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'X' Marks the Spot

The choice of Normandy as the point for the initial attack on the western front confirms the judgment of the armchair strategists who argued for a frontal attack across the English channel. The Norman peninsula has many advantages besides its nearness. It offers a continental base, once it is secured, with admirable harbors, and a direct and comparatively easy approach to Paris and the old line of march toward Germany.

But the final choice which was made by the allied commanders was based not merely on facts of geography. It was based also on reports of their intelligence service. Without doubt the allied intelligence had pretty good reports of the vaunted ..Atlantic wall" and knew where the strong and relatively weak points were. The French underground could supply the allies with considerable information and air reconnaissance could pick up additional information from pictures. The intelligence service must have reported that the north coast of Normandy did not have the high degree of fortification of other points on the coast.

That the defenses in this area were weak is attested by the report of Richard D. McMillan, AP correspondent with the invasion forces, who said in his dispatch from France:

What surprised me most was the weakness of the German defense line. I examined with great care the so-called Atlantic wall along this coast. It constitutes the biggest bluff of the whole war for it simply does not exist. Some prisoners told me that the Germans had been frantically trying to complete defenses but that the task had been too vast for them.

McMillan lets the secret out when he says the task of building the westwall in the style displayed in German pictures "had been too vast" for the Germans and their slave labor.

In giving credit for fine judgment in picking the point of attack do not fail to include the intelligence service which for months has been assembling the information needed for making the selection.

Railroads have been raiding the junkpiles of half a century to get boxes on wheels that they can use for passenger traffic. We heard of one train on the Union Pacific where the brakeman went through one car lighting the old gas-lights used before electric lighting. When a passenger commented on the antiquity of the coach the brakeman remarked: "This is not old; thre's one coach up ahead with this sign 'Shooting buffaloes from this car is forbidden'."

The Pendleton East Oregonion has a booster editorial on Oregon, and quotes William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis"-"take the wings of the morning" which the E-O says may now be realized via airplane. The E-O mustn't forget the other quotation from "Thanatopsis"-"where rolls the Oregon . . . Yet the dead are there." We always have that fact to consider when it comes to progress.

Commenting on inflation in China the Oregon City Enterprise says it has "reduced the educated white collared classes to semi-starvation and poverty." Poverty is anti-climax

### Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Cooyright 1944 by the Associated Press

A logical pattern for the allied invasion of France via Normandy beaches began to disclose itself as the third day of the greatest military adventure in history drew to a close although its supreme commander, General Eisenhower, still masked his intentions from friend and foe alike.

His progress bulletins still lacked definite geographical data by which to measure the scope and direction of the assault that stormed ashore over a wide coastal front so successfully as to prompt an official statement that the first phase of the invasion had been completed and the second begun. They also failed to reflect the optimism of some eye-witness press accounts from the fighting front holding that the vaunted nazi Atlantic wall had been proven something of a myth in the Normandy area at least.

Eisenhower and his staff well know that the main enemy defense is not fixed fortifications but the German army. The bulletins indicate that only nazi local reserves have been encountered up to how, and that strong tactical reserves are yet to be met and mastered before the first strategic objectives of the invasion campaign can be achieved.

There is no authorized allied intimation as to what those first objectives are. Piecing together various German accounts of the fighting, however, it looks as though seizure of both the Cherbourgtipped Normandy peninsula and its larger Brittany coastal hump to the west at the head of which stands the port of Brest, only 3500 sea miles from New York, may be the allied purpose.

That would mean that the direction of the atack, now that its first beachhead salients along the shore of the bay of the Seine have been consolidated in some depth, would shift to the southvest toward Nantes at the head of the Loire estuary, and not toward Paris or Berlin. The Berlin reports reflect that, but without confirmation from iny allied source.

They tell of new air landings attempted or hieved by the allies not only near the base of the Normandy peninsula, west of the Vire, but also in Brittany. Descents near Nantes, Lorient and St. Brieuc were Berlin reported.

