

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

When protest came from the state school for the deaf against the location of heavy industry in its vicinity it caused a ripple of mirth. A deaf school, the public seemed to think, could be connected in the middle of a boiler factory without ill effect to its work. But one of the deaf school teachers wrote a letter which was published in the Oregonian, stating briefly the grounds for the complaint; how rumbling trains drown the sensitive hearing aids used by students and how outside noise interferes with teaching partially deaf children to frame sounds in speech. It is a mistake to think that instruction in a deaf school is limited to teaching the sign language. Now every effort is made to teach the children how to use the vocal organs for speech. But man speaks through his ears; hence the need of protecting the vestiges of hearing.

I am talking through my hat when I say that man speaks through his ears, but the meaning may be clearer if I say man speaks by means of his hearing. Most children are mute not because of defects in their vocal organs but because their hearing is defective. Spoken language is merely the vocal reproduction of the sound impression left in the auditory center of the brain. Language is merely the reproduction of sounds that are recorded by prolonged hearing of the same sounds which come to have a recognized meaning. The vocal organs like a needle on a phonograph record, merely reproduce the sounds with the ears acting as a monitor.

A dialect or brogue is not due to anatomical differences in the vocal organs. The Scotchman's burr is not caused by baffles in his throat nor the New York East Sides "Oy, oy" to adenoids. The Pole whose palate bounces hard consonants doesn't have a mouth shaped differently from the Italian whose speech runs to labials. (Continued on Editorial Page.)

Think Tojo Unaware Of Tortures

By JAMES D. WHITE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Japan's delay in replying to documented stories of her soldiers' barbarities on Bataan led some in the capital tonight to think that perhaps Tokyo officialdom itself was surprised at the details. This could be true because of the loose control which the Tokyo war office commonly exercises over the discipline of troops far afield, and because the Japanese army traditionally has done what it pleases in combat zones, without letting the government and people know.

The Tokyo radio—after nearly 12 hours silence—broadcast a Domei dispatch beamed to this country, but apparently left the Japanese people, as usual, in the dark. Domei quoted "high military quarters" as labeling the American army and navy charges "vicious enemy propaganda," and counter-charging American "butchering of our wounded soldiers perpetrated on Guadalcanal" and "brutal assaults on our helpless hospital ships."

As for civilian Japan's possible ignorance, it is pointed out that the full horrors her troops committed in Nanking and many other places in China were made known to few Japanese. Officials who recalled this, and also that the Japanese people never were told of indignities heaped upon British civilians in 1939 at Tientsin, see some possibility of the Bataan-Corregidor atrocity stories leading to an eventual improvement of conditions among prisoners of war.

Navy Funds to Be Spent in Pacific
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The major part of the navy department request for \$130,000,000 for repair facilities would be spent on the Pacific coast, if Congress finally authorized its appropriation. Chairman Sheppard (D-Calif.) of the house appropriations subcommittee on naval affairs said today.

Hitler to Broadcast
LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 30 (AP)—A German news agency broadcast heard by the ministry of information said Adolf Hitler would broadcast from his headquarters at noon today in connection with the German celebration of the 11th anniversary of his accession to power.

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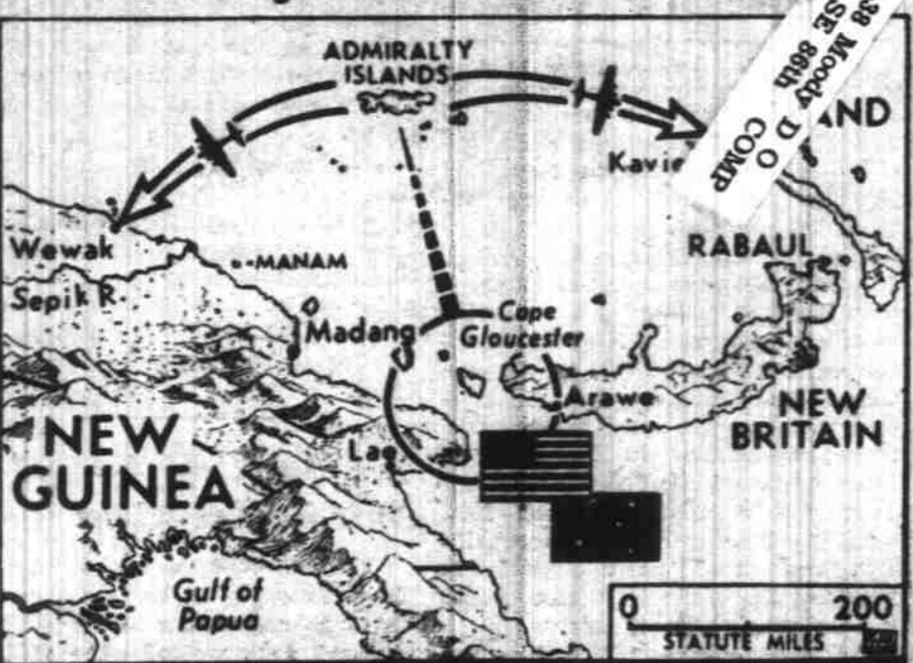
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Occasional rain west part and snow east part Sunday and Sunday night. Cloudy Monday. Little change in temperature.

