

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Back in the mid-thirties when tensions in labor relations were acute most everywhere, California had an outbreak of labor troubles in agriculture which drew national attention.

At long last, the LaFollette report has been published, and as might be anticipated it is highly critical of the employer group in California, condemning it for undertaking to deprive farm workers of civil rights.

The report is now of historical value, so swiftly has the situation changed with regard to farm labor.

Salem Tin Can Pickup Slated By Kids Today

Shining harvests of salvaged tin cans will be gathered into school yards in 23 Marion and Polk county districts today as householders of the mid-Willamette valley once again "send tin cans to war."

Other schools throughout the two counties will, in turn, clear their yards and buildings of the collections children of the districts have been gathering, moving their stocks to the nearest of the 23 pickup centers.

Craig Reports From Jap Land

Dale Craig of Salem, Ore., is "being treated well" as a Japanese prisoner of war, according to a statement made over the Tokyo Rose program April 4, which was heard by Ens. R. D. McMullen, US Navy.

McMullen has written to Ray and Lillian Peerenboom, 2640 Brooks avenue, Salem, to report this broadcast, saying "It is our custom to do this when we hear anyone we know or who says he is from any place near where we live, or have friends."

Senate Group Approves Lead-Lease Extension

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee voted unanimously today to extend the \$22,500,000,000 lend-lease program another year, after a 60-minute session in which it was described as a vital factor in the pre-invasion strategy.

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Air Raids Go Into 13th Day

RAF Hits Paris, Essen in Night With Big Force

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Thursday, April 27 (AP)—Heavy bombers of the RAF carried the allied air offensive against German Europe into its thirteenth consecutive day today, striking with massive force by moonlight at the German armaments city of Essen and elsewhere in a methodical follow-up to a 1000-plane American daylight raid on Brunswick and other targets.

The German controlled Paris said the Paris area—where vital railroads have been bombed repeatedly by the RAF this month—had been attacked during the night.

Essen, a frequent target, last was subjected to a heavy raid by more than 750 RAF four-engine bombers on March 26, and was hit by Mosquito bombers April 8. It has been called the Pittsburgh of Germany.

The major American daylight raid did not encounter any fighter opposition. Between 250 and 500 Fortresses and Liberators made the 900-mile round-trip to Brunswick, dumping 1500 tons of bombs. A communiqué said the escort of from 500 to 750 Mustangs, Lightnings and Thunderbolts made no contact with German interceptors.

Anzio Allies Gain Ground With Attacks

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 26 (AP)—Allied troops have broken the lull on the Anzio bridgehead, improved their positions and have taken prisoners in several limited attacks launched after a combined artillery and propaganda barrage, allied headquarters announced today.

The allies lashed out to strengthen their lines as American fliers reported heavy movements of enemy motor transport on the highways near Rome and as official reports told of enemy replacements from the Russian front reaching the beachhead.

The gains were scored in the past three days, headquarters announced, a mile and a half north-east of Carano, where the Germans launched their latest big offensive against the bridgehead forces. The allies first directed a propaganda talk at the German lines through amplifiers, and 50 prisoners were taken.

The most recent batch of prisoners, numbering nine, was taken yesterday, four coming in after a persuasive loudspeaker talk.

Campaign Starts to Get 4-F's in Essential Work

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Selective service embarked today on an extensive campaign to persuade men unfit for military service or more than 37 years old to take a job "making a contribution" to the war.

Tyrone Power Gets Wings



Former movie star Tyrone Power, now a first lieutenant in the marine corps reserve, receives his navy wings of gold from Rear Adm. Charles F. Mason, USN, (left), commandant of the naval air training center, in a graduation ceremony at Corpus Christi, Texas. (AP Wirephoto)

Russians Sink Five German Transports

LONDON, Thursday, April 27 (AP)—Blasting at an axis fleet presumably attempting to evacuate large numbers of the besieged forces at Sevastopol, the Russians have sunk five German and Rumanian transports and damaged two others in the past 24 hours, Moscow announced last night.

The Soviet daily communiqué reported once again "There were no essential changes at the front" during the day, but official German and Rumanian announcements said the red army had broken the land lull by opening a large-scale offensive on the Rumanian front, scoring local breakthroughs which were sealed off.

Japs Continue Moving Ahead In Honan Area

CHUNGKING, China, April 26 (AP)—A Chinese communiqué tonight indicated the Japanese had advanced in the direction of Teng-feng, pivotal point 40 miles southwest of Chenghsien, in the bitter north Honan province campaign in central China.

From Teng-feng the Japanese either could try to outflank Chinese positions on the Longhai railway, which runs westward, or could guard their own flanks while seeking to eliminate the Chinese-held gap on the Peiping-Hankow railway, which runs from north to south.