Nazi sources also announced that the first allied push in force southwestward beyond the Bayeux beachhead salient was in progress. Success would cut off the Normandy peninsula, trap its garrison, and expose Cherbourg to investment from the rear. Allied capture of Cherbourg and its good weather Allied capture of Cheroouty and its good washing harbor would shorten and simplify the supply probem of the American troops apparently holding the 
ight flank of the allied invasion line. They would 
be in direct over-sea contact with the United 
the charge avoiding supply and rein-States, via Cherbourg, avoiding supply and reinforcement trans-shipments in England. It was that consideration that prompted assignment of Persuing's troops to the right flank in France in World war 1, with French Bay of Biscay ports as their bases. There was no confusion of French, British and American supply lines due to that deployment.

Lloyd R. Smith

Lloyd R. Smith was one of those men of constant faith in whatever relationship in life he was tested. He was always the honorable gentleman whether in business, in politics, in social relations. He was true th his convictions in his philosophy of living, in his views on public questions and in his affiliations. He was deeply loyal to his friends and warmly attached to his family. As a public official, serving as state corporation commissioner for nearly five years he was conscientious, practical and considerate, administering the affairs of his office with firmness and equity. His death removes one of Oregon's most competent citizens, one long identified with its business and political life, and robs this writer as well as many others of an intimate friend and wise counsellor.

The city of Astoria whittled its bonds down to a point where it could refund them in the amount of \$1,800,000 at two and three quarters per cent interest. This gets the city out of hock, though its debt is still large. The Astorian-Budget pats on the back the city executives who had a hand in getting the city back into financial respectability. While the road has been long and hard, and while the memory of the default will linger long in memory, Astoria does deserve credit for finally working out of its financial difficulties. Bond men have estimated, however, that because of the stubbornness of the city and port district in investing their cash in their own bonds when they were selling far below par the community lost about half a million dollars. The bonds increased up to par and those redeemed were redeemed at that figure. The city and port "hired the money" though, so they really owed a hundred cents on the dollar.

Thus far the Italians are not marching down the main street of Rome shouting "Nice", "Tunisia" as they did when Mussolini thought he was boss of the middle sea.

## **News Behind** The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, June 8 - The administration is having a difficult time putting down overly-enthusiastic interpretations of the grand assault on Europe, not only by the public but in its own ranks. D-day was hardly over before business firms started calling the men they had loaned to the government for war work say-

ing the war was almost over. and they had better come back as soon as possible to their regular jobs.

The treasury seemed skittish that the public also might jump to the same conclusion in connection with the \$16,000,000,-000 war bond drive opening Monday.

Actually, however,, it is unlikely matters will break in Paul Mallon either of these directions. The dollar-a-year-ormore men will be held to their jobs, and auspices for the bond drive are bright.

While the amount is \$16,000,000,000 (two billions above last time), the people have more cash that ever before piling up in banks, and their enthusiasm should be lifted by the invasion to the point where the amount again will be oversub-

Bonds are the same as cash these days, and there is no reason why \$110,000,000,000 should have accumulated in bank deposits and \$20,000,000,000 more in cash outside of banks (as carried in this column May 31) when these amounts can draw greater interest.

But the administration itself inwardly is far from prepared to meet the end of the war, or even begin to meet it.

The popular Baruch scheme to transfer industry smoothly and efficiently back to peacetime operations was drawn up last December, made public February 13, but not until May 23 were the beginnings of action on it even faintly visible. Then Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the war production board was appointed by over-all Stabilizer Byrnes to start work.

One contract termination bill (Murray-George) has been passed by congress, but surplus property legislation is just now being devised for congressional consideration.

The matter had reached such a pitiful state that Mr. Baruch, who would stand practically anything from the administration, was reported in the press to have presented his resignation, along with that of John M. Hancock, as the top two men at the head of what was supposed to be the postwar policy-making committee, but which apparently has not turned out to be as powerful as its paper authority.

The administration has sought to keep the resignation story from the press, possibly to get Messrs. Baruch and Hancock to change their minds.

The prospect now is that the new Wilson leadership may furnish the necessary impetus, to work the matter out but the prospect is not as bright as it was last February 15 when the Baruch report was announced, and everyone was led to believe the matter was more or less settled.

