

Ickes Appeases On Aluminum

Tells Angell Steam-Generated Plants May Operate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Interior Secretary Ickes wrote Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) today that the immediate closing of aluminum plants in the Pacific northwest "seems unthinkable as long as aluminum plants using steam-generated power are kept in operation."

Ickes' letter was in reply to a request by Angell for his opinion of the best way in which to preserve the huge investment of the government in hydroelectric power in the northwest. Angell also asked if the department could aid in preventing closing of the region's aluminum plants after the war.

Ickes said the problem of keeping the northwest plants open after the war was a serious one and that the key to the situation was to emphasize production.

"The age of light metals will not be ushered in by the short-sighted small production policies of the past," Ickes wrote. "Any effort to scrap or lock up these government plants must be discouraged. . . . The handling of the aluminum program for the war should make us all extremely wary of any move that strengthens monopolistic control."

"What is needed both for the northwest and for the nation is a group of independently operated aluminum plants and fabricating facilities that will produce aluminum at a price that will put it into the great common markets from which its high controlled price has always excluded its use as a major material."

He said he believed profits from low priced aluminum could be as large with large sales as they have been on small sales of high priced aluminum.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Pacific northwest aluminum committee charged today that the war manpower commission has been "grossly negligent" in failing to consult northwestern officials before recommending closures of aluminum potlines.

Marion Quota, 4th War Loan, Is Four Million

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Under direction of City Superintendent Frank B. Bennett, Mrs. Carmelite Weddle will be county chairman and Miss Mathilda Gillis will be Salem chairman for the schools' campaign.

To make it possible for employees to enter into the spirit of making the campaign a success, fourth war loan quotas have been established for industries and firms. Considerable attention will be given to this phase of the campaign under the direction of Retail Chairman Yeater, Associate Chairman Francis Smith and Payroll Savings Chairman Gene Vandenberg. Charles A. Sprague will head a special committee to seek large subscriptions in the Salem area. The list of division chairmen and their assistants will be announced soon.

Shipyard Drop Off Said Only Normal

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Edgar F. Kaiser said today that employment has dropped off in the Portland area yards he manages but he denied there is a "tremendous emigration" of war workers.

Henry J. Kaiser's son said that 2,618 employees who have left the three yards in the last three weeks merely represent a normal labor turnover. He attributed the drop to halting of recruitment, explaining that available labor has been diverted to navy yards more urgently in need of manpower.

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Johnny Brennan and His Band
—FEATURING—
"The Brennan Trumpeters"
50¢ Tax Inc.

Marines Slay 600 Japanese In Jungles

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My elements landed January 2, contact has been made with the enemy at Cape Iris, 10 miles to the northwest. At that point, the allies are less than 50 miles from the shipping and supply base of Madang.

Japanese caught between Saldor and the Huon peninsula to the southeast were squeezed into a narrowing trap. On the peninsula, Australian jungle fighters have moved four miles above Cape King William to within 67 airline miles of the Americans at Saldor. The Saldor invaders had helped cut down the distance by pushing eight miles southward.

The Madang area, now receiving almost daily aerial blows, was battered in the 243-ton attack Wednesday afternoon by Mitchells, Marauders and Liberators escorted by Lightnings and Thunderbolts. Alexishafen, an air base, was one target. Supplies and bivouacs were fired and shattered as far south as Bogadjim, Madang's southern outpost defense point.

The Kavieng raid Tuesday by planes taking off an aircraft carrier of Adm. William F. Halsey's south Pacific navy added to an apparently growing shortage of enemy destroyers in the Kavieng-Rabaul area.

The day of the Kavieng raid, Solomon fighters, probably from Torokina field at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville, swung over Rabaul and fought it out with 30 Japanese fighters. At a cost of one raider, the attackers downed 10 enemy planes for certain and probably bagged an additional five. These almost daily Rabaul raids have cost Japan more than 180 planes since late December.

On the northern end of Bougainville, Brig. Gen. William S. Matheny of Spokane, bomber commander in the Solomons, sent his Liberators against Buka, an enemy air base, spreading large fires. Col. Harry Wilson, famed all-America football player at West Point in the late '20s, was on a Mitchell bomber in a strike by medium units at the same area.

