

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

That Charles Chaplin should be indicted for violation of the Mann act doubtless comes as a shock to those of Hollywood and elsewhere who think they are above the law. The country is full of big shots who are in the dough and think they can get away with anything they want to because of their money. Judging by reports Hollywood is full of lecherous actors and actresses who shift mates by the easy route of Nevada or Mexico divorce laws and who indulge themselves often without benefit of clergy. The recent Errol Flynn trial and the present Chaplin indictment may put some fear of the law or of public opinion in the minds of the gentry there, even if it doesn't better the morals in their hearts.

But there is another aspect of the Chaplin case which merits attention. Besides the Mann act indictment, Chaplin and several others with him, are accused of violating federal laws guaranteeing the individual his civil rights. Involved are a magistrate and some Beverly Hills policemen, a radio man and one or two others. According to the report they conspired to get rid of Joan Berry, a Chaplin reject who was haunting the vicinity of his house to secure some satisfaction for her grievance. They had her arrested, induced her to plead guilty to a charge of vagrancy and then got her to agree to stay away from the vicinity.

Rarely is this federal statute invoked. But if it has application in the Joan Berry case, may it not be applied for protection of civil rights of persons in Mayor Hague's dominion of Jersey City, where civil rights have been ignored notoriously? And what about rights of negroes in the south? Could the law be invoked there?

You see this case has real possibilities of serving as a precedent. If federal officials enforce the same law for the protection of the constitutional political rights of citizens over the country we might really get somewhere as a democracy.

Corporation Tax Lowering Is Prospect

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The prospect of postwar corporation tax reductions which will help clear the track for business to provide jobs for returning service men and war workers was held out today by two senior members of the senate finance committee, Chairman George (D-Ga.) and Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

In separate interviews, neither saw even the glimmer of hope, however, that the record tax burden being shouldered by individuals can be lightened until long after fighting ceases.

About all the encouragement George could hold out for individuals was that congress will make the revenue laws more understandable. This job is going to be tackled immediately, it was promised today by Chairman (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Paasikivi Thought to Be Peace Envoy

By ROBERT STURDEVANT
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 12 (AP)—Dr. Juhuri Kusti Paasikivi, who negotiated the 1940 Finnish-Russian peace, arrived quietly in Stockholm today on what he said was "private business" a few hours after former Finnish Foreign Minister Eljas Erko said his country was "considering every way possible in finding the road to peace."

In excellent humor, Paasikivi disclaimed that his present trip had anything to do with politics. In 1940 he had arrived here and gone secretly to Moscow for peace negotiations.

"I expect to stay as long as possible," he told the Associated Press tonight, "but my trip is purely private. My wife and I planned the Stockholm visit as long ago as last August. Though I have been a politician for 40 years (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Hill Calls Flax Meeting in Salem

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Dr. D. D. Hill, chairman of the state flax and linen board, today called representatives of 13 co-operative and private flax processing plants to a conference in Salem Tuesday to discuss problems facing the industry.

Dr. Hill, head of the department of farm crops at Oregon State college, recently was elected chairman to succeed the late G. R. Hylop. Board members, appointed by the governor, include L. L. Laws, state flax plant, Salem; Fred Schwab, Mount Angel; State Senator Howard Belton, Canby; F. L. Chambers, Eugene.

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Willkie Will File in Oregon Primaries

Indiana Candidate's Campaign Gaining

Scott Will Seek Renomination; Sprague to Run for GOP Post Of Delegate-at-Large

It will be a different Wendell Willkie, and a much more formidable campaigner, who will participate in the presidential joustings this year. Along with the announcement that he will file for the "preference" ballot in the Oregon primary, that is the big item of political news in Oregon this weekend.

Some of the other items are that State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott will be, though he hasn't so announced publicly yet, a candidate for renomination; and that ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague will be a candidate for delegate-at-large to the republican national convention.

Scott has intimated to friends his intention to run

again, and to date there is no indication that he will have opposition in the republican ranks, nor serious opposition from the democratic direction.

As to Wendell Willkie, the same shock of unruly black hair and powerful though rotund figure which were in evidence in the 1940 campaign were visible in Portland again on Saturday. The voice was familiar except that there was no evidence of strained vocal cords, and phrases were not so often telescoped.

