

Ten years ago about the last thing anyone would suggest as a possible industry for Salem would be an alumina plant.

The story of how it arrives is a long one. It began when the Bonneville administration, with big gobs of power coming on, sought possible consumers and hit upon the light metals as the best bet.

Private and commercial and public agencies of the northwest cooperated to locate in the northwest a plant to reduce alumina from native clays.

The vast sea lane between the two island lifelines is considered the most probable area for a major sea battle.

From Cottage Grove to Seattle chambers of commerce united to reverse this adverse decision of W.P.B. The congressional delegations of the two states named a special committee headed by Congressman Angell of Portland.

Fall of Samos To Germans Said Imminent

LONDON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The Allies appeared tonight to be about to write off a small but costly experimental campaign against the relatively weak perimeter of the German island defenses off Greece.

The fall of Samos, last Aegean island of consequence still in Allied hands, was by every sign imminent.

The Germans' capture of nearby Leroc, announced Wednesday, cost them casualties greater than the total British force employed.

"In casualties alone," he said "the Germans lost as many as our total force employed. And in breaking up German convoys we have caused irreparable losses because Germany has no fresh supply of shipping from which to draw."

Salem Police Hunt For Boise Men, Murder Charge

Police of this area Thursday were asked to notify the public to aid in apprehension of two young men, wanted in Boise, Idaho, to face murder charges.

Albert Vercauteren, 24 to 28 years old, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 160 pounds, is described as of medium build, dark complexion, slow of speech, his hand tattooed with a "Remember Pearl Harbor" design and a ring. His companion, name unknown, is said to be 19 to 20 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight 170 pounds, medium heavy build, light complexion. The two left Boise on November 13, according to Merlin J. Francis, sheriff in Cascade, Idaho.

Japan Reserves Fleet

Allies Believe Navy, Air Power Held for Lifeline

By C. YATES McDANIEL, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Japan probably will hold the remaining bulk of her battered but still formidable navy in reserve until allied naval formations venture in force into the 1500 mile wide stretch of the Pacific lying between her principal north-south island lifelines.

Or she may wait until the war reaches Japan's home waters. And there is the possibility that an allied seaborne attack in force in the central Pacific might lure the Japanese battle fleet into action.

This air assistance could restore to some extent Japan's fleet balance which has been knocked out of line by repeated Allied naval and air victories. Allied announcements list some 340 Japanese warships as sunk or damaged, including 155 damaged.

This total represents more than the 200 ships Japan was known to have in service or almost ready for duty at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Japan's first class aircraft carrier strength has almost certainly been reduced by more than the three vessels whose outright destruction has been officially reported. Allied reports list three carriers sunk, three probably sunk and one possibly sunk.

Official Allied figures available here, including all major actions in the Pacific, list 47 or 48 Japanese Cruisers as sunk, three Cruisers or Destroyers, 80 to 83 Destroyers, and four Seaplane carriers. In addition to the capital ships, these figures do not include submarine actions and a few more recent central or north Pacific actions.

By VERN HAUGLAND, ADM. WILLIAM F. HALSEY'S SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, Friday, Nov. 18.—(AP)—American warships, flaunting an implied challenge at the naval might of Rabaul, have ventured less than 200 miles from the Japanese fortress for the second time this month to shell enemy air bases on Buka at the northern tip of Bougainville.

Wickman Hurt As Train Hits Automobile

J. A. Wickman, 1960 Center street, who trainmen said failed to beat a train to the State and 12th street crossing early Thursday night and then made an unsuccessful attempt to drive ahead of and around it, is at Salem Deaconess hospital.

In addition to a cut on the head, Wickman may have sustained back or neck injuries, it was said. The accident occurred at 7:21 p. m. Thursday a short distance south of the crossing.

Southern Pacific train 1-23, southbound, with A. Coffin, Portland, as conductor; H. A. McLaughlin and L. L. Smith, Portland, as engineer and fireman, respectively, struck Wickman's sedan and came to a stop 24 paces south of the south stop sign on 12th street near State street.

Postwar Planning Need Is Enhanced By Alumina Plant

By RALPH C. CURTIS Assurance that extensive industrial development lies ahead for Salem, underscored by Wednesday's announcement that construction here of an alumina-from-clay plant costing in excess of \$4,000,000 has been approved by officials of the war production board though it was evidenced earlier by revelation of the American Can company's factory construction plans and by the known existence of other projects not yet ready for formal announcement, enhances rather than eliminates the community's need for "postwar planning."