On the same day, Australian Beaufighters strafed Japanese schooners, loaded with troops, in the vicinity of Koepang, Timor, northwest of Australia. Tuesday night in the Madang, New Guinea, area, a United States Catalina sank a 1500-ton cargo ship at Sarang harbor.

Allies Spring Rocket Plane, Secret Weapon

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The British RAF and ministry of aircraft production, had the foresight to appreciate the tremendous possibilities of this new form of aircraft power unit. The USAAF at once asked for an engine which had made the first flight was sent to the General Electric company in September, 1941.

"As the result of close cooperation between the USAAF, the RAF, and the AAF materiel command, the ministry of aircraft production and the General Electric company, a number of these engines were built.

"The first of these engines was ready for tests in less than six months. At the same time the Bell Aircraft company was given an order to build an aircraft suitable to operate with the first of these engines and the first flight in the US was made in less than 12 months. Several hundred successful flights have been carried out since then by American pilots in the United States and by British pilots with the British aircraft in England, many of them at high altitudes and extreme speed and all without a single mishap."

Arnold and the British "have directed that plans be made for the production of a sufficient quantity for training purposes both in the United States and Great Britain," and the army air force is allotting a number of the planes to the navy for additional trials and experiments."

The maiden flight of the first experimental model in the United States occurred October 1, 1942, with Robert M. Stanley, chief test pilot of the Bell company, at the controls.

The next day Col. Laurence C. Craigie, since promoted to brigadier general, became the first army officer to fly the new type. Others who have flown it are Brig. Gen. B. W. Childlaw, chief of the materiel division in the air staff, and Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, a veteran fighter pilot who formerly commanded the 4th air force.

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Reds Plunge Ten Miles Into Poland

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time." Axis commentators were far more concerned, it appeared, with the massive swing southward toward Rumania and south-eastward into the Dnieper bend.

German broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press frankly said that Gen. Vatutin's forces plunging beyond Belaya Tserkov toward the Cherkassy sector now were being aided by "a new major offensive" begun by Gen. Konev's second Ukraine army inside the Dnieper bend.

A 65-mile gap separates the two Russian armies, and Berlin said the Germans in the upper part of the Dnieper bend now were being hit from both the east and west. Axis broadcasts also reflected alarm over the rapid Soviet progress toward the Warsaw-Odessa railway in the sector above Zmerinka. Seizure of that rear supply artery might bring disaster to all the German forces in southern Russia.

Eighty-three German tanks, 81 guns, 200 mortars, 175 trucks and 180 cars were declared destroyed in the day's fighting, and 16 armored cars, 85 guns, 1000 rifles, 120 machineguns, and eight ammunition dumps were captured. "A considerable number of prisoners was taken" also, the communique said.

On the front above Nevel another Soviet army captured "advantageous positions" in its offensive north and west toward the Baltic states, and west of Propolsk on the white Russian front a raid by a red army sky battalion resulted in the killing of many staff officers at the headquarters of a German Infantry division, the bulletin said.

In taking Rakitno inside old Poland, the Russians under General Vatutin drove 17 miles along the Kiev-Warsaw railway from Olevsk, a town on the Russian side of the old frontier which fell Monday. The immediate Soviet goal in this thrust was Sarney, only 25 miles away. Sarney is a junction on the north-south Vilna-Rone line.

Although Moscow dispatches on Monday had announced that Soviet spearheads were across the former frontier in the lower Pripe marshes, this was the first time a communique mentioned a specific locality. Moscow, however, did not mention the frontier, a subject of dispute.

The Russians were sweeping toward central Poland on a 32-mile front. At the lower end they captured Gorodnitsa, about a mile from the old frontier, the communique disclosed. Gorodnitsa is on the punctured Sluch river line 20 miles northwest of Novograd-Volynsk.

Germany's greatest danger lay in the roll of the red army toward the Rumanian frontier. The communique announced the capture of Lipovets, 25 miles east of the immediate rail junction objective of Vinnitsa, and 39 miles from the Warsaw-Odessa railway running through Zmerinka, 20 miles below Vinnitsa. Zmerinka itself is only 45 miles from the Soviet column which took Lipovets.

There still was no indication, however, that the German Dnieper bend forces, estimated at between 500,000 and 750,000 men, had begun to withdraw from their precarious positions.

Other Russian units were converging on Shepotovka, an important rail junction farther south. The communique announced the capture of Miropol rail station, 45 miles northwest of Berdichev, which was taken Wednesday, and only 28 miles from Shepotovka.