Clashing personalities seem solely responsible for the otherwise inexplainable delay. At the top of the clash was Mr. Wilson himself. He had the substantial backing among government officials from the beginning as the man to lead the job. His supporters included Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and War Under-Secretary Patterson.

But Mr. Wilson was only .WPB executive vice chairman to Donald Nelson, whose friends thought he should have the job. Several times Mr. Wilson threatened to resign like Messrs Baruch and Han-

Apparently, the greatest power of the supposed-ly powerful authorities of the government is a re-

mation threat, Mesers Baruch, Hancock and Wilson might b done better if they had belonged to the CIO as it was not until the CIO unionists of the Brewster was not until the CIO unionists of the Brewster aeronautical plant rushed down here with irate zomplaints after their company's contract had been cancelled that any action was taken on the



'Government Proving Ground'

## Today's Radio Programs KSLM-MBS-FRIDAY-1390 Kc. 6:30-It's the Truth.

6:45—News.
7:00—News.
7:15—Farm and Home Program
7:30—Shady Valley Folks.
7:45—Today's Top Trades.
8:00—Dr. Talbot.
8:30—News.
8:45—Orchestra. 8:45—Orchestra.
9:00—Boake Carter,
9:15—Pastor's Call.
9:30—Midland USA.
9:45—Amazing Jennifer Logan.
10:00—Hardy, News.
10:15—Jack Berch.
10:30—Luncheon with Lopez.
10:45—Ration News.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Waltz Time.
11:30—Skyline Serenade. KGW-NBC-PRIDAY-820 Ke. 4:00-Dawn Patrol. 5:55-Labor News. 5:35—Labor News. 6:00—Mirth and Madness. 6:30—News Parade. 6:35—Labor News. 6:35—Journal of Living. 6:15—News Headlines & 45—Sam Hayes. 30—Stars of Today. 11:30—Skyline Serenade. 11:45—Around Town. 12:00—Organalities. 12:15-News, 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade. David Harum.

Personality Hour.

Benny Walker's Kitchen. 10:15—Ruth Forbes 10:30—Glenn Howard, 10:45—Art Baker's Notebool 11:00—The Guiding Light, 11:15—Today's Children, 11:30—Light of the World, 1:00—News, 1:05—Interlude. 1:15—Lum 'n' Abner.
1:30—Music for Remembrance.
2:00—News.
2:05—Broadway Band Wagon.
2:15—Don Lee Newsreel.
2:45—Radio Tours.
3:00—News. 11:30—Light of the World,
11:45—Betty Crucker,
12:00—Women of America.
12:15—Ma Perkins
12:30—Peuper Young's Family,
12:45—Right to Happiness
1:00—Backstage Wife,
1:15—Stella Dallas,
1:30—Lorenzo Jones,
1:45—Young Widder Brown,
1:45—We Love and Learn, 2:45—Radio Tours.
3:00—News.
3:05—Concert Hour.
3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis.
4:15—Care and Feeding of a Husband
4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm.
4:45—Roundup Revelers.
5:00—News. 2:15—We Love and Learn. 2:30—Just Plain Bill. 2:45—Front Page Farrell. 3:00—Road of Life. 2:15—Vic and Sade. 5:00-News. Burke, 3:13—Vic and Sade.
3:30—B. Boynton.
3:45—Rambling Reader.
4:00—Dr. Kate
4:15—News of the World.
4:30—Voice of A Nation.
4:45—H. V Kallenborn.
5:00—OK for Release.
5:15—Arthur Godfrey Show. 6:15-Nick Carter. 6:30—Double or Nothing. 7:00—Commentary. 7:15—Lowell Thomas. 8:15—Evelyn Tyner Orchestra. 8:30—What's the Name of that Song? 9-00-News. :30-Day Foster, Commentator. 9:15-Cecil Brown. P Lochner, 9:30-Fulton Lewis -People are Funny.
-Amos and Andy. 9:45—Music in Swingtime. 10:00—Sinfonetta. :30-Bill Stern Sports Newsreel Henry King. :30—Fred Waring in Pleasure Pime :15—Fleetwood Lawson. :30—Your All Time Hit Parade. 9:00—Furlough Fup. 9:30—Service Show. KEX-BN-FRIDAY-1190 Kc.

