

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

It was a beautiful day in August, 1940, when the notification ceremonies for Senator Charles L. McNary as republican vice presidential candidate were held.

Today representatives of a great nation gather to pay the last tribute of love and affection to Charles L. McNary.

A contrast indeed in these two scenes. Yet they are part of this moving tableau we call life.

Senator McNary was a man of simple tastes and quiet habits. He did not love ostentation or show.

Bonds Go Over By \$2.7 Billion

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said tonight the American people answered the treasury's fourth war loan call with \$16,730,000,000—\$2,730,000,000 above the goal set for the month-long campaign that ended February 15.

Of the total, the treasury head said in a broadcast over the Blue network, \$3,187,000,000 represented purchases of "E" bonds, the so-called "little money" phase of the drive that placed emphasis upon participation by individuals rather than banks and corporations.

Each one of the 60,000,000 individual "E" bonds sold, Morgenthau said, "stands as an expression of the will and the way of freedom."

In addition to the E bonds, individuals bought \$2,122,000,000 in other securities for a total of \$5,309,000,000 short of the individual goal but corporate and other big money buyers topped their \$8,500,000,000 quota by \$2,921,000,000.

Tonight's final report was delayed more than two weeks after the official closing of the drive to permit reports from all of the 75,000 bond issuing agencies throughout the country.

Woman Killed In Cathedral

By TOM REEDY WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—A woman librarian was found bludgeoned to death today in the basement of the library at the magnificent Washington cathedral, resting place of Woodrow Wilson and other notables.

Near the body lay a man's blood-soaked undershirt, and tonight police said they were seeking a handyman employed at the library.

The victim was Miss Catherine Cooper Reardon, 37-year-old native of Alexandria, Va., and a William & Mary college graduate. Co-workers found the body when they arrived for work this morning at the library on the grounds of the \$30,000,000 Episcopal cathedral which looks down on the capital from the northwest heights of the city.

They saw her coat and purse, and, mystified, searched until the body was seen sticking out of a steam pipe pit in the library basement. She was clad only in a slip. Other articles of clothing, apparently ripped from her, were stuffed into the pit. Her skull was smashed by a pipe or some similar instrument and there was a cut on the throat.

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Allies Smash Nazi Offensive at Anzio

Service Begins At 2 o'clock For Senator

House of Representatives Scene of Ceremonies

Many men and women, prominent in Oregon affairs, including several members of the legislature and other public officials, had arrived in Salem Thursday night to attend the last rites for Senator Charles L. McNary.

The funeral service will be held in the house of representatives in the state capitol at 2 p.m., Friday with Bishop Bruce Baxter, Methodist church, for the Pacific Northwest district, and former president of Willamette university, officiating.

Red Gains Continue

Soviets Step Up Estonian Drives; Take 30 Towns

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Friday, March 2 (AP)—Moscow announced today that the red army captured 30 communities today in a drive toward Ostrov, 35 miles south of Pskov on the great trunk railway to Warsaw, while northward around the Estonian stronghold of Narva the Russians improved their bridgehead and flung the Germans from several strongpoints.

The drive upon Ostrov was a flanking attack by the Russians cutting south of the Nazi bastion and aiming at the second of three railways by which the Germans might retreat. The first cut Wednesday when the Pskov-Idritsa-Polotsk line was crossed at several points.

Moscow dispatches said the red army might not wait for mopping up operations in Pskov and Narva but instead might bypass these towns and plunge ahead toward Riga and Latvia, capitals of Estonia and Latvia.

The Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, made no mention of the fighting in the Vitebsk sector of white Russia where yesterday it reported the capture of 30 localities, including four which were 12 miles north, eight miles east, six miles southeast and seven miles south of the town.

Senator McNary In Washington At Work and at Leisure

A close-up portrait of the late Oregon senator in his daily rounds in official Washington, written by John W. Kelly, veteran newspaperman of Oregon, who spent ten years covering Washington for northwest papers, now executive director of the state postwar readjustment and development commission.

An intimate personal friend of the late senator's Kelly tells how he kept up his contacts, how he relaxed, and how his office became the "Oregon lodge" for visitors from the old home state.

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

Marines Relieve Infantry



Marines of the 22nd regiment move in on the Japs on Eniwetok island, relieving pressure exerted on soldiers of the 166th infantry, as American forces invade and capture the Japs' Marshall Islands bases in the Eniwetok atoll. Photo by Frank Filan, Associated Press photographer on assignment with the wartime still photo pool. (AP Wirephoto)

RAF Bombers in Force Follow US Blitz on Reich

LONDON, Friday, March 3 (AP)—RAF heavy bombers streamed out over the southeast coast last night for their second successive night assault on German-held Europe.

The big black RAF bombers went out as US FLYING Fortresses and Liberators returned to their British bases after hammering industrial targets in southwest Germany, the French invasion coast and Charleville, 50 miles southwest of Paris. US marauders hit the railway center of Amiens.

