

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

There is some question as to the rumored stiffness of army physical examinations . . . navy physicals, too, for that matter.

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This song has been sung before, but the melody lingers on. The hitch-hiking sailor who stopped in mid-traffic one day this week to shake his fist (or was it a finger?) at a Salem city cop who had dared to remind him that the red light was burning is only one of many.

Free from arrest by civilian police for such misdemeanors, some of the men in army and navy uniforms seem to think they are gaining something by crossing streets if and when they please.

There is an old, old story about freedom being dependent on law; and I assume that a soldier struck by an automobile would be just as vulnerable as would any of us civilians who may be forced to pay a fine for violation of traffic signals.

Not just for the sakes of motorists but for their own welfare, men in the service, whether they be from metropolitan New York or the Ozarks should be taught the difference between "stop" and "go" signals.

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Don't you get a queer sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach thinking of lads who are apparently color blind going out against the Japanese or the nazis?

Turkey-Syria Border Opened

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the Balkan coast near the end of the Tunisian campaign," and was ready for "any eventuality."

The German radio, quoting Swedish correspondents, said military experts in London believed the "probability" of an allied offensive in the eastern Mediterranean was "ever more imminent" with all the signs "now pointing to a coming Balkan offensive to be ushered in by attempts to conquer Crete and the Dodecanese."

The Germans clamped tight the lid on Greece. The Morocco radio, in a broadcast also recorded by the Associated Press, reported from Istanbul that machinegun nests had been constructed every few miles on the Athens-Salonika railway, and that armed patrols constantly guarded the line. A strict curfew was said to be in effect in Salonika.

A Budapest broadcast disclosed that for six weeks Yugoslav patriots, men and women, had besieged Gaspic, railway center southeast of Flume, and that the siege was finally broken by Italians using more than 200 planes and dropping 15 tons of bombs. The guerrillas were reported to have used three tanks in their heaviest attack, lasting 13 hours.

Axis nerves were jumpy in Sicily where, according to a Moscow broadcast heard by the soviet monitor, the Italians were panicky over withdrawal of military stores and food. Only enough was left for the minimum needs of the defenders, the broadcast added.

No Bones, But Plenty 'Skeletons'

PORTLAND, June 18—(AP)—E. C. Kruger, Salem contractor who is raising the old Glenwood hotel at The Dalles, hasn't found any skeletons in the closets yet, but he has found plenty in the walls.

In one wall, he said here Thursday night, was a marijuana cache. In another were secret compartments which he conjectured hid whisky in the prohibition era. Behind still another was a miner's candle holder.

An old carpet hid a purse containing two railroad pay checks, one for \$27.29 and the other for \$27.25. Kruger found that the Juan Diaz in whose name they were drawn never occupied the room, indicating a thief cached them there.

\$127,900,000 Appropriation Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—A \$127,900,000 appropriation bill for interior department activities was passed by the senate and returned to the house Friday for consideration of a \$55,000,000 increase which included funds to irrigate arid lands in the west for food production.

Other senate increases to finance the department's program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, boosted house estimates for the bureau of mines \$1,032,375; for the geological survey \$1,055,085, and for the bureau of Indian affairs, \$3,227,880.

Agency Plans Drastically Cut In House Move

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deep a cut would make difficult or impossible the administration of price control laws.

There was no roll call vote on the subsidy ban. On the amendment to cut OPA's funds the lineup was:

For the amendment—26 democrats, 156 republicans, 3 minor party members.

Against it—135 democrats, 11 republicans, 1 minor party member.

The vote to abolish OPA's domestic branch (leaving foreign propaganda endeavors intact) was 218 to 114. This cut \$5,500,000 off OPA's appropriation, already sliced \$12,869,496 by the house appropriations committee. The budget bureau had recommended \$47,542,000 for Kniser Davis agency; with the house cut this is reduced to \$22,072,504.