6:09—Musical Clock. 6:15—National Farm and Home 6:45-Western Agriculture. 7:00—Home Harmonies 7:05—Top o' the Morning. 7:15—News. 7:30—James Abbe Observes. 7:45—The Listening Post. 8:00—Breakfast Club -Noonday Meditation. 15-Voice of Experience -Breakfast at Sardi's 10:00-News. 10:15-Sweet River. 10:55—Polly Patterson. 11:00—Baukhage Falking 11:15—The Mystery Chef 11:30—Ladies, Be Seated. 2.00-Songs by Morton Downey. 12:15—Hollywood Star Time. 12:30—News Headlines & Highlights. 2:30 News 1:30 News.
1:30 News.
1:35 Radio Parade.
1:30 Blue Newsroom.
2:30 Baby Institute.
2:45 Labor News.
2:50 Music. 100-Hollywood News Flashes 3:15—News. 1:30—Rollie Truitt Time. 1:45—Music. 3:45—Music.
4:30—The Great Melody.
4:30—Hop Harrigan.
4:45—The Sea Hound.
5:30—Terry and the Pirates
5:15—Dick Tracy.
5:30—Jack Armstrong.
5:45—Captain Midnight.
6:30—Now Take My Case.
6:30—Spotlight Bands.
6:55—The Story Teller.
7:00—Johnny Harrell Sings.
7:15—Top of the Evening.
7:30—Nero Wolfe.
8:30—News.

10:15—Ma Perkins.
10:15—Ma Perkins.
10:30—Bernadine Flynn.
10:45—The Goldbergs.
11:00—Portia Faces Life.
11:15—Joyce Jordan.
11:30—Young Dr. Malone.

9:00—Meet Your Navy, 9:30—News Headlines & Highlights. 9:45—Art Baker, News, 10:00—Fights. 10:45—Ambassador Hotel Music, 11:00—Concert Hour,

7:30—Reveille Roundup. Abbe Covers the News.

10:00—News Flashes. 10:15—Your Home Town News. 10:25—Labor News. 10:30—Thomas Peluso Orchestra. 10:45—Paul Page, Singer. 10:45—News. 11:00—Hotel Biltmore Orchestra. 11:30—War News Roundup 12:00-2 a.m.—Swing Shift.

KOIN—CBS—FRIDAY—910 Re. 5:55—Breakfast Bulletin. 6:00—Gardening with Bouquet. 6:10—Northwest Farm Reporter. 6:15—Texas Rangers. 6:30—KOIN Klock. 7:45-Nelson Pringle, News 8:00—Consum r News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:30—Light of the World.
8:45—Aunt Jenny.
9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
9:15—Big Sister
9:30—Romance of Helen T 3:30—Romance of Helen Trent 3:45—Our Gal Sunday, 3:00—Life Can Be Beautiful.

11:45—Perry Mason. 12:00—News. 12:15—Neighbors. 12:30—Bright Horizons. 12:45—Bachelor's Children. 1:00—Broadway Matines.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

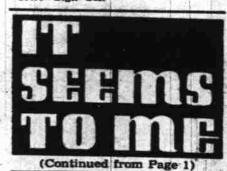


3:00—News.
3:15—Lyn Murray Show.
3:30—Stars of Today.
3:45—The World Today.
3:35—News.
4:90—Lady of the Press.
4:15—Bob Anderson.
4:30—Friday on Broadway.
5:00—Galen Drake.
5:13—Red's Gang.
5:20—Harry Flannery. News.
5:45—News
5:25—Bin Henry
6:00—Hollywood Showcase.
6:30—That Brewster Boy. 6:30—That Brewster Boy. 7:00—Jimmy Durante & Garry Moore 7:30—Stage Door Canteen.
8:00—I Love A Mystery.
8:15—Press Club.
8:30—It Pays to Be Ignorant.
9:00—Kate Smith.
9:55—What's Become of——? 10:30—Five Star Final,
10:15—Wartime Women
10:20—Stories of the West.
10:30—Jan Garber Orchestra,
10:45—Voice of the Army,
11:00—Gus Arnhelm Orchestra. 11:30—Air-Flo of the Air. 11:35—Orchestra.

