

CIO Attacks Sen. Holman, No-Strikes

ROSEBURG, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Cancellation of the CIO's no-strike pledge was demanded today by a Klamath Falls delegation to the union's sixth annual state convention.

The Klamath Falls International Woodworkers' local, accusing the war labor board of anti-labor policies, declared that only if price roll-backs and subsidies go into full effect should the union continue to refrain from wartime strikes.

Sen. Rufus Holman (R-Ore.) came under a battery of fire led by Alfred P. Hartung, Portlander and state CIO director. A resolution branding Holman as isolationist and anti-labor urged that he be replaced by a candidate who would "place the safety and welfare of the people above the interests of a privileged few."

Criticism of high living costs and the limitation of salaries to the little steel formula was woven into many of the two-score resolutions introduced to the convention.

Delegates, warned by Hartung of "a dangerous trend moving against labor in the hour of victory, against the very people that made victory possible," mulled methods of combatting anti-labor propaganda.

Marines Slay 200 Japanese

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Japanese opposition as "strong." The invaded New Britain area commands the eastern side of narrow waters leading into the Bismarck sea. On New Guinea's Huon peninsula, which commands the western side, Australians who have been moving at a faster pace recently along the coast ran into enemy opposition and were slowed Thursday to a mile and a half gain.

That opposition was encountered at the Dallman river, approximately 45 miles north of the allied peninsula base of Finschhafen. The Aussies registered their gain under an artillery barrage in a sector where the coastline curves toward the west. Less than 65 miles now separate them from American forces which landed January 2 in a leapfrog operation at Saidor.

On the northeastern end of New Britain, allied fighters based in the Solomons maintained their "police beat" over Rabaul Thursday, during which they shot down 10 Japanese planes. That made the total bag in 15 days more than 190. On the return trip, the fighters hit a New Ireland airbase and strafed villages along the southeast coastline. Two of the raiders were lost.

Northwest of the Saidor ground scene on New Guinea, Liberators on Thursday delivered a 51-ton bomb load on Alexishafen, enemy air base. The next morning, a Catalina ranging north of Alexishafen bombed and blew up a 5000-ton Japanese tanker and set fire to a 1500-ton cargo boat.

Between Saidor and Alexishafen is the enemy supply port of Madang, now menaced both by the coastal advance to its southwest and by Australians in the Ramu valley to the southwest. Along the valley approach, attack planes and Mitchell bombers went after installations and bridges Thursday on the only good road in that area.

In the northern Solomons, where Americans gradually are prying loose Japan's hold on Bougainville island by air and sea blockade of supply lines, PT boats Thursday damaged equipment and personnel in a running fight with enemy barges on the south coast. Southwest of Bougainville, Mitchell bombers expended 10,000 rounds in strafing the Japanese on Choiseul island.

Blood Donors Needed For Tuesday's Visit

Blood donors for Tuesday's visit of the mobile plasma bank unit from Portland are still needed in Salem. Red Cross offices revealed Saturday. More than 100 persons must register Monday if the area is to meet its quota. It was said. Registrations are taken, appointments made and instructions provided over telephone 9277.

Fire Calls Arrive Twelve Hours Apart

Two fire calls exactly 12 hours apart comprised the gist of the day's work for Salem city firemen Saturday. At 10:30 a.m. they were called to the Meit shop on South Commercial, where grease on a range was afire. At 10:30 p.m. men from the north station went to 36 Madison avenue where a chimney was ablaze.

Motorists Using Old Plates Being Arrested

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Arrests of motorists using old license plates now are being made throughout the state, Portland police were informed today by Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

L. V. Jenkins, acting chief of police, said Portlanders using 1943 license plates after Monday will be subject to arrest.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The Trailblazer was, perhaps, a full 10 years older than the lad who sat next to him at the coffee counter.

His cheeks were ruddy and his eyes shone with a gleam that was a guarantee that the condition of his breath and the trembling of his hands should be considered unusual.

There may have been pity in the eyes of most of us, soldiers and civilians alike, as we looked at the handsome soldier. His buddies, who had apparently stuck to milkshakes for their night of fun, practically held him on the bright leatherette seat. But they could not control the fumbling hands, although one of them did manage to extract the right change from their friend's coin purse after he had spilled most of the coffee into a saucer.

