

By Charles A. Squire

IT SEEMS TO ME that the war is an ill wind which nevertheless blows a little good. It has, for instance, accelerated the liquidation of new deal agencies set up to scatter money among the populace. WPA, the biggest almoner in all history, has been disbanded. The CCC, which was probably the most popular of the alphabetical brood, is a thing of the past. FSA was threatened when the lower house cut off its appropriations, but was rescued in the senate, and will probably survive. FSA had a mixed record. It did extend timely help to farmers largely outside the beneficence of AAA, but its ventures in resettlement (largely inherited from Tugwell) and in farm-home projects like the one over near Dayton were almost a total loss. Just now it is justifying itself in handling migratory labor.

Now on the spit for congressional broiling is the NYA. This was the new deal philanthropy for youth. Without a doubt many worthy young people were aided in getting an education by this agency; but in many respects it was a phony. The money distributed was not really earned. There was a lot of play-work, of made-work with the \$15 a month grant coming without any sweat or particular effort. Right now when a junior high school boy can earn \$33.75 for seven days' work picking gooseberries, when there are two jobs for every healthy boy, there surely is no need for subsidies to youth. Their earnings are actually too big for their own ultimate good.

But NYA wasn't satisfied with being a money-dispersing agency. It had the call to get into education itself. So it expended large sums of its appropriation in school-camps that threatened a duplication of public school education.

One such camp was built up at Eugene. Of course it got a ride on the training of workers for war industries. This Eugene "residence-center" has dormitories and work shops where the various trades are

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### CB Battalion Home Safely From Aleutians

SEATTLE, June 15.—(AP)—Back on United States soil, a rugged, weather-beaten battalion of naval Seabees home from overseas duty in the Aleutians, described their job Tuesday as "building things, anywhere, anytime."

Leaders said they were the first naval construction battalion to return from work overseas.

The thousand or more men returned here on an army transport. They had been away from the states more than a year.

Chief Carpenter's Mate H. D. Markley of Canton, Ohio, told interviewers: "Our job was to build things, anywhere, anytime. It wasn't as tough as they make out, or maybe we got toughened up to it."

Carpenter's Mate 2d Class Woodrow Wilson, 31, Belington, W. Va., explained:

"We were at Dutch Harbor and most of those places up there. I guess Anchitka was the worst. There were darned few days when we didn't get bombed. It's only about 60 miles from Kiska, you know, and

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### Oregon-PGE Power Rate Dispute Over

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—The long-standing power rate dispute between the state of Oregon and the Portland General Electric company has been settled, it was reported unofficially Tuesday after a meeting of the state board of control.

In the absence of an official announcement, it was learned that 8.5 mills had been agreed upon tentatively as the basis for a new contract. The difference between this rate and the old contract of 11.3 mills will mean a saving of approximately \$1500 monthly to the state and refunds totaling about \$22,000.

The new contract would be for the duration, or not to exceed four years from its effective date.

### More Strawberry Pickers Needed

SILVERTON HILLS—Strawberry growers in this district were asking for almost 100 more pickers early this week. The berries began ripening rapidly and the shortage of pickers was noticed at once. Some appeal was being made to Silverton business men early this week.

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## US Sub Action Mounts

### Activity in Pacific Held Forerunner New Blow

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox reported "a steady growth of our submarine operations in the Pacific" Tuesday, and by implication forecast major blows against Japan.

"I can't tell you, except that it takes an awfully long while to get ready for any kind of sizeable movement," he answered a press conference question on why the current "lull" in Pacific operations had lasted so long.

The "lull" of several weeks has included the amphibious operation against Attu Island in the north, widespread aerial operations, and submarine patrols climaxed by yesterday's report of 12 Japanese ships sunk and five more damaged.

Knox disclosed that American submarine losses in the war have been replaced "many times over."

Eight United States undersea craft have been reported destroyed or missing and presumed lost in the patrol operations. The secretary was asked whether new subs had been built to take their place and he told a press conference that "we have replaced our losses many times over."

