

By Charles S. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that the decision of the supreme court handed down on flag day, holding that the requirement of the flag salute by all school children was unconstitutional, was good common sense. In the days when the church tried to run things it never succeeded in making people pious by compulsion. Neither will we succeed in forcing people to be patriotic. The flag of our country is a beautiful symbol, which we love and revere. If there are some screwballs among us whose mental outlook is so twisted that they interpret the flag salute as a form of worship, then the cure isn't to throw them in jail or expel their children from school, but to expose them to the processes of enlightenment in hopes that they will ultimately be cured of their quirks. As a matter of fact the flag salute and pledge of allegiance are a comparatively recent innovation. We fought and won most of our wars without either. They came in during the last world war; and are a bit of symbolism that is meaningful and impressive. I like the salute much better without any gesture, merely standing at attention. A resolution of congress last December did away with the extended hand salute—to much like the "Heil Hitler" gesture, or the clenched fist of communism. One of the dangers of nationalism is that it becomes all-absorbing—totalitarian, if you please. As Harold Laaski writes in his "Foundation of Sovereignty", "The state is an absorptive animal; and there are few more amazing tracts of history than that which records its triumph over the challenge of competing groups. . . . The area of its enterprise has consistently grown until today there is no field of human activity over which, in some degree, its pervading influence may not be detected."

Beaumont Commander Warns City

BEAUMONT, Tex., June 17-(AP) The commander of state troops enforcing martial law in this city of 100,000 warned shipyard workers Thursday to refrain from any action that would revive tension in the race situation which Wednesday took two lives and injured scores. Col. Sidney C. Mason, who addressed the workers at the request of shipyard officials, said military men were maintaining order. Shipyard officials who declined to be quoted by name said some workers were overheard discussing the possibility of taking 200 men reportedly held for military court inquiry away from authorities. The 15 hours of sporadic rioting was precipitated by a young white woman's story that a negro had raped her. City Attorney Albert Tatum said the validity of her account was being checked and that a physician's examination had opened the story to question. During the violence, a number of negro homes were destroyed and many businesses were disrupted. City officials said a check was being made on the possibility that "fifth column activities" may have inspired the rioting. A military court of inquiry, which convened Thursday to investigate negroes and whites suspected of participating in the violence, was closed to the public.

40,000 Japs Die in China 'Rice' Battle

CHUNGKING, Friday, June 18 (AP)—Approximately 40,000 Japanese were killed or wounded in the 40-day battle for the upper Yangtze river, a Chinese army spokesman said today. "Less than two-fifths of the entire Japanese force thrown into the battle managed to escape from the Chinese trap," he declared. The Japanese, striking below the Yangtze river at points between their big bases at Ichang and Yochow, for a time had seriously threatened China's vital "Rice Bowl," but the Chinese have virtually recovered the entire area in a strong counteroffensive supported by American and Chinese airmen.

Russia Denies Peace Talks

LONDON, Friday, June 18 (AP) Russia today formally denied a report published in the pro-Nazi Stockholm newspaper Allehanda that German and Russian representatives had met in the Swedish capital to discuss possible peace. The report earlier was refuted by Mrs. Alexandra Kollontay, soviet minister to Sweden.

Guadalcanal Attack Turned Back With Heavy Loss to Foe

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, June 17-(AP)—A force of about 129 Japanese bombers and fighter planes attempted to attack Guadalcanal Wednesday afternoon but American fighters shot down 77 of the raiders in a major air victory. Only six American fighters were lost. The pilot of one was saved. Damage to Guadalcanal was minor. The headquarters spokesman said he assumed the Japanese bombing succeeded in scoring hits on only two vessels, one a Liberty-type cargo carrier and the other a smaller ship. The cargo vessel was beached for salvage. Nine men were killed on the smaller ship. (This was the first report of the objective of the big enemy air formation. Dispatches from Washington said the navy bulletin did not give the objective but that it was assumed the objective was of utmost importance, perhaps a convoy, perhaps a thrust at Guadalcanal to thwart an American drive northward.) The loss was the greatest inflicted on the Japanese in any single battle with enemy land-based aircraft in the Solomons group, said a spokesman at this air force headquarters. A navy bulletin today announcing this 13 to 1 ratio contained no indication as to the Japanese objective in risking so large a force of bombers and fighters in the southeastern Solomons, where they have been consistently and badly defeated in the air. In authoritative quarters here, however, it was assumed that the objective must have been one of utmost importance to the enemy and bearing directly on future developments of the war. One suggestion was the Japanese might have been trying to reach an American convoy in the area. Another was that they may have intended to cripple the base on Guadalcanal, in the assumption that it was destined to play an important role in the next big American thrust northward. The engagement took place Wednesday. The enemy planes shot down consisted of 32 bombers and 45 Zero fighters. The total strength of the enemy force was not reported but was considered to be somewhat greater than the number of aircraft they lost. The raiding force was the largest since the start of the war. (Turn to page 2—Story A)

