

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

A few nights ago I was visiting with a woman, one on whom age sits so lightly it may never be said that she is old.

They do a thorough job of it in New York and New England. Farther west, earth, straw or leaves may be banked up against the side of the house and batted down with boards or posts.

For the benefit of those who have memories of preparing for eastern winters and those who do not know how mild our Oregon winters are in comparison I reprint the Times' editorial:

"When October's flaming colors have given way to November's browns, when the harvest is safely under cover in barn and crib, and when the parlor stove has been set again on its square of zinc in the living room, then the time has come to bank the house against the cold and winds of winter.

Navy to Save 5 Billion; Tax Estimate Hit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—(AP)—Capitol Hill heard tonight that the navy may find it unnecessary to spend \$5,000,000,000 of its funds for this fiscal year.

Last night it was disclosed that the army will not use \$13,163,519,000 of the \$71,000,000,000 given it to spend in the fiscal twelve-month.

Rep. Taber of New York, ranking republican on the house appropriations committee, said he expected navy savings of \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

Chairman Cochran (D-Mo), of the appropriations committee said the armed forces' fiscal position reflects "a very favorable condition on the front as far as supplies and material are concerned."

Treasury officials insisted that the need for additional taxes is not lessened by the army's report of its financial condition.

Nevertheless, many members of congress interpreted the development as taking off some of the pressure for additional revenue. It (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Third Train-Car Wreck Reported; Kleins Injured

AUMSVILLE, Nov. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klein and two small children escaped serious injury, but their car was badly wrecked when struck by a train at the crossing here early Thursday night.

Mrs. Klein sustained a broken rib and Klein a cut on the forehead. Neither their daughter, Donna Lee, nor their four-month-old son was injured. The family was en route to the bazaar at the schoolhouse when the accident occurred at approximately 7:30 o'clock.

The Aumsville accident was the third train-car mishap reported in the Salem area during an eight-hour period.

Hereford Breeders Accept LaGrande Bid

LEWISTON, Idaho, Nov. 19—(AP)—The Northwest Hereford Breeders' association voted to accept the invitation of La Grande, Oregon's representatives to hold the fall sales annually at the Oregon city at its meeting last night.

E. H. Ford, La Grande city manager, and Bob Ball, secretary of the chamber of commerce, told the association members that they would start construction immediately of a sales arena at the fairgrounds which would accommodate 500 head of cattle and 1000 people.

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Germany Hit By 3rd Raid

1000 Bombers Leave Berlin Reeling, Blazing; American Fortresses Stage Day Attacks

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Carrying the current allied air offensive to new heights, the RAF's heavy bombers were on a third night in succession.

The target was not in the first brief official announcement.

Only the night before a powerful force of British bombers, possibly 1000, left Berlin reeling and blazing under the impact of 2500 long tons of bombs.

A few hours before, American Flying Fortresses kept rolling the daylight side of what appeared to be an all-out air offensive to obliterate Nazi war sinews with an attack on unspecified targets in western Germany.

Although the Germans admittedly are pulling back fighters from the Russian front to protect the homeland, the Fortresses did not meet a single fighter and returned without loss.

After two months of mild stings by Mosquito bombers, Berlin rumbled under the full weight of allied air might last night. The four-engined bombers sent more than 350 blockbusters weighing 4480 pounds each crashing down on the Nazi capital.

More than 12 hours after the big Berlin raid, the German high command indicated fires still were raging in the city in a brief broadcast announcement which said "the Anglo-American raid started conflagrations but these have now been brought under control."

Late reports from Stockholm said traffic in Berlin was paralyzed and that the raid was one of the heaviest yet to hit the German capital. The reports said the (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Victory Ship To Be Named For Barnes

PORTLAND, Nov. 19—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser's record breaking Oregon Shipbuilding corporation today laid the keel of the first of the new Victory ships which eventually will supplant Victory freighters throughout the nation.

Work on the new hull, which will be launched in mid-January, began immediately after the Segundo Luis Belvis, the ward's 296th Liberty, named for a Puerto Rican abolitionist, slid into the Willamette river.

Yard officials announced that two of the 26 Liberties still to be built will be named for Oregonians — Ralph W. Barnes, late war correspondent from Salem, and James Stuart, former University of Oregon dean.

The first will be launched November 27 and the second December 13. The family of Barnes, a New York Herald-Tribune correspondent killed in a plane crash in Yugoslavia in 1940, lives in Salem.

Oregon Bond Quota To Be Set Nov. 25; Gard Urges Volunteers

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19—(AP)—Oregon's quota for the fourth loan drive is expected to be announced November 25, E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee, said tonight at a dinner in his honor.

Gov. Earl Snell was host and guests included 36 county chairmen of the bond sales organization. Oregonians could invest \$200,000,000 in the fourth war loan if necessary, Giles French, Moro, hold county war bond chairman meeting here to plan the January campaign.

James Gard, Salem, urged increased use of volunteer salesmen. Best records in Marion county, of which he is war bond chairman, were made by inexperienced but enthusiastic solicitors, he said.

WPB Lifts Restrictions On Use of Wools

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—(AP)—The war production board today lifted restrictions on the use of wool in the production of clothing, draperies and upholstery fabrics. Only exceptions are: The use of finer grades of alpaca is banned except for military purposes, and only carpet wool and mohair are permitted for the manufacture of floor coverings.

Russians Give Up Zhitomir

Red Army Drops Paratroopers To Take Junction

By JUDSON O'QUINN LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Russians lost Zhitomir, the red army's westernmost threat to Poland and Rumania, yesterday in their first major reverse in four months, but the red army dropped troops from the skies for a new crossing of the Dnieper and captured another rail junction 70 miles north of Zhitomir.

Evacuating Zhitomir before a concentrated German counter-attack by perhaps 150,000 men, the Russians abandoned a strategic center they had captured only a week ago.

The Moscow midnight communique supplement, recorded from a broadcast by the Soviet monitor, failed to mention Zhitomir, which the earlier war bulletin said had been evacuated to obtain better defensive positions.

The Germans announced their first sizeable victory in Russia since July a few hours after the Russians had admitted their own retreat. A Berlin radio broadcast said the nazis captured a large number of soviet weapons and prisoners.

Meanwhile Russian airborne units, aided by guerrillas, struck an unexpected blow at the Germans, crossing the Dnieper between Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk and storming up to the town of Cherkas amid Nazi confusion. Two thousand Germans were reported killed in the assault aimed at flanking the Germans holding out to the south in the Dnieper bend.

Other airborne troops captured Ovruch, 25 miles north of Korosten and severed another rail link between Germany's forces in White Russia and the Ukraine. They captured trains and other (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Eighth Army Moves to Archi; Athens Blasted

By NOLAND NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 19—(AP)—Units of Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army fought through rain and rough country to win new high ground north of the village of Archi near the Adriatic end of the Italian battle line, the allied command announced today, while American bombers practically completed destruction of the Germans' Eleusis airfield near Athens.

There was a slight improvement in the weather, but the front remained relatively quiet. Rivers still were flooded to record heights and there was no question of a mass movement of troops by either side. Artillery duelled intermittently and patrols fought brisk actions at many points. Heavy equipment was hopelessly bogged down.

(The German international information bureau said, however, that Gen. Montgomery had brought into line "massive forces in the coastal region." The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, noted the arrival in the fighting area along the Sangro river of "armored formations and infantry groups.")

(The Nazi propaganda agency said the British attacks near Archi were interpreted as an indication of "a full-scale attack for which the left wing of the German defensive front appears to be the objective.")

An official map of the present fighting line released by headquarters today disclosed that the front had undergone virtually no change in the past two weeks.

Gored by Deer

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19—(AP)—Thomas N. Crane, 81, route one, Molalla, a caretaker at Wilhoit mineral springs, was gored by a deer today as he entered the animal's pen. Crane was brought to a Portland hospital where his condition was reported improved tonight.

Samos Next?



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Nazis Said Planning to Police France

MADRID, Nov. 19—(AP)—French newspapers arrived here tonight carrying official German military and police communiques which seemed to make it clear the nazis mean to take over the policing of France whether Marshal Petain is induced to cooperate or not.

A battle between Petain and his chief of government, Pierre Laval, brought into the open by the Nazi-dominated French press while the Germans prepare hastily to take over if Vichy collapses, appeared to have come to a head over Petain's being forced to cancel a speech last Saturday.

Action Francaise published an appeal for new Quislings and informers. The appeal, signed by the chief of German "security" police in Lyon and the Rhone valley district, offered 100,000-franc rewards to Frenchmen supplying data causing the arrest of "terrorists" and guaranteed the informers "absolute discretion."

Spanish correspondents in Paris reported the Vichy government had called off the nightly black-out in at least one French city on grounds that the underground and guerrilla peril exceeded that of allied bombings.

(Meanwhile CBS quoted a message from Madrid as saying that "Thousands of people in France are fleeing from towns" which were warned by allied broadcasts that a new aerial campaign against Nazi war industries in France would be launched shortly.)

Market to Feature Thanksgiving Fare

No matter what happens in the Balkans, there will be turkey for Thanksgiving on the tables of 50 Salem families. A promise to offer a half hundred of the favored fowl, average weight 13 pounds, at today's public market was made last week by one producer who has been among the farmers selling at the open-air pavilions on Marion square.

Vegetables and fruits of varieties suitable for the traditional feast are also to be featured at today's market, last of the calendar year.

Big and in Action for Allies



The mighty 35,000 ton battleship Richieu, pride of the French navy, steamed into the Brooklyn, N.Y. navy yard not so long ago to undergo repairs, but today she has arrived in full fighting trim at Algiers to resume her place in the struggle against the axis.

Subsidy Showdown Is Due Monday in House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—(AP)—Backing for continued consumer food subsidies came from the League of Women Voters today, while a powerful house coalition drove on toward a climactic showdown Monday in its fight to outlaw such payments.

The resolution also declared the league "is appalled at the extent to which the interests of the country are being betrayed by political leaders who yield to the demands of special interest groups."

The house completed general debate late today, and took the weekend off to think over the arguments of opposing forces with the likelihood that several compromise amendments will be offered—and defeated—Monday before a vote is reached on the bill itself.

The measure, in two parts, would give a new lease on life to the Commodity Credit corporation, but would prohibit use of any government funds for consumer subsidies. President Roosevelt's chief weapon for holding down food prices.

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Portland AFL Defies Murnser

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M. K. Forte and Hugh Fagan, supporters of Tom Ray, who was ordered by Circuit Judge E. M. Page to relinquish his post as financial secretary and business agent, refused to deliver the union's keys or books to Murnser.

The two men claimed the local's governing board had elected them last night to succeed Ray.

Wilson Agrees To Stay With WPB

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—(AP)—Charles E. Wilson has agreed to stick with his job as executive vice chairman of the war production board until President Roosevelt releases him.

Wilson, whose desk is piled with telegrams from aircraft producers, war contractors and industrial groups urging him to stay on, gave this pledge, it was learned today, to James F. Byrnes, head of the office of war mobilization.

Workmen In Aluminum Ask Pay Boost

By the Associated Press ALUMINUM workers joined the CIO march for higher pay Friday, asking a 15-cents-an-hour increase which would crack the little steel formula of the war labor board.

Representatives of the aluminum workers, saying their demands "are in common with the unanimous sentiments of the recent CIO convention," voted at Pittsburgh yesterday "to see to it that our members receive full compensation in cash for the failure of our government to hold the line on the price front."

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Conference Opens On Rehabilitation Of Disabled Vets

Vocational rehabilitation of veterans with non-service-connected disabilities and disabled civilian defense personnel is being discussed at a conference attended by representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, which opened Friday and will continue today at the state capitol.

The meeting was called by Frank J. Clayton, Pacific coast regional agent for vocational rehabilitation, federal security agency, to prepare plans of operation. Members of the armed forces who are discharged due to non-service-connected disabilities which have resulted in vocational handicap will be trained while on duty in civilian defense activities or while working for non-military government agencies.

Carrier Planes Drop 90 Tons Bombs, Nauru

Ship Set Afire, Aircraft Destroyed on Japanese Phosphate Producing Island

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 19—(AP)—Extending the scope of the six-day-old central Pacific air offensive, carrier based planes dropped 90 tons of bombs on Nauru, Japanese island base 700 miles northeast of Guadalcanal, Thursday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Expanding operations 500 miles west of the Gilbert islands which, with the Marshalls, have been pounded daily since last Saturday, several squadrons of bombers and torpedo planes kindled fires on the airdrome and shop areas, destroyed several grounded planes and set a ship ablaze at Nauru.

Vichy France Said Trying To Keep Petain

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 19—(AP)—Information leaking across the French frontier tonight said that a number of Marshal Petain's close friends, including three generals, had been arrested after the 87-year-old chief of state offered his resignation in protest against thwarting his plan to promulgate a democratic constitution.