To the black-jacketed boy beside him, the Trailblazer bade a loud farewell in slightly broken phrases, and the words sometimes ran together. What he eventually said was "You be a good fellow and study your lessons or—when I come back," and here the fine and still unblinking eyes took on a brotherly expression.

"Say," said the boy beside the now-weaving soldier, "how old are you, anyhow?"

No breaks in the voice now; no broken phrases of mumbled words: "I," said the Trailblazer, as he threw back his shoulders, "am 19!" "Aw," jeered the lad who sat next to him at the coffee shop counter, "aw," although he himself, must have been a full ten years younger than that great age.

Occupational Deferment Curb Planned

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imately 100,000 youth who become 18 years old each month, about 20,000 enter the armed forces voluntarily before reaching 18, about 13,000 are in agriculture, and from 25 to 26 per cent of those called for induction are rejected for physical defects, leaving only about 50,000 new 18-year-olds every month for the armed forces.

The order does not affect occupational deferments for men 22 and over, and in issuing the order to draft boards, selective service emphasized that in granting occupational deferments fathers over 22 would normally be given consideration over non-fathers.

Hershey said 90,000 fathers were inducted in the last quarter of 1943, compared with the original goal of 448,000.

Under the order, high school students in the last half of their academic year will continue to be deferred until the end of that year if they request it.

Persons studying to be ministers, doctors, dentists, osteopaths, or veterinarians also may keep their deferments.

Nazis Lose Blockade Ship

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 8.—(AP)—American planes and warships sank a German blockade runner in the South Atlantic a few days ago, a US naval attaché announced here today.

The Brazilian news service, Agencia Nacional, said Brazilian ships and planes participated in the action.

There was no amplification of the brief announcement by the naval attaché who said he had received permission from the navy department to release the statement.

The Agencia Nacional account, dated from Recife, said the ship was carrying war supplies to Germany from Japan, and an American officer was quoted as saying it was of the same type as the blockade runner sunk by the British in the Bay of Biscay December 27.

American Subs Get 10 More

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—American submarines, whose ship-sinking figures, as Adm. Ernest J. King says, "speak for themselves," have destroyed another ten ships of the steadily dwindling Japanese merchant fleet.

This was reported by the navy today in a communique which said the sinkings were accomplished in "Pacific and far eastern" waters but gave no indication of whether the submarines followed previous daring examples and took the battle into coastal waters of Japan.

A large tanker and a large freighter were included in the newly reported bag of the American submarines.

Armour Gives Dividend CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Directors of Armour and Company declared a dividend of \$1.50 a share on the 30 per cent preferred stock, payable April 1 to stockholders of record March 30.

Ukrainian Army Takes Kirovograd

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only 18 miles north of the Bug river, and 73 miles from Rumania. Ilintay was a prize to the Russians for other reasons since it is only 39 miles from the Odessa-Warsaw railway, last major German supply artery or escape hatch for the Dnieper bend. The town controls six good highways linking the rail junctions of Vinnitsa and Zhmerinka with German field marshal Gen. Fritz Van Manstein's imperiled Dnieper bend troops.

Both Red armies captured a total of 140 towns and hamlets and killed over 5000 Germans during the day as the tottering Nazi lines failed to hold.

The two onrushing armies also were less than 50 miles apart in their drive to link up somewhere below the middle Dnieper river inside the bend—welding a trap for perhaps 750,000 Germans facing the greatest debacle of the war.

Morse Favors Candidacy For Senate

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that post quite probably would receive instant endorsement from Oregon's junior senator.

If, as is predicted, Morse announces his senate candidacy within the next two weeks, a lot of republicans whose motives involve only the good of party, state and nation will begin doing their best to discourage other possible candidacies. What they seek to avoid is a three-way race, in which Holman would be considered to have the advantage.

On the other hand, Henry Hanzen, able political manipulator who is Holman's campaign manager, will be beating the brush in search of a decoy duck.

Though the primary is little more than four months away, in Marion county such slight political stirrings as are manifest are confined to the lower house of the state legislature—for the obvious reason that one or two new representatives must be elected. Assuming that Reps. W. W. Chadwick and H. R. Jones will seek renomination, that leaves to be chosen a successor to the late I. M. Ramage, and a question mark in the case of Rep. John Steelhammer, now Pvt. Steelhammer, USA.

