

By Charles F. Squire

During the time that Philander C. Knox was secretary of state the term "dollar diplomacy" came into use. It carried the implication that, while trade follows the flag, the flag also should follow trade.

The wheel seems to have turned full circle, for now I note that Sec. Ickes, speaking for the government, is endeavoring to arrange for government financing of an oil pipeline from Bahrain island in the Persian gulf across Saudi Arabia to points on the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, where refineries would be located.

A few days ago the Truman committee investigating the question of oil supplies for this country, recommended appropriations for initiating refining of oil from domestic shales and coal, and also pointed toward foreign sources.

Solons Attack Baruch Plan Centralization

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Baruch plan for postwar reconversion of industry and manpower to civilian pursuits was challenged in congress today on the grounds that it would deliver the future economic destiny of the nation into the hands of the executive.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the senate postwar planning committee led the attack with an assertion that the proposals submitted by Bernard M. Baruch, 73-year-old financier and presidential adviser, posed a basic issue whether congress or the executive should lay down the general policies for the change over.

Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich), a member, backed up this viewpoint with the declaration that the committee is not willing to leave such decisions to "executive lieutenants" but will insist on the establishment of an over-all authority accountable to congress for its actions.

The senate postwar committee (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Bedaux Takes Own Life

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 19 (AP)—Charles E. Bedaux, French-born former international figure who became an infamously rich man and an intimate of the Duke of Windsor, took his own life here, an official announcement said today, while facing an accusation of treason.

Immigration Agent John E. Burling said the 58-year-old engineer and industrialist swallowed an overdose of carefully hoarded sleeping tablets Monday night at a detention home where he had been held incommunicado since he was brought from north Africa to Miami December 23, 1943, aboard an army plane.

Bedaux downed the tablets a few hours after he was informed that a board of special inquiry of the immigration and naturalization service had ruled that he was a citizen of the United States and could be admitted to this country.

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US Marines Take Engebi

Other Islands in North Fall to American Forces

By William Hipple
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 19—(AP)—With a mighty splash American marines captured Engebi island, an important airbase one day after landing on Engebi atoll in the Marshalls.

Several other islands in the northern portion have also fallen to the Americans.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz so announced today, saying that preliminary reports indicated American casualties have been light. Other islands of the atoll captured were not named, but islands from that area include Muzinbaarikku, Ueiri and Rujijoru, southeast of Engebi, and Bogon, Bogarikk, Elugelab and Bogallua to the northwest.

Allied Ships Shell Rabaul, Kavieng Base

Shore Batteries Silenced; Large Fires Burn in Harbor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Feb. 20—(AP)—For the first time in the war, allied warships shelled the big fortress of Rabaul and the enemy base of Kavieng, headquarters announced today.

Shore batteries were silenced and large fires started at Simpson harbor at Rabaul, one of the most commodious naval bases in the Pacific.

The shelling was done by destroyers Friday.

The destroyers were undamaged in their bold move against the New Britain stronghold.

At Kavieng, 160 miles to Rabaul's northwest on New Ireland, the bombarding warships exploded a tanker, damaged a dozen small vessels, silenced coastal batteries and departed undamaged.

Both Rabaul and Kavieng have been struck by air repeatedly but never before had warships dared venture into their sectors.

Air attacks in the Rabaul area (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Council May Consider Ward Realignment

A realignment of city wards in the east end of Salem may be one of the principal items of business when the city council meets Monday night, it became apparent Saturday after Attorney General George Neuner had advised District Attorney Miller B. Hayden that there is no provision of law in Oregon requiring county courts to take into consideration ward lines when establishing and bounding an election precinct within an incorporated city.