McNary Says Forest Fund Rise Okehed

A telegram received by State Forester Nelson S. Rogers from Senator Charles L. McNary Thursday carries word that the senate and house conferees have agreed to senate amendments raising the appropriation for emergency forest protection from \$2,500,000 to \$3,300,000. It is expected that the conference report will be accepted. This will provide about the same amount of money as in the 1942 session and will enable Oregon and other forest states to do a good job in fighting fires, according to the state forest office. This money is available for forest protection on state and private lands.

Rock Creek Man Is Shot By Burglar

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18 (AP) State Police Sgt. O. O. Nicholls reported early today that Frank Donnelly, Rock Creek area farmer, had been shot but not seriously wounded by one of two young men who burglarized his home. Details of the shooting were meager, Nicholls said, because squads of state policemen are still in the woods searching for the two men. Donnelly, who lives in Clackamas county between Sunny-side and Damascus, was shot late Thursday afternoon after returning home with a neighbor to find the two young men in the yard, Nicholls said. The pair was questioned by Donnelly. The young men jumped in an automobile and drove away but ran into a ditch, Nicholls said. Donnelly, meanwhile, ran into the house, noted it had been burglarized and emerged with a shotgun. One of the young men shot at Donnelly, causing a flesh wound in the neck, the officer said.