If it were simply a matter of personal choice, Rep. Steelhammer probably would enter the race. It was his understanding at the time of his recent furlough that army regulations would prevent his filing, though earlier it had been understood that enlisted men might run for offices they previously had held. Apparently however, even if Steelhammer may not file on his own motion, his friends may present his candidacy by petition.

As for the other vacancy, the only name heard consistently is that of W. W. McKinney, Salem attorney, but since the position is "wide open" it may be assumed that whether McKinney runs or not, there will be others.

The Marion county state senatorship situation also is interesting, not to say unique; but no one is talking about it, and that may be significant. No one knows whether the terms of Sens. John Carson and Fred Lamport end next January or two years later. It depends on whether they are "pro tem" senators serving in the military-service absence of Sens. Allan Carson and Douglas McKay, respectively, or senators appointed to fill vacancies. Their intention is to let nature take its course.

Fortunately for the sake of possible clarification, a similar situation obtains with respect to Sen. J. J. Lynch of Multnomah, who replaced Sen. Chester E. McCarty. There the matter will have to be straightened out, probably by court action, and the Marion county senators can take due notice of the decision. Yet whatever the decision, it isn't likely that there will be a senatorial contest here.

Though discussion here has gone no further than the legislative seats, it doubtless will, particularly when someone even barely mentions the shrievalty.

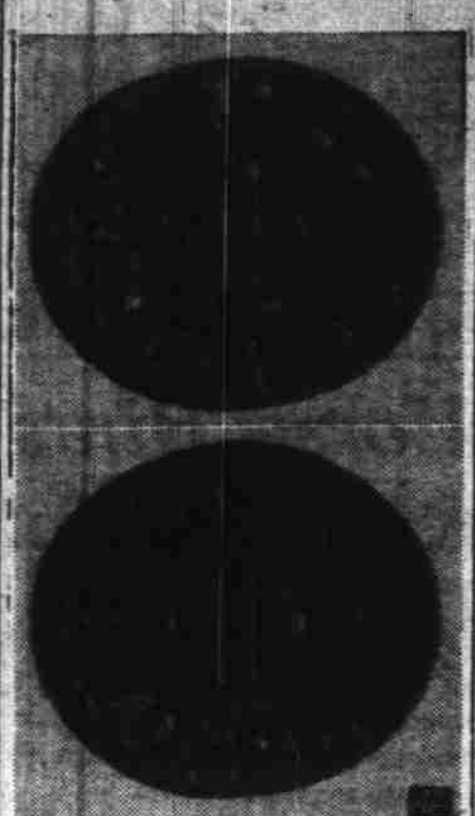
Boys Chased In Two Counties

One 16-year-old boy was held and his 16- and 15-year-old companions released Saturday after an inter-county case over the bridge between West Salem and Salem shortly before midnight Friday had ended near Producers' packing plant. Both West Salem and Salem police closed in on the lads, all of whom had been drinking, officers said.

The trans river trek was made at approximately 55 miles per hour without benefit of headlights, according to the West Salem officer, who was joined on the Marion county side of the bridge by Salem police.

In the car were found some extra automobile accessories, a hunting knife, new pocket knife and gasoline can with gasoline in it. The one boy was held on a reckless driving charge, while police investigated the source of the items.

New Ration Token



The OFA today unveiled its new ration tokens which, effective February 27, be utilized in conjunction with currently used stamp-coupons. The tiny plastic fibre coins are being made in Cincinnati by the Osborne Register company — some two billion of them. (AP wirephoto)

Balkans Seek Frantically For Way Out

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Antonescu, on the other hand, took measures to prepare for a stand in the country's mountainous western section. His pro-Nazi regime retains outward control of the situation, but persons with direct information from Bucharest believe events will crystallize the day the red army actually enters the country.

These reports added that leftist demonstrations have occurred in scattered areas and pro-soviet manifestoes have appeared on walls during the past two weeks.

Balkan experts here, however, generally believed that no official effort to abandon the struggle would be forthcoming immediately from the shaky Rumanian government.