The party lineup on abolition of OPA's domestic operations was: To abolish—democrats 55, republicans 160, minor parties 3.

Against—democrats 108, republicans 5, minor parties 1.

The senate has yet to act on the OPA appropriation and the other parts of the bill; it may either restore the domestic branch's money or make further cuts in the appropriation.

OPA's domestic branch employs about 1500 persons, has 42 offices and disseminates government agencies' news in the United States.

Palmer Hoyt, Portland (Ore.), newspaper man, is scheduled to take over its direction next week, succeeding Gardner Cowles, Jr., of the Des Moines publishing family.

The house actions on OPA and OPA came as the chamber completed action of the war agencies appropriation bill and sent it to the senate.

Sections of the bill carrying funds for the following agencies were left intact:

Board of economic warfare, \$38,150,000; office of censorship, \$27,500,000; petroleum administration for \$3,473,000; office of strategic services, \$55,000,000; division of central administrative services, \$2,567,200; office of civilian defense, \$4,000,000; coordinator of inter-American affairs, \$30,585,000; plus contract authority for \$18,000,000; office of defense transportation, \$14,650,000; office of economic stabilization, \$100,000; national war labor board, \$13,841,300; office of scientific research and development, \$135,982,500; war production board, \$38,300,000; smaller war plants corporation, \$12,000,000; (from corporation's) capital stock, war relocation authority, \$48,170,000; war shipping administration, \$2,272,300,000.

The total in the bill, allowing for the deductions in OPA, and OPA funds, was \$2,882,841,504. In addition to \$18,000,000 in contract authorization.

Newsprint Curtailment Recommended

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—A double dose of trouble for newspaper publishers loomed Friday night with recommendation for a cut in newsprint use July 1 and the disclosure that a newsprint price increase will be discussed at a conference between the office of price administration and Canadian producers.

OPA accepted an invitation from the Canadian wartime prices and trade board to send one or two delegates to Montreal next week "for a discussion of newsprint prices."

Canadian and American newsprint mills are seeking increased ceilings. United States firms desire a \$5 to \$8 boost over the present price of \$54 a ton, for standard newsprint, and the Canadian proposal is understood to be about the same. A \$4 rise was granted in March.

US Pulpwood Shortage Depleted

NEW YORK, June 18—(AP)—Walter M. Dear, chairman of a committee of newspapers to cooperate in cutting more pulpwood, Friday called the growing shortage of pulpwood supplies America's number one material problem.

"Since both the United States and Canada are reported to be using more pulpwood out of inventories than is being produced," said Dear, "a far more serious shortage of products made from pulpwood is inevitable unless immediate steps are taken to cut more wood."

Dear, co-publisher of the Jersey City, N.J. Jersey Journal, pointed out that pulpwood is the raw material used to make smokeless powder and containers for blood plasma, food and munitions, as well as print papers.

British Railway Pay Increased

LONDON, Saturday, June 19—(AP)—Four hundred thousand railway employees in Britain were given an increase of four shillings sixpence a week (ninety cents) in an agreement announced Friday. The agreement was retroactive to April 26.

The union had asked an increase of 10 shillings (\$2) a week.

Royal Road to Burma



MAKING HAVOC AMONG THE JAPANESE in Burma from February through May of this year, have been columns of British, Indian and Burmese troops led by a British brigadier. They blew up more than 100 miles of Jap railroads and bridges, killing numerous Jap soldiers. But perhaps more important was their work in building better roads into Burma and in making friends among the native people. These will be useful when it becomes possible to launch the offensive that will drive out the Japanese. This new picture of supplies carried by mules for the Allied troops in Burma shows the difficult jungle conditions in which these daring fighters operated.

Jap Guadalcanal Raid Aimed At Yank Offensive Power

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—The unprecedented Japanese aerial threat at Guadalcanal island Wednesday—in which they suffered a 77 to 6 disaster—probably was designed to blunt the edge of a growing American offensive power in that area of the south Pacific, Secretary of the Navy Knox said Friday.