The Chinese acknowledge giving ground near Mihsien, 20 miles southwest of Chenghsien, where they have been fighting to break Japanese encirclement. The communiqué said the Japanese were invading the Mihsien area with more than 10,000 of the estimated 60,000 troops engaged in that theatre.

The Chinese portrayed as bitterly contesting the Japanese advance on all sectors of the expanding Honan battlefield. They said the Japanese were attacking day and night with air and armored support on the Hulao pass in the Luanghai railway region.

The pass is one of the main obstructions to a Japanese advance towards Loyang, important railway city 75 miles west of Chenghsien.

are making a war contribution, instead of placing them in: 4-F as physically, mentally or morally unfit; 1-A-L as fit for limited service only, or some class showing the man's age is 38 to 45 years, such as 1-A (H).

The new rules also affect class 1-C, which includes men in the armed forces and men discharged for physical or mental disability. When a man is discharged he will be given an occupational deferment if he gets into an essential job.

US Grabs 2 Guinea Airfields

Powerful Forces Drawing Close To Key Airfield

By C. YATES McDANIEL ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, April 27 (AP)—Powerful United States sixth army forces seized two Hollandia airdromes Tuesday and were closing in on a third key airfield, prime objective of the campaign launched less than four days before.

One hundred fifty miles to the southeast, other American troops pushed northward from the Tadjji airdrome to occupy Aitape village after a short skirmish in which just one Japanese was killed.

Two hundred and eight miles farther south, an Australian force occupied the enemy supply base of Madang—with its airdrome—on Tuesday after overcoming an enemy rearguard and then pushed northward from the coastal town from which the bulk of the enemy force was believed to have withdrawn a month ago.

In just three and a half days of rapid, skillful maneuvering, American troops in the Hollandia area fought swamps, jungles, muddy mountain trails and mosquitoes—but few, very few, of the 14,000 Japanese estimated to have been in the area when the great offensive drama opened at dawn Saturday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communiqué today that troops which landed at Humboldt bay "in an amphibious shore to shore operation, crossed Lake Sentani to Nefari, seized the Cyclops and Sentani airfields, and are moving on the (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Yank Air Arm Strikes Kurile, Caroline Isles

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, April 26 (AP)—The far-reaching American aerial attack on Japan's far northern Kurile islands Monday night, for the second consecutive night, and also delivered a 36-ton bombing attack on the enemy's Caroline islands fortress of Truk, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today.

Navy Ventura search planes made the long, frigid run to the Kuriles to attack Paramushiro and Shumushu islands while heavy bombers of the 11th air force smote Matsua island, but 500 miles from Japan's main islands. An earlier announcement today told of raids on the same islands the previous night.

The successive strikes in the Kuriles followed a 10-day lull in air operations in that far northern theatre. The Japanese defenders loosed heavy ground fire at the air raiders Monday night over Paramushiro and Shumushu. No opposition was encountered over Matsua.

The slash into the Carolines, delivered Monday night by Liberators of the Seventh air force, fell on Elen, Param, Moen, Tol and Dublow islands of Truk atoll. Several Nipponese aircraft were aloft at the time but shied away from a fight.

The two airstrips on Ponape, east of Truk in the Carolines, were hit before dawn Monday by Seventh AAF Liberators, the announcement said. An earlier press release told of raids the preceding day at Ponape and in the Marshalls that kept up the unbroken chain of attacks on isolated enemy positions there.

Interior Workers Have Deferments

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Almost one-third of the 6,696 men of draft age employed in the interior department have occupational deferments, a house committee reported today, and expressed relief that the "great majority" could be replaced without detriment to the war effort.

Reporting an \$87,672,580 appropriation to run the department during the 12 months beginning next July 1, the house appropriations committee said 2,221 of the department's male employees aged 18 to 38 had occupational deferments. Of these, it added, 2,073 were deferred at the specific request of the department.

War Officials Firmly Disown Patton Remark

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—The war department today pointedly disowned Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's remark that Americans, British and Russians are destined "to rule the world."

Reacting swiftly to the statement, which caused a fresh flurry of criticism of the general in congress, Secretary Stimson issued a memorandum stating:

Gen. Patton was expressing his own personal views. He was not speaking for the war department. This was in response to the following written query submitted to the secretary by the Associated Press:

"Does the war department approve Gen. Patton's Anglo-Russo-American 'manifest destiny' team to rule the world?" Patton, already in the bad graces of many congressmen because of the soldier-slapping incident in which he figured during the conquest of Sicily, made the remark yesterday at the opening of a service club in England and aroused anew the ire of legislators.

