

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

They buried Frank Knox, late secretary of the navy, in Arlington cemetery, and he certainly was eligible for interment there.

Knox was a ready spokesman for the administration on matters dealing with the war. Sometimes he was not altogether fortunate in his prophecies.

The secretary had hard going in the winter and spring of 1942 when the U-boats were popping torpedoes at tankers and merchantmen in sight of our coast.

While a great deal of space has been given to the work of Knox as newspaper man and as soldier and cabinet officer, perhaps his best contribution was the development of the foreign correspondence of the Chicago Daily News.

Allies Consider World Agency For Education

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Plans for an international education agency, designed to help rebuild war-wrecked education systems and promote a free exchange of ideas among nations, will be laid before congress, the state department announced today.

The department issued a report on the accomplishments of the American delegation to the conference of Allied Ministers of Education in London and Rep. Fulbright (D-Ark), delegation chairman, said the country had a new opportunity to promote the cause of peace through international security.

In this connection Fulbright brought out that the proposed constitution for the international education agency will deal with the question of international press freedom—the ideal of a free exchange of ideas among all peoples.

Streamlining Corporation Tax Due Next

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Confident of overwhelming passage of legislation simplifying tax laws for 50,000,000 individual taxpayers, Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) announced to the house today that the ways and means committee now will proceed toward streamlining corporation taxation.

Opening a two-day debate on the so-called "painless tax" bill for individuals, he called for unanimous approval.

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Most Meat Goes Off Rationing List

Air War Goes into 20th Day

Bombs Destroy Ability of Rails To Carry Loads

LONDON, Thursday, May 4 (AP)—The twentieth day of an uninterrupted allied air offensive—whose thunderous strokes by official estimate already have finished off the ability of nazi railroads in northern France and Belgium to carry the full load demanded of them by allied invasion—broke over Europe early today.

The Berlin radio began just before midnight to issue warnings that hostile planes were over western and southwestern sections of the reich; then Frankfurt and then Stuttgart went off the air.

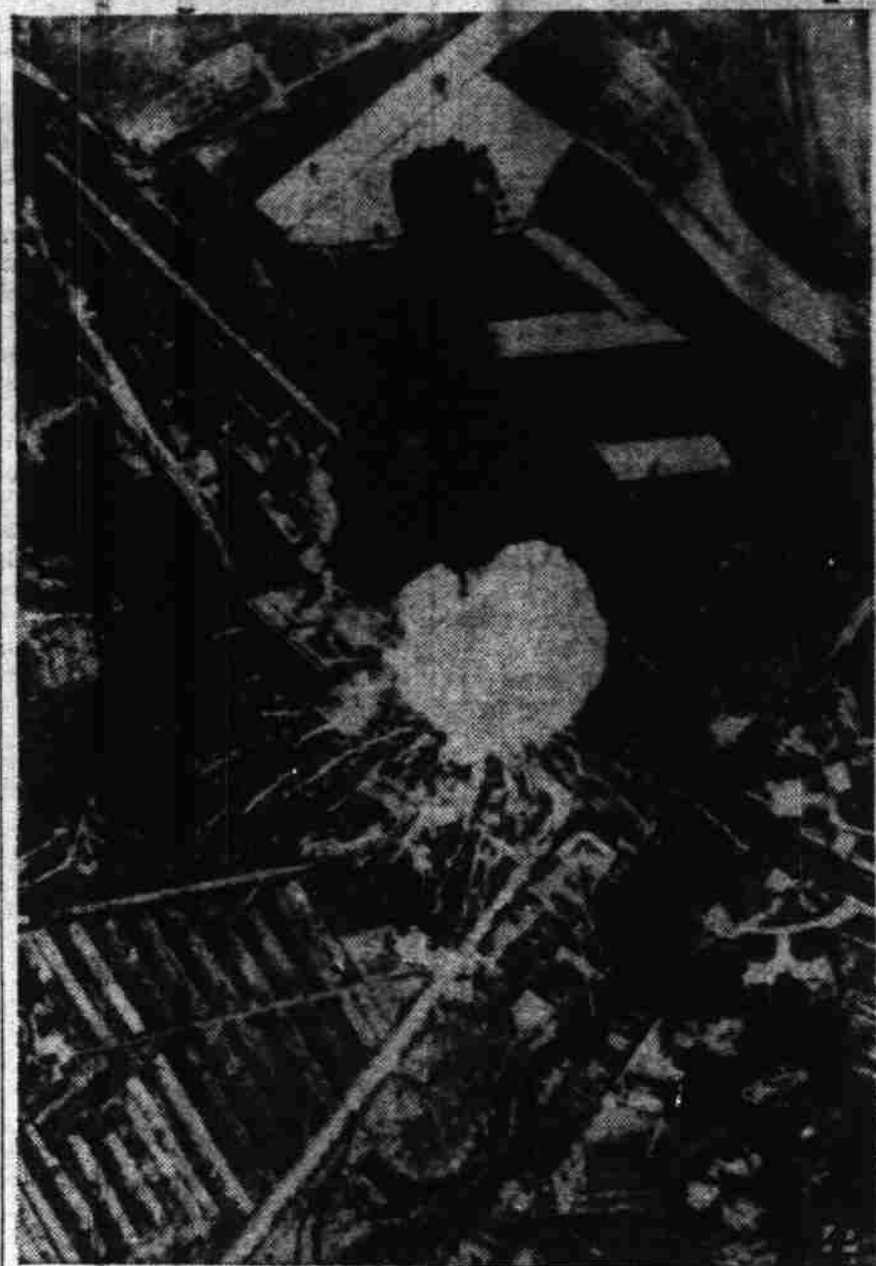
Earlier yesterday English Mitchell and Mosquito bombers drove in against enemy military targets in northern France.

