

Fault in Fire Defense Here Widely Noted

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Underwriters which found no less than 24 things wrong with Salem's fire defenses, of which six had to do with water supply and have since been largely corrected, as the underwriters acknowledged in a supplemental report in 1941.

The 18 other items had to do with the fire department: some of these involved equipment and have in some instances been corrected, in others the correction awaits "the end of the duration" — as for example the recommended automatic fire alarm system.

Some increases in number of firemen were advised; the 1941 supplement acknowledged an increase but added that a change in working hours had largely nullified the benefit.

More to the point, the 1937 report declared the department had no drill equipment; as for holding drills it had this to say:

"Monthly drills for each shift at headquarters when weather is favorable consist of a short run around the block and a combined drill for engine, hose wagon and aerial ladder truck in carrying a 2 1/2-inch line over the aerial to a high balcony and operating the engine at a hydrant. Ground extension ladders are sometimes used.

"No regular drills are held at the other stations; engines are operated from hydrant or at draft occasionally. They are not tested for capacity by department members."

The 1941 supplement mentioned no reform in this matter. One other observation in the 1937 report deserves mention: "Fire methods are primitive. . . . The department is unacquainted with the modern practices of ventilation."

The report was received here early in 1938. Near the close of that year the city council passed a resolution calling upon Chief Hutton to comply with repeated recommendations of the board of fire underwriters. The resolution mentioned that "for a long term of years" reports from the underwriters "have criticized the methods, training and morale" of the fire department, and instructed Chief Hutton "to closely follow the last recommendations of the fire underwriters, particularly as to practice, training, care of equipment, supervision and the rendering of full and regular reports."

Layton Trial Will Resume On Monday
DALLAS, August 21 (Special)—The defense in the case of Richard Harry Layton, charged with first degree murder in connection with the drowning of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, of Dallas, in the Willamette river near Buena Vista on the night of June 7, will resume presentation of testimony when circuit court reconvenes Monday at 9:30 a. m.

The state rested its case Friday and introduction of defense testimony was begun. No estimate of the time required for conclusion of the defense case was available today but it was believed the trial would continue for most of the coming week.

Saturday's Statesman quoted testimony of Layton indicating "third degree" methods on the part of state police. This has been denied in other testimony. Layton testified that the state police had described to him procedures in execution, the stripping of a man to his underwear, and dropping a pellet in water. However, he did not testify, as the Statesman reported, that he had been stripped and a pill dropped in a glass of water in front of him.

Chinese Envoy To Join Talks

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Stephen Early, the president's secretary, also indicated that Mr. Roosevelt and the prime minister had been aware of the Kiska development for some time. The troops were transported by ships heavily protected by American and Canadian naval units. The bombs of allied warships joined to clear their path. Since this huge amphibious force had to spend neither bullet nor soldier in combat on Kiska, there was much discussion here as to what it might do next.

Friends Entertain Senator McNary

Salem friends of Senator Charles L. McNary entertained the well known Oregon senator and former republican candidate for the vice presidency at a dinner party Saturday evening in the Marine room of the Marion hotel.

Avenging Carrier 'Wasp' Launched by USN.



Almost twice the size of its predecessor, sunk by the Japs off Guadalcanal last September, the new 25,000-ton aircraft carrier Wasp was launched at the Fore River yards of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, Quincy, Mass. It was sponsored by Miss Julia Walsh, sister of US Senator David I. Walsh, chairman of the senate naval affairs committee. Jimmy and Bobby Burlingame of East Alton, Ill., young sons of Seaman 1/c Archie C. Burlingame, who went down with the Wasp, attended the launching of the giant flat-top. Also present was Jackie Shea, small son of Cmdr. John Shea, whose "letter to my son" before he died is a classic of this war. There has been a "Wasp" in every major war in American history. Pictured in the launching of the seventh "USS Wasp." (International Soundphoto)

Rome Raid Damage



This picture, radioed from Stockholm to New York, was obtained from a Swedish picture agency, which said it was received from an Italian agency by airmail and was described as showing damage in Rome after the August 13 raid.

The Feminine Touch in Sicily



Two US army nurses stationed at an American evacuation hospital in Sicily wear lounge robes during an off duty period as they stand in front of their tent. Left is Lieut. Bernice Kanneke, Plymouth, Ind., and at right is Frances Becker, Summit, N.J.

