

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Spurgeon

China's situation is serious. The Japanese forces are pressing hard in the north and gaining important cities and communication lines. Their advance into India, while failing to reach objectives, impedes allied progress and disheartens the Chinese. There is danger that China will simply disintegrate under the long strain of Japanese occupation and blockade.

Inflation is fantastic; supplies of essentials are almost at the vanishing point save for a minimum of foodstuffs; there is widespread discouragement that not even the optimism of the official representatives of the Chinese government can discount. It is nearly a year since Madame Chiang Kai-Shek made her triumphal tour of America, but it has brought little in the way of tangible aid to the weary Chinese people or to the Chinese armies.

No wonder then that Vice President Wallace is being dispatched to Chungking. No wonder that the three admirals: King, Nimitz and Halsey met in San Francisco over the weekend to plan new and vital blows at Japan. Swift action clearly is needed to sustain China in the fight.

The plan of action has been made clear both by Adm. Nimitz and by the direction of our attack. We are pointing toward the Philippine islands from two directions: across the central Pacific through the Marshall and Caroline islands, and up from the southeast through New Guinea and New Britain. Adm. Halsey having completed his assignment in the Solomons is being (Continued on Editorial Page)

USO Club To Close Doors June 1

Salem's downtown USO club will be closed June 1, according to official announcement made here Wednesday.

Reduction in attendance at the two Salem clubs and the serious need for USO workers in other locations to which the military load has been shifted were given as reasons for the closure when Adj. Henry H. Koerner and Ralph C. Scott of San Francisco, representing regional USO headquarters, met with the Salem USO council Wednesday afternoon at the Chemeketa street club.

Adj. Bram Glaeser, Maj. Jessie Miller and Capt. Lucy Upton, Salvation Army-USO staff in charge of the downtown club, will be transferred to new locations as soon after the closing date as possible, it was said. R. R. Boardman continues as director of the United Service Organizations club for servicemen at 693 Chemeketa street, with H. R. Anthony and Mrs. O. K. DeWitt as assistants. Downtown USO club enlarged quarters at Commercial and Court streets were opened only a month ago.

Sedition Trial Resumes After Contempt Fine

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Trial of 29 persons accused of seditious conspiracy was resumed after a defense lawyer was fined \$150 for contempt.

The attorney, James J. Laughlin, counsel for Defendants Edward James Smythe and Robert Noble, was accused by government prosecutors of acting in bad faith in a petition for disqualification of Justice Edward C. Elcher, and is asking that widely known persons be summoned as witnesses.

Laughlin's petition was based on an affidavit from Noble asserting that President Roosevelt picked Judge Elcher for the sedition trial and promised him appointment to a higher court if the defendants were convicted.

Justice Jennings Bailey, who heard the contempt case, ruled that motions filed by Laughlin amounted to an effort to embarrass the court by causing delay and to affect prospective jurors' opinions through publicity. The only verification offered for Noble's affidavit, Judge Bailey said, were reports "from parties who themselves had not access to the facts."

Lyman Griswold Dies In City Yesterday

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10 (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Friday for Lyman Griswold, 64, pioneer northwest engineer who helped build the Columbia River highway and other roads, rail routes, and dams.

Survivors include his widow, here; mother, Mrs. Zura Griswold, Seattle; brother, Lt. James Griswold, in the army; and a sister, Mrs. Laura Doulin, Walla Walla.

Stillwell Closing Jap Trap

"Chindits" Hold Sway Over Vast Burma Territory

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, May 10 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Philip Stilwell's land invasion forces and allied air-borne commandos, or "Chindits," are closing a gigantic trap in northern Burma on the crack Japanese 18th division, it was disclosed today.

Already the veteran army unit which captured Singapore early in the war is becoming disorganized as the allied coils constrict about the virtually isolated Japanese bases of Mogaung and Myitkyina, 240 miles north of Mandalay, according to advices reaching here.

Fanning out from their original landing points behind the enemy's lines, the American, British and Indian "Chindits" now hold sway over a vast territory south of Mogaung and have disrupted Japanese supply lines both to Mandalay and to Bhamo, the latter 80 miles south of Myitkyina.

