

Vickery Asks Take Over Enemy Trade

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Rear Adm. Howard L. Vickery, vice-chairman of the maritime commission, proposed tonight that the United States postwar merchant marine take over trade routes formerly operated by Germany and Japan.

Recommending that neither nation be allowed to regain naval power, he suggested that America's gigantic fleet—too large to be restricted to her prewar trade routes—supply the axis in foreign commerce.

"We and our allies," he told the Portland Propeller club, "might do well to help in serving some of the routes they formerly dominated."

"Whenever the war may end," he said, "the American merchant marine not only will be the largest in world history, but will include enough ships of the finest type to implement whatever maritime policy this nation may choose to pursue."

Subsidies for both shipbuilders and operators are "a small price indeed for the security an adequate merchant marine assures," he told the shipping group. He declared that subsidies—which he prefers to call "equality wages"—enable employers of higher-paid American workers to compete with foreign shipping.

Vickery defended high costs of war-built ships as an inevitable emergency measure. "These extra costs," he said, "should be considered a part of the expense of waging war, and I hope that when victory comes, congress will see fit to write them off as such."

He appealed to shipping men not to allow America's expanding fleet—2600 merchant ships built within 25 months—to follow the last war's fleet into rust as harbor berths.

"We can't afford to repeat our errors of 25 years ago," he declared. "Quite aside from the element of military security, the merchant marine has a profound effect on our national economy. . . . (it) is but the tool of foreign trade. . . . but we should know from sad experience, that we can have but limited control over our participation in foreign commerce, unless we carry in our own ships a proper share of our import and export trade."

YMCA Lifts Mortgage

Loyal Warner, chairman of the YMCA centennial committee, announced at a noon meeting of the committee and the YMCA board of directors, "Boys, she's over the top."

Those few words slammed the lid down on four months of hard, earnest effort by the committee, and the directors to lift a \$21,000 mortgage that has hung over the local association building for a long period at a most fitting time, on the 100th anniversary of the YMCA.

Matches were applied to an effigy of the mortgage. Fred Lamport, chairman of the endowment committee, handed a list of those who had subscribed to the drive to Dave Eyre, whereupon Eyre presented a check for \$15,000, an endowment from an anonymous donor in the east whose stipulation was that the check be tendered only after lifting of the mortgage.

The \$15,000, according to C. A. Kells, YMCA general secretary, will be used for expansion purposes, while the interest drawn on the sum will be employed for benefit of rural youth, following the wishes of the donor.

GOP to Convene In Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Oregon republican party leaders will convene here tomorrow for a series of meetings to draft campaign plans.

David O'Hara, state elections official, will discuss Oregon's provisions for absentee voting by soldiers and sailors.

Gov. Earl Snell and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott will speak before a joint afternoon meeting of the state control committee's executive committee, the republican club, and the Young Republican federation, and Pro-America.

Charles Minner Dies in Portland

Charles H. Minner, 82, former Salem resident, died suddenly of a heart attack in Portland on January 19. He is survived by the widow, Florence of Portland; son, Glenn, also of Portland; sisters, Mrs. C. T. Timmons and Mrs. C. L. Wright, both of Salem, and brother, Samuel Minner of Benicia, Calif.

Funeral services will be held in Portland on Monday, January 24.

DANCE TONIGHT

Veterans Hall
Corner Hood & Church Sts.
Old Time Dancing
Music by The Oregonians

Johnson May Win New Hat From Scouts

Ralph Johnson, who was Thursday night accorded recognition and awarded the junior chamber of commerce plaque as Salem's first junior citizen for 1943, is likely to receive a new hat before the year is much older and the award will come from Eugene's Boy Scout Charter club, members of the Cherry City Charter club were nearly ready to wager Friday.

Bringing to a total of 15 the number of new scout units organized in the Cherry City district since the start of the expansion campaign November 1 and virtually clinching for Salem the contest with Eugene, the Cherry City Charter club Friday announced the registration of two new units.

The price in the competition with Eugene is to be a hat for the chairman of the winning organization. Johnson heads the Salem club.

Adult personnel of the two new troops is: troop 10, Robert Powell, scoutmaster, and Parker Lineberry, assistant scoutmaster; Arnold Krueger, committee chairman; Neal Craig, William McKinney, L. V. Benson and H. Lawrence Lister, committeemen; troop 12, Stearns Cushing, scoutmaster, with Lowell N. Jones and E. T. Boyer as assistant scoutmasters; R. M. Murphy, committee chairman; R. A. Forkner, Donald Lundberg and Raynor Smith, committeemen.

With an objective of 20 new units for Salem, the Charter club holds high hopes of adding at least three new units before the end of the month, Lyle Leighton, scout executive, said Friday.

Courthouse Levy Due

A new county courthouse was something more tangible than a dream Friday following adoption by the county court of a resolution proposing imposition of an annual tax levy of \$75,000 on Marion county citizens over a ten year period for purposes of raising a courthouse construction fund of \$750,000. The resolution sets July, 1954, as approximate date for beginning of work on the project.