"Vichy France"—which meant Pierre Laval and the Germans—was said to be exerting every effort to keep Petain in office. A speech, which Petain intended to make over the radio but which was barred by the Germans, would have been an attempt to renounce Laval as his successor, and put power in the hands of a national assembly, trusted advisers said.

The marshal was said to have told friends that he sought a way out whereby a revolution between the Vichy regime and the French committee of national liberation could be avoided.

The Journal De Geneve (Geneva) published today what it described as the text of the speech Petain had prepared for broadcasting last Saturday night, including the decree the marshal (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Churches Start Clothing Drive

Clothing which will be eagerly accepted and put to use by the suffering people of war-ravaged lands, even though it has been discarded by the world's best-dressed people, Americans, will be collected in Salem starting next Monday in a campaign sponsored by the city's churches, it was determined at a meeting of ministers with C. W. Paulus, chairman of the county salvage committee, Friday, at the chamber of commerce.

At 8:30 a.m. today the representatives of service clubs, the schools and other agencies who met Wednesday night will meet again with the salvage committee chairman to work out details of cooperation with the churches.

Following today's meeting, detailed information as to the public's share in the program will be announced, including the location of collection centers and specific description of the types of garments and rags wanted.

Germany Take More Islands In Aegean

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE LONDON, Nov. 19—(AP)—The Germans claimed the occupation of four more pin-point Aegean islands today in a creeping counter-offensive along the sea line before Greece, while the allied air arm fell with methodical violence across the Balkans from Salonika to the Yugoslav coast.

In yet another Balkan arena the Yugoslav patriot army of Gen. Josip Broz (Tito) cut tirelessly at the nazis in far-separated fighting areas.

Adolf Hitler's command, expanding yet more of forces so badly needed elsewhere, announced a victory to follow its recovery of the Dodecanese islands of Cos and Leros—seizure of the outlying islets of Patmos, Ikaris, Furni and Lipsos, the military significance of which is not clear.

The situation on the more important island of Samos, the last in the Aegean to remain under allied standards, was in doubt, but German broadcasts indicated allied resistance there was still strong and implied that some of the allied forces taken off Cos and Leros had gone in to support the Samos garrison.

The allied northwest African air force made heavy bombing attacks on the Larissa airfield near Athens, and on German shipping along the Yugoslav coast.

Eight fires sprang up on Larissa among grounded German planes. At Eleusis, which was hit for the fourth time in four days, more than a dozen German planes were destroyed on the ground.

Alice Grinde Hurt

Sixteen-year-old Alice Grinde of 1490 Saginaw was taken to the Deaconess hospital late Friday night with scalp and possibly other injuries resulting when she was struck by a car. Early this morning the police still had no record of the accident.

Despite slight air interception and heavy anti-aircraft fire, none of the Nauru raiders was lost, Admiral Nimitz said, thus leaving the raiders intact during all the six days of the spreading attacks. Over Nauru, seven Zeros got into the air and two were shot down. One American pilot was wounded.

It was the first carrier raid against Nauru, which is a strong Japanese air base and is a valuable phosphate producing island. The bombing of Nauru was the fourth this year and the second in force. On the raids announced earlier today there were no personnel casualties, but two planes were damaged.

By MURLIN SPENCER SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Saturday, Nov. 20—(AP)—Australian jungle troops on the Huon peninsula of northeastern New Guinea have battled forward against strong Japanese resistance and tortuous terrain to win a mile of Sattelberg, eight miles northwest of allied-held Finschhafen.

Supported by heavy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, and bombing and strafing sweeps by American Mitchell and Marauder planes, the Australians drew close to Japanese positions which are on the edge of a 3000-foot plateau and command the whole Finschhafen area. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

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Rent Control Group Discusses Registration

Deadline for landlords' registration of all housing facilities rented or offered for rental with the rent control committee probably will be January 1, the members agreed at their first meeting Friday afternoon. The deadline was not set definitely at this meeting pending determination as to just how soon the rent control office may be set up and ready to receive registrations.

The committee's first problem, Chairman Merrill D. Ohling said, is selection of an executive secretary; and he made it known that applications are invited and may be addressed to him at the city hall. The salary will depend somewhat upon the qualifications of the applicant selected.

Several questions of policy were discussed at the organization meeting. Other members of the committee are Kenneth Perry, Leo N. Childs, Lowell Kern and Rev. Dudley Strain.