But when Willkie made the campaign circuit in 1940 he was tense and self-conscious and worried-looking. He was an amateur in the ring with "the champ." Now he is a seasoned scrapper in the political arena. About all that can happen to a candidate is defeat, he took that and lived through it. Now he is relaxed, poised; before a crowd he can take any question and fire back a well-rounded and unequivocal answer. He can come (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

The winning juniors, who placed third last year, ran to the stage to claim the banner and tried to sing their song again for the hundreds of townspeople, alumni and parents of students, who filled the gymnasium for the occasion.

Serenade was the theme of the glee and was carried out in the formations of the classes. The juniors formed two hearts and then a fraternity pin with a WU guard. While singing their song (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

British Press Arakan Fight

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12 (AP)—In heavy fighting on the Arakan front in Burma that has been in progress for nine days, British forces have inflicted heavy casualties on the constantly attacking enemy, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia command announced today.

The successful defensive battles were located in the Taung Bazaar area, with British forces continuing to advance in the Kalandia area some miles south of the village of that name, and in the Tiddim area, where a hill feature was occupied by the British.

American-trained Chinese in the Hukawng valley to the north are fighting eight miles northeast of Taipha Ga, where they ambushed a Japanese party and killed 34 of the enemy, it was announced.

RAF and American heavy bombers have continued their raids on the Papanese-held port of Akyab, on Promé and elsewhere.

Million Dollar Club Coming Here Tuesday

Here are the members of that nationally-famed KOIN Million Dollar club which will lend its color to the Marion county fourth war loan victory rally Tuesday night in the Salem high school auditorium. From the left include Maestro Joseph Sampiero and the orchestra; at the microphone, Margaret Carroll and Master of Ceremonies Johnny Carpenter; at the extreme right, Bob McCoy and Jim Riddell.

GARs Miss Ceremony On Lincoln Birthday

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12 (AP)—For the first time in 75 years there was no member of the Grand Army of the Republic present today at birthday anniversary ceremonies at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Hiram Shumate of nearby Riverport, state commander of the GAR, and C. E. Davis of Springfield, only Sangamon county survivors of the veterans' group, were unable to attend because of the weather. They were, however, represented by Harvey Flock, commander of the Sons of Veterans, who spoke in behalf of the GAR.

Reds Reach Luga; Smash In Ukraine

40 Towns, Hamlets Fall; Batetskaya Junction Taken

By TOM YARBROUGH
LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 13 (AP)—The red army has reached the suburbs of the rail station of Luga, 80 miles south of Leningrad on the road to southern Estonia and Latvia, while in the Ukraine 4200 nazis were killed yesterday and 70 tanks wrecked in the desperate German effort to rescue the remnants of ten trapped nazis divisions near the middle Dnieper river, Moscow announced today.

More than forty towns and hamlets were captured in the north as the Russians fought in the outskirts of Luga, and 18 miles to the east captured the rail junction of Batetskaya and cleared the Leningrad-Batetskaya-Novgorod railroad.

Luga, midway between Leningrad and Pskov, is an important German defense point protecting the axis retreat into Estonia and Latvia along three railroads joining at Pskov.

The fall of the town appeared imminent as the Russians wheeled in through the heavy snow. The Moscow midnight communique, recorded by the soviet monitor, said that in this northern area the Germans "suffered big losses in men and materials."

In one sector alone a German stronghold was reduced by a sudden blow and 600 Germans killed. Five long-range guns, five anti-aircraft guns, 16 trucks and other material were captured, the communique said.

"Extremely fierce" fighting in the Ukraine marked the final stage of the battle to crush the survivors of the ten trapped nazis (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Hopkins' Son Is Killed In Marshalls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt tonight notified Harry L. Hopkins that his son, Stephen, 18, has been killed in action in the Marshall islands and buried at sea.

Hopkins is an adviser and close friend of the chief executive.

Mrs. Hopkins, confirming reports of the death, said no details were available. Stephen was a child of Hopkins' first marriage.

Hopkins was en route south by train to try to recover his own strength and health, which have been taxed by long and recurrent illnesses.

The president, Mrs. Hopkins said, sent her husband a "beautifully worded" telegram telling him of Stephen's death. She said the chief executive asserted that "We do not know the details, but we will be prouder of him when we do."

The president and Hopkins have been close friends, and the latter made his home in the White House for many months.