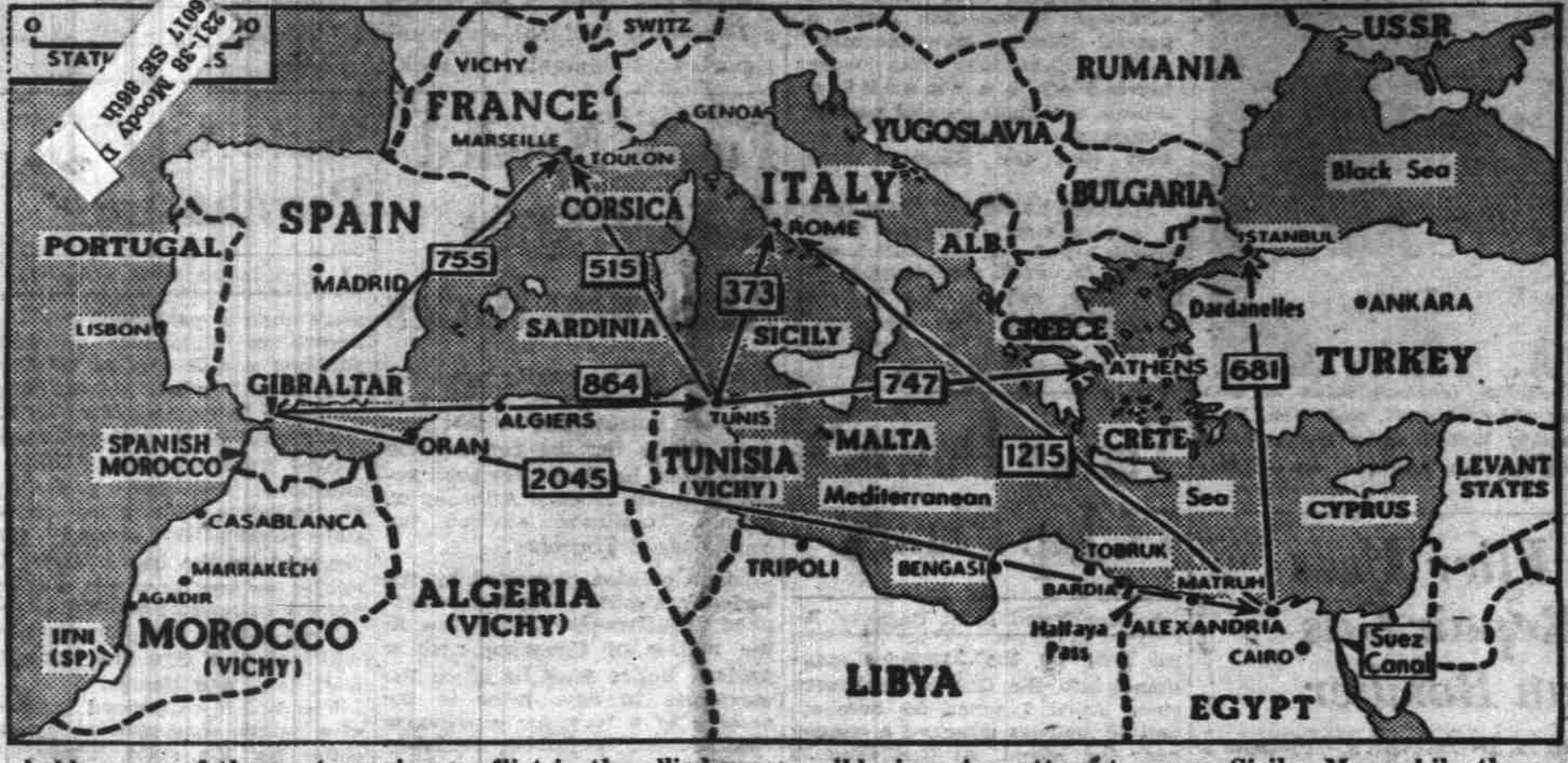
Some Killed By Nazi Raid

LONDON, Friday, June 18 (AP) Casualties were suffered early today when a building was hit during a brief German air attack on London's metropolitan area. One explosion was heard a short time after the alert sounded, and the all-clear came soon afterwards.

News Publishers Conclave Slated

EUGENE, June 17-(AP)—War-time newspaper problems will be tackled Friday by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's 56th annual convention. David Smith, secretary of Pacific northwest circulation managers; Frank Jackson, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald; and Floyd Sparks, San Francisco, are scheduled speakers.

This Area Is European War Front 'Hot Box'



Probable scene of the next surging conflict in the allied program to bring the axis to its knees will be somewhere in the area shown above. Air miles are shown by arrows and figures. Rome is already shaking in its "boot" at allied successes in Pantelleria and Lampedusa and fears a possible invasion attempt across Sicily. Meanwhile the war of nerves continues unabated—the obvious design being to keep the axis guessing as to where the attack will actually strike. Most likely it will come from many places at once.—Associated Press War Map.

Treasury Tax Aim Lowered By \$4 Billion

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) The treasury has abandoned hopes of getting \$16,000,000,000 in additional taxes during the next fiscal year and is aiming at a goal of \$12,000,000,000. Secretary Morgenthau acknowledged Thursday there is no chance of congress enacting a tax bill that would yield the higher sum within the fiscal year limits. The secretary said he agreed with congressional sentiment that no new taxes should be levied on 1943 incomes and concurred with statements that any levies which became effective on January 1, 1944, could hardly yield \$16,000,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year following June 30. Morgenthau said the treasury, in its war financing activities, would concentrate on a campaign to siphon off into war bonds 25 per cent of the people's total earnings during the last half of this year. He explained that this does not mean that everyone will be expected to put 25 per cent of his income into war bonds. "We are going to aim to get one quarter of what the people earn in total," he said. "This means that some war worker, who may be getting \$100 a week and has several members of his family working, that family can invest a quarter of their earnings as a family." In the case of a white collar worker who hasn't enjoyed an increased wartime income, he said, "we can't expect it."

Rome Radio Hints Invasion From Two Divergent Points

LONDON, Friday, June 18 (AP)—The Rome radio broadcast a report early today that "large British forces are concentrating along the southern frontier of Turkey," after previously telling its listeners of "many landing craft concentrating from Africa coasts toward Pantelleria." The broadcast, recorded by Reuters, apparently was Italy's interpretation of the closing of the Syrian-Turkish border. There was no confirmation from allied quarters, and none of course was expected even if the report were true.

Attack on Russ Stalled

A foreign source here already had reported that front-line supply shortages born of allied air attrition had forced the Germans to call off a scheduled Russian offensive. On this same cheerless day for the axis, new difficulties were reported in Rumania, and a Turkish diplomatic source in Bern, Switzerland, said the Turkish ambassador had been recalled to Ankara from nazi-controlled Vichy in protest against Gestapo restrictions upon the embassy. In anti-axis Iraq, Premier-Gen. Nuri Pasha Es Said was reported in a Berlin broadcast to have issued an order of the day to his troops, calling attention to an approaching "hour of decision and active service." The Berlin broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, quoted an Ankara dispatch as saying that this development made it possible that "the Anglo-Saxons in the near future will launch military action from the Levant."

