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Warren's Refusal

Gov. Earl Warren showed a fine discrimination in his loyalties when he declined the offer of the Oregon delegation to put him in nomination for vice president. His refusal to allow his name to be considered was not a bit of uppishness over a No. 2 spot, but based on his feeling of obligation to the state of California. He acknowledged the high honor of a nomination for the vice presidency and his own readiness to accept it "if I were a free agent." He explained his position clearly as follows:

However, I have made certain commitments and assumed certain obligations to the people of my state which are not yet fulfilled. There has always been a definite understanding between the members of the California delegation and myself, publicly stated, that I would not be a candidate for any position. Immediately upon their election, I instructed the delegation not to place my name in nomination at this convention and not to vote for me if I should be nominated by others. Having acted in this manner with my own delegation, I could not in good conscience accept the support of other state delegations.

Undoubtedly the fact that his lieutenant governor is a candidate for the United States senate on the republican ticket presented a situation which Warren could not ignore. If both were elected to other positions, Warren's successor as governor would be some one appointed by himself, not some one elected by the people. Under the circumstances Gov. Warren felt his duty was to stay with his state.

It must be recognized also that as governor of a great state like California Warren has very heavy responsibilities, which are greater than those normally adhering to the vice presidency. These will be particularly onerous when the war ends and California industry faces reconversion to the peace. Californians themselves undoubtedly will be pleased that Warren has decided to stay in his present position. Dewey of course had announced a similar intention, but when the presidential nomination came to him, he accepted.

Tax Delinquency Down

No better proof of the spread of prosperity can be found than in the record of decline in tax delinquency. Where about 10 years ago the total delinquent property taxes in Oregon amounted to about \$46,000,000 now it is down to \$15,000,000. Most of this is for the last taxes levied, where payment for one reason or another has been delayed. There is always some drag in collections, and it is not until the total reached up into the sums of \$25,000,000 or so that it becomes at all serious.

The collection of these back taxes has put most taxing districts in a very comfortable position. During the years of reduced collections all the units of government conserved their resources and reduced their spending. Later when taxes came in the monies often were used to retire indebtedness, resulting in marked improvement in the financial standing of the taxing unit.

Perhaps the best thing to be noted from these statistics is not the improved condition of the units of government but of the people themselves. They have gotten themselves out of debt to the counties by paying their taxes. This simply means they are in far better shape to meet the uncertainties of the future than they were when levies were high and they were forced to let their taxes go unpaid.

Men of the 41st

Oregon troops of the 41st division must be seeing action again, this time in the heavy going on Biak island of the Schouten group. The Japs put up some stiff resistance and Americans suffered some reversals soon after making a landing. Now they are going forward, capturing ridges and airfields. But the casualty lists have carried names of some chaps from Oregon.

The 41st must be a battle-seasoned outfit by this time. It fought on New Guinea in several major encounters, and landed at Hollandia in MacArthur's leap forward. The general has previously praised them for their work on New Guinea, and now they are winning fresh glory as they continue the fighting on another island. Oregon should feel proud of the men of its national guard who wear the insignia of the 41st.

Mussolini had a movie film made of the execution of his son-in-law, Count Ciano, who turned rat on his daddy-in-law. The count, who was pretty much no account, had to be carried to the place of execution, but his executioner wasn't much braver, because he shot his victim from behind. The ex-ill duce, shrunken and embittered, must have a love for the grewsome if he sits out a showing of the Ciano film. Wonder if he thinks of a possible trailer: the execution of one Benito Mussolini by hanging on a Turin lamp post?

The battle reports showing the loss of 746 planes must make the Jap admirals and generals suck wind instead of whistle.

Editorial Comment

One of the most tragic convictions of the American public is the idea that we can have what they call a "just and lasting peace" if we will only sign a piece of paper with other nations saying that's what we are going to have. Fortunately for them, the most strenuous advocates of such a delusion, will have passed into the saccharine subsequently when the next war comes along and so they will never know how mistaken they were.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

The national victory garden institute will stage a contest to find America's champion victory gardeners, with a \$1000 war bond as first prize. Every gardener is sure of prizes—out of his own garden.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

Dr. Hibbard of Burns

There have been several editorial attributions in state papers to Dr. L. E. Hibbard of Burns, whose death occurred recently. They were richly deserved. For Dr. Hibbard (who was a native of Marion county) became famous as a naturalist over in the Harney basin where he went for his health. The Bend Bulletin gave an excellent summary of his career, as follows:

Dr. Hibbard was a dentist and over 40 years ago he was established in practice in Portland. He had chosen the city and the future seemed fair. Then he was stricken with tuberculosis. He was forced to give up his practice and his metropolitan residence and he went out to the then distant Harney valley. His hope of finding a cure there was gratified and he settled, assuming a prominent position in community affairs and raising a fine family.

He was not content, however, with merely residing in Burns and practicing dentistry. The surrounding valley was filled with wild life, particularly birds, and Dr. Hibbard began to study it. He knew all the birds, the water fowl, the migrants, the residents and birds became, outside his family, his great interest. As his boys were growing up he took them into the fields and meadows with him and they studied birds together. One day they would concentrate on one variety and another on another and they learned them all.

Dr. Hibbard was a good man. He was a pleasant companion. His knowledge of the country where he lived and of everything in it gave unusual pleasure to all who accompanied him in journeys through it. Starting with a severe handicap he made a great success of his life.

Governors' Race

How many have noticed that the names remaining for republican consideration at Chicago were all governors of states: Dewey, Bricker, Stassen? The final ticket is composed of the first two names.

No senator was under consideration, though Sen. Taft, a contender four years ago, was occasionally referred to in the news. No congressman was a contender, though Congressman Dirksen of Illinois announced himself as a candidate and hoped to get the vice presidential nomination at least.

The last senator to be chosen president was Harding in 1920; the last congressman, William McKinley in 1896. Although members of the congress have the opportunity to obtain the best store of information about national questions and the best training for high national office the parties rarely turn to them for their top candidates. While governors have had administrative duties none have them on a scale commensurate with the presidency, yet they seem to be favored for party nominations.

Great Britain would not think of naming as prime minister one who had had no experience in the house of commons. We manage things differently over here. Does the trouble lie with the quality of our congressional membership or with the complicated machinery of our parties in picking their candidates? This is a question for students of politics to chew on.

German Victory!

At last the Germans have won a victory: they have occupied all of Finland. But what an empty victory that is for them. It merely gives them another front to defend against the Russians. As for Finland itself the Russians will now be more inclined to turn their might against that country than before when they'dickered for peace and withheld through much of the war any body blows. The turning over of the country by the Finnish cabinet to the Germans may mean the finish of Finland, either way the war turns out.

Interpreting The War News

By JAMES D. WHITE
Associated Press Staff Writer
(Substituting for Kirke L. Simpson)

Hitler might well have marched troops into Finland any time, he needs it.

His foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, went instead to Helsinki. But his was military business, not diplomacy. Basically, their proposition was this: "We are taking over. It's up to you whether we do it by force."

Conservative military estimates place the probable German strength in Finland now at 10 divisions. Since the nazis were credited with seven divisions already in the northern part of the country, and now are reported to have moved in another five, the total would be nearer 12, possibly higher.

The purpose of these troops is to guard the northern flank of Fortress Europe and keep it anchored to the relatively inaccