

By Charles A. Spurgeon

What has become of the prophets of famine of a year ago? One of them was the author...

Here we are in early March, the period of shortest current production of vegetable crops...

In brief the prophets of famine have been proved wrong. The credit for the current "easy" situation in provisions is not due particularly to government agencies...

What about 1944-45? This is the time to plan production for (Continued on Editorial Page)

Governors For State Ballots

WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP) A poll of governors indicated general approval today for the federal-state service men's vote compromise...

With most of them, in fact, approval was based on the fact that they believe state ballots can be made available. Some questioned whether they could approve the short form federal ballot which the pending legislation provides for use in event service men or women apply for but do not receive a state ballot by October 1.

The compromise, which is expected to come up for house and senate action next week, provides: 1. Use of a federal ballot for voters of states which have no absentee balloting machinery...

2. Use of a federal ballot to supplement state absentee ballots if the governor certifies the federal form is acceptable under state law. Service voters would have to (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Alpha Alderman Dies in Tillamook

TILLAMOOK, Ore., March 1—(AP) Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mrs. Alpha Matilda Alderman, 75, a founder of the Presbyterian church here and member of the Tillamook County Pioneer association. She died Sunday.

Red Cross Drive Starts For Goal With \$8000

More than \$8000 in pre-campaign subscriptions brought in by Rex Putnam's division, served to start Marion county Red Cross war fund solicitations on the way to their \$74,000 minimum goal Wednesday as the opening gun of the campaign was fired at breakfast at the Marion hotel.

First definite reports will be issued Monday at a chamber of commerce luncheon which workers will attend, Elton Thompson, drive chairman, said Wednesday night. However, it was known that E. Burr Miller's mercantile committee was "leading the way for the first day."

The US National bank, of which Thompson is an assistant manager, set the pace for all other firms of the county when its employees subscribed 100 per

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Admiralties Counterattack Repulsed

Finn Get Red Peace Demands

People Informed British Approve Soviets' Terms

By ALEX H. SINGLETON LONDON, March 1—(AP)—The Finnish people were informed in a Helsinki communique tonight of Russia's "peace-or-else" armistice terms, which were disclosed to have been endorsed by Britain. Hope persisted that the little axis satellite would accept the terms and get out of the war.

The Finnish radio outlined the six points of the Russian proposal, broadcast last night from Moscow, and said the terms had been transmitted to parliament. It was emphasized, however, that no negotiations were in progress.

The effect of a Russian-Finnish peace on the other axis satellites—Bulgaria Rumania and Hungary—was not overlooked. The Hungarian MTH agency announced that Premier Nicholas Yon Kallay would discuss "internal and external matters of great importance" tomorrow before deputies in the Hungarian parliament.

Authoritative London spokesmen reported that the British government after consultations required by the Anglo-soviet pact had agreed to the terms submitted by Moscow to Finland, terms described by one informed government source as "moderate."

There was no positive clue here to Finland's reaction, but the atmosphere generally was optimistic despite apprehensions expressed in dispatches from Stockholm. Some speculation developed on the possibility that Finland might offer counter-terms and that she might ask for British-American guarantees.

A Finnish legation source in Stockholm said that Finland was planning to send an armistice commission to Moscow headed by (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

GOPs Favor Price Control

WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP) The house republican leadership today advocated price control for at least another year. But the very announcement contained a broad hint of a ding-dong battle over the way it was, and should be administered.

The price control act under which OPA operates expires June 30. Rep. Martin (R-Mass.), minority floor leader, said in a statement that it should be renewed and congress should take up the problem right now.