His comment was considered especially significant in view of the navy's announcement of Japanese ship losses Monday, which raised the total of successful attacks by submarines hammering at Japan's extended supply lines to 256 ships destroyed or damaged.

Knox said that yesterday's reports, the largest in terms of successful submarine action so far in the war, evidenced "a steady growth of our submarine operations in the Pacific." A small number of new submarines go

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## King George Reported in North Africa

LONDON, Wednesday, June 16.—(AP)—In a dramatic announcement, Buckingham palace disclosed today that King George VI had arrived in North Africa to visit the victorious allied armies there after a secrecy-shrouded trip from the British Isles.

The king was accompanied by Sir Archibald Sinclair, secretary of state for air, and Sir James Grigg, secretary of state for war. It was the monarch's second visit to an active war theatre since the beginning of the conflict in September, 1939.

In the early part of 1940 he visited the British army in France and saw part of the Maginot line, making the journey across the channel aboard a British destroyer.

The present trip, however, is the longest overseas journey he has made since his memorable tour of Canada and the United States before the war started.

## Vast Silence Greets Milk Control Board Transfer to Agriculture Department

That silence you hear is the repercussion, to date, of milk control administration's transfer from the milk control board, abolished by 1943 legislative act, to the state department of agriculture.

Ervin L. Peterson, who recently began his duties as director of the agriculture department, one week ago today replaced the former three-man commission as the milk control executive, but to date the only evidence thereof which has come to public attention has been a one-sentence mention in news stories on the general subject of the new laws.

Director Peterson indicated on Tuesday that although he has given careful study to the problems of this transfer since he assumed his new position, he is not yet ready to make any statement as to policies.

However, informally in addressing dairymen and other groups he has several times voiced the hope that the fluid milk industry would formulate an acceptable program for the application of Oregon's

## Seas Guarded



According to a Reuters, British news agency, dispatch, Great Britain has bolstered defense of Dominica by sending new troops from Barbados. The islands guard allied sea lanes in the south and are used as a focal point in attack on the axis submarine menace. — Associated Press Map.

## Russians Hurl Back 4 German Counterdrives

LONDON, Wednesday, June 16.—(AP)—Four new German counterattacks in the reactivated Orel region were hurled back Tuesday, it was announced today by the Russians, who declared that enemy troops ceased their attempts to retake lost territory at sundown after two unsuccessful days.

One of the German thrusts, carried out under the cover of a smoke screen, penetrated to the outskirts of Mtsensk which was captured recently by the Russians before being beaten off, the soviet midnight communique announced.

The war bulletin, recorded here by the Soviet Monitor, said the Russians killed about 400 Germans, destroyed or damaged a number of tanks and captured some materiel in staving off the sharp German drives.

The day's unsuccessful attempts followed similar counterattacks by the Germans Monday night northeast of Mtsensk, which the Russians said were turned back with heavy losses.

Earlier, the Germans claimed that the principal fighting was in the Kuban area of the Caucasus. They told of new soviet drives which they said were unsuccessful.

## FR Approves Subsidy Plan

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt backed Tuesday the idea of subsidies to hold down food costs to consumers, and suggested that if congressional critics of such payments know of a better way to combat inflation they should come out with it. He told a press conference he did not know of a better way.

Mr. Roosevelt made clear, too, that he has no intention of creating a czar with over-all powers over food matters—a proposal taken to the White House first by a senate group yesterday, and again today by a bi-partisan committee of house members.

# Nazis Evacuate Strategic Cities As Bombing Nears Crescendo; Syria-Turkey Border Is Closed

## London Sources Silent

### Ankara Report Gives New Fuel to Talk Of Allied Invasion

LONDON, June 15.—(AP)—The spotlight of the Mediterranean war shifted dramatically Tuesday from the center to the east, where the allies were reported semi-officially from Ankara to have closed Syria's frontier with Turkey.

