

By Charles A. Sprague

Next Tuesday voters of school district no. 24 will have the opportunity to vote on a proposal for a special six-mill tax levy for five years to accumulate a fund for "construction, reconstruction, improvement, betterment, repair or rehabilitation" of the school plant. This is the result of recommendations made by the school board's post-war planning committee, after a careful study of the district's needs.

The method of financing is unique in this way, that funds are accumulated by a tax levy and then spent, instead of being spent out of borrowed money and then repaid with interest. Usually public bodies follow the latter method. There were probably two reasons for using the bond method,—first the urgency of the need for improvement necessitated the borrowing and later repaying method; and second the experience that when public bodies have much money on hand it is apt to be frittered away without very substantial values being left to show for the expenditure.

I believe we can trust our school board to conserve and use judiciously this fund if it is voted by the people. There is a long list of district needs and the money provided under the extra levy will not meet all of them, so there is little danger of waste. Then we cannot spend the money for permanent improvements now anyway, and when we can, as the war closes, the expenditure will help employment. While I do not agree with those who think bond issues "poison" and that we should shift clear over to a pay-as-we-go plan, this method seems quite practical at the present time.

It is well to relate for the information of voters how carefully the schoolboard has proceeded in this matter. The planning committee appointed by Chairman Don Young last November made a study and report. It invited in for discussion of the report about thirty persons representing different organizations. This citizen-group voted unanimously in favor of submitting the tax proposal to the voters. So the plan comes to the voters with the endorsement and recommendation of the board's special committee, the board itself, and a large citizen group. That in itself should commend the (Continued on Editorial page)

## FDR Advisers To Urge Veto For Vote Bill

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt's political advisers probably will urge him to veto the compromise service vote bill, if congress finally approves it in its present form, and republicans may be just as well satisfied if he does.

The patchwork measure, combining a form of federal and state ballot, will get a final review Monday by a senate-house committee. It then will go before the senate where it is regarded with growing suspicion by both democrats and republicans.

President Roosevelt has indicated that his decision on whether or not to veto the measure will turn on whether he believes it will provide opportunity for more members of the armed forces to vote than does the existing statute, which waives state poll tax and registration requirements for service men casting state absentee ballots.

One democratic official, who didn't want his name used publicly, said that if he were asked, he would advise the president to veto the measure and make the whole question a campaign issue. The president then could contend, he said, that he had done everything possible to make it easy for the service men to vote, only to be balked by congress.

The senate democrats are divided. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Soldiers' Vote Bill Passed By Legislature

By JIM HUTCHESON

OLYMPIA, March 4 (AP)—Washington state's legislature ended its six-day special session today after adding only one piece of legislation—the soldiers' voting bill—to the statute books.

In passing the measure, to provide voting machinery for members of the armed forces and others outside the United States in connection with the war effort, the lawmakers completed the one task for which Governor Langille called them together.

While republican legislators agreed with the governor's estimate of the session, democratic leaders expressed disappointment over the senate's refusal to consider house legislation for an increase in old age pension payments and bills for the benefit of returning members of the armed forces.

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# Yanks Smash Attacks in Admiralties

## US Bombs Berlin by Daylight

Forty Planes Lost in East Germany Raid

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON, March 4 (AP)—Berlin was bombed by American flying Fortresses today for the first time in the war as part of an extensive daylight attack on eastern Germany by the US Eighth air force.

Plunging 600 miles into the heart of the reich, one formation of heavy bombers hit the capital itself, it was disclosed tonight, with the help of an escort of Mustangs which also went all the way to Berlin to equal the deepest fighter penetration ever made into Europe.

Fourteen bombers and 26 fighters are missing from the operations, headquarters stated in a tentative accounting that said nine enemy planes were destroyed by the fighters. The number shot down by gunners in the Fortresses was not yet known, headquarters added.

The communique announced simply that one formation of Fortresses bombed targets "in the Berlin district," but several hours after the objective had first been described by the army in this fashion, censorship permitted the naming of Berlin itself as the target.

The unprecedented penetration was executed despite the fact it was the third operation in three days for the American air force and it was accompanied by another large-scale assault on the coast of northern France by RAF medium and fighter bombers.

Tonight the entire Vichy radio network went off the air, indicating the possibility that the RAF might be continuing the round-the-clock warfare.