The air battle was a "God-awful pasting for them" and a "glorious victory for us," Knox declared at his press conference.

The secretary was obviously in a jubilant mood at the news which had come in on the battle. Earlier in the day the navy had issued a communique supplementing Thursday's brief report. It showed that while the Japanese suffered destruction of 77 planes—32 bombers and 45 Zero fighters—American losses had been only six planes, and from those one pilot was rescued. Total American casualties afloat and ashore were 76 men, consisting of 25 killed, 29 injured and 22 missing. Two surface craft were damaged. One was a merchant vessel and the other a landing barge.

The communique said the Japanese force was estimated at 60 bombers and 60 fighters. Knox attributed the small cost of the success for American airmen to the superiority of our air personnel and planes, and he said that "we have a lot of new planes down there—the very best type."

Immediately after the press conference, the navy disclosed that a two-day meeting of its top-ranking air training directors had been held there this week for the purpose of further increasing the effectiveness of navy airmen and their tactical organization.

Death Claims Dodge Heiress

NEW YORK, June 18—(AP)—Mrs. Delphine Dodge Cromwell Baker Godde, heiress to the Dodge motor millions, died Friday in New York hospital.

Her first marriage was to James H. R. Cromwell on June 17, 1920. Six months later her father died and left \$40,000,000, which ultimately was to be split between her and her brother, Horace, Jr.

In 1928, she divorced Cromwell. Custody of their daughter, Christine, now 19, was awarded to her mother. Cromwell later married Doris Duke.

She then married Raymond T. Baker, 20 years her senior. Baker was a President Wilson appointee as director of the US mint. They also had a daughter, Anna May, now 9. Baker died in Washington in 1935 and a few months later she married Timothy Godde. They resided at Rye, N.Y.

Salvage Expert's Funeral Observed

PORTLAND, June 18—(AP)—The man who gained fame at the turn of the century for refloating the Columbia river lightship No. 50 after she grounded on Peacock spit was buried here Friday.

He was John H. Roberts, 78. With the aid of Andrew Allen, a housemover, he tackled the job of refloating the ship in 1901 after she had defied other salvagers for 16 months. Using 120 jackscrews and heavy log cribbing, they got the 800-ton vessel onto a cradle which they towed nearly a mile over sand with capstans turned by horses and the ship's donkey.

Funeral Scheduled

Eugene will hold funeral services Saturday for Second Lieut. Jim Ed Duncan, Portland air base pilot, who was killed in the crash of his fighter plane near the field Tuesday.

Cabby Returns \$1000

A Portland cab driver, Ralph Rogers, returned to the owners \$1000 left in his cab.

Too Late to Classify

LOST: Two West Highland white terriers. Reward, Ph. 6040.

2 RIDERS want ride to Swam Island. Shift shift. 1079 N. 18th St.

OPA Officer Lauds Newsmen For Publicity

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Gen. Douglas MacArthur is not a candidate for the presidency.

MacArthur may become a more conspicuous figure in the 1944 presidential picture but he will never accept nomination, Bartholomew said.

Bartholomew, back from a tour of the South Pacific war zone, said the general told him his only ambition was to complete a successful campaign against the Japs and retire and write his memoirs.

David H. Smith, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Circulation Managers association, told the publishers that wartime economies have improved newspaper circulation practices. He urged continuance of the paid circulation principle after the war and warned against a return to "free circulation."

President Jack B. Bladine appointed Herb Grey, Medford Mail-Tribune, chairman of the nominating committee, and Robert W. Sawyer, Bend Bulletin, chairman of the resolutions committee.

Liberators Bomb Sicily

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were destroyed Wednesday night in operations in this theater.

The French high command in its first communique since the conquest of Tunisia, announced that a French submarine had sunk a 6,000-ton axis cargo ship in the Mediterranean.