Admiralty Invasion Possible



Circled section indicates area where allies have airfields from which, apparently, they are bombing the Admiralty Islands (broken pointers) as possible prelude to invasion of those Jap-held regions. Invasion would mean stepped up air activity over Wewak and Kavieng (open arrows) and would cut route between Japs on New Guinea and their Truk base. (AP Wirephoto)

Rabaul Raided Again; Jap Plane Losses 400

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Sunday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Rabaul was raided again on January 27, the 25th raiding mission there by the allies this month, during which 23 more planes were shot down to soar Nipponese losses in January above 400.

Headquarters reporting the raid today, said six other enemy planes probably were shot down as Mitchell medium bombers, escorted by fighters, flew up from Solomons bases to the Lakunai airfield, the enemy's principal fighter base at that northeastern New Britain fortress.

In a favorite allied hunting ground for Japanese shipping—in the vicinity of Kavieng, New Ireland, navy Catalinas sank an 8000-ton enemy cargo vessel the night of January 27.

The air arm pressed its ceaseless campaign to soften up the New Guinea area about Madang, current objective of the allied ground forces. Mitchells and fighters went after the Bogadjim sector just south of Madang. The Ramu valley and the shoreline below the Japanese shipping base.

The newest victory over Rabaul was noteworthy for the fact that the 23 to 29 enemy planes downed amounted to more than half of the 40 interceptors the Japanese threw into the battle.

The raiders lost six planes, making a total of more than 60 as the cost of the attacks made on all but two of the 27 days so far accounted for.

Later on Liberators flew to Rabaul from the Solomons and blasted supply dumps. The Japanese sent up no planes against those raiders.

Marines Tied In New Georgia

CLEVELAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—Wounded marines on New Georgia island were trussed with rope and left by their Japanese captors to die, Captain David N. Marshall reported in an interview approved for publication tonight by the office of censorship.

Last December, Captain Marshall, 30 year old commanding officer of company 1, 145th infantry, (Ohio's 37th division) was home on leave here and told an interviewer the story of enemy atrocities which he said occurred during a quick American withdrawal on the south Pacific battlefield last summer.

Censorship authorities at Washington ordered Capt. Marshall's story withheld but with Friday's disclosure of Japanese torture inflicted on America's defenders of Bataan, publication of the New Georgia incidents was approved.

James Carlton Nelson Dies Suddenly Saturday Night

James Carlton Nelson, 76, principal of the Salem senior high school from 1914 to 1926, and thereafter principal emeritus and registrar so that his connection with the school covered a 49-year period, died Saturday night. He had carried on his duties at the high school until the last few days. Other school officials said he had been ill one day, then returned for one day which was either Wednesday or Thursday.

Throughout his 52 years as an educator Mr. Nelson maintained a personal interest in the welfare of his students and in their extracurricular as well as their scholastic activities. Having been associated either as principal or registrar with so many generations of students, some now past middle life, he enjoyed possibly the widest acquaintance of any Salem educator.

Allies Near Rome

Yanks Approach Cisterna; British Take Carroceto

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 29 (AP)—The allies have expanded the beachhead south of Rome in drives which have placed British troops within 18 miles of the eternal city and Americans within light artillery range of the vital point of Cisterna, 14 miles northeast of Anzio and 33 miles from Rome, allied headquarters declared in a special announcement today.

The British advance went three miles beyond Carroceto where a railway bridge 18 miles south of Rome was captured. "Light artillery range" in connection with Cisterna, might mean anything from small mortars with a range of a few hundred yards to a 75 millimeter field gun, so it was not known here just what this position was. But it was considered certain the Germans were unable to use either the air field, the Apennine Way or the railroad in the area.

Cisterna is on both the Apennine Way and the main rail line to the Cassino front which intersect there. Allied air forces have been bombing German gun positions there. Cisterna also has an important airfield with concrete runways 1100 yards long, hangars and workshops.