Hopkins has two other sons in the service. David, an officer on an aircraft carrier, and Robert, serving with the army in Italy. He also has a daughter, Diana, 12, by a second marriage. He was married a third time in 1942.

Body Recovered From Liner Crash

MEMPHIS, Feb. 13 (Sunday) (AP)—The US engineers reported early today that the unidentified body of one of the 24 persons killed when the American airliner plunged into the Mississippi river Thursday night was found at 1 o'clock (CWT) this morning.

The body, that of a lieutenant, was still intact.

Shattered pieces of the plane, some weighing as much as 300 pounds, were dredged up during the day along with some sacks of mail, baggage, a woman's photograph, a slipper and a sock.

Missing

Sgt. Weldon G. Martin, son of Mrs. Elva M. Martin, 1835 North Commercial street, has been missing since the Flying Fortress of which he was a crew member participated in a mission over Germany on January 29. His mother was notified Saturday. A graduate of Salem high school with the class of 1938, he had a wide acquaintance in the capital city although he was a Portland chef at the time of his enlistment in March, 1942. He graduated as an aerial gunner from Harlingen army gunnery school, Shepherd field, Texas, in September, 1942. Members of his family here received a V-mail letter from him last Thursday.

Coordinators Offer Complete Youth Program

By ISABEL CHILDS
Announcing in almost the first breath of its first public utterance that there should be a more complete recreational program for the city's boys and girls than that now offered, the new Salem youth activity coordinating committee today steals the spotlight from, or rather shares it with planning and politics.

It is involved in planning because the program it sponsors and would like to see adopted is a long-time scheme, one which may best grow to maturity in postwar years because of interest and work of youth during the war period.

Whether it wants to or not the committee has already cast its hat into the political ring because it has recommended a memorial to the city council including a request for an enabling act which would allow the council to exercise its legal right to levy up to one-half mill tax for the youth program.

As to the organization of the committee, it did not spring full-blown from the brow of the Salem Council of Social Agencies, although it has its foothold there. The Salem Council of Social (Turn to Page 2—Story J)

Burns Fatal For Lad Denied By Hospitals

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Fourteen-year-old William Haerberle, who lay seriously burned for nearly an hour before a hospital could be found that would admit him, died here today.

The youth, burned while fleeing from roaring flames that razed a small frame house within 15 minutes, was turned down by six hospitals, which said they had no vacant beds, ambulance attendants said.

Dr. Donald W. Nickelsen, who treated the boy in Portland General hospital, said the delay might have been partially responsible for his death. "That boy's chances of recovery depended to a great extent upon the rapidity with which treatment was given," he said. "We have saved patients before when burned that badly if quickly treated."

John W. Green, 14, cousin of the dead boy, also was burned seriously. His father, Melvin E. Green, and a 5-year-old stepson suffered minor burns.

Cause of the fire, which broke out while the family was sleeping, was not immediately determined.

Red-Sponsored Poles Organize

By JUDSON O'QUINN
LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The soviet-sponsored Union of Polish Patriots already has organized a national council inside Poland, the Moscow radio disclosed tonight, adding a new climax to the open conflict between Russia and the present Polish government-in-exile.

The disclosure that the Union of Polish Patriots, organized in Moscow, had set up operations in Poland followed an editorial in the communist party newspaper, Pravda, attacking the Polish regime in London anew and implying that a government acceptable to the soviets might be established in Poland.

The Moscow broadcast said that the council established by the Union of Polish Patriots included representatives of the Polish peasants party, the socialist workers party and "other democratic groupings," but gave no details as to how or where the organization was accomplished.

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Bombers Follow Up Day Raid

Pas-de-Calais Assaulted by US Liberators

By W. W. HERCHER
LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 13 (AP)—Heavy bombers of the RAF droned across the channel toward the continent last night in a mighty procession, following up a daylight assault by American Liberators on the French Pas de Calais invasion coast.

The British bombers took 45 minutes to cross southeastern England and were in heavier force than in recent nights, watchers said.

The American operation maintained the stepped-up pace set by the Eighth air force for more than two weeks.

The four - engined bombers crossed the channel under a roaring umbrella of Mustang and Thunderbolt fighters and returned without loss to complete successfully their 13th operation in 16 days. The fliers reported they did not see a single enemy fighter in the sky.

Two small formations of RAF Mosquitoes also pounded military targets in northern France under cover of Typhoons and these too (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

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