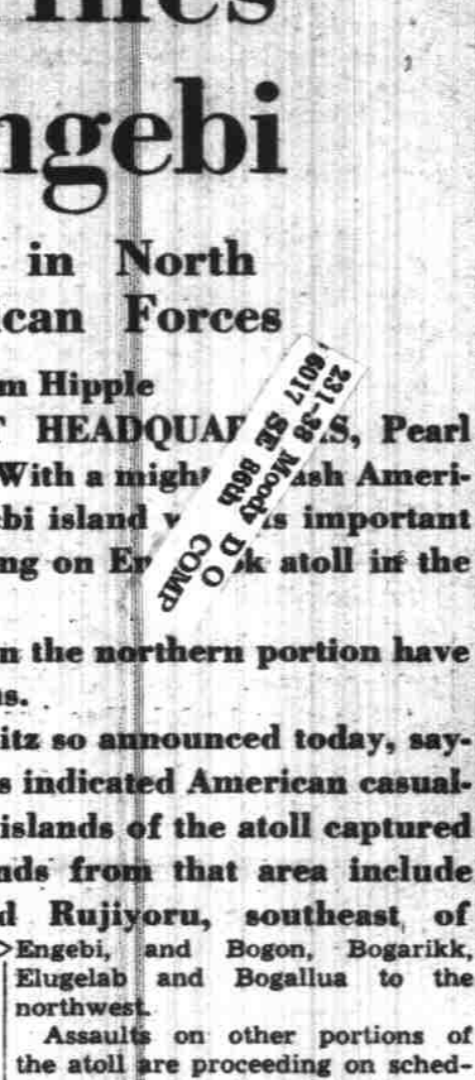
When the county court recently created a new precinct, cutting into two already-established voting units which had exceeded the legal maximum of 500 registered voters, it failed to note that the new precinct straddled ward lines. Because of this no common city ballot could be used there and city fathers two weeks ago by resolution asked for a rearrangement.

Neuner's opinion indicates that the court, because it acted as directed by law in establishing the new precinct, could not now rescind its action.

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Doughboy Touch



While inspecting an infantry unit in England, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, demonstrates his "doughboy touch" by firing a Browning light machine gun off its mount and from the hip. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto)

Candidate Search on For Sheriff, Mayor

By RALPH CURTIS

Employees used to be envious of political big shots who could strut around importantly even though they "never had to meet a payroll." That was when payrolls were hard to meet. But nowadays when meeting payrolls is no worry at all, employers and political leaders are in the same boat; their worry is to find someone to put on the payroll.

Hereabouts the quest for candidates to run for public offices whose occupants are unsuitable to certain groups, continues without publishable result but things are beginning to jell in some instances.

For the first time Truk is within range of American land-based planes. Ponape, 425 miles southwest of Engebi, is within easy range even of medium Mitchells and their 75mm cannon.

Seabees probably followed the assault troops ashore and began immediate rehabilitation of the battered Engebi field after its capture.

A triangular shaped island, Engebi is approximately one mile long on each of its three sides. The 5000-foot runway is located on the northwest shore and bears east to west.

As a prelude to the major attack on Truk and the invasion of the Eniwetok atoll, army and navy planes and warships joined in neutralizing attacks on Ponape and Kussie, both important Japanese bases in the Carolines and other bases in the Marshalls between February 14 and 18.

Manpower difficulties even extend to the matter of campaign managers, and in that connection it may be reported that whereas Wayne L. Morse got off to a slow start as a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, it's logical to assume he has now caught up with incumbent Rufus Holman. For, though it was reported some time ago that Rufe's campaign organization was pretty well set, reports here the last few days indicate it isn't so. E. A. Miller of Salem who is taking a friendly interest in Holman's candidacy, was reported to be seeking a suitable man to serve as the senator's campaign manager, though unsuccessfully at recent report.

Simovic Backs Tito Partisans

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Gen. Dusan Simovic, who guided King Peter's government in the Yugoslav revolt against the axis, alignment with the allies, came out of retirement tonight to urge support for Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) and declare that allied help would come to the Balkans this spring.

Making clear that he was speaking as a soldier and not as a politician, Gen. Simovic asserted that "to work against the national liberation movement is to work against our allies and give assistance to the enemy."

Tito, leader of the national army of liberation, has accused the forces of Gen. Draja Mihailovic, minister of war in King Peter's government, of attacking his troops.

Dr. Miller Commissioned

Dr. H. G. Miller, superintendent of the Oregon Fairview home, was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the US navy Saturday and ordered to report March 13 in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Cmdr. Miller will be assigned to the psychiatry section of the navy medical corps, he has been notified. In addition to his work as superintendent of the state institution which cares for the mentally deficient, Dr. Miller has served the state as physician for Hillcrest girls' school.

Mrs. Miller and their children will move from their residence at the home into Salem to reside during the doctor's leave of absence while in the service.

Allies Litter Beachhead With Slaughtered Nazis After 4-Day Onslaught



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To the east the Russian forces (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

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When the five employees, all of whom it was said, had eaten some of the pie at the noon lunch hour, became ill the management ordered them taken to the hospital immediately and called for rapid medical services. Source of the pie was unknown at the hospital.

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Weather

Saturday maximum temperature 53; minimum 31; river 2.5 feet.

Partly cloudy Sunday, occasional rain west and snow flurries east portion Sunday night and Monday; warmer Sunday night.