Such is the opinion of some members, if not all, of the committee already at work on a postwar program following appointment some weeks ago by Mayor I. M. Doughton. The alumina plant decision, possibly the most momentous single item of industrial news affecting Salem in two decades, is calculated to make clearer to the larger "postwar projects development committee" which has been summoned to meet for the first time next Monday at the Salem chamber of commerce, the nature of the community's postwar problems; not primarily unemployment relief, but anticipation of serious, vital needs related to the expansion which lies ahead.

Daniel J. Fry, chairman of the postwar planning committee, declared Thursday that this had been from the beginning his version of the committee's task, but agreed that the previous day's announcement tended to confirm that viewpoint and clarify the job ahead. "City planning" on a long-range basis rather than stop-gap job-making projects, is in his opinion the need.

The meeting of the larger committee, composed of three delegates from each of a number of civic and patriotic organizations including the president of each such agency—with the exception that there will be a delegation of five from the central labor council—is expected to be characterized by discussion of the task's broader aspects rather than development of a definite list of projects, Fry indicated.

One speaker definitely scheduled is William M. Tugman, Eugene newspaperman who has been active in development of the ambitious "Lane county plan" which has attracted more than statewide attention. Dr. Victor Morris, chairman of the Oregon postwar readjustment and development commission, also has been invited, as well as John Kelly, that agency's executive secretary.

House Okehs Pre-War Dads Last in Draft

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The house voted unanimously today to put pre-war fathers at the bottom of the draft pool.

The legislation, approved after less than half an hour of debate amid predictions that few, if any, pre-war fathers will be needed after the first of the year, was sent to a recessed senate where its overwhelming approval is expected Monday.

It does not prohibit the induction of pre-war fathers but it does require that they be called only after the nationwide pool of available non-fathers has been exhausted. Available non-fathers are those not deferred for occupational or other reasons.

By prohibiting the induction of men because of their occupations, the legislation in effect nullifies a recent war manpower commission order listing certain occupations as non-deferrable regardless of the dependency status of the occupant.

In drafting this specific prohibition, the house military committee said the purpose was to prevent induction for occupational reasons of any individual before the time he normally would have been called.

The measure also would strip the WMC of all authority in administering the selective service act by giving the president the choice of administering the act himself or delegating authority to the director of selective service. It would not prevent the draft director from re-delegating such authority.

The bill puts draft quotas on a nationwide basis. To be considered a father under the legislation, a man must have been married prior to December 8, 1941, and have a child or children born before September 15, 1942.

Senate Stamp Dates Announced by OPA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The dates five more sets of brown stamps in ration book three will become valid for meat-fat purchases were announced today by the office of price administration as follows: Stamp Q will be good December 19, R December 26, S January 2, T January 9, and U January 16. Q expires January 1, the others January 29.

British Bomb Berlin

US Fliers Raid Maintenance Depot Near Oslo

By GLADWIN HILL, LONDON, Friday, Nov. 19 (AP)—Britain's heavy bombers were reported in a DNE broadcast today to have attacked Berlin with fire and explosive bombs last night as the climax of three days of massive operations by RAF and American squadrons concentrating on vital components of the Nazi war machine.

The night assault followed up a smashing daylight raid by unescorted US Liberators on the Germans' biggest Norwegian airplane repair and maintenance depot at Kjeller, outside Oslo.

The Nazi broadcast, recorded by the ministry of information, suggested that the attack on Berlin was made in force. "British bomber formations flew in over northwestern Germany under cover of unfavorable weather conditions and attacked Berlin as well as a few other localities with high explosives and incendiary bombs," it said.

Nazi night fighters were reported to have taken off immediately and with the aid of ground defenses, "prevented the British Terror Bombers" from concentrating on the heart of the capital.

A majority of the bombs were declared dropped on densely populated suburbs and it was said that "reports already have come in that several British bombers were shot down."

The Transocean News Agency, in a later broadcast, said the operation was "on a broad front" extending from the Baltic to central Germany.

In the last heavy RAF raid on Berlin, August 23, 58 British bombers were lost. RAF Mosquitos have attacked the capital numerous times since then.

The US daylight blow was another precision attack, meant to wipe out a vital component of the Nazi war machine. Nine of the heavy bombers failed to complete the arduous 1,200-mile round trip, but Sweden announced that three had landed on her neutral soil, with crews uninjured.

Returning flyers reported that the long row of buildings comprising the repair depot, only 11 miles northeast of the Norwegian capital, erupted in giant explosions.