The resolution provides that the public shall be notified of intentions of the court to levy such a tax, and that a public hearing shall be held on March 6 concerning the project.

The proposed tax levy will not be submitted to voters of the county as the levy will not exceed limitations imposed by the constitution.

The resolution considers and approves outside contributions to swell the courthouse fund.

Marion county voters, at the general election in November of 1938 favored building a modern courthouse.

Chatases Purchase Hollywood Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chatas, operators of the Quella Chatas, have purchased the Hollywood theatre building from Jesse T. Jones, Portland, according to announcement made Friday by E. A. Miller, president of the State Finance company. Consideration was approximately \$40,000, it is understood, and the property includes 11 apartments and two shops in addition to the theatre, was bought as an investment.

Mrs. Ray Stumbo, who has operated the theatre in the Hollywood district since her husband's death last year, will continue to operate it at least for the balance of the lease, it was said Friday.

Harry Hopkins Insists Letter Is Forgery

By TOM REEDY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Weak with illness, presidential adviser Harry Hopkins shambled into a grand jury room to reiterate today that his name was forged to the mystery letter about Wendell Willkie, and he hinted that he named the man he believed forged it.

The 53-year-old Hopkins arose from a naval hospital bed to ask and receive permission to testify, was with the jury for 10 minutes, then returned to the hospital to convalesce from a long attack of influenza.

"Obviously, I can't discuss what I told the grand jury," said Hopkins to reporters, but "this letter is a forgery. There is a forger in this picture. I think I know who the forger is."

The assumption was that Hopkins told the jury that, with details.

Hopkins is the nominal prosecutor in the "letter mystery" which has added a bizarre, new chapter in the adventures of the thin man who is closer politically to President Roosevelt than perhaps any other person. He demanded the investigation which has turned up confusing twists, declarations and denials, hints of political intrigue and some frank expressions of bewilderment.

Ribbentrop Peace Terms Rumor Traced

ALGIERS, Jan. 21.—(AP)—One of this war's most persistent rumors—the absurd tale of a visit by a German mission headed by Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop to North Africa to discuss peace terms—has been in circulation here for the past two months.

Investigation of the origin and development of this rumor disclosed the following facts:

About two months ago some captured German officers were brought to Algiers from Italy by plane and were seen at the air field by a number of people.

Within a few hours a report that two plane loads of high German officers had arrived was going through Algiers.

At that time Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt were en route to the Cairo conference. Their trip was officially a secret, but was known to practically everyone in North Africa.

It took only slight imagination to link up the two stories and by nightfall rumor mongers were saying that a mission consisting of most of the German general staff was going to Cairo and had already been received here by Roosevelt, Churchill and Gen. De Gaulle.

Ribbentrop was added to the group as the finishing touch. Gossips who claimed to have very inside information said the German proposition involved deposing Hitler.

Such rumors are common in North Africa, especially among the French population.

GOP Delegation Candidates File

Two candidates for delegate to the republican national convention, Riley Morehead and Tom Verdenius, both of Portland, filed for the primary election in the state department Friday. Morehead seeks election as a delegate-at-large and Verdenius would represent the third congressional district, Multnomah county.

Warren McMillen, incumbent, filed for republican nomination for district attorney of Tillamook county.

McNutt Flays Production Quitters

DETROIT, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt denounced tonight as allies of the enemy the worker who wants to leave the war production line in order to "land feet first" in peace, and the "hard-boiled" employer "who wants to beat his competitor to the postwar market."

He denied "rumors of tremendous cutbacks" in war production and asked Detroit and the nation to "reject the peace scare that would collapse the manpower front."

In a speech for the Detroit victory council, McNutt said the term "cutback" is "a rumor word—a propaganda word."

He said it may be "very dangerous" in this era "when the peace scare is a major instrument in the war of nerves."

The worker who wants to "land feet first" in peace spreads the peace rumors, McNutt said, because they are a "sop to his conscience" and give him an alibi for leaving war production.

The "hard-boiled" employer, McNutt asserted, "spreads the story as propaganda for his forays against stockpiles he has heard of. . . . He has his information from the horse's mouth of some 'confidential service,' which tells him the jig is up for the axis."

"It is the same kind of 'confidential service,' tapped by some United States senators in 1938 and 1939. You remember the fellows who knew there would be no war in Europe. The other end of that pipeline is in Berlin."

Concerning President Roosevelt's request for a worker draft act, McNutt said that under a "sound" law, Detroit's need for a strong local manpower program would not be reduced at all.

"The present need for national service legislation," he said, "is based upon the fact that many communities have not organized themselves to solve their own manpower problems."

RR Accidents Jump to 308

Railroad grade crossing accidents decreased from 337 in 1941 to 308 in 1942, with 18 killed in each year, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg reported Friday.

Persons injured decreased from 94 in 1941 to 70 in 1942. Of the total 308 accidents reported, 301 were collisions between trains and motor vehicles. There were 195 vehicles struck by trains and 106 vehicles ran into the sides of trains.