London sources left the report without confirmation, denial or comment, but unofficial observers said the implication was that the British ninth and tenth armies and US troops that have been training quietly and building up strength for months in Syria, Palestine, Iraq and Iran might be on the move.

The Daily Herald quoted German reports that the allies were massing an "invasion army" in Syria.

Thus new fuel was added to the first of axis invasion anxiety. During the day the Italians reported an allied fleet massing near Sicily, the Germans warned of a possible new Russian offensive, and the Germans were said to have reshuffled their top generals along the edges of the "European fortress."

Closing of the Turkish-Syrian frontier, nearly 350 miles long, might be intended to cover up moves by allied troops in the border area where conceivably they could be massing for sea thrusts towards Crete, the Dodecanese, or Greece itself.

Axis radios told of new attacks against allied warships, transports and landing barges reported gathering off North African ports and threatening Sicily. A Rome commentator called upon the Italian people to prepare for "the decisive phase approaching."

## Jap Denied Bail Pending Court Verdict

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Federal Judge James A. Fee Tuesday denied Minoru Yasui, Hood River Japanese, freedom on bail while his conviction under the alien curfew is pending before the US supreme court.

Yasui offered through his attorney to go to a war relocation center for Japanese until the court rules.

The court suggested, however, that Yasui could apply to the high tribunal for release on bail.

Fee some time ago found Yasui guilty of violating the western defense command curfew on grounds he had shown by his actions to be an alien despite his American birth.

## Truck Makes Like Homing Pigeon

When a "U-drive" truck rented from a Salem operator made like a homing pigeon, it meant a lot of extra work for Capt. Ray Betzer of the state highway department.

What with wartime transportation difficulties, when Betzer was transferred from the highway department headquarters to the Klamath Falls office he felt himself fortunate in obtaining the rental truck, so spent a busy day packing his apartment furniture for the long haul to Klamath Falls.

Then came the trek south. Upon arriving in the Lake County town, Betzer was dead tired, so phoned between yawns instructions to two workers to come take over while he grabbed off needed sleep.

The workers came all right, but they had misunderstood the orders apparently. Anyway they brought the truck, still fully loaded, back to Betzer's Ambassador apartment in Salem.

Tuesday Betzer was back at the wheel of the "U-drive" on his way to Klamath Falls—this time bent on unloading the thing himself—in Klamath Falls.

## State Schools' Budget Sliced By \$180,000

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Oregon's state system of higher education will get along next year on \$180,000 less money and 104 fewer staff members.

The cuts were approved Tuesday by the state board of higher education which set the annual budgets for instruction, research and extension and some miscellaneous activities at \$3,098,172 for the six institutions.

Budgets totaling \$1,334,150 were approved for designated gift and endowment funds, federal cooperative extension and agricultural research and some general extension. Much of this sum comes from the federal government.

Oregon College of Education at Monmouth took the most drastic budget slash—approximately 20 per cent—from \$148,000 to \$120,000.

Among the staff members dropped was Dr. A. S. Jensen, Oregon College of Education psychology professor, who Monday protested his removal. He contended it violated the tenure rights of the profession.

President Willard L. Marks, announcing that board has upheld Chancellor F. M. Hunter and C. A. Howard, OCE president, in Jensen's case, said:

"We regret that it is necessary for Dr. Jensen and a number of others to be released because of the financial situation and the necessity of economizing in accordance with reduced enrollment. We want to commend Dr. Jensen, however, for his many years of service on the campus."

The board set up special reserves including \$25,000 for more summer school work to speed up student training.

## Food Pack Curtailment Predicted

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Canners and processors predicted Tuesday curtailment of the 1943 fruit and vegetable pack because of an office of economic stabilization subsidy plan.

The government ordered its purchases of beans, peas, corn and tomatoes to provide adjustment for increased labor costs while placing the civilian pack in the hands of the Commodity Credit Corporation for resale at ceiling prices. The corporation would subsidize processors so their return would correspond to the pre-war average despite increased costs.

The processors objected, however, that they would have to prove that an emergency exists and that payments would not be made until the end of the season.