Nazi Command Quarrels

The Germans, after a quarrel of high commanders, decided not to risk another all-out drive against the Russians this summer, but were unable even to carry out a limited offensive in the Orel sector scheduled for June 16 because of shortages, said a foreign source with reliable contacts inside the Reich. German troops already were moving into positions when the offensive was postponed, this source said, the first time that German plans have been delayed because of any shortages. The informant gave this account: Field Marshal Gen. Fedor Von Bock, nazi commander-in-chief in Russia, argued down the proposal of Hitler and Lieut.-Gen. Eberhard Warlimont, his principal strategist, for an all-out offensive, even resigning in order to win his point. Warlimont resigned when Von Bock's program was accepted and the field marshal resumed his command. But Von Bock had to halt the June 16 plans when he found forward supply depots with insufficient food, fuel, and munitions.

Von Bock Against Move

Von Bock was pictured as feeling it would be madness to make a big gamble in Russia while invasion of Europe was threatened. Indicative of Italian invasion nervousness, a Rome broadcast told of an axis serial attack continuing "unrelentingly against (Turn to page 2—Story B)

Ickes Proposes 5-Year Food Production Plan

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) A five-year plan for increasing food production by an amount sufficient to feed 10,000,000 persons for one year is proposed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes. The senate appropriations committee Thursday released a letter from Ickes to Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, suggesting the progressive expansion of food production "as a maximum contribution to the world food pool, for meeting the most pressing deficiencies, help feed civilian populations and the United Nations armed forces at home and abroad in the years 1943 to 1947." Ickes said he had asked subdivisions of his department for reports on what they could contribute to the war food program. The fish and wildlife service suggested increasing the yield of commercial fisheries, development of farm fish ponds, encouragement of the raising of domestic rabbits and greater consumption of wild game meat. The bureau of reclamation told of plans to provide water for millions of acres of land in western states; the office of Indian affairs proposed bringing idle Indian land into cultivation and increasing live-stock production; the grazing service and the general land office dwelt on better management of grazing, and the geologists survey concerned itself with the supply of mineral fertilizer and irrigation water.

Reds Repulse German Thrust North of Orel

LONDON, Friday, June 18 (AP) The red army was reported officially early today to have smashed repeated German efforts to regain lost positions north of Orel for the fourth straight day yesterday, but the enemy was throwing fresh troops into action on this sector where it has been expected the Germans would launch a summer offensive. In contrast to German high command reports of only "local activity" in Russia, the mid-night Moscow bulletin said the Germans had suffered "heavy losses in manpower and material" northwest of Milsensk, which is 46 miles above Orel, in "unsuccessful attempts" to regain several villages recently overrun by the red army. The Germans are "bringing fresh troops into action," said the bulletin, recorded by the soviet monitor. A foreign source in London who has reliable contact inside Germany said the Germans had planned a powerful offensive in the Orel sector, to begin two days ago, but said it was postponed at the last moment when Field Marshal Gen. Fedor Von Bock discovered inadequate supplies at forward bases. Berlin on the other hand predicted that the Russians themselves were planning to launch a major campaign in the same sector. German broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press suggested the red army would strike within three weeks. No matter what the German intentions are, the red army force kept up its pounding of (Turn to page 2—Story C)

Latest Flood Ranks With 5 Known Worst

CORVALLIS, June 17 (AP)—Army engineers rank last winter's Willamette river flood as one of the five worst floods in the river's history. They made the report at a joint meeting of the western snow conference and the American Geophysical Union's hydrology section Wednesday. Plans were announced for expansion of the annual snow survey. R. H. Wahle of the Bonneville administration explained how accurate flood forecasts are made by "fingerprinting" peak Columbia river flows. J. C. Stevens, Portland, chairman of the AGU, and R. A. Work, Medford, snow survey chairman, were retained for the duration.

3 Salem Boys Win Election

CORVALLIS, June 17 (AP)—Harry Nordwick, Medford, was inaugurated governor of the Beaver Boys State Thursday night with Robert S. Farrell, jr., Oregon's secretary of state, administering the oath. Nordwick defeated Bruce Barker, Oceanlake, by one vote, 72 to 71, for the top-ranking office in the state elections. Other results included: Bob Neuman, Albany, state senator; Frank McGee and Tad Shinkle, both Salem, state representatives; Arthur Engdabst, Salem, supreme court justice.