LONDON, April 26 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. said today he had included Russia along with the United States and Great Britain in his "manifest destiny" team. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Nazis Arrest Dane Citizens By Hundreds

STOCKHOLM, April 26 (AP)—Hundreds of Danes have been arrested in Copenhagen and German armored cars are patrolling the capital's streets amid sporadic bursts of gunfire, Danish underground sources reported tonight from that German-occupied and newly-isolated country.

These reports, impossible to check for accuracy, said widespread sabotage against the Germans was in progress despite Nazi threats of summary executions.

Telegraph and postal communications between Denmark and Sweden remained broken for the second day, and only Germans were allowed to use the ferries. Even Swedish diplomats were forbidden to travel between the two countries.

The German effort to wipe out the underground patriot organization began, Monday with hundreds of arrests, the Free Danish press service said, and about 300 more were arrested today, with all facing a threat of execution if resistance to the Nazi rule continues.

Nazis Escape At Ft. Lewis

FORT LEWIS, April 26 (AP)—Authorities at Fort Lewis tonight announced the escape this afternoon of two German prisoners of war from the PW encampment here.

Both, dressed in blue fatigue clothing with large white PW on the backs of their coats and on the seats and legs of their trousers, are the subjects of an active hunt by both the FBI and the military.

They are: Walter Theilacker, 24, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 162 pounds, blue eyes, olive skin, brown hair and a scar on his left thumb; and Alexander Gintersdorfer, 22, five feet nine inches in height, weighing 157 pounds, blue eyes, fair skin and brown eyes.

They were seen by a guard on the perimeter of the camp at 10:30 p. m. Monday night. The guard reported the escape to the camp commandant, who immediately alerted the military police.

US Takes Over Ward's Control

Store Officer Capitulates After Holding Out For 7 Hours Against FDR Order

CHICAGO, April 26 (AP)—The government, with the aid of a detachment of troops, took possession tonight of the Chicago units of Montgomery Ward and company after Sewell Avery, chief executive officer of the huge merchandising firm, had rebuffed previous efforts to enforce a presidential order for seizure of the facilities.

Wayne C. Taylor, undersecretary of commerce who was designated as the agent to assume control of the properties here, announced that Avery had left the premises after being assured that business would go on as usual.

Avery capitulated after holding out for almost seven hours against a directive from President Roosevelt authorizing the commerce department to seize the Chicago mail order plant and other buildings on grounds that the management had refused to comply with White House instructions to extend an unexpired contract with a CIO union.

The dramatic controversy, in progress since noon, reached a climax shortly before 7 p. m., when 32 military policemen equipped with weapons arrived at the firm's headquarters in three trucks. There were some boos and some cheers from a crowd of 1,500 employees and others assembled in the street.

First Lt. Ludwig Pinchure and three soldiers went to Avery's office while the other troops were deployed outside the structure.

Taylor told reporters that the placant informed Avery the place was in possession of the United States government. Avery, he added, reiterated his contention that the proceedings were without legal authority, but donned his coat and hat and departed when he was told the business would not be interrupted.

The maneuvering began at noon. (Turn to Page 2—Story J)

Dewey Gathers Strong Support In Penn. State

By D. HAROLD OLIVER Associated Press Staff Writer Pennsylvania republicans in nearly complete returns yesterday from Tuesday's presidential primary gave Gov. Thomas E. Dewey at least 16 times as many write-in votes as his nearest contender in a field of seven and installed him a heavy favorite for the state's 70 unpledged delegates.

The 70 delegates in an organization meeting May 20 will decide whether to come out definitely for Dewey or some other candidate in advance of the national convention.

Advocates of a fourth term for President Roosevelt saw cause for satisfaction in late returns from the Massachusetts primary. The forces of former Gov. Joseph B. Ely, fourth term opponent, elected delegates with only two convention votes out of the state's 34, plus an indefinite few unpledged but known Ely supporters. The remainder are unpledged but a big majority are placed by party leaders in the Roosevelt columns.

The 35 republican delegates elected Tuesday in Massachusetts also are unpledged, but three are known to favor Gov. Leverett Saltonstall for the presidential nomination. The others are undecided as to nominee preferences.

Colorado republicans did the only delegate-picking yesterday. They named 15 which under state party rules must go unpledged. The delegations is described by party leaders, however, as strongly pro-Dewey. Col. Henry Leony (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Japanese Burn Alive In Fire They Start

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 26 (AP)—Scores of Japanese were burned alive in their own jungle fire which they set around a hill-top position of West African troops on the Kaledan front, an account from Burma said today.

After the Japanese set the fire they started to rush the steep slope. Sudden, heavy gusts of wind turned back the fire on the Japanese and many were silhouetted against the flames and moved down by West African machine-gunners.

Weather Maximum temperature 66 degrees Wednesday; minimum 44; trace of precipitation; river 1.9 feet. Occasional showers Thursday and Friday; cloudy, rain, western part; cooler Thursday.