## Exodus Causes Alarm

### Non-Essentials Are Moved to Safer Country Homes

BERN, Switzerland, June 15, (AP)—All persons who are not required for the war effort are being evacuated from German cities, according to German newspapers reaching here, and, on the basis of nazi-controlled press reports up to Tuesday night, Germany is a victim of war nerves.

The allied air forces, which have caused 600 air alarms and carried out 180 heavy aerial attacks, have caused widespread evacuation of civilians to safe rural areas. German newspapers, by their admonitions and appeals, were in agreement on important points:

That allied air attacks, especially in western and northwestern Germany, have caused heavy damage both in homes and in cities;

That many evacuees are leaving the cities for the country, a factor spreading discontent. And the Mulhauser Tagblatt said these evacuees insist that German anti-aircraft fire is not sufficient protection. They, said the newspaper, are the ones who doubt that the cities of western Germany can hold out against the violence of the bombardments and are really defeatists;

That farmers who were expected to open their homes to the evacuees resent upsetting family life. Many newspapers pointed out, however, that he must remember that he might be a refugee himself some day;

That city people shunted into the country miss street cars, motion picture, bathrooms and the buzz of city life in general;

That officials plainly acknowledged the dangers to morale brought about by the necessary evacuations.

## 4th of July Plans Slate 2 Ball Games

A parade and two baseball games on Sunday, patriotic messages possibly also preceded by a parade on Monday, will be highlights of the Fourth of July celebration in Salem, it was decided at a meeting of the American Legion celebration commission Tuesday night at the chamber of commerce. The ball games will be at George E. Waters park and Sweetland field, the patriotic exercises in Willson park.

In addition there will be a street carnival at Marion square from June 28 through July 6, it was announced.

J. H. Holt is chairman of the Fourth of July commission, Col. Carlie Abrams vice-chairman, Onas Olson second vice-chairman. Sub-committee chairmen are Weaver, finance; Dr. H. A. Gueffroy, first aid; I. N. Bacon, Boy Scouts, police and grounds; Ethan Grant, publicity; Don Madison, carnival; Ira Pilcher, ball games; Rex Kimmel, dance; Oliver Huston, sports; John Olson, auxiliary.

## Seismographs Note Temblor

PASADENA, Calif., June 15.—(AP)—A strong earthquake, whose epicenter was estimated to be 2400 miles distant, was recorded on the seismograph of the California Institute of Technology at 11:27:53 a.m. (PWT) Tuesday.

BERKELEY, Calif., June 15.—(AP)—The University of California seismograph recorded an earthquake beginning at 11:28 a.m. Pacific war time Tuesday, and lasting for one hour, Dr. Perry Byerly, seismologist, reported.

The disturbance originated at a distance of about 2500 miles in a southern direction

## Oh, Boy! Just Like Election Day!

JOHN DAY, June 15.—(AP)—Grant county will reach its quota of \$37,000 in war bonds this month, or Orval Yokom of John Day will scrub Portland's sixth avenue in front of the new victory center.

And if Grant county makes its quota, state war bond administrator David Eccles will milk a cow on John Day's main street—and drink the milk.

The wager was agreed upon after Eccles came here to present Mrs. Bertha Dixon, John Day theater owner, a certificate for outstanding sales. Sometime during the visit Eccles and his group were overheard to speak disparagingly of Grant county's sales efforts generally—something to the effect that Grant's quota ought to be given to a better county.

## Allies Drop 23 Tons on Rabaul Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Wednesday, June 16.—(AP)—The largest force of Liberators to be sent against the big Japanese air base of Rabaul, New Britain—19 four-engine raiders—blasted at grounded aircraft with 23 tons of bombs in a two hour raid which began the night of June 14 and extended into Tuesday.

It was the fourth assault in six days by General Douglas MacArthur's air force on Rabaul.

All but one of the Liberators concentrated the weight of their fragmentation and incendiary bombs on Lakunai where subsequent reconnaissance showed the Japanese were hard at work attempting to repair the damage.