More accidents occurred between 11 and 12 a.m. on Friday, and in November than in any other hour or month.

Menu Destroys Peace of Mind

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A 60-year-old menu which Mrs. Sidney Bennett turned up in her family Bible has destroyed her peace of mind.

On the bill of fare, used in San Francisco's old Kearny street eatery, a dinner of sirloin steak and coffee cost just 10 cents.

A bottle of wine was a nickel. And soup, potatoes, bread, and pudding came free with all 10-cent orders.

Edgar Martin Named

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Edgar Martin, 1912 graduate of Willamette university law school, was appointed Portland deputy city attorney today.

Martin, who practiced law in Los Angeles until two years ago, is a native of Eugene.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Pvt. Ted Ogdahl of the marines, former Willamette university football star who has been stationed at Farris Island, SC, for the last several weeks, has been transferred to Quantico, Va. Mrs. Ogdahl, the former Jean Donaldson, has gone east to be with her husband.

Pfc. Delbert Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Savage, 2615 Brooks avenue and a former employee of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company here, from his vantage point somewhere in the south Pacific doesn't think much of the "seven men on a raft stunt" which marked Portland's third war loan promotion. To his sister, Mrs. F. L. Kurtz of Portland, Pfc. Savage wrote under date of December 6, 1943:

"Tomorrow is Pearl Harbor day with us and we are having our own war bond drive today and tomorrow."

"In one of your recent letters you spoke of those seven men who were going to stay out in the river on that life raft until the state's quota in the war bond drive was filled."

"It is sure nice to know that they didn't have anything more worthwhile to do than that, at a time when our wonderful country and its way of living is fighting for its existence. It is sure too bad that they had to make such a sacrifice."

"Somebody ought to give them the word. They should send them for a trip out our way where people don't sacrifice anything and never heard that there is a war going on."

Recently promoted to captain in the US marine corps was Dorn E. Arnold, a former resident of 1330 North 21st street, in Salem.

Capt. Arnold enlisted in the marine corps in 1927, and has risen from the rank of private to that of his latest promotion. Before his enlistment in the marines, he had spent seven years in the army, part of which he was on duty in Siberia and also the Philippine islands. Since he has been on duty in the Philippine islands, Guam, West Indies and Nicaragua.

In 1931 and 1932 he was aboard the USS Lexington, after which he spent some time in ordnance school on the Atlantic coast. About three months before Pearl Harbor he was assigned to duty on Midway Island. He went there with the rank of marine gunner. While there he was promoted to second lieutenant, first lieutenant, then captain.

Just recently he has been transferred to duty at San Diego, Calif., where he and his wife, Mrs. Verna Arnold made their home in 1937.

Mrs. Arnold has a son, Vernon, adopted by Capt. Arnold. He enlisted in the marine corps during the summer of 1943, and was assigned to a marine corps engineering division.

A blackout in an English city is the blackest thing Capt. C. L. Wood, jr., has ever encountered—and to move through one becomes an exciting adventure. The artillery officer whose folks are in Salem (C. L. Wood, sr., of the public utilities commissioner's organization) says that a stroll down the middle of an English street where a blackout is in progress proves that bordering trees, unlighted lamp posts, curbs and ditches have all moved from their proper locations.

When the pedestrian finally determines to try the sidewalk he finds it blocked by shrubs, iron fences, flower gardens, front porches and more trees. Quoting a soldier in his company who reduced a description of the experience to one sentence: "Captain, I ain't never seen anything in my life so g-d—black."

A second experience described by the captain covered dinner in an English home, his first home cooked meal in over a year. He compared his host to a puppy that "fairly wriggled both ends in overwhelming friendship." "It all adds up to the fact that after we came to spend a few days of his

SWEGLE — Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Thomas on Hollywood drive were pleasantly surprised last Thursday when the nephew of Mrs. Thomas, Jimmy Imper, came to spend a few days of his

furlough with them. He is a first class petty officer on a submarine in the Pacific waters.

Tech. Sgt. Charles Wakefield is visiting his wife and new son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ames, on Montana lane. He is stationed at a camp in Mississippi.

Henry Sutherland is home on a 10-day leave and is visiting his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stark on Garden road. He is a second class gunner's mate.

Sgt. Richard L. Morgan is spending a 15-day "delay en route" at his home on route one, after having completed a nine months course in mechanical engineering in the army specialized training unit at Oregon State college. Sgt. Morgan is a brother of Glenn Morgan of Salem and Fred E. Morgan of Portland.

SIDNEY — Pfc. Arthur Todd has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Todd and has returned to a Louisiana army post.

Lt. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon of 249 South Cottage street have received word of the promotion of their son, Alan D. Cannon, to aviation radio mate third class, USN. Young Cannon is somewhere in the Pacific.

Aviation Cadet Herbert Booth was released Tuesday from the naval hospital at Monmouth, Ill., where for two months he had been receiving care for a sinus infection, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Booth have been notified.

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