Today's communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters reported the "Chindits" had inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy both south and southwest of Mogaung, in the vicinity of Mawlu. Yesterday's bulletin said the Myitkyina-Bhamo road had been so badly torn up by the air-borne jungle troops that the Japanese probably could not repair it before the monsoon rains begin in about a week.

From the north Stilwell's two mixed columns of Chinese, Americans and Burmese levies pressed steadily down the Mogaung and (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

FDR Appoints Forrestal New Naval Chief

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Undersecretary of Navy James V. Forrestal, a democrat and big navy advocate, was nominated today by President Roosevelt for the navy's No. 1 job as secretary to succeed the late Frank Knox.

Forrestal, one-time New York investment banker and neighbor of the president in Dutchess county, New York, has been undersecretary for four years and since Knox's death on April 28 has been acting secretary.

His appointment, urged by many democratic and republican congressmen, climaxes the Washington career he started in 1940 when he gave up the presidency of a Wall Street investment firm to serve as a presidential assistant.

As the navy's No. 2 man he was Knox's right hand in building the world's biggest navy, going frequently to Capitol Hill to testify before committees considering navy appropriations.

On many occasions he has urged the maintenance of this giant fleet in peacetime, declaring that peace which is not backed by power "is only a dream."

At 52, 18 years Knox's junior, he will be one of the youngest men in the president's cabinet.

His appointment breaks up the policy President Roosevelt established in 1940 by naming republicans, Knox and Secretary of War Stimson, to head the navy and war departments, a move interpreted at the time as a gesture for war unity.

Roosevelt Backers Win In West Virginia, Ohio

By D. HAROLD OLIVER Associated Press Staff Writer Candidates leaning toward a fourth term for President Roosevelt won handily the democratic governorship nominations in West Virginia and Ohio in Tuesday's primaries.

The winners were Circuit Judge Clarence W. Meadows of Beckley in the mountain state and Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland in Ohio. In November they will oppose Mayor D. Boone Dawson of Charleston and Mayor James Garfield Stewart of Cincinnati, respectively.

As the returns were tabulated, Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO political action committee, drew cheers in Cleveland when he told the Steelworkers' convention that President Roosevelt must be

2nd US Ace Beats Rick's Combat Record



Capt. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., a Thunderbolt pilot, who bagged two more enemy planes over Germany to boost his total to 27—all shot down in the air—and became the first American ace in the European theatre of war to break Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's combat record of 26 kills in World War I. Captain Johnson is pictured being carried aloft on his buddies' shoulders at his fighter station in England. Johnson is a former cabinet maker. He tied the record set in the southwest Pacific by Maj. Richard I. Bong, 23, of Poplar, Wis. (International Soundphoto)

Jap Atrocities Made Public When 707 Prisoners Freed

By MURLIN SPENCER ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Thursday, May 11 (AP)—Japanese atrocities, including nailing Chinese to palm trees by driving iron spikes through their foreheads, were made public today simultaneously with the release of a headquarters report that American invaders of Hollandia and Aitape freed 707 enemy prisoners.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said that 462 of the 707 were Sikhs who are natives of India.

At the same time, the Australian department of information announced that the liberated Sikhs strongly indicted Japanese treatment of them. Some of the Sikhs were quoted by the department as saying: "On an 18 days march from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur (in Malaya) we were herded along a road like cattle. At one place we saw a number of Chinese who had been nailed to palm trees with iron spikes driven through their foreheads."

"Fifteen Sikhs who had become ill were put to death at Rabaul (New Britain)."

"On a ship which took us to the Admiralty islands, we were herded below decks like cattle—2000 of us."

"The men were frequently beaten with sticks and rifle butts. At Manus (in the Admiralty islands) since captured by MacArthur, we had to dig slit trenches for the Japanese but were left entirely unprotected ourselves."

"I witnessed the liberation of 2000 of us." (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

USS Lansdale Sunk by Nazis

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—The US destroyer Lansdale was sunk by a torpedo in the Mediterranean last month and Lt. Robert M. Morgenthau, 24-year-old son of the secretary of the treasury, was one of the last persons to leave the broken vessel, the navy disclosed today.

