other convicts recently and was recaptured near La Grande, was indicted on two burglary charges Monday by the Multnomah county grand jury.

The burglaries allegedly were committed here before his capture. In one, Durham was accused of taking \$2,100 in war bonds.

## Salem Flier Hurt in Crash

COLUMBIA, SC, June 14.—(AP) Flight Officer Paul N. Spencer, 21, Salem, Ore., suffered cuts and bruises Sunday as an army medium bomber landed upside down in a small field near here and burst into flames.

The other five crewmen also were injured but all were expected to recover.

## Nazi Airforce Taken Off Sicily

NEW YORK, June 14.—(AP) Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering has ordered the German air force in Italy to shift its headquarters from Sicily to the Italian mainland, a London broadcast, recorded by CBS, said Monday night.

The broadcast, directed at Australia, said reports that air reinforcements have arrived in Italy from Germany are false but that German fighters to replace those shot down may be sent in.

## Supreme Court Upholds Right Not to Salute

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP) Speaking out against the use of coercion to weld national unity, the supreme court held Monday that states can not compel school children to salute the American flag.

"Compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard," said the court's 6-3 opinion by Justice Jackson, handed down as the nation observed flag day.

"To believe that patriotism will not flourish if patriotic ceremonies are voluntary and spontaneous instead of a compulsory routine is to make an unflattering estimate of the appeal of our institutions to free minds."

"If there is any fixed star in our constitution, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein; if there are any circumstances which permit an exception, they do not now occur to us."

The court thus overruled its 1940 decision upholding the constitutionality of the flag salute. It outlawed, in the case before (Turn to page 2—Story G)

## American Sub Sinks Jap Craft

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP) An American submarine, battling a Japanese undersea craft on the surface, sent the raider to the bottom, the navy disclosed Monday.

The action was fought while the American submarine was on patrol in Japanese waters, and few details were given in a citation accompanying award of a silver star medal to Lieutenant James H. Barnard, 29, Albany, N.Y.

## Zero Pilot Uses Propellor to Maim 'Chuting American

ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, June 14.—(AP)—A deliberate attempt by a Japanese zero pilot to cut a parachuting marine flyer to pieces with his propellor was reported by the allied nations south Pacific headquarters Monday.

The zero's propellor blade cut off most of the right foot of Lt. Sampel S. Logan, 22, of Paola, Kans., and part of his left heel.

Rescued from the sea, Lieutenant Logan was brought to a hospital where his right leg was amputated above the ankle. He was reported recovering satisfactorily.

## Nip Brutality Usual

There have been frequent stories recently of Nipponese pilots shooting at US fliers floating helplessly with parachutes, but this was the first time the Japanese were known to have used a propellor as a butchering weapon.

A headquarters spokesman said he had heard of nothing quite so brutal as that in aerial combat.

Logan was flying a corsair with US fighters which intercepted from 40 to 50 Japanese zeros and bombers over the Russell islands June 7.

Logan attacked a zero which was firing on an army P-40. The young flyer felt his plane vibrating badly and saw his tail surfaces ripping apart. He climbed from the cockpit, crawled along the fuselage to the tail, and jumped.

## Jap Fires on Marine

The zero immediately swooped down on Logan. Firing machine guns, the Japanese made four passes under the falling flyer, coming so close the first two times that Logan had to lift his feet to escape being hit by the propellor.

When the zero made the third pass, Logan was busy trying to (Turn to page 2—Story D)