The air war over Italy reached a new peak of intensity in which allied planes of all types flew 1500 sorties and destroyed 27 enemy planes out of the skies against a loss of five allied aircraft. It brought the allied two-day total of 87 Nazi planes destroyed.

The heaviest air fights broke out over the beachhead where allied fighters in six hours knocked down 21 out of 100 German planes which attacked invasion fleets landing reinforcements and supplies.

The British advance 12 miles (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

OSC Dads' Club Elects Harry Brock

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Harry W. Brock, Portland, was elected president of the Oregon State College Dad's club today.

Mark Weatherford, Albany, was chosen vice president; O. R. Maris, Portland, treasurer; Will W. Henry, Portland, secretary; Ben Hill-ton, Grants Pass, R. A. Watt, Tillamook, B. Babb, Valsec, Gordon McGilchrist, Salem, Jacob Risley, Milwaukie, R. T. Ridgley, Hood River, and George B. Wallace, Charles W. Wentworth, Paul S. Wright, and L. J. Skaggs, all Portland, directors.

The dads commended the state board of higher education for a provision made at its last meeting providing special short courses for returning veterans. They asked the board to cooperate with the superintendent of public instruction and secretary of state in maintaining high teaching standards among schools that may seek accredited standing under terms of the veterans' educational aid act.

President Strand said the college will need to expand its campus facilities to meet postwar needs. The dads adopted a resolution urging the board to realize the need for an enlarged physical plant and be prepared to share expense from direct state funds added to student building fees and revenue bonds which have borne almost the entire new building costs in the last 18 years.

Guns Roar Over Dover Straits

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Heavy guns roared on both sides of the Dover strait last night and the target of the British artillery was believed to be an enemy convoy between Calais and Boulogne.

The British guns poured salvoes in rapid fire and the German batteries answered in longer spaced bursts, dropping shells in the Dover area. A brilliant white and orange glow lit up the channel area as the heavy British guns fired.

3 Officials From Salem Announce Candidacies

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Pointing out that he has initiated a municipal program which, due largely to wartime conditions, cannot be expedited to the point of public adoption or rejection in the remaining months of his present term, Mayor I. M. Doughton announced Saturday that he would be a candidate at the May primary for a second term.

Saturday appeared to be a propitious day for launching candidacies. In Washington, DC, Wayne L. Morse tossed his hat into the Oregon senatorial ring, simultaneously resigning as a member of the war labor board and as dean of the university law school, thus assuring this state of a lively campaign for the republican nomination, with incumbent Rufus C. Holman as his opponent. (See also story on Page 5.)

In Salem two present officeholders in addition to the mayor announced candidacies for reelection. In each case, to date no opposition has made itself apparent. Alfred Muntz, city recorder who won that office in 1942 after serving as deputy in the recorder's office for many years, announced that he would run again.

District Attorney Miller B. Hayden made a double-jump on the political checkerboard by letting his official filing as a candidate for republican renomination serve as his announcement. Now serving his first term, Hayden was previously justice of the peace in the Salem district.

Mayor Doughton upon taking office in January, 1943, outlined a program which included determination of the feasibility of extending the city limits; study of possible improvements in the city's form of government, perhaps leading to adoption of the city manager or commission plan; (Turn to Page 2—Story E)



I. M. DOUGHTON Mayor



ALFRED MUNDT Recorder



MILLER B. HAYDEN District Attorney

Living Costs Up 43 Per Cent Report Claims

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Labor members of a presidential committee studying the cost of living reported today it has gone up 43.5 per cent since January, 1941, and were taken to task by industry members who said the report had not been "reviewed by competent and accepted authorities."

"There has been no committee findings on this point," said the industry members. H. E. Horton, treasurer of the Chicago Bridge and Iron company, and George K. Batt, vice president of Dugan Brothers, Newark, N.J.

"It is the opinion of the industry members of the president's committee," Horton and Batt added in a statement, "that the committee is under responsibility not to make a final report to the president and to the public until careful consideration has been given to all the relevant data."

Chairman William H. Davis of the committee also issued a statement saying the report is "not in any sense a report of the committee."

"It is a statement of the contentions of the CIO and AFL as to the cost of living in the BLS (bureau of labor statistics) index," he continued.

Slavs Slaughter Nazis in Croatia

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Slaughter of 250 Germans and destruction of several enemy tanks in a battle near Kistanje, in Croatia, was announced today by the Yugoslav partisans.

The communique broadcast from headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) said the nazis were routed and their units also had been cleared from the right bank of the Krka river.