Salem Police Lead to Arrest Of Lamonts

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taken from the Bates residence found here. However Mrs. Bates did identify four watches, one cameo ring, a platinum brooch with a diamond, a bracelet set with a diamond, an amethyst brooch, high school pin, a gold cross, two tuxedo suits, a wool jacket, three woman's cloth coat and a .32 calibre Colt automatic, the total valued at several hundred dollars.

A sealskin coat taken from the Bates residence was worn by Dolly Lamont in Salem on Friday night and at the time she was arrested Saturday morning in Portland.

Lamont, alias Clyde A. Guhr, 26, is a former Portland accountant. Like his wife, he is said to have worn some of the articles of stolen articles of stolen clothing when he made his ill-fated trip to Salem.

Poles Seek German Slice

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A spokesman for the "Union of Polish Patriots," speaking tonight over the Moscow radio, implied that the solution of the postwar Polish boundary question lay in giving Poland a part of Germany.

In a Polish-language broadcast recorded here by Reuters, the spokesman said: "Polish troops grasp far better than these professional politicians that Poland must be rebuilt in fraternal alliance with white Russians, Ukrainians and Czechs—that is, the nations with whom we share a frontier with the Soviet people. The Polish soldier understands that frontier problems must be settled once and for all."

"He appreciates that a Poland firmly entrenched on the Baltic and enriched by the economically valuable territory taken from the Germans can build its peace or happiness."

FDR Offers Rail Settlement

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the railway conductors, firemen and switchmen may have the same terms he awarded the trainmen and engineers, without loss of a penny, provided only that their strike order is cancelled and not merely postponed.

The terms of the award are five cents an hour and a week's paid vacation per year, effective as of December 27, 1943. (They previously had been awarded a separate four-cent-an-hour raise which would stand also.)

Yanks Continue Punching Nazi Troops, Cassino

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tanks and the Germans' anti-tank and self-propelled guns had raged so heavily that the ground action had to be temporarily halted, he wrote.

He said the Germans poured hundreds of shells at the tanks over a three-day period but that the armored units had bulled their way ahead with slight losses.

They knocked out pillboxes and machinegun nests embedded in the base of the mountain and plunged onto the Cassino plain with ground forces going along.

Headquarters said the Americans were fighting in the streets of Cassino, a small village more than half a mile beyond San Vittore, which was completely taken Thursday.

From the captured 3500-foot Mt. Maio in the northern sector of the Fifth army's 10-mile-wide offensive, allied forces advanced 500 feet higher through deep snow and took a 4000-foot height just south of Viticuso, thus starting the northern arm of a pincers aimed at Cassino.

Although the Germans captured Mt. Raimo, north of Viticuso, this setback had little bearing on the Cassino offensive proper.

Ahead of the ground offensive ranged American planes, Invaders and Warhawks, pounding German defense areas to smooth the way for advancing troops. American heavy bombers slashed at the arteries feeding German armies on both sides of the Adriatic.

Navy Leaders Make Plans Against Japan

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ing directly to Japan's front door," he asserted.

He referred to the possibility of Japanese plans for a counter-offensive in the central Pacific, promised unremitting allied attack and added:

"Perhaps it is dawning on them that the lines of all the offensives point in one direction. Possibly they even have visions of these lines forging together to weld a steel ring around the Japanese homeland—a ring that will crush Japan in a merciless vise until she pleads for the privilege of unconditional surrender."

Simpler Tax Law Proposed

By FRANCIS M. Le MAY WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—With the nation's most complicated income tax form threatening about 50,000,000 taxpayers with decimal point jitters, Chairman Doughton (D-NC.) today ticketed simplification of federal tax laws as the number one job for his house ways and means committee.

He voiced the hope a way could be found to collect through the wage and salary withholding levy the total tax for some 30,000,000 persons, thus removing necessity of their filing any tax returns.

Propose Silica Sand Production

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A new Oregon industry, producing silica sand to replace sand now imported to Portland foundries from the east and midwest, was proposed today by the state department of geology and mineral industries.

Tests have shown the quality of deposits around Eugene to rank as high as silica sand now brought here from the Chicago area, the department said.

Quoting several Portland foundries as interested in using the Eugene sand, geology officials said a tentative plan to develop the industry was being drafted by a group of Portland investors.



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