The daylight raiding force of American and allied planes was believed to have been one of the most powerful air armadas ever seen over the channel.

Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs along with Spitfires of the RAF escorted the bombers, presenting a formidable front which few German interceptors rose to challenge.

Eighteen German fighters were shot down by the allied escort, while the bombers' toll was not immediately announced. From the day's operations 11 bombers and three fighters were missing, the American air command announced tonight.

The strong assault was the second phase of the one-two punch technique developed by the allied air forces. Exact targets were not announced immediately.

Bombs Hit Vatican Area

By RICHARD K. KASISCHKE LONDON, March 2 (AP)—A single unidentified plane, flying at a 600-yard altitude, dropped four bombs on extra territorial ground of the Vatican in Rome last night and two others near the holy city itself, killing a workman and injuring a priest, the Vatican radio said today.

Four of the bombs, said the broadcast which was recorded by the Associated Press, "fell on the papal propaganda college and two on Santa Monica, directly opposite Saint Peter's. One worker was killed and an Augustinian monk, a Dutchman, was injured. Fortunately there were no victims at the propaganda college."

Farrell Retains Foreign Policy

By CARLOS DOBARRO BUENOS AIRES, March 2 (AP)—Gen. Edelmiro Farrell, acting president of Argentina, declared today that Argentine foreign policy would not be modified and that close cooperation with the other American republics was an aim of his temporary regime.

In an interview at the government house General Farrell, who took over the executive power from President Gen. Pedro Ramirez a week ago in a bloodless coup, indicated he intended to prepare the country for elections in the shortest time possible, saying it was only the desire of Argentina's present military leaders that the people should not commit an error when the elections are held.

Troops Reinforce Admiralty Invasion Turns Into Big Drive For Occupation

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, March 3 (AP)—Heavy reinforcements have been landed on Los Negros island in the Admiralty islands, turning the surprise American thrust against the Japanese from reconnaissance in force into a campaign for complete occupation.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the original landing by the Fifth cavalry regiment Tuesday caught the numerically superior Japanese force so completely by surprise that it was "out-manuevered into dispersed positions" and the reconnaissance was "immediately developed into a penetration which is being exploited into complete occupation."

The reinforcements were landed yesterday and were reported ready to push beyond the original beachhead after the first invasion troops had withstood repeated Japanese infiltration and mortar attacks Wednesday night.

The enemy attacks were against the thinly-held American perimeter around Monote airfield, the 5,000-foot long airstrip which was captured shortly after the Tuesday landing at the seaward edge of the airfield. Early Wednesday morning the troops had thrown back a Japanese counterattack, taking a toll of nearly 100 enemy dead.

Fighting with their backs to the beachhead, the cavalrymen beat off all attacks until morning brought boatloads of men and equipment.

New MacArthur Club Forms

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP)—The MacArthur National Associates, which is backing General Douglas MacArthur for president, opened headquarters today at the Murray Hill hotel.

The organization, which has no connection with a national MacArthur association formed recently in Chicago, is headed by Ormsby McHarg, a former assistant to the United States attorney general, as chairman, and Edmund J. Horwath, a public accountant, executive secretary and treasurer.

Horwath said he had been in communication with groups interested in opening offices in Boston, Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

Senate Appointment Expected Saturday

Hundreds of telegrams, letters and telephone calls continued to arrive at the executive department here Thursday urging Governor Earl Snell to appoint various persons to the office of United States Senator to succeed Charles L. McNary.

The governor said he had no idea how many telegrams, telephone calls and letters he has received in connection with the appointment since Senator McNary's death in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last Friday.

Governor Snell has refused to comment on the appointment but indicated that it would be announced Saturday.

Salem Plant Wins WFA 'A' Flag

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2 (AP)—One Oregon and three Washington plants of the California Packing corporation have been awarded the war food administration A flag, R. G. Luck, division manager, said today.

The plants, cited for outstanding production, are located in Salem, Ore., and Tappanish, Yakima, and Vancouver, Wash.

British Army Said Ready For Invasion

LONDON, March 2 (AP)—Britain's army, fully equipped and reorganized for maximum striking force, is now ready to invade Europe, War Secretary Sir James Grigg told the house of commons today.

At the same time, he said the task of carrying the war to Japan is not being neglected. Grigg disclosed that a special British mission had recently visited the US, Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, the Solomons, India and Burma to study the requirements of the offensive against the Japs.

The army in Britain is now fully mobilized, Grigg reported. Equipment is adequate to the task, and includes potent secret weapons recently developed.

Jap Navy 3rd Sunk

Fleet of Enemy Still Strong; Air Arm Weak

By HAMILTON W. FARON

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP)—One third of the navy with which Japan started the war has been destroyed, and the American fleet now can cruise the Pacific looking for trouble and battering any enemy forces encountered, a high navy official said today.

He added the warning, however, that the enemy fleet still is strong and might in time be brought into battle.

