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By Charles F. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that the Swiss newspapers which protest the urging of the United States and Great Britain that they deny refuge to "war criminals" are on sound ground.

"We would lose one of the most essential privileges of an independent state if we bowed to foreign interference in this sphere." The admittance of persons from other states is a matter for the determination of the state itself.

Right of asylum is ancient. Greek temples were places of refuge for slaves, politicians fleeing from their enemies, and criminals. In modern times this right of political asylum has been commonly resorted to as minority leaders and revolutionists were forced to fly from their own countries.

It is reported that some authority on international law has assured President Roosevelt that the United Nations can requisition these "war criminals" from the states they may escape to. Maybe so, but the only way they could obtain their persons if the asylum state refused to honor the requisition would be to send a force in to seize the persons wanted.

Colorful personalities ranging from high-ranking army officers to "Molly Pitchers" in colonial costume are to provide part of the background for tonight's appearance in Salem of James R. Young, INS foreign correspondent, who appears in a bond-selling role at Salem's Victory center.

Planned as a snappy half hour of military band music and address by Young, the program proper commences at 7 o'clock.

Women from Salem organizations, who today are covering the town in an effort to "fill the pitchers" with bond and stamp sales, have been invited by Junior Chamber of Commerce President Pat Crossland to join young men of his organization as sales emissaries, to circulate in the audience.

The Molly Pitcher group, with members of the American Legion auxiliary leading in making of plans, have scheduled 5 o'clock this afternoon as the close of their campaign, but may enter the field anyhow tonight, it was said, and whatever they sell will be credited to their campaign.

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At Bonham, Texas, Speaker Rayburn said he had no comment on Wheeler's request to reconvene congress.

\$10-a-Year Tax on Juke Boxes Declared Unconstitutional

By RALPH C. CURTIS The "juke box" tax of \$10 a year, one feature of Rep. John Steelhammer's bill in the 1943 legislature which also provided a tax on pinball machines, all for the further enhancement of the old age assistance fund, was ruled unconstitutional Friday by a three-man panel of Multnomah county circuit judges.

500 Hours as a Ground Observer



Mrs. J. Burton Cray, 1688 E street, Friday afternoon received from Gov. Earl Snell the award which the army gives to those who have served for 500 hours as ground observers in the aircraft warning service.

Father's Day Still Oct. 1

Wheeler Seeks to Cut Recess of Congress To Override McNutt By the Associated Press War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt refused Friday to extend the draft immunity of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers beyond October 1 and Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) promptly sought to have congress summer recess cut short so efforts could be made to override the man-power chief.

McNutt told Wheeler he authorized the drafting of fathers when it became necessary after October 1 because such action was imperative to protect war industries against the loss of childless men they must keep to maintain production.

Meanwhile, national selective service headquarters reaffirmed a promise to hold off actual induction of fathers as long after October 1 as possible and to bring all states and communities to the point of drafting them at about the same time.

Wheeler, unopposed, said from Belmont, Mont. he was telegraphing requests to Senator Barkley of Kentucky, state democratic leader, and speaker Rayburn of Texas that congress be reconvened "earlier than Sept. 14" to deal with the situation.

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Mrs. Ohmart, Daughter of Pioneers, Dies

Mrs. Velleda W. Ohmart, daughter of pioneer Oregon families and native of the Salem community, died Friday at a Salem hospital after an illness of six weeks.

Over Sicily



FIRST LT. HAROLD C. LENTZ

Takes Yank Plane to Get This Yank

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(P)—The only make of plane capable of shooting down First Lieut. Harold C. Lentz is, apparently, an American one.

Although that portion of the river lies below the Pope-Talbot holdings where the raft in question was tied up to Thursday, rivermen thought that some logs from the lower river might have gone into the downriver movement Thursday and that the body might have been carried with them.

House Burns While Bean Crop Is Garnered

TALBOT, Aug. 16.—While Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martan aided a neighbor in picking of a bean crop, fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed their residence and its contents.

Judge and Bombar-Dear Entry

Lt. E. S. Weiden, Salem airbase, comes from Montana, where he was an aircraft instrument mechanic prior to enlistment. He goes back there when the war is over it will be as an air corps member, for he plans to make that his career.

Soldier's Body Found on Raft

Corpse in Willamette River Identified As Timber Wolf Man The body of a soldier, identified for the public simply as "member of the Timber Wolf division," was removed from a log raft in the Willamette river at approximately 1 p.m. Friday.

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Allies Close on Etna Line; Reds Drive Past Kharkov

Russians Gain On 2 Fronts

Zolochev Falls In South; Reds Push on Bryansk

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 7.—Russian armies breaking into the Ukraine on a 43-mile front outflanked the big German base of Kharkov Friday by capturing Zolochev, 25 miles to the north-west, in a continuing summer campaign that already has cost the Germans 120,000 killed and 12,418 prisoners.

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Yanks Mopping Up Munda Airbase Japs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Saturday, Aug. 7.—(P)—The United States jungle fighters who captured the Munda air base and crushed all organized resistance of the Japanese now have chased fleeing remnants into nearby mangrove swamps, where they are being annihilated.

Swedish Plane Shot by Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6.—(P)—Anti-aircraft fire from a German merchantman struck a Swedish fighter plane flying over the boundary between Swedish territorial waters and international waters, an official statement said Friday night.

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British Near Axis Key Point

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