Despite intense anti-aircraft fire and the efforts of seven enemy fighter planes to intercept, all the American bombers got back to base.

The Japanese broke a comparative lull in their own air effort by sending 27 bombers with an escort of 30 fighters to bomb and strafe villages around Bena, New Guinea, 90 miles northwest of Lae, New Guinea. There are known to be a number of emergency landing fields there built in pre-war days. Bena Bena is on the Purari river.

The enemy also sent nine planes in their ninth attack on Dobodura, New Guinea.

## Kiska Volcano Is New Threat To Jap Base

HEADQUARTERS, Alaska Defense Command, June 14.—(Delayed)—Returning bomber pilots reported Monday the Kiska volcano has become active, adding to troubles of Japanese occupying that Aleutian island.

Pilots who have used the volcano on the north end of Kiska as a navigation point, said the crater is smoking and they saw some lava flowing down sides of the peak.

The first report of the volcano's activity was received June 6. Since, the pilots have reported it possibly may be causing actual danger to the Japanese, perhaps dropping rocks or ashes on their positions.

It is considered unlikely, however, that it will force evacuation of any portion of the island. The volcano is on the extreme north end of Kiska and Japanese concentrations are in the south portion, several miles from the peak.

## Lady Beveridge Christens Ship

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Lady Janet Beveridge christened Tuesday the Liberty ship John B. Steffen, 202d of its type launched at Oregon Shipbuilding corporation.

She was accompanied by her husband, Sir William Beveridge, here to explain the British post-war social security program of which he is the author.

## RAF Hits Europe Again

### Monday Night Raid Smashes Oberhausen 4th Straight Time

LONDON, Wednesday, June 16.—(AP)—Still digging out invasion paths by air toward axis Europe, waves of RAF big bombers were heard thundering out over England's southeast coast toward Germany early today, as the German radio went dead in the middle of a program.

Meanwhile, the German air force, which has been concentrating on the defensive of late, sent a few raiders over two southeast coast towns of England. The next attackers made a feeble stab, causing slight damage. No casualties were reported.

In the continuous day and night attacks, the RAF Monday night piled up new destruction on the heavily suffering Ruhr valley, especially the steel and communications center of Oberhausen.

While great bombers ground down upon steel and coal targets in Oberhausen on the Rhine-Herne canal for the fourth consecutive night raid on Germany, lighter planes targeted air over France and the low countries, attacking railway targets and barges near the Rhine, Dixmude in Belgium, and Roubais and Abbeville in France.

Almost before they were back, cannon-armed day fighters of the new tactical air force went roaring out to slam scores of targets along the western rim of Hitler's defenses.

Waves of RAF fighters and light bombers shuttled back and forth across the channel in the direction

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## Turk Premier 'Amazed' at Allied Might

ANKARA, Turkey, June 15.—(AP)—Premier Sukru Saracoglu, in an interview Tuesday night, left the impression that within the framework of the allied war and peace plans Turkey is playing an important role in the development of Balkan affairs and that she hopes to contribute to the post-war reorganization in the Balkans.

The premier warmly acknowledged American interest in Turkey and indicated that the Turkish government, impressed with American conduct in the war, returns the interest wholeheartedly.

Asked what were his impressions of recent events in the Mediterranean, Saracoglu told the Associated Press that they left him surprised that events had moved with such swiftness.

## US Air Score Four-to-One

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—American four engine bombers over Europe have been shooting down German planes at a ratio of nearly six to one, a war department summary disclosed Tuesday.

It showed that in 18 heavy bombardment missions—all day-long, high altitude precision bombing sorties—four engine bombers made approximately 1600 sorties against German targets and shot down 371 German planes, probably destroyed 187, and damaged 231 in aerial combat.

American losses amounted to 106 planes up to and including the attacks of the past weekend.

## Finland Pays

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The government of Finland resumed payment on its war debt to the United States today, turning over to the treasury \$109,945.