Stipulating that he not be quoted directly, this source said the principal weakness of the Nipponese now appears to be airplanes which, flying from carriers, spearhead most naval assaults. Additional damage to the Japanese air arm was reported only today by the British admiralty in announcing the probable sinking of a Japanese aircraft carrier by British submarines in the Strait of Malacca.

Mobility of the American fleet, this naval authority continued, now has reached the point aimed at for 35 years. Huge fleet trains—such as ships carrying fuel, making it possible for them to remain away from bases for indefinite periods.

As an example he cited the carrier force that launched the first big attack on Truk, principal Japanese base in the south Pacific, then moved on to pound enemy bases in the Marianas more than 600 miles further from its home base.

Three of the five carrier groups that hit Truk, he said, refueled at sea and moved on for the subcontinent (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Weather

Thursday maximum temperature 56, minimum 41. Southerly wind. Precipitation .02 of an inch. River 2 ft. Occasional rain in western portion with snow over and east of the Cascades Friday and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Nazi-Won Ground Regained

Clark Inspects Troops in Field; Beachhead Safe

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, March 2 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, visiting the allied beachhead below Rome today after a powerful one-two-attack led by three tanked German divisions, brought out word tonight that the offensive had been repulsed, that ground lost to the enemy had been regained and that the beachhead situation was well in hand.

Ground troops, artillery and heavy bombers rolled back the third strong German attack in the 40 days since the landings. The allies threw the Germans back with heavy casualties after they had penetrated for 1500 yards—nearly a mile—into the heart of the Nazi beachhead defenses with the big offensive launched early Tuesday. The battle raged through Wednesday.

Gen. Clark spent nearly all of today with his troops in the field, going far forward. In one instance a German shell hit the road harmlessly behind the general's party only 30 seconds after the officers wheeled by.

Upon his return to Fifth army headquarters Gen. Clark said he was convinced that allied control of the bridgehead is now firmly established, and he was enthusiastic over the manner in which his men turned back the attacking foe and then re-won the lost ground.

He told British troops on the beachhead that he was confident the allies could repel any attacks the nazis might now launch, and he said the outcome of the battle Tuesday and Wednesday was a setback for the German army.

American heavy, medium and dive bombers in full force took advantage of the favorable weather to pound German troop concentrations, tanks and gun positions all along the battlefield from Carroceto to Cisterna. Many tons of fragmentation bombs were dropped by the waves of attacking aircraft.

Amid a relative calm that followed two days and nights of savage fighting, heavy American Liberators and Flying Fortresses swung over the battlefield today in clear weather and poured thousands of fragmentation bombs on concentrations of weary Nazi troops and on the enemy's gun positions ringing the beachhead.

The Germans struck this time with only about half the force they employed in their costly offensive down the Carroceto-Anzio highway two weeks ago. With Nazi infantry riding on the broad decks of 60-ton "Tiger" tanks, Gen. Eberhard von Mackensen's (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

'100 Percent' List Grows In Red Cross Fund Drive

While reports from several of the 45 workers in Marion county communities outside of Salem indicated that not only will canvasses be completed but that quotas will be reached before arrival of the March 15 deadline, Red Cross war fund workers have set for themselves, the list of "100 per cent firms" within the city proper lengthened.

To the US National bank, which on the first day of the drive completed its own campaign among employees as a tribute to Elton Thompson, its own assistant manager and campaign chairman, were added the names of:

Schradler's Four-Star market; Hogg Brothers, furniture; Williams & Cherry Growers; Blake, Moffitt & Towne, paper wholesalers; and Reid Murdoch company, food processors.

Mrs. Alvin Van Cleave, Hazel Green, reported that her community had already contributed 78 per cent of its \$225 quota.

One of the reasons for added interest in the Red Cross war fund campaign this year is the fact that numerous residents of this area have had an opportunity the past year to contribute in a different way to the work of the national society of the international humanitarian organization, Milton L. Meyers, county Red Cross blood donor chairman, suggested Thursday.

During the nine months which ended with the close of January, 1944, 7917 pints of blood have been donated in Salem for the plasma bank.

Tito Partisans Kill 500 Nazis

LONDON, March 2 (AP)—Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) reported in a communique tonight that his Yugoslav partisans had wiped out 500 Germans in a 14-day battle on the banks of the Soca river in Slovenia and dealt the nazis heavy blows on other fronts.

Four bridges over the Soca river were destroyed by the 30th division, one brigade of which killed 260 Germans and took prisoners and much booty in one day's fighting alone, the broadcast war bulletin added.

In fighting near Novo Mesto, 35 miles east of Zagreb, a German column was said to have been routed and 176 Germans killed. The communique also reported destruction of railroad equipment.

An earlier war bulletin said German armored units which had forced their way into Glina, a Croatian town 40 miles south of Zagreb were routed from their positions by partisan troops yesterday after a fierce battle.