Morgenthau jumped over the side and landed on the tin-hatted head of a fellow officer who, however, was not hurt. Both men survived the ordeal including a lengthy swim in the Mediterranean. The Lansdale, 1630 tons, was successfully attacked by German torpedo planes at dusk on April 20. Casualties were "moderate," the navy said.

Roosevelt Slashes Army Budget

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—President Roosevelt slashed over \$3,000,000,000 off preliminary estimates in submitting to congress today a \$49,283,916,500 budget for the army in the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

He asked \$15,876,652,700 in new appropriations and said \$33,807,263,800 would be available in unobligated balances from 1944.

"This carryover of 1944 funds has largely been made possible," the White House said, "by the reduction in the projected strength of the army, substantial reduction in unit costs resulting from volume production, and reduction in shipping losses."

The new budget figure compares with preliminary estimates of \$52,300,000,000 made last January.

S. Avery Still Not Satisfied

Ward Chief Says Firm Deprived Of Court Ruling

CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Board Chairman Sewell Avery came back to his Montgomery Ward and company headquarters today and declared the basic issues in the controversy that led to government seizure of the firm's Chicago properties "still must be determined in the courts."

Twenty hours after federal authorities had relinquished control of the plants and 13 days after he was carried out by soldiers, Avery returned to his office and issued a statement.

He asserted the war labor board has "thus far been successful in depriving Ward's of a judicial determination of the legality of the board's orders affecting the concern, and because of the government's action in turning back the facilities to the management, 'Ward's has once again been denied the right to a decision by the courts,' Avery added.

"When Ward's refused to surrender its plant and business on April 26, 1944, because it believed the demand to be illegal, the attorney general of the United States did not submit the matter to the courts. Ward's was deprived of its property by force and bayonets."

"When public opinion forced the attorney general to turn to the courts he sought and obtained an extraordinary order in the night without notice to Ward's and in a (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Men Over 30 May Be Safe From Draft

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Selective service was reported tonight to have adopted a liberalized policy of deferments for men over 30, with employment in an essential industry the only yardstick.

Draft officials, prepared to announce details of a broad new program Thursday evening, declined to discuss reports that men over 30 in preferred occupations will be eligible for deferment regardless of whether they are considered actually "necessary" men.

For the 26 through 29 age group, it was understood the present policy of deferring necessary men in essential activities will be continued. However, Major General Lewis B. Hershey recently said that these men probably will not be called before early fall, when the pool of registrants under 26 is expected to be exhausted.

Liberalization along the lines reported probably would halt calls of men over 29 for the rest of this year and possibly eliminate them from consideration altogether, depending upon the course of the war.

With the army already at peak strength and the navy expected to reach that point in September, induction calls thereafter will be for replacement with quotas determined by the number of casualties.

Selective service estimates replacements at about 150,000 men a month after peak strength is attained. Of this number, approximately 60,000 a month are expected to come from the ranks of those becoming 18 years old.

Presbyterians to Open Birthday Jubilee Tonight

Salem's First Presbyterian church and its friends tonight will retrace the pathway through the years to the May day in 1869 when 19 men and women of the pioneer town gathered in an "upper room" above the book store of J. K. Gill at 354 State street to welcome a young missionary and his bride and to organize a United Presbyterian Home Mission church.

Tonight's 75th anniversary, which opens at 7:30 o'clock, will include music of praise and supplication and will center around a presentation of the history of the church from its missionary founding to date and reminiscences by Mrs. A. O. Condit and Dr. Burt Brown Barker. Mrs. Condit has held one of the longest continuous memberships. Dr. Barker, whose boyhood and early youth

Rommel Studies



Field Marshal General Erwin Rommel confers at his Atlantic headquarters on German plans to defeat the coming allied invasion of Europe, according to the caption this German photo reaching New York via neutral Portugal. (AP Wirephoto)

Nazis Retreat Again on 8th Front in Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 10 (AP)—The Germans have retreated across the Little Aventino river in a second day of withdrawal on the British eighth army front and allied forces moving up behind them have occupied three villages and are continuing to press the pursuit, allied headquarters announced today.