Nearby Novo-Miropol, Stary-Miropol, Pechanovka, three rail stations, and the town of Chudnyev were overrun in the drive on Shepotovka, where the Korosten-Tampopol and Kasatin-Kovel lines meet.

On the southeastern side of the 250-mile bulge created in Field Marshal Gen. Fritz Von Manstein's shattered lines, the red army announced the capture of the rail stations of Tomilovka and Sukholec, 10 and 15 miles, respectively, southeast of Belaya Tserkov.

Thirty-eight miles due south of fallen Belaya Tserkov, other Russian units were declared to have captured Zhashkov, the entire terminus of a railway running to Kazatin. The seizure of this Kiev district center gave the Russians entire possession of that railway.

Mrs. Aitchison Dies
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Ada McCown Aitchison, descendant of Oregon pioneers and wife of Clyde B. Aitchison, interstate commerce commissioner, died here Wednesday.

Mrs. Aitchison entered Reed college at Portland with its first class, and was later dean of women there.

ON the HOME FRONT

By MABEL CHILDS

Adj. Henry H. Koerner, regional supervisor for Salvation Army USO's, who was recently in Salem on official business from his headquarters in San Francisco, is no stranger in Oregon or Oregon's capital city.

Formerly of the Salvation Army divisional headquarters in Portland, he served as divisional and youth secretary for Oregon and Idaho and in that capacity visited Salem many times. When the campaign for funds to build the citadel here was under way, he assisted.

Since that time he has spent two and one-half years in Hawaii in Salvation Army service, returning to the mainland late last year to assume his present position.

Adj. Koerner was in the islands on December 7, 1941, and served as assistant director of Salvation Army war service activities there. These included USO clubs, mobile canteens serving hot coffee and doughnuts to sentries on guard duty in beachhead and other positions and visitation of service men in military hospitals.

The Salvation Army has 191 USO clubs in the USA. More than half a million service personnel are served by the 17 Salvation Army USO clubs in the area he supervises, which runs from the west coast to El Paso, Texas.

Salem Woman Crashes Train

Mrs. Onita Vailencourt, 975 North 17th street, who drove head-on into a southbound train at the Court and 12th streets intersection at midnight, is at Salem general hospital, believed not seriously injured. Her car, police said, was practically demolished.

Following approximately a block behind a state police officer who had apprehended her husband on a drunken driving charge and who was bringing him in from the south of the city over the 12th street route, Mrs. Vailencourt crossed the Southern Pacific tracks at an angle, unaware, she said, of the approaching train because of the heavy fog. She was not intoxicated, police declared. Her car was dragged into the block between Court and State streets before the train could be stopped. Injuries consist of lacerations and bruises about the head.

Israel Vailencourt, husband of the injured woman, is in the county jail.

Mealeys Win Damage Action

A verdict for Defendants George Mealey and Edna N. Mealey in the \$10,000 damage action brought against them by Mina Hain was reported in late Thursday night by a Marion county circuit court jury.

The litigation grew out of an automobile - pedestrian accident at the intersection of Garden road and Park avenue in which Mrs. Hain's husband, John Hain, was fatally injured. Mrs. Hain brought the action as executrix of his estate.

Legion Chief Surprised To Learn of His Death

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Daniel M. McDade, state commander of the American Legion, was surprised today by friends saying they were so sorry to hear of his death.

Another Daniel M. McDade, a retired carpenter of Rockaway, died yesterday in a Salem hospital.

HOLLYWOOD TONIGHT & SATURDAY FUNNIER THAN EVER!
LARRY HARRY
"AIR RAID WARRIORS"
IT'S DYNAMITE!
HIGH EXPLOSIVE
THE SPIRIT OF STANFORD
with FRANKIE ALBERT
Marguerite Chapman
Shirley Patterson

Allies Advance Ten Miles At Cassino

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A-36 Invader dive bombers roared low over the front at 300 miles an hour, strafing and bombing the enemy's emplacements and in some instances causing the Germans to scatter wildly.

Violent hand-to-hand fighting was in progress through the ruins of the village of San Vittore, six miles from Cassino, headquarters said, with American troops in possession of approximately half the place. Clark's men first probed into this nest of German resistance a week ago after having flattened it with artillery fire.