The Fortresses thundered through blinding snowstorms and 58-degree-below zero temperature in the sub-stratosphere to make the first American attack on the capital. The once-mighty German air force sent up only 30 to 40 fighters in defense of the city.

Fliers said they saw bombs crash down on "buildings surrounded by trees." The American crews had been tense for days before. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Associates of Murder, Inc. Die in Chair

OSSINGING, N.Y., March 4 (AP)—

Louis (Lepke) Buchalter and two of his accomplices, Emanuel (Mendy) Weiss and Louis Capone, associates in "Murder, Inc.," died tonight in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison for the 1936 murder of Joseph Rosen, Brooklyn candy store proprietor.

Capone was executed first followed by Weiss, then Buchalter. Capone entered the death chamber at 11:02 p. m. with a carefree expression on his face. He said nothing and was pronounced dead at 11:05.

A Catholic priest, the Rev. Bernard Martin, accompanied Capone. Weiss entered the death chamber at 11:07 accompanied by Rabbi Jacob Katz. Before he was led to the chair he said, "I was framed up." He was pronounced dead at 11:10.

The boss gangster, Buchalter, walked into the chamber calmly at 11:13. He also was accompanied by Rabbi Katz. His expression was inscrutable and he said nothing. Lepke was pronounced dead at 11:16.

## Less Meat Due For April, May

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—

The agriculture department predicted today that the civilian supply of meat for the April-June period will be smaller than the current supply but probably at least as large as that available in the second quarter of 1943.

Partly offsetting a normal seasonal decline in meat production, the department said, will be large stocks accumulated in cold storage during recent weeks.

## Sne' Names Guy Cordon To Fill McNary Vacancy

### Sprague Says He'll Probably Seek Election

"In all probability—yes" was the answer given by Charles A. Sprague, publisher of The Statesman and former governor to the inquiry as to whether he would be a candidate at the May primary for the senate seat formerly held by the late Senator Charles L. McNary.

"I have been under strong pressures to run for this office since word came of Senator McNary's death, and it is quite probable that I will make the race. I will make my final decision within a very short time."

Sprague was elected governor in 1938, but was defeated in the primaries in 1942 for renomination. Since leaving office he has been editor and publisher of The Statesman.

## Allies Hold Beach Points; Take Prisoners

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 4 (AP)—The allies are holding solidly to their beachhead south of Rome and have handily repulsed such attacks as the Germans have been able to launch since they were soundly beaten Tuesday and Wednesday in their all-out attack by five divisions, allied headquarters announced today.

Three small German attacks have been hurled back in the past two days, the allied communique said. Bad weather closed in yesterday to restrict operations in all the Italian battle sectors.

The Medierranean air force, flying 1400 sorties, attacked Nazi communications throughout northern Italy and Rome Friday. Even though there was no enemy air activity over the beachhead, 11 German planes were destroyed and 10 allied aircraft lost.

There was an indication from the Nazi-controlled Rome radio that the Germans may have abandoned hope of driving the allied beachhead force into the sea as a result of the failure of their third offensive against it and now are bent on merely restricting it.

An announcement claiming local successes but admitting no major progress against the beachhead said the German army had "pinned down" the Allies. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

## School Tax Vote Tuesday

Salem school district voters will go to the polls at the school administration offices at 460 High street Tuesday to mark ballots on the question of an annual six-mill levy to extend over a period of five years, purpose of which is to build a fund reservoir from which school maintenance and rehabilitation can be financed in the post-war period.

Polls will be open from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. and those qualified to vote must have lived in the district at least 30 days and must be property-holders as indicated by the latest tax roll. Also any having an interest in any concern or organization within the district, whose assessment is contained in the last roll will be eligible to cast their ballot.

Endorsed by numerous civic organizations, the six mill levy is expected to account for approximately \$540,000 within the five year period. Frank Bennett, school superintendent, and the school board have been working progressively on reconstruction and rehabilitation plans, which include additions to Parish junior high, the senior high, and a new athletic arena, among other things.

It is felt that an increase in Salem's population within the next few years, as indicated by the record, seriously warrants ultimate expansion of school facilities.