The bomber gunners shot down eight German fighters. The daylight British-based operation spread the weight of Allied air power in the short space of 12 hours across more than 1,000 miles of enemy territory, from the cold Scandinavian Fjords to Greece.

Last night, the RAF sent cascades of high explosives down on the German inland port of Ludwigshafen, the site of the world's largest chemical works, while Mosquitos, for the third time in a week, hit Berlin and other western Germany targets. Far to the south, northwest African army air force Flying Fortresses and Mitchell's raided the Athens airfield for the third consecutive day.

Stockholm dispatches said Oslo was kept under an air raid alarm for 90 minutes during Thursday's operations, although no aircraft were seen there.

There was an indication tonight that the RAF was out again to pummel European targets. Many Nazi-dominated radio went silent, including Deutschlandsender, the main Berlin area radio; the Prague radio in Czechoslovakia, and stations in Luxembourg, Bremen, Friesland, Hilversum, and Calais.

Resigning?



Marshal Henri Petain is rumored to have written his resignation as chief of state, to become effective unless his wish to summon a "democratic" parliament is granted, according to high Vichy sources. The report had not been confirmed Thursday in high French circles but it was said negotiations still were under way in an effort to prevail upon the aged marshal to change his mind.

Eighth Artillery Smashes Nazi Plans, Sangro

By NOLAN NORGAARD, ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 18.—(AP)—German preparations for a counterattack along the middle sector of the Sangro river front were smashed yesterday by the concentrated fire of Eighth army artillery, while continued heavy rains converted many rivers and creeks along the Italian battle line into raging torrents.

Diverged from Italian targets by the unfavorable weather, American Flying Fortresses and B-25 Mitchells again turned their wrath against important enemy airbases in the Athens area.

Two allied craft were lost during the day against the certain destruction of five German planes. The only important ground action along the rain-soaked and cold Italian front came east of the Sangro river in the vicinity of the villages of Archi and Perano, which are a mile apart and three miles northwest of Ateesa. Here (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Fence Case Set on Docket December 3

The case of Earl C. Bushnell, building inspector for the city of Salem, versus Philip Steinbock, salvage depot operator, comes to trial before a jury in municipal court at 1:30 p. m. Friday, December 3. Announcement of the date was made Thursday by Municipal Judge Alfred Mundt.

Involving right of Steinbock to construct and maintain a 10-foot board fence in a restricted building zone, Bushnell, now plaintiff in the action, granted Steinbock the permit to construct the fence after the council had authorized the action.

Two weeks later a letter of complaint from residents of the district was brought before the council and that body acted to cancel the permit, with the stipulation that construction could continue only if the emergency paragraph of the building code could be construed in such a way as to legalize the maintenance of the fence.

The city attorney declared no portion of the code could be so construed and Steinbock said that the right once granted could not be so summarily withdrawn.

Chinese Push Across Burma

NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 18 (AP)—American-trained and equipped Chinese troops have penetrated 20 to 30 miles deeper into extreme northern Burma across mountain chasms and jungle since October 26, a communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

Advancing in front of American units building a supply road from India to China's Burma road, the Chinese pushed south along the Hukwang valley. They now hold the north banks of the Chindwin river and the Tarsung, a northern tributary.

Red Army Splits German Forces, Takes Korosten

Narrows Enemy's Escape Route From Gomel, Topples Rechitsa, Stalin Reveals

By JUDSON O'QUINN, LONDON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The red army split the German forces in white Russia and the northern Ukraine today by capturing the important rail junction of Korosten, and also narrowed the enemy's escape corridor from imperilled Gomel to less than 25 miles by toppling the protective stronghold of Rechitsa after a furious three-day battle.

Two orders of the day by Marshal-Premier Joseph Stalin announced the twin victories below and above the Pripyet marshes. They were broadcast by Moscow and recorded by the soviet monitor.

The last north-south railway available to the Germans, the Leningrad-Odessa railway 60 miles short of the pre-war Polish border, was cut at Korosten late yesterday after a two-day struggle by Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces which already had effectively split the enemy's forces in the southern and northern Ukraine by taking Zhitomir, 45 miles below Korosten.

Recovering from Wednesday's slight retreat in the Zhitomir sector, the Russians also beat down heavy German counterattacks between there and Korosten, inflicting huge losses on Field Marshal Gen. Erich von Manstein's tank and infantry forces, the daily communique said.