11:45-Orchestra.

lidnight to 6:06 a.m.—Music & News pressive strength, are fighting to is afforded by the Japanese gov-KOAC-FRIDAY-850 Ke 10:00—News.
10:15—Homemaker's Hour.
11:00—Southland Singing.
11:15—America Marches. 11:13—America Marches.
11:30—Concert Hall.
12:00—News
12:15—Noon Farm Hour.
1:00—Ridin the Range.
1:15—Names in the News.
1:30—Variety Time.
2:00—Club Women's Half Hour.
2:30—Memory Book of Music.
3:00—News. 2:30—Memory 2008 0: 3:00—News.
3:00—News.
4:00—Music of the Masters.
4:00—Music by Cugat.
4:15—Listen to Leibert.
4:30—Dance Band of the Week.

4:45—Science News of the Week. 5:00—On the Upbeat. 5:30—Story Time. 5:45—It's Oregon's War. 6:15—News.
6:30—Evening Farm Hour.
7:30—Music of Czechoslovakia.
8:00—Wake Up America.
8:30—Music That Endures. 9:30—News, 9:45—Evering Meditations, 10:00—Sign Off.



for boys and young men and has vities. For years it has had the the Evangelical church. generous personal and financial This church building, built in support of the community's 1930, during the pastorate of Rev. leading citizens who have seen A. P. Layton, and later served by in the "Y" an agency making for the Rev. C. C. Poling, father of good citizenship among boys. Dr. Daniel Poling, is one of Sa-Tuesday's luncheon to honor the lem's larger and more beautiful 100th anniversary of the inter- churches. national YMCA showed by its spirit and by its large attendance the esteem in which the the present minister came to Salocal "Y" is held.

are the hardest," then the ship this money has been raised, YMCA can feel that it is "over and a balance is accumulating for the hump." In truth though the purposes of repair and improve "Y" is always seeking new worlds to conquer, new service to perform. Its world service forward when the war is over because its peculiar type of work should be of great value in liberated and even in former enemy countries. The Salem "Y" also looks forward to enlarging its now greatly crowded facilities, so it can do a better job. Instead of just coasting, it is ambitious to extend its work, and will do so as rapidly as community support is forthcom-

#### Communicable Diseases Take Sharp Drop

EUGENE, June 8 -(AP)- A sharp disease was reported by the state board of health today. Veneral disease, though still more than three times more frequent than last year, decline five per cent from the preceding week.

## Thousands of Paratrooopers Landing Makes Colorful Sight

By S. L. SOLON ing the Combined British Press Distributed by the Associated Press

WITH THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN FRANCE. June 7-(AP)-Our forward troops, rested by a few hours of sleep last night, are moving steadily forward this afternoon against undiminishing German resistance.

We are on the outskirts of Caen and are joining up with the Canadians. A German tank counterattack has been smashed.

The luftwaffe is making desperate eforts to hold up our advance. There was constant bombing of the beach area last night, and the skies were never without the roar of planes—usually mixed, allied Aid May Get

We were witnesses to the arrival of a great allied airborne army lest night Titungs army last night. Literally hundreds of planes swept overhead, flying very low, and disgorged colored parachutes marking different parachute units. The skies were filled with these bunches of brightly-

formation of airborne and paraoperation. German prisoners also watched,

and were staggered by this manifestation of power. They looked with what almost seemed to be admiration at the fantastic sight of thousands of armed men pouring from the heavens.

German snipers are everywhere. One has been haunting us for hours now. He apaprently has taken refuge in a church steeple. Bren guns have opened up on him. We hear his answering shots, but cannot place them precisely.

The weather is cool and cloudy. Without kit, we spent last night shivering with cold under skies criss - crossed by anti-aircraft shells and tracer bullets.