## Governor Not to Be Candidate

Decision Made After Funeral Of Late Senator

Gov. Earl Snell yesterday announced the appointment of Guy Cordon, Roseburg attorney, as United States senator from Oregon to succeed the late Charles L. McNary.

At the same time Gov. Snell made it plain that he would not be a candidate for United States senator at this year's primary election. This announcement came as a surprise to many persons, including Snell's close friends, who generally predicted that he either would resign as governor and receive the appointment or enter the senatorial contest in May.

Snell said he had not attached any strings to the appointment and from other sources it was learned that Cordon has made no agreement not to be a candidate for election to serve out the term of McNary.

Charles A. Sprague, former governor, when advised of the appointment, admitted a strong probability that he would be a candidate.

Representative James W. Mott, republican, of Oregon first congressional district, also was reported to be considering the senate contest, although he was quoted by friends here Friday as having denied such a change in plans. Cordon is now in Washington. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## News Thrills Senator's Wife

ROSEBURG, March 4 (AP)—Mrs. Guy Cordon, wife of the interim US senator, said today she was "thrilled and happy" over his appointment by Governor Snell.

"I only wish I could notify our son, who is in Italy at present, and our daughter, who has just moved from a California airbase with her husband to another base—I don't know where. They will be thrilled, too," Mrs. Cordon said.

"I don't know if I will go to Washington," said Mrs. Cordon, who has another daughter at home. "We have a home here I must think about. It's all so confusing right at the moment. But I'm extremely happy and proud of my husband."

## Districts "Over Top" as Red Cross Drive Opens

Red Cross war fund workers yesterday rolled in three more "over-the-top" districts and four more 100 per cent firms (every employe contributing), but Chairman Elton Thompson admitted that the heaviest portion of the campaign lay ahead and urged workers to double their efforts.

First official report is to be presented at Monday's luncheon meeting of the chamber of commerce. Speaker on that occasion will be Dr. Hugh Grant, vocational rehabilitation officer for Oregon. As a world traveler formerly in this country's foreign service, Dr. Grant has had occasion to observe many of the series of events which led to the current war and the need for extra heavy expenditure of funds by the Red Cross, Justice George Rossman, Marion county chapter chairman, said Saturday.

Mizpah Palmerton Lawson, former Salem resident now employed in the offices of Maj. Gen. Davis, executive director of the New York chapter of the Red Cross, has written friends here of her experiences in that office.

"A day's total war fund receipts was \$89,410, however, the gift which impressed her most was not the \$40,000 from a Wall Street firm but \$25 from a marine who had been on Guadalcanal. The money was given, he declared, as a small expression of the feeling for the Red Cross common among the men with whom he had served.

The three school districts which Saturday reached their quotas and reported to Marion county fund headquarters in the Valley Motor company building include Lashburn Center, where a goal of \$150 was more than doubled. Mrs. Harry Loure, chairman, reported \$304.50 contributed.

At Centerview district Mrs. H. H. Paget said \$61 had been obtained; the quota was \$50. An \$80 quota was met at Willard, according to Mrs. Adam Hensch.

To the list of 100 per cent firms, Salem solicitors added Gervitz Furniture company, Stevens & Son, Sally's and the J. C. Penny company.

## New Senator



GUY CORDON

## Cordon Ready To Carry On McNary Policy

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Guy Cordon, new United States senator for Oregon, pledged himself today to "carry on as best I can," but acknowledged that he was wholly unprepared for the honor of succeeding the late Charles L. McNary.

"My long friendship with Senator McNary has given me an understanding of his general program and I shall try to carry on as best I can," Cordon told a reporter.

The alert-eyed, slender attorney has been here for the past month supporting a bill sponsored by McNary and Representative Ellsworth (R-Ore) to clarify the administration of Oregon foreclosures. He is attorney for 18 Oregon counties interested in the timber. He had been in Washington many times in the past 26 years on legislative matters.