Where Invasion Blows May Fall



Patriots in occupied Europe (shaded areas) have been told to prepare for an allied invasion (arrows) which observers say will fall from Britain or the Mediterranean area or from both directions at once. The broadcast was directed primarily at France.

63 Jap Planes Destroyed

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A loading plant was set on fire. Warehouses and mills were damaged. A freighter in the harbor was bombed. Small surface vessels were strafed and destroyed. An enemy air transport was shot down.

On the way back, the bombers were set upon by 12 Japanese fighters, bagging two for certain and probably getting three others without loss. The safe return of all the Liberators was all the more remarkable because they had to fly each way over enemy island bases.

The determination of the Japanese to reinforce their Wewak area airdrome, despite the disasters suffered there last Tuesday and Wednesday, was clearly indicated by the raids Friday and Saturday. For in the first two raids, all but 10 enemy planes were destroyed out of a fleet of 225.

Yet Friday's raiders found more planes moved in, and Saturday's still more. "This effort to restore his air strength in New Guinea is being nullified by our continuous assault of his bases and the Wewak area again has become the scene of fierce combat," the communique said.

The communique made no reference to any change in the situation at Salamaua, where the Japanese have fallen back upon their inner defenses of that air base after being routed from ridge positions below it. Activity reported in the Solomons sector also was limited to the air. American fighter planes attacked the enemy air base in the Shortland islands below Bougainville, shooting down a float plane and setting fire on shore.

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Yanks, Aussies Shell Japs At Salamaua

By VERN HAUGLAND
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Aug. 21 (Delayed)—(AP)—Americans and Australians who drove the Japanese from jungle ridges near the Salamaua airdrome have pulled guns into position and now are firing directly upon the northeastern coastal town.

Within the past 70 hours, the Japanese have withdrawn two to four miles, giving up Roosevelt ridge near Tambu bay, on the coast south of Salamaua, and Goodview Junction near Mount Tambu. But the enemy is holding strongly on a ridge overlooking Dot inlet north of Tambu bay and on a shortened but strengthened line protecting Salamaua.

(The Aug. 22 communique from headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur made no reference to the situation at Salamaua, but the communique of Aug. 21 told of seizure of a strong line of ridge positions and said the Japanese were in full retreat toward the inner defenses of the isthmus town itself.

In the Wewak area, 350 miles above Salamaua, Mitchell bombers and P-38s shot down at least 33 enemy planes and destroyed a number on the ground.

(The Aug. 22 communique said 34 were set afire on the ground in addition to 33 shot down, making a total of more than 300 enemy planes destroyed at Wewak since Tuesday.)

At Wewak, a Japanese barge, power launch and a number of gun positions were destroyed. At the airdrome of But, 27 miles northwest of Wewak, fragmentation bombs burst among 22 bombers on the field. Six fires were started on one side of the strip and 12 to 15 planes were left burning.

US Bombs Save Burma

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The crippling effect of bombing attacks by the 10th United States airforce has prevented Japanese exploitation of Burma or its use as an invasion base against India, Capt. Clark E. Johnston reported Saturday.

Just back after 14 months with the 10th air force in India, Johnston said that North American B25 Mitchell bombers are used to attack trains, warehouses and other Japanese military targets from altitudes as low as five feet.

Fire Destroys Blacksmith Shop

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 21 (Special)—The blacksmith shop and machine shed belonging to George Giesemeyer, one-half mile southwest of Mt. Angel, were destroyed by fire which broke out from an undetermined cause, about 7 p. m. Saturday. The Mt. Angel fire department prevented spread of the flames to other buildings on Giesemeyer's property.

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—Ray Skinner was cited by police today for driving a city trolley bus 54 miles an hour.

War price and ration board No. 10 immediately suspended Skinner's personal "A" and "B" gasoline ration books for five days.

'Do We Still Hold Danzig?' Germans Ask

By FRANK O'BRIEN

ISTANBUL, Aug. 15 (Delayed) (AP)—"Do we still hold Danzig?" was reported to have become the sarcastic slogan of Germans under the hall of allied high explosive and phosphorous incendiary bombs.