RAF Raids Nazis 7 Times in Row; Berlin Radio Off

LONDON, Friday, June 18 (AP)—RAF bombers ranged over Europe Thursday night for the seventh successive night and the Rome radio reported that Berlin itself—free from attack since May 21—had been one of the targets. London, meanwhile, was the object of a brief attack during which "oil drum" bombs fell in one metropolitan area, hitting a postoffice and causing some casualties. A British south coast town also was reported bombed. Observers on the British south coast said an apparently large force of RAF heavy bombers was out during the night. Earlier fast British planes had struck out for the French coast, returning a short time later. The Rome radio, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters, quoted official advices from Germany as saying that air raiders had caused an alert in Berlin during the night but that there were no casualties or damage in the city. The Berlin radio went off the air for a time, interrupting its overseas transmission for "technical reasons"—the customary German explanation when interruptions are caused by air raids. Last night's raid on Cologne was again aimed at the heavy concentration of nazi war industry along the Rhine river, already heavily hammered. Other pre-invasion air fleets shot up all three ships of a channel convoy and rail transport on the continent in early morning hours, and allied planes kept sweeping over during the day to continue the punishing blows on the axis. Bomb-shattered Cologne, target of the first 1,000-bomber raid on May 30, 1942, was last struck in a heavy night assault on February 25, when 60 acres of the city were reported devastated. It was raided lightly again April 8, then given a respite until last night. (Turn to page 2—Story B)

Turks Recall Vichy Envoy; Break Hinted

BERN, Switzerland, June 17 (AP) Turkey has recalled Behic Erkin, its ambassador to France, in protest against strong German restrictions on its embassy in Vichy, a Turkish diplomatic source said Thursday. Erkin's recall to Ankara was not yet considered a rupture in relations between Turkey and Germany—occupied Vichy, this source said, but it could be a step in that direction. A Turkish embassy counsellor, M. Sevdak, also was told to return home. The move occurred on the eve of the anniversary of the signing of a German-Turkish friendship treaty June 18, 1941, and as German propagandists were declaring that Germany was "fully satisfied" with Turkey's political position despite "Anglo-American intimations"—increasing in number of late—that Turkey already had made its choice in favor of the allies. The whole affair served to focus still more attention on the military and political situation in southeastern Europe and the middle east, coming as it did at a time when allied leaders had sealed the Syrian-Turkish border to "protect troop movements" in allied Syria, and when persistent reports said that Germany's Balkan satellites were seeking a means of escaping the axis camp. (The German Transcaucasian agency reported in an Ankara dispatch that Premier Gen. Nuri Pasha Es Said of Iraq had issued an order of the day to his troops saying "the hour of decision and active service" was approaching. Iraq joined the war against the axis last January.

State Okehs Purchasing Thayer Home

Purchase of the former Estelle Thayer home on North Capitol street to augment the present state capitol area at a price of \$20,000 was authorized by the state board of control Thursday. An official of the Pioneer Trust company which holds the property under a trust said the transaction had not been completed but that no obstacle to its consummation could be foreseen. The 1943 legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the purchase of properties required to round out the proposed state capitol area. The Thayer property will provide, according to plans outlined several years ago, a portion of the site for another building similar in design to the state library. Legislation authorizing such construction was enacted by the 1941 legislature. The project may be an item in a state program of post-war public works. The Thayer home is now occupied by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., and his family. The residence, built approximately 15 years prior to Mrs. Thayer's death, which occurred (Turn to page 2—Story J)

Rains Said Good for Cherry Crop

Recent rains' effect upon berry and cherry crops in the Willamette valley will be generally favorable, it was indicated Thursday from various authoritative sources. Should there be further precipitation, continuing into the next week, the results might be less favorable, it was agreed. "Beneficial" was the verdict of Robert H. Shinn, manager of the Willamette Valley Cherry Growers, as to the effect upon the cherry crop. Ripening of the cherries has not progressed to the point at which any consequential damage from cracking is possible; on the contrary they are at a stage of development in which cool weather and moisture contribute to growth. Some cherries for brining will start coming into the canneries from valley orchards early next week but the harvest will not be in full swing until about mid-week, Shinn predicted. Cherries for canning, from nearby orchards (Turn to page 2—Story I)

Milk Price Cut Barred By WFA Rule

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—The war food administration Thursday ordered written into federal milk marketing contracts a provision which prohibits a decrease in the prices paid to producers for fluid milk as a result of the price roll-back and stabilization program. The New York district was not included in the order because producers in that area have not completed a vote on whether to lower the prices they receive for milk. The order was issued, it was explained, because the price of butter is reflected in the price of producer milk, and under the 5 cents a pound roll-back on butter there would be a decrease in fluid milk prices on July 1 unless specific action was taken to prevent it.

WLB Adjourns Sans Decision

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—The war labor board adjourned late Thursday without reaching a decision on the underground travel pay issue of the soft coal wage dispute. The four public members of the board planned to confer further Thursday night on the case and the board will resume its deliberations at 10 a. m. Friday.