The German retreat has ranged from seven to 11 1/2 miles from their line as last announced several weeks ago, although some allied forces have been well beyond it more recently.

In their advance behind the withdrawing foe the eighth army occupied Palena, Falascano and San Angelo and at last report was moving directly toward the important German base of Sumona, which is 11 miles beyond Palena and about 33 miles from the Adriatic coast. Allied troops also seized high ground near the hamlet of Gamberale, two miles northwest of San Angelo on the road to Palena.

Competent military quarters declared the Nazi withdrawal appeared to be without significance beyond the enemy's natural desire to straighten his line and eliminate a salient in the rugged mountains where lack of communications made large-scale operations impossible.

The Germans, whose radio lately has speculated on the possibility of a renewed allied offensive in Italy, also were digging in and strengthening their defenses on the west bank of the Rapido river just south of the Cassino on the (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Harry Hopkins Leaves Hospital Recovered

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 10 (AP)—Harry Hopkins, confidante of President Roosevelt, left here today for his home for further rest before resuming his duties. Mayo clinic physicians said that his recovery from abdominal surgery was "excellent" and that a nutritional disturbance has responded "encouragingly to medical treatment."

A clinic statement said "physicians now feel that after an additional short rest, Mr. Hopkins will be able to return to his duties at Washington."

Weather
Maximum temperature Wednesday 62 degrees; minimum 35; precipitation .02 inch; river 9 ft.
Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday with few light scattered showers. Not much change in temperature.

Relentless Air War Continues

British Out Last Night After 3500 Plane Day Raids

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Thursday, May 11 (AP)—More than 3500 allied warplanes from bases in both Britain and Italy loosed approximately 4500 tons of bombs yesterday on European targets and the RAF followed up this assault last night with another slashing attack on western Europe.

There was no immediate indication of the objective of the overnight raids, a preliminary British announcement saying merely that the RAF was "over occupied territory," but it presumably was directed against military facilities in France.

The daylight assault was spearheaded by American heavy bombers based in Italy with attacks on Wiener Neustadt in old Austria and Knin in Yugoslavia.

American and British medium, light and fighter-bombers from Britain spent the day in methodical blows at rail centers and an air field in France and Belgium.

The continuing onslaught quickly followed overnight and pre-dawn attacks by 750 RAF planes on 10 high-priority targets that included the channel coast and the Paris and Berlin areas. German installations along the French coast received probably their (Turn to Page 2—Story K)

Dewey Asked To Step In and Stop Filibuster

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—An appeal to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York to use his "strategic position" to help break a threatened senate filibuster against the anti-poll tax bill was made today by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

As the senate debated the measure, bitterly opposed by southern democrats, White made public a telegram to Dewey asserting that 23 republican senators have either refused to agree to vote for a limitation of debate or declined to say how they will vote when the test comes Monday on a cloture petition.

Saying that Dewey's voice "would be decisive," he asked the governor "to make your voice heard."

Dewey's views on poll taxes crept into the senate debate when Senator Mead (D-NY) asserted the governor had an anti-poll tax plank in his gubernatorial campaign two years ago.

Sen. Hatch (D-NM) inquired how that happened since New York has no such levy.

"I can't explain why it was there, but it was there," Mead replied.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) remarked that "usually candidates for governor confine themselves to matters in their own states—Mr. Dewey was taking in a lot of territory."

British Heads Work Secretly

LONDON, Wednesday, May 11 (AP)—British Commonwealth prime ministers — at the half way mark of their conference — are holding secret sessions but sideline opinion is pretty well agreed that they are doing two things:

1. Devoting considerable time to details of armistice terms to be submitted to Germany.

2. Building a framework for a new league of nations.

The armistice terms are believed to include—aside from unconditional surrender — personal surrender of the chief of the German army, complete disarmament, de-industrialization of the reich insofar as the possibility of secret rearmament is concerned, and possibly a ban on even civilian aircraft.

The league of nations plan is understood to be modeled along the old league, with the United Nations as a core but with smaller nations and eventually enemy countries to have a full voice.