A German who recently arrived here told a friend that Germans who meet among the ruins of their homes and factories now greet one another with that question of whether Germany still holds her original war objective, the once free port of the Baltic.

The catch phrase reportedly developed after an aged professor in Hamburg, when dug out of his smashed home, asked, "Do we still hold Hamburg?"

The traveler told his friend that most Germans now are convinced that the war is lost but are determined to fight on to the end because "we would rather die than surrender and work in the Russian mines."

Salem Man Dietrich's Son-in-Law

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21 (AP)—Marie Elizabeth Sieber, daughter of Film Actress Mariene Dietrich, and Dean Goodman, drama student and receiving clerk in a Los Angeles men's furnishing store, were married late today by Dr. James Hamilton Lash, pastor of the Hollywood Congregational church.

They obtained a license this morning. She gave her age 18. Goodman, native of Salem, Ore., said he was 23.

"I wish them every happiness," said Miss Dietrich. The couple met two months ago when he appeared in a play in Hollywood. Last January Miss Sieber announced her engagement to Richard Haydn, British actor, but she said at the license bureau: "We broke that some time ago."

Mr. and Mrs. Dean T. Goodman, sr., 1520 State street, received a telegram Saturday afternoon from their son, advising them of his marriage.

A graduate of Salem high school in 1937, young Goodman was active in dramatic and radio work at the University of Washington. After leaving the university he spent a year in Hollywood, later returning to Seattle. In 1942 he went to Los Angeles and while there was inducted into the army. In July of this year while serving at Camp Roberts he received a medical discharge and took up residence in Hollywood where he is employed in a men's furnishings store but has continued his dramatic work.

Allies Take Kiska, Find Japs Gone

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ings with direct hits and set off many fires at Gertrude Cove and North Head in the main camp and north of Reynard Point. Sometime shortly thereafter the Japanese escaped, for two days later when American and Canadian troops made their landings no enemy forces were found on Kiska. Japs presumably sided the remnants of their garrison, once estimated at 10,000 men. But the navy, in offering that supposition, was careful to qualify, saying:

"It is not known how the Japanese got away, but it is possible that enemy surface ships were able to reach Kiska under cover of the heavy fog that has been prevalent."

Capture of Kiska—elimination of the Japanese in the Aleutians—opens the way now for renewed assaults on Paramushiro, principal Japanese naval base at the northern end of the Kurile island chain of which Japan itself is a part, as well as other bases.

New Plane Sets Record

NEW YORK, August 21 (AP)—The Curtiss-Wright corporation said Saturday that the longest non-stop flight of a single-engine military aircraft in history—1300 miles, from Midway island to Honolulu—was completed recently without incident.

The company, which stated its announcement was made with war department approval, said 22 fighter pilots under command Lt. Col. Aaron Tyler took part in the flight, and that the planes used were Curtiss (P-40) fighter planes equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks. It took six and one-half hours to cover the 1300 miles.

Yank Airman Without Legs Will Fly Again

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, August 21 (AP)—Plucky Lieut.-Col. Graham West, American Spitfire group commander who had both legs blown off in an airfield accident two months ago in Tunisia, is going to fly again.

Thanks to Lieut.-Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the Northwest African Airforce, who sent him to England where a famous surgeon fitted him with artificial limbs, the 31-year-old Portland, Ore., officer will be able to take over the controls once more.

Col. West, one of the best known American fliers in the Mediterranean theater, was helping to stamp out a grass fire when a booby-trapped enemy plane parked on the field exploded.

When he regained consciousness in a hospital and found that both his legs were gone, he said: "I don't want to go home, I will fly again. That's all I want to do."

Pioneer Trail Meeting Ends

PORTLAND, Aug. 21 (AP)—The American Pioneer Trails association convention ended Saturday with delegates visiting Champoux and Oregon City, sites of the first provisional government in the Oregon Territory.

Delegates also planned to visit tomorrow the Puyallup, Wash., home of Pioneer Ezra Meeker, who started the movement to mark memorially the historic Old Oregon Trail. The trail's centennial is being celebrated this year.

BALTIMORE (AP)—Add signs of the times: Fifty men and women bid vigorously at a downtown auction for a bicycle-built-for-two.

It went to an elderly gentleman who nodded when the auctioneer asked: "Do I hear \$52?"

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