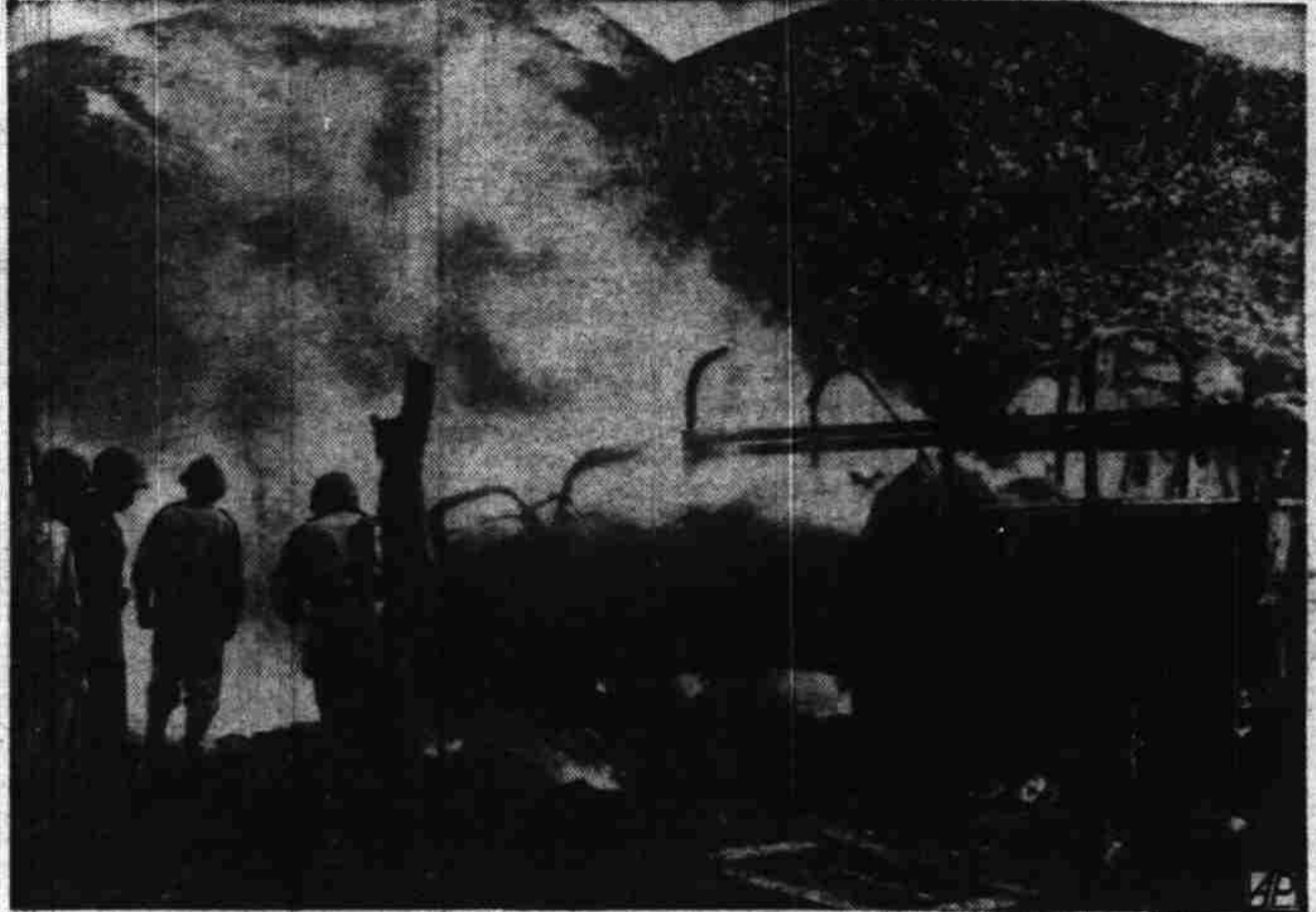
Martin apparently expects a drawn-out fight for he warned against delay. "We have had too much of the bureaucratic technique of waiting until the last minute and then forcing the acceptance of congress of necessary legislation in a form not desired," he asserted.

"There is no question of the need of a price control act. With a scarcity of consumer goods, price control is absolutely necessary if we are to avoid runaway prices,"

cent to the fund before Wednesday's noon whistles. Marion county will raise more than \$75,000 for the Red Cross war fund this year, Rev. W. Irvin Williams predicted as he delivered the keynote address at Wednesday morning's kickoff breakfast.

To 100 workers gathered around the red spangled tables he handed on a new slogan for use as they press forward on a money-canvass venture "which we must complete." He, said Williams, the Red Cross uses the slogan "behind the man at the front," every worker may assure himself that "the man at the front is behind the Red Cross." Urging every solicitor to make of the task a very personal obligation (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

German Bomb Kills German Prisoners



An allied truck, loaded with German prisoners, burns with its human cargo after being hit by a German bomb during attack by enemy planes in Cerasuolo area of Italy. Allied soldiers at left attempt to smother fire in clothing of soldier at their feet who was pulled from truck. (AP Wirephoto from US army signal corps)

Russ Seal Off Nazis

Reds Cut Escape Rail From Narva Estonian Fort

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Thursday, March 2—(AP)—Moscow announced today that the red army in Estonia had punched a bridgehead across the Narova river south of the German-held fortress of Narva and cut the only escape railway from the town while farther south other soviet troops, on the approaches to Pskov, captured 70 localities and cut the Pskov-Iriditsa-Polotsk railway.

In white Russia soviet forces were reported on the move again near the long dormant front of Vitebsk, capturing more than 30 populated places including Skulovich, nine miles east of the German bastion.

The Moscow communique and its midnight supplement, recorded by the soviet monitor from a broadcast, said the Russians "several days ago" crossed the Narova along a 22-mile front and penetrated nine miles beyond. German resistance was powerful but soviet infantry and artillery were declared to have smashed through and reached the rail station of Auvere, cutting the railway between Narva and Reval, capital of Estonia.

This placed the Russians approximately 15 miles inside Estonia and left Narva virtually encircled. The nazis could still escape by sea through the nearby Gulf of Finland but a highway westward was parallel to the cut railway less than a mile north of (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Chaplin Blood Test Disputed

By JAMES LINDSLEY LOS ANGELES, March 1—(AP)—After listening to hours of arguments by counsel, Superior Judge Mook took under submission today a motion by Charlie Chaplin's lawyer to dismiss Joan Berry's paternity suit against the white haired little actor.

Her attorney, the veteran Joseph Scott, shouted that Carol Ann, the four months' old child of whom Miss Berry asserts Chaplin is the father, "is entitled to her day in court." Scott demanded that the paternity case be reopened "to permit a judge and jury to weigh the issues."

He strongly criticized the blood test which three physicians reported established that the 54-year-old comic is not the baby's father.

"Many things could have happened," he declared. "The bottles of blood might have been switched. It has even been suggested to me that Mr. Chaplin might have had the blood of another person placed in his veins. Scott ridiculed the idea of blood tests in general, referring to them repeatedly as a "cock-eyed theory."

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Japs Belittle Yank Invasion

NEW YORK, March 1—(AP) Japanese forces garrisoning the Admiralty Islands were declared by the Tokyo radio tonight to be fighting fiercely against American landing units.

The transmission, recorded by CBS, declared American pre-invasion bombing had little effect and that "the landing units are now receiving a terrific blow from the Japanese garrison."

The landings were made, a Japanese commentator said, in order to encircle Rabaul, but "Rabaul is fortified so thoroughly that such an empty strategy could hardly be dangerous to the Japanese base." The difficulties of supplying an encircled base were not stressed.

Allies Mop Up Japs in Burma

NEW DELHI, March 1—(AP) Allied troops in Burma, now mopping up remnants of the enemy forces which tried unsuccessfully to encircle the Fifth and Seventh Indian divisions last month, have killed or wounded 4500 Japanese since February 4, the allied southeast Asia command announced today.

A communique from the headquarters of Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten said stragglers of the defeated Japanese units, which originally totaled 8000 men, were being rounded up in Arakan and added:

"A conservative estimate of Japanese casualties between February 4 and 29 is now given as 4500 killed and seriously wounded."

(Prime Minister Churchill sent a congratulatory message to Lord Mountbatten and the British 14th army today, saying "it must be a great satisfaction to all ranks and races engaged in our common effort that the Japanese have been challenged and beaten in jungle warfare in Burma and that their boastfulness should have received salutary exposure.")

Aussies Urge Yank Pay Cut

BRISBANE, Australia, March 2 (Thursday)—(AP)—Reduction in pay for United States forces in Australia, the balance to be paid on their return to America, was urged today by a conference of the chambers of commerce federation.

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IN THE Sunday Statesman March 5th Don't Miss It

Nazi Push At Anzio Blocked

'Secret Weapon' Unsuccessful Against Allies

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, March 1—(AP)—Allied forces today blocked a strong German lunge on the Anzio beachhead which may have been intended to start a new nazi offensive.

Brief dispatches from the sector reported no great centralized drive toward the sea as having developed yet, although the nazis applied pressure at several points along the perimeter of the British and American lines.

Field guns and mortars roared against Germans who had appeared to be making a third major effort to drive the allies into the sea.

(The naz-controlled Rome radio broadcast a report tonight that the allies were attacking. The British radio, in a broadcast reported by NBC, quoted the Rome radio as saying that "one of the heaviest artillery barrages yet seen in the beachhead was laid down by the allies." German positions were reported "subjected to prolonged and concentrated shelling.")

As the reinforced enemy launched his attack, allied headquarters disclosed that Field Marshal Albert Kesselring had been equipped with a new "secret weapon"—an explosive-filled, pilotless tank meant to be steered by remote control into allied positions and detonated in the midst of the defenders.

This latest nazi weapon had its initial try-out in the enemy's second big assault against the beachhead just two weeks ago, and was singularly unsuccessful. Fourteen were exploded by allied artillery as they waddled across no-man's-land.

Punching and probing harder at American and British lines at several points around the approximately 25-mile perimeter of the beachhead, the Germans opened their newest thrust with a strong attack by infantry and tanks about midway between Carroceto and Cisterna yesterday morning after a heavy air (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Navy Bombers Blast Wake

By ELMONT WAITE US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March 1—(AP)—Navy Liberator bombers gave Wake island, 2300 miles west of here, its 14th raid of the war Monday, probably destroying six grounded Japanese planes, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Other actions reported by the admiral included the bombing of Nauru, far to the southwest, by a single navy search plane, and new blows by army and navy planes against three enemy-held bases in the eastern Marshall Islands. The attacks on Nauru and the Marshalls also were on Monday.

As in almost all the previous attacks on Wake, Nimitz concluded his announcement with the words, "All our planes returned." There was no mention of losses or damage over Nauru or the Marshalls.

Wake had not been raided since February 10, when navy Coronado bombers delivered their second attack there within two days. These assaults are designed to keep the Wake airfield neutralized, preventing enemy air operations against American forces now established on Eniwetok and Kwajalein atolls in the Marshalls, to the south.

Greek Guerrillas Wreck Nazi Train

CAIRO, March 1—(AP)—Four hundred German soldiers, including a nazi general and his staff, were killed February 22 near Mt Olympus in Greece when Greek guerrillas led by a British officer exploded mines under a troop train and sent 11 cars plunging into the icy Pindos river, it was reported reliably here today.

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Yank Invaders Secure Position On Jungle Base

US Losses Said Negligible Through Whole Operation

By ROBERT EUNSON ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, March 2.—(AP)—Troops holding Momote airfield on Los Negros island in the Admiralty group repulsed a Japanese counterattack yesterday, less than 24 hours after the Americans' surprise landing on the island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who personally directed the invasion, said in his communique today the enemy's counterattack in the rainsoaked jungle was "bloodily repulsed" and that landing troops of the dismounted First cavalry division had "successfully consolidated" their position.

RAF Hits Germany

Heavy Bombers In Force Raid Southwest Reich

LONDON, Thursday, March 2—(AP)—RAF heavy bombers thundered out across the English channel in apparent force last night and early today the German radio said that southwest Germany had been attacked.

The British subsequently confirmed that the RAF had been over Germany, but gave no indication of the targets. A Berlin broadcast said the British raiders had encountered bad weather and had dropped their bombs aimlessly.

"Despite the weather conditions German air defenses shot down a number of four-engine planes, the broadcast added. Coastal observers said the RAF force headed for the continent was in great strength. The RAF was last out in force when Augsburg was hit Friday.

(The OWI said the Frankfurt radio suspended its regular broadcast schedule at 8:33 p.m., but in the next 45 minutes broadcast three brief warning bulletins that enemy aircraft were passing over the city. At 10 p.m., the OWI added, the Frankfurt announced said a great number of allied planes (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Spanish War Pensions Raised

WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation increasing from \$60 to \$75 a month pensions of veterans of the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the China relief expedition.

The measure provides pensions for veterans 65 or older, and those totally disabled.

Senator's Body Arrives For Funeral Tomorrow

The body of Senator Charles L. McNary, who died recently in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., arrived in Salem shortly before noon yesterday and was taken to the W. T. Rigdon mortuary where it will remain until tomorrow noon.

Funeral services will be held in the house of representatives in the state capitol at 2 p.m., tomorrow with Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of the Methodist church and former president of Willamette university, officiating. Interment will be in IOOF cemetery here.

Accompanying the body from Fort Lauderdale were Mrs. McNary, her adopted daughter, Charlotte, and Mrs. McNary's sister, Miss Mary Louise Morton. They were met in Portland by Salem relatives of Senator McNary and the body was brought here by hearse under state police escort.

Seat reservations for the funeral will be restricted to members of the congressional delegation, Oregon legislative committees, active and honorary pallbearers, members of the state supreme court, state board of control and a delegation from the Washington state legislature. Capitol officials said approximately 600 other persons could be seated in the house of representatives while many additional seats will be provided in the corridors. Amplifiers were being installed Wednesday.

A telegram from Representative James W. Mott, a member of the congressional delegation, said the delegation had accepted an invitation (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Weather

Wednesday maximum temperature 59, minimum 28. Southerly wind. Partly cloudy. River at zero. Rain west and snow over and east of Cascades Thursday and Friday; little change in temperature.