The enemy, he said, in a zone 100 miles deep from Cologne to the Bay of Biscay was so short of railway marshaling facilities that his ability to move reserves inside that area was gravely impaired, if not destroyed.

Pepper Far Ahead While Hill Easily Wins Race

Senator Claude Pepper, administration stalwart, kept well out in front in late returns last night from Florida's democratic primary although his margin over the combined opposition of four other candidates slipped as the count neared an end.

Ammunition Train Blows Up



An enemy ammunition train explodes in a huge cloud of smoke and steamers after a direct hit by bombs from B-25 Mitchells of the US 12th air force during an attack on Orvieto railroad yards on the main line to Florence, 60 miles north of Rome. (AP Wirephoto from USAAF)

Nazis Give Up Hope Of Negotiated Peace

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—The Germans concluded "with sorrow" today that there was no chance for a last-minute negotiated peace and resigned themselves to meeting the allied invasion of western Europe with an army estimated in London to total 67 divisions—possibly fewer than 700,000 men.

Italy Planes Raid Germany Roads, Rails

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 3 (AP)—Northern Italy's tortured rail and sea communications have been given another heavy night and day pasting by the allied Mediterranean air force in its determined effort to isolate German armies in the south through their supply sources, allied headquarters announced today.

Car Strikes 12-Year Old Boy on Skates

Darrel Thomas, 12, of 2185 North Liberty street, was struck by a car near his home at 8:30 o'clock last night while he was skating in the street. The car was operated by John B. Beardshear, 2235 North Liberty, who told police the youngster made a sudden turn in front of his vehicle while he was starting it. The boy was taken to the Deaconess hospital suffering from a fracture of the left forearm.

Officers Cheerful In India

Stillwell's Forces May Rout Japs Say Allied Men

NEW DELHI, May 3 (AP)—American and British officers today expressed high optimism over the military situation in Burma and India and said that the hitherto slow-moving invasion of Burma by Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces might change "any moment" into a major disaster for the Japanese.

Bishop Issues D-Day Prayer For Invasion

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—An invasion prayer for use on D-day was issued today by Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States.

Tuberculosis, Malaria Main Subjects Of Discussion at Marion Health Meet

That the middle aged man is the tough problem in tuberculosis control and that the Willamette valley may expect some increase in the number of malaria cases upon the return of war veterans, was revealed at a meeting of the Marion County Public Health association meeting on Wednesday night.

Six Mosquitos Destroy House Of Documents

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—In a brilliant low-level precision bombing, six British Mosquitos destroyed a house in The Hague containing thousands of documents "of paramount value to the Germans," the air ministry announced tonight.

Russian Planes Furnish Only Activity in East

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—Widespread Russian air raids on axis railway junctions and air fields in Poland and Romania were announced tonight by the soviet communique, which said that on the ground fronts there still were "no essential changes."

WAC Uniforms Lack Beauty

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Calling WAC uniforms "irksome, bulky and colorless," Rep. Celler (D-NY) declared today they should be replaced and tossed on the scrap heap.

Stewart Wins Flying Cross

A U. S. LIBERATOR BASE, England, May 3 (AP)—Major James Stewart, former Hollywood film star, was awarded the distinguished Flying Cross today for his leadership in the American air raid on Brunswick Feb. 2, when he flew in the lead plane.

Only Beef Roasts, Steaks to Require Red Points Today

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—All meat except steaks and roasts of beef became ration free at midnight tonight but that doesn't mean all the points that formerly went into hamburger and pork and lamb can be diverted to bigger and juicier sirloins.

Rabaul Pounded

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Thursday, May 4 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that bombers and fighters have heavily raked the Rabaul, New Britain, area, at a cost of two planes.

Ward Co. Files Brief Rapping Federal Power

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—Montgomery Ward and company, in a brief filed in federal court today, declared that "totalitarian government" in the United States "is the logical consequence of the government's claim of unrestricted power."

Two Salem Soldiers On List of Wounded

Among the names of 770 US soldiers wounded in action released Wednesday by the war department are the names of 13 from Oregon, two from Salem. One is Pfc. Lloyd Weaver, whose father, Erwin H. Weaver, lives at 2690 Maple street. He has been in the southwest Pacific. Pfc. Willis A. Lacey, in the Mediterranean area, is the second Salem man on the Oregon list. He is a son of Mrs. Margaret Chapman, 434 Union street.