The British centered their attack at a point just west of Rocca D'Evandro, where the Garigliano river bends westward, and in their first rush bagged 47 Nazi prisoners, most of them youths of about 20.

Canadian forces on the Adriatic coast consolidated their positions on "point 59," an elevated strong-point about three miles north of Ortona, from which they evicted the Germans Tuesday night in a stiff fight that cost the enemy many dead, 19 prisoners and all their weapons and equipment.

Rain, driven by a wind of gale force, limited the Canadians to patrol activity yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Oliver William Leese, newly-appointed commander of the British Eighth army, told his first press conference that "we are up against the enemy's winter line now, and he is fighting like hell."

He asked the correspondents to "see that they realize at home that we are up against a hell of a problem in fighting now."

Hollis Takes UO Acting Presidency

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Dr. Orlando J. Hollis, acting dean of the University of Oregon law school, was named acting president of the university today by the state board of higher education.

Dr. Hollis 39, will replace the late Dr. Donald M. Erb until a permanent president is appointed. State board members emphasized that while he will receive the full \$7,500 salary, he will not hold office-making powers.

Hollis will continue as acting dean of the law school, a post he took two years ago when Dean Wayne L. Morse became public member of the war labor board. The new president was born in Eugene, attended Eugene high school, and received both a bachelor of science and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Oregon.

He joined the university faculty almost immediately after graduating, and was appointed a full-time professor at the law school in 1931. He has been secretary of the Pacific Coast Athletic conference since 1940.

Hollis is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, and the Order of Coif, honorary legal organization. He married Marian Bradley of Portland in 1937. In its special meeting today, the state board also appointed W. G. Bestie, assistant director of general extension, as acting director until July 1. Chancellor Hunter was authorized to apply for a \$1000 gift from the office of Inter-American affairs to finance lectures in that field.

LIBERTY
OPENS 6:45 P. M. NOW SHOWING!
Romance and Adventure
ELEANOR BOYLE
SCOTT
Chaire Trevor
Technical "The Desperadoes"
Glenn Ford
Evelyn Keyes
Plus Football Thrills
CAMPUS CUTIES
THE SPIRIT OF STANFORD
with FRANKIE ALBERT
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Local Labor To Be Used For Pilot Plant

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the work, W. H. Baillie, manager of the USES office here, said.

The 30 he termed "only a small portion of the number of inquiries which have flowed through our office in continuous stream since Salem was designated as site for the plant." A number of families have moved to this area in anticipation of the job, Baillie said, urging that no others seek homes here until assured that there will be work for them.

The Salem labor market, increased by the drop in seasonal employment, should be sufficient to carry the load, he predicted following conferences with Albert Brant, business manager for the Salem Building Trades unions.

Eldon Cone, field supervisor for the employment service, spent a portion of Thursday in the Salem office laying plans for addition of more personnel should the need arise. In his office, too, Baillie said he did not anticipate need for any further aid.

Poles Form Underground Government

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk asserted in a broadcast to Poland tonight that a fully-organized Polish government exists underground in Poland, headed by a president deputy premier answerable to the exiled cabinet in London.

Speaking in connection with the Russian advance against the Germans across the pre-war frontier of Poland, the premier did not refer to the Polish - Russian disagreement over where that border may be, but simply treated the whole disputed area as if it always had been and still was part of Poland.

"We should have preferred to meet Soviet troops not merely as allies of our allies fighting against the same common enemy, but as our own allies as well," said Mikolajczyk in the broadcast, made public by the Polish telegraph agency.

Regardless of how the territorial question is settled, however, he had this to say about the Soviet advance: "It inspires us with hopes of prompt liberation and brings nearer the moment of our final reckoning with the Germans, which will come irrespective of the political situation."

William Brower Dies

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—William J. Brower, 73, McMinnville water system superintendent since 1907, died today at a hospital here after an extended illness.

GRAND NOW SHOWING!
Three Women and one hunted man... which knows his secret danger?
GARFIELD
HARRIS O'HARA
The Falter Sparrow
SLEAZA O'NEILL, MORRISON
CO-FEATURE!
THRILLS UPON THRILLS!
THE FALCON COEDS
LATE NEWS

2000 to Vote Today on PUD At Hood River

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obligation—averaging \$150,000 on each of the 1142 farms in the district.