In this sector the allies have a pretty good hold on a big area extending well inland, and our troops are fighting superbly to extend their hold and liquidate pockets of resistance. Some of these pockets are tough and dangerous. Others are mere nests of

battle of armor ranged yesterday is prepared to expand its proevening for high ground com- gram to meet the needs, which manding the town which is one of authorities state are far beyond our main immediate objectives. | the limited amount of supplies

our armor roared up from the nese government. coast to the front in a thunderous torrent to reinforce our already considerable force engaged with German panzers.

our glider - borne troops, who prisoners in Japan, and it is exlanded yesterday evening in imbreak one of the toughest German defense areas

Parachutists who landed earlier yesterday to secure bridges across a canal and river on our left obtained their first objectives in an heroic victory over superior forces. They achieved this at heavy cost, particularly to one of their battalions, but they saved far greater casualties which must have resulted from a frontal push, and they did vital jobs in securing our left flank, where the danger of German pressure is great-

## **Church Sets Note Burning**

Sunday is to be an important day in the life of the First Evan- State college, June 25 to July 2, gelical church at Marion and Summer streets. Rev. J. Kenneth Lee Bostwick, of Portland, de-Wishart, minister, announces this will be the day for the burning of the final note held against this church. Rev. Paul P. Petticord has enrolled 26 boys. The Medford will be guest speaker for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Petticord is a former pastor. He is at present served as a real community cen- a district superintnedent of the ter for innumerable other acti- Oregon-Washington conference of

Original cost of the building was approximately \$50,000. When lem the debt was placed at \$8,-If the "first hundred years 800. Under Mr. Wishart's leaderment upon the property. Many among the members are

anticiating the accumulation of a build or buy a new parsonage.

# War Prisoner

Expansion of the work of War Prisoners' Aid, YMCA, a participating service of the National War Fund, may be expected as the result of the state department announcement that Japan has agreed colored silk like unfolding flow- to the purchase of \$25,000 worth of relief supplies a month for war Frenchmen nearby cheered the prisoners and civilian internees in spectacle, probably the largest the Philippines, according to advices received by Charles A. chute units used in any military Sprague, president of the Oregon War Chest.

The United States government has made available the funds to purchase the \$25,000 worth of supplies each month, but administration will be carried on by neutral representatives working for War Prisoners' Aid, YMCA. funds for which are allocated from contributions to each county war chest in the state through the Oregon War Chest. The work of locating supplies, purchasing, packing and distribution will be undertaken by War Prisoners' Aid in cooperation with other neutral organizations.

The state department in its announcement of this agreement for limited relief for war prisoners held by the Japanese stated that "the United States government is continuing to press the Japanese government to grant full reciprocity in this respect."

In the event that wider opportunities for work with war prisoners is afforded by the Japanese At our farthest point inland a government, War Prisoners' Aid All afternoon and all last night thus far agreed to by the Japa-

Announcement has been made in ondon that the British government and the United States government have agreed upon a meth-In another part of this sector od for shipping supplies for war pected that as soon as opportunity ernment for distribution that the work of War Prisoners' Aid will be widely expended.

Neutral representatives of War Prisoners' Aid, YMCA, have been working in behalf of the war prisoners held by the Japanese since the outbreak of the war in the

## 150 Sign Up For Beaver **Boys State**

Approximately 150 boys have made application for enrollment in the eighth annual session of Beaver Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion at Oregon according to announcement by partment boys state chairman.

First post to report in Oregon is Medford, where Col. W. H. Paine delegation will include Harry Nordwick, Beaver Boys State gov-

Second post to officially register boys for the session was Clatskanie, with three enrolled. Preliminary reports from other

posts throughout Oregon indicate the following representation: Hillsboro 10, Roseburg 5, Klamath Falls 10, Aurora 3, Gresham 2, navy post No. 101, Potrland, 4, Cottage Grove 2, Astoria 25, Salem 35, Forest Grove 5, Bend 4, Hood River 4, and Albany 10.

Reports are expected daily from other American Legion posts between now and June 17, the deadline for filing applications.

Arrangements have been made with Oregon State college for the use of three fraternity houses, Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta and Theta Chi, John Schenk, of Corvallis, president of the board program ought to take a leap fund with which it is hoped to of directors of Boys State, has