It also disclosed that the French had been supplied by the British with Spitfire planes. This was made known in an official report that French pilots flew 140 individual flights in both Warhawks and Spitfires to protect debarking British troops during the occupation of Pantelleria.

Fund Authorized

WASHINGTON, June 18—(AP)—The defense plant corporation Friday authorized a \$165,000 contract with Santiam flax growers, Jefferson, Ore., to provide plant facilities.

WESTMONT, N.J.—(AP)—The blackout was a knockout for Charles Swain.

Hastening to get out of the bathroom and douse the lights when the alert sounded, he slipped and landed on his chin.

He sat out the rest of the alert in a doctor's office, where he was taken for treatment.

Two Features

HOLLYWOOD

Last Times Tonight

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BOB STEELE

VALLEY OF THE UNDEAD

Basil Rathbone-Nigel Bruce

Jimmie DODD

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TWO BIG FEATURES

FOREST RANGERS

PLUS SECOND BIG FEATURE

Keep 'Em Slugging

The DEAD END KIDS in

Blow Against Japs' Burma Bases Seen

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radius of air action in the Pacific.

To meet that threat, greater concentration of Japanese air strength at home and on the northern sector of her far-flung island outposts in the Pacific would seem essential. It could come only from the South Pacific zone or from China. In that light the Guadalcanal raid looks like a scouting operation in force, attempted in the hope of finding and attacking American naval and convoy shipping believed in Tokyo to be preparing for further offensive action.

Pieced together, the British preparations for an East Asia attack and Japan's obvious belief that an American sea-air attack is already brewing in the South Pacific strongly suggest that the Washington strategy deliberations produced plans so conclusively effective against the axis in Africa.

Knowledge of that well may have prompted the Australian minister of external affairs, Herbert B. Evatt, to voice in London Thursday his belief that there will be no great lapse of time between the defeat of the axis in Europe and that of Japan "if, indeed, there will be any interval at all."

Record Bill Gets Approval

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prisons continued available) should be added to another record breaking bill, the \$27,637,000,000 navy appropriation bill given final congressional approval today.

It carries \$19,118,000,000 for new warships and auxiliary craft and other naval appropriations. Of the total, \$4,533,000,000 is for building 29,142 more fighting and training planes.

A \$2,621,000,000 appropriation bill, for the independent offices of the government, also was sent to the president. It contained only \$50,000 for the National Resources Planning board (NRPB) for the next year, but provided \$11,642,200 in salaries and expenses for the federal home loan bank administration, including the Home Owners Loan Corp. (HOLC), liquidation of which was sought by the house.

Methodists Name Corvallis Man To Church Post

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18—(AP)—Ministers in the annual conference of the Methodist church in Oregon elected Dr. Jesse Bunch, Corvallis, as delegate Friday to the general Methodist conference.

He will serve with Dr. H. Guy Goodsell, superintendent of the Portland district, elected previously.

The two also will be delegates to the western jurisdictional conference along with Dr. Silas Fairham, secretary of the Cascade district; Dr. Sydney W. Hall, Gresham; and Dr. Ray S. Dunn, Portland.

Douglas at La Grande

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 18—(AP)—Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the supreme court arrived here Friday with his family en route to the Douglas summer home in the Wallows mountains at Lapover, Ore.

Parole Violation Low

PORTLAND, June 18—(AP)—Less than 15 per cent of the men and women paroled from the Oregon state penitentiary in the last four years violated their paroles. Parole Board Director Fred Finsley told a business men's club Friday.

Stayton Prepares For Bean Harvest

Stayton is getting ready for the bean harvest, according to word received here by the US employment office. Growers interested in the Stayton Canning company

cooperative, estimating labor needs, discovered a shortage of 1700 pickers, over and above those already signed up.

While the acreage is the same as last year, favorable growing conditions lead the farmers to expect a better-than-last-year crop.

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