Partisans meanwhile are attacking Germans between the towns of Projedor, Bosanka Novi and Bihac in western Bosnia, and have occupied Borece and Celic in eastern Bosnia, the communique said.

DSC Awarded

SEATTLE, Jan. 29 (AP)—The first merchant marine distinguished service medal ever to be awarded in the Pacific northwest was given today to Capt. Robert E. Blakefield, Seattle master mariner, who was credited by the army with saving a large part of an Alaskan port from destruction.

Pre-Induction Physicals Create Task

By MAX HALL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Local draft boards grappled today with the doubly-difficult task of overhauling their selective service machinery without slowing the flow of about 600,000 men into the armed services in January and February.

Major changes effective Tuesday provide that:

- 1. No registrant shall be inducted until he has passed a thorough physical examination by army-navy doctors at least 21 days previously.
- 2. Registrants 18 through 21 years old no longer will be granted occupational deferments unless engaged in farming, or unless a state selective director certifies that a man is necessary in industry.

Deferments in effect before Tuesday will run their course but (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Sidney-Talbot Over Top; Valley Towns Pace Bond Purchasing

Paced by the Sidney-Talbot district which was "first over the top" and the Silverton and Woodburn districts which also staged special events at the weekend, Marion county's total in fourth war loan bond purchases by individuals rose Saturday to \$1,301,027.5. Early this week the county figure will climb more rapidly when the investments of corporations and institutions begin pouring in but, reminds County Chairman Jesse J. Gard, account still must be kept of the individual purchases in their progress toward a \$2,251,000 goal.

Sidney-Talbot's success, achieved at the well-attended rally Friday night, is all the more notable in that it is one of the county's smaller districts and its 350,000 quota was one of the highest as a new quota base.

Big Armada Huris Bombs On Frankfurt

31 US Bombers, 13 Fighters Fail to Return; 102 Nazi Fighters Lost; France Hit

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 30 (AP)—More than 1800 tons of bombs were hurled on Frankfurt, Germany, in daylight yesterday by more than 300 US Flying Fortresses and Liberators—the greatest armada of heavy American bombers ever sent into action.

They and a fighter escort, more than 1500 planes, shot down 102 German fighters, it was announced. Thirty one US bombers and 13 fighters failed to return. The bomber airmen themselves shot down 60 enemy planes and the escort pilots 42.

The big German manufacturing and transport center, was deluged with high explosives, incendiaries and propaganda leaflets.

The Americans flew an 800 mile round trip by daylight to deliver their blows less than 12 hours after the RAF's night fleet, attacking in unusually great strength, handed Berlin its 13th heavy bombing, the second in two nights, one of the most damaging of the war.

With the two attacks on Berlin and the one on Frankfurt, the allies in a little more than 38 hours staggered the German homeland with three crippling main blows and in addition engaged in a number of secondary mine-laying and bombing operations which were exceptionally widespread, the entire effort involving probably well over 2000 planes.

Tonight the German long-wave transmitters, including the country's largest, Deutschlandsender, went off the air, suggesting new night raids on German territory and perhaps the third in a row on Berlin.

Swedish dispatches reported great fires raging in the German capital after the two nights of assault, and one report said the great Tempelhof airport apparently was knocked out.

The authoritative British Press association speculated, however, that it might require a half million men and 20,000 bomber flights to win the battle of Berlin. It estimated the cost might be 6000 men and 800 aircraft and noted that more than 250,000 persons in the air or at British bases already were participating in the attack "which is believed now half over."

Among the American Fortresses lost today was one rammed from below by a German fighter that it had knocked out of control. The Marauder raid was complemented by sweeps carried out by RAF light bombers and fighters which also hit a Brittany airbase and enemy shipping off the channel island of Jersey. Supporting RAF fighters, which also covered the return of the American heavy bombers from the continent, shot down four German planes. Seven British planes failed to return from the operations.

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Sgt. Brokke Said Missing

SILVERTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Halvor E. Brokke received word this week that their son, Sgt. Charles F. Brokke, 28, a Flying Fortress waist gunner, was missing in action over Germany on January 11. Another son, James, died of pneumonia on board a ship in the Pacific in May 1942.

A third son is a seaman first class in the navy and is now in Indiana.

Sgt. Brokke was graduated from the Silverton high school in 1934. Before joining the AAF he worked for the Douglas Aircraft company at Santa Monica, Calif.

Bomb Kills Six In London Raid

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 30 (AP)—Six persons are believed to have been killed and others injured when a bomb struck a surface shelter during a comparatively weak German air raid on London last night.

There were about a dozen persons in the shelter. Rescue workers dug into the wreckage to recover the bodies.