A night attack routed the enemy from Rechitsa, 100 miles across the Pripyet marshes northeast of Korosten, and only 25 miles west of Gomel on the railway to Warsaw. The Russians also moved westward 25 miles to take Vasilevichi.

Vasilevichi is only 22 miles northeast of Kalinkovichi, another junction on the Leningrad-Odessa railway 98 miles north of fallen Korosten.

Moscow dispatches told of a new oddity in the Rechitsa attack—German troops retreating in the opposite direction from Berlin.

The Rechitsa garrison was hurried eastward across the Dnieper river by troops under Gen. Constantin Rokossovsky, who stopped cold the brief German summer offensive last July near Belgorod in a prelude to the massive red army counter-offensive which has not yet halted.

The enemy units were thrown into the arms of their own Gomel troops between the Dnieper and Sozh rivers for either a last-ditch fight or a retreat northward along the railway running to Zhitobin.

German radio broadcasts recorded by The Associated Press declared additional ground was regained by the axis in the Zhitomir area where several Russian localities were recaptured by the Germans Wednesday. The fall of Korosten, however, should enable the Russians to divert more power to its forces holding that area.

Berlin told of "bitter hand-to-hand fighting in pouring rain" near Orsha in upper White Russia, and said the red army was attacking southwest of Nevel in its outflanking move in Vitebsk. The Russians last were reported within 15 miles of both Orsha and Vitebsk.

New Subsidy Plan Launched

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The Government launched a new subsidy program tonight to hold bread prices down to present levels while permitting millers to pay higher prices for wheat.

Stabilization director Fred M. Vinson announced the program, to cost "no more than \$9,000,000 a month," while at the capitol a coalition of democrats and republicans in the house pushed ahead with a campaign to kill all subsidies after January 1.

Under the Vinson-approved plan, wheat flour millers would pay as high as parity prices for wheat, should the market reach that level, and at the same time continue to sell flour for no more than the ceiling prices now in effect.

The date on which payments will become effective will be announced later, Vinson said. The reconstruction finance corporation has been asked to provide funds for the subsidy and to administer the program.

Turkey Gives Allied Nations Sub Rosa Aid

By WILLIAM B. KING, ANKARA, Turkey, Nov. 17.—(AP)—(Delayed)—Turkey is giving sub rosa assistance to the allied armed forces which closely approximate that which the United States gave Britain in the months before Pearl Harbor, and is moving toward war with the axis.

The secret aid, details of which cannot be disclosed, is rapidly carrying the nation toward a war footing.

There is little doubt that her course has been set and that Turkey will become a full-fledged fighting member of the United Nations, probably by spring.

Continued Turkish aid to the allies might lead to a token attack by the nazis on Turkish soil and bring the whole gathering storm into the open.

The Moscow conference was so obviously a turning point in the war that Turkey, I believe, feels it is politically necessary that she turn from her role of neutrality, even though that role has been of tremendous benefit to the allies.

If Turkey grants air and naval bases to the allies it will be tantamount to open warfare. This doubtless will not be done until Turkey's coast and large gas cities are full protected against aerial assault.

Turkey already has developed elaborate airports and landing fields which hardly need more than the arrival of allied bombing planes, and their crews to be transformed into bases for far-reaching operations against axis-held territory. Turkey's army, made up of some of the bravest soldiers in the world, probably could not go into action before spring in any event, since the winter in Thrace is not fighting weather.

Republicans Seek National Post for Lefor

Fifteen delegates named Thursday night from Marion county's Young Republican club will attend the state YR meeting in Portland on December 4, primed to elect from their club's membership a national committeeman, the assistant state chairman and at least one other member of the state executive board.

Adam Lefor, who is a past state chairman, a post he filled from Lane county, is their candidate for the national committeeman's post, while George Neuner, assistant state attorney general, will be backed for the assistant chairman's post. Douglas Yeater, Salem business man whom fellow club members would like to see elected treasurer of the state organization, last night modestly consented to be a candidate for board membership. Sam Speersta, retiring state chairman, is from the salem club.

Delegates elected to represent the organization at the one-day session are: Marguerite Shelton, Douglas Yeater, Marjorie Price, Georgiana Clark, Adam Lefor, Paul Heath, George Neuner, Charles Heitzel, Francis Smith, Ralph Johnson, Elmer Church, Jack Spang, C. S. Emmons, Colby Marsters and Isabel Childs.

By panel discussion method, with two or three leaders representing varying lines of thought, the organization will consider at its December 7 meeting taxes as a curb for inflation. That session will be open to the public, it is now planned.