If \$175,000,000 is more than the PUD needs it's a serious matter. In other Guy C. Myers deals, it's charged, proposed purchase prices have been unreasonably high. With more money than they need, the PUD commissioners might neglect to drive a sufficiently sharp bargain. An angle on which Hood River orchardists are cogitating seriously is this: Utility earnings are high now and "replacement cost" of the various systems is away out of sight; they couldn't, in point of fact, be replaced. But it's reasonable to suppose the purchase condemnation price would be higher than in normal times. Higher than five years ago, and higher than they might be five years hence.

But — though the Hood River PUD commissioners might buy at that high price, what assurance is there of ability to resell, to so far non-existent PUDs in other territory served by the three power companies, at the same or a comparable aggregate price?

If voters in the other areas, some of which have turned down PUD projects, still refused to organize or to take the burden off Hood River PUD's hands at the price paid the present owners, plus a ratable share of the Guy C. Myers commission, what would happen?

A study of Hood River county newspapers' discussion, including "letters to the editor," supplies no answer. So we're still left with that interesting problem in practical psychology, with the practical answer due today.

Ship Builders Go on Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A strike by thousands of employees closed the great Cramp Shipbuilding company yards tonight, halting production of war craft for the navy, and the strikers voted to remain away from their jobs until "all grievances" against the company are settled or the navy takes over.

Jammed into a meeting hall, members of local 42, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO), roared approval of a statement that "it is high time for the navy to seize the plant."

Herbert Meyer, local secretary, said the 17,000 idle employees would return at once if the navy assumed control and "if anyone refuses we will drive him back with a club if necessary."

The union's action was the outgrowth of a dispute involving 42 painters.

STATE
OPEN 6:45 P. M. NOW SHOWING! TWO GREAT HITS!
THRU TO SHANGRI-LA again, in FRANK CAPRA's magnificent achievement! RONALD COLMAN
LOST HORIZON OF SHANGRI-LA
And—
A LOVE AS MIGHTY AS THE TOWERING ANDES!
GRANT ARTHUR
Only Angels Have Wings
RITA HAYWORTH

Young GOP Club to Hear Of Candidates

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Marion county Young Republican club will hear brief, factual discussions of leading "candidates" for the republican presidential nomination when they meet Tuesday night, January 13, directors said following their meeting Thursday. The program material will not be limited to declared candidates, but will include some suggestions and possibly some "dark horses" it was indicated.

Young Republican club members here will play host Sunday afternoon, January 16, to members of the state board, who will hold their first session in Salem. The board meeting will be held in the subterranean room of the Marion hotel at 12 noon, followed by dinner in the marine room at 2:30 p.m. The interested public is invited to attend the dinner, but reservations should be made in advance at the hotel or with Paul Heath, Marion county club president, directors said.

War Materiel Restraint Laid To 3 Companies

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up between them and cooperated to eliminate the competition of small manufacturers." He said he hoped the suit would "serve as a warning to American and foreign monopolists."

Du Pont, said Biddle's explanation of the complaint, was found to have been allocated, by international agreement, the United States and Central America as his exclusive sales territory and ICI to have been given the rest of the world, except Canada, Newfoundland and South America.

"Both companies were to refrain from manufacture in or export to each other's exclusive markets while Canada, Newfoundland and South America were to be shared," said the complaint, which alleges the allocation agreement dated back beyond 1920 as to Du Pont and ICI and from 1933 as to Remington.

The suit asks the abrogation of "illegal contracts" and a perpetual injunction against ICI from violation of the anti-trust act.

ELSNORE NOW PLAYING
FRANK ROSS
ARTHUR WAYNE
"A Lady Takes a Chance"
CHARLES WINNINGER
PHIL SILVERS
— CO-FEATURE —
The Unknown Guest
FOR THE RECORD
PAMELA BLAKE
VERA ANN HORN
CAPITOL LAST TIMES TODAY
Red SKELTON
Eleanor POWELL
"I dood it!"
WITH Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra
— CO-FEATURE —
A Masked Man Hides for Venetians — The Hot in "Red River Robin Hood"
STARTS SATURDAY
Dixie
Crazy * Lamour
— CO-FEATURE —
They Kicked the Law! But The Coward's Escape Each Other!
"Quiet Please, Murder"
with Bill Patton, Richard Denning
George Sanders, Richard Denning