Cordon said the appointment was unsought and unexpected and that while he appreciated the honor, it was somewhat unprepared for it and certainly had no program except to follow, as best he could, Senator McNary's policies. (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

## Snell Explains Senate Choice

Following is the statement made by Gov. Snell in connection with his appointment of Guy Cordon to fill the vacancy in the senate occasioned by the death of Senator Charles L. McNary:

"This is a decision that has been most difficult to make. I have long cherished the ambition to serve my native state in the United States senate. (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

## Rains Fail To Stop Red Army

Panovo Taken; Ukraine Towns Fall in Drive

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Sunday, March 5 (AP)—Moscow announced last night that soviet troops striking toward the Pskov-Warsaw railway south of Pskov captured Panovo, three miles east of the rail artery, while Red army troops in the north won several "heavily fortified strongpoints" in their fight to widen their Estonian bridgehead below Narva.

The Russian nightly communique, recorded by the soviet Monitor also reported gains in the Ukraine as soviet troops south of the captured iron-mine town of Krivoi Rog crossed the Ingulets river and captured seven localities. Among them were Zagradowka, 25 miles southwest of Krivoi Rog and the final rail stations on the 20-mile spur railway from Krivoi Rog southwest to Nikolokazelsk.

The midnight Russian bulletin said 2000 Germans were killed and a considerable number taken prisoner after a day of battles marked by fierce German counter-attacks.

Panovo, three miles east of the Pskov-Ostrov - Dvinsk - Warsaw rail line, is 16 miles northeast of Ostrov. In this sector a highway from Pskov to Ostrov parallels the railway less than a half-mile to the east.

(The London radio, quoting "agency messages," said the Russians had reached the highway linking the two German fortresses of Pskov and Ostrov. The broadcast was recorded by CBS.)

Other communities captured in this drive were Shubinograd, 12 miles southeast of Ostrov and Sigorno, 13 miles southeast.

No other details were given by (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

## Daniels Ready To Testify for Senate Group

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Jonathan Daniels, presidential administrative aide whom a senate subcommittee proposed to cite for contempt because of refusal to answer questions, said tonight he is willing to appear as requested and answer the questions in issue.

Daniels' previous stand had raised the possibility of a head-on collision between the executive and legislative branches. He wrote Chairman Smith (D-SC) of the agriculture subcommittee that he had changed his attitude after talking with the president.

## Japs Claim Carriers Sunk

By The Associated Press

The Tokyo radio claimed last night (Sat.) that Japanese planes had sunk an American aircraft carrier and seriously damaged another in addition to sinking three more large warships of which two might have been aircraft carriers.

The broadcast, quoting a Domei naval correspondent at a Japanese base in the central Pacific, said the attacks took place February 23 against American naval forces which raided the Mariana islands.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported on February 25 that the American force battled fierce aerial opposition from the Japanese but no United States vessel was sunk or damaged. Two enemy ships were sunk and nine damaged, while at least 135 Japanese planes were destroyed.

## Norris Balangrud Reported Missing

SILVERTON—Lt. Norris Balangrud, recently of Portland but a former Silvertown boy, has been reported missing in action over the European continent. Lt. Balangrud is a son of the late H. W. Balangrud, a former Silvertown grocer.

## US Asks Finns To Continue Peace Talks

By H. SINGLETON

LONDON, March 4 (AP)—Finland may ask the United States to intervene for mitigation of Russian peace terms, it was learned today, but it is believed such a plea would be rejected "with sympathy."

This view was based on the conviction that the Soviet Union disclosed its terms to the American state department, as well as the British government, before making them public—even though the US is not at war with Finland.

Russia's action in pressing its demands, with Britain's unofficial but nonetheless firm backing, indicated that it was likely that America took the position it was not seeking the role of arbiter.

(The American government "hopes very much that the Finnish government will continue the conversations opened with the soviet government for the termination of hostilities," Acting Secretary of State Stettinius said in Washington Friday, when asked his reaction to reports that Finland seemed opposed to further talks with the Russians.)

"At present, I am not planning any journey anywhere," Juho K. Paasikivi, Finnish representative in the 1940 peace negotiations, said in Helsinki, commenting on a report in the Stockholm Tidningen that he would return soon. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

## Argentina Aids Axis, Charges Stettinius

By JAMES D. WHITE

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Argentina still serves as a base for axis espionage and support, Acting Secretary of State Stettinius charged today, and American recognition of the regime of General Edelmiro Farrell is being withheld until this situation is cleaned up.

Ambassador Norman Armour of Buenos Aires is under instructions "to refrain from entering official relations" with Farrell's regime, which ousted Argentina's President Pedro Ramirez on February 25.

Stettinius made these disclosures at a special press conference. He said he would not go so far as to say that this constituted non-recognition of the Farrell government because relations never had been started. Thus, he appeared to leave the way open for American action in either direction.

And that action, he indicated, will depend upon what Argentina does now.

## Nurses Ask \$1 An Hour and Social Security

PORTLAND, Ore., March 4 (AP)—

The Oregon State Nurses' association tonight called for a base salary of \$1 an hour for a 48-hour week, one day per month sick leave and two weeks vacation with pay.

The 225 delegates voted to seek war manpower commission certification as an essential profession before carrying their wage demands to the Seattle regional war labor board.

They authorized delegates to the American Nurses association convention to work for a blanket social security program. Appointment of a committee to survey state legislation affecting nurses' salaries also was authorized.

## FDR Asks Youngsters To Aid Food Crop

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—

President Roosevelt, in a message calling upon rural boys and girls to help food production this year, declared tonight that the nation is relying on the "determination and courage of our youth to see us through to victory."

The message was read by War Food Administrator Maryin Jones on a national broadcast launching today the 4th club's third annual wartime mobilization week. The clubs have 1,700,000 members representing virtually every rural community in this country and in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The clubs have adopted a slogan of "Feed a fighter or more in 1944."

## Weather

Saturday maximum temperature 52, minimum 46. Precipitation .17 of an inch. River at 0.

Showers over western portion and snow flurries over east of Cascades today. Partly cloudy tomorrow. Little change in temperature.

## 3000 Jap Casualties Inflicted

Invaders Score New Gains in Bismarck Sea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, March 5 (AP)—

Three thousand or wounded in fierce fighting in the Admiralties, headquarters announced today.

American casualties since February 29 landing at Los Negros on the northeastern side of the Bismarck sea group of islands have been 61 killed, and 244 wounded. Most of these were sustained in the night battles of March 3 and 4.

The invaders, after smashing repeated furious assault waves by the Nipponese from ridge positions a mile and three quarters inland, scored new advances beyond captured Momote airdrome.

Sender, the harbor for Lorengau on nearby Manus island from which enemy reinforcements have been moving eastward to Los Negros, was bombarded by American destroyers.

Solomon's basted planes, which had raided Rabaul for 15 straight days before bad weather ended that string, resumed assaults on that weakening New Britain air and sea fortress. In the raids reported today buildings were demolished, two cargo ships set afire and a gunboat hit and damaged.

In a phaseology which made clear the allied hold on Momote airfield at Los Negros is secure, headquarters said:

"Shortly after dusk in a final desperate attempt to restore the situation and regain the key Momote airfield," the enemy attacked in a series of continued assaults lasting the entire night.

"Again and again, his forces hurled themselves against our lines in incessant but futile efforts to reach the field. Wave after wave was destroyed before his (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

## Jap Islands Bombed Again

US FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March 4 (AP)—Army and navy bombers struck again at Japanese strongpoints in the eastern Caroline islands and the Marshall islands, dropping a total of 25 tons of explosives on airfields, docks and shipping March 2, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today. The attackers returned safely despite anti-aircraft fire.

Nimitz in a press release said that 7th army air force Liberators hit Ponape and Kusaie in the Carolines. Ponape, 400 miles east of the enemy base at Truk, took eight tons of bombs on runways and buildings. Shipping and dock areas were attacked at Kusaie, southeast of Ponape.

Army Mitchell medium bombers and navy search Venturans of fleet air wing two attacked two unnamed Marshall islands with 17 tons of bombs, blasting air fields and starting fires.

It was the eighth raid on Ponape since the first attack February 14, and the ninth on Kusaie, which got its first bomb treatment January 17.

## Petain Sees Hitler Defeat

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

ALGIERS, March 4 (AP)—Pierre Petain, on trial for treason for his acts as minister of the interior in the Vichy government, declared today that Marshal Petain now believes Germany eventually will be defeated and that "the policy of collaboration is dead."

Fighting for his life before a military court after indictment by the French Committee of National Liberation in its purge of collaborators, Petain dramatically spoke in his own defense at the opening session, declaring that the Vichy government had prevented the Germans from totally occupying France, sneaking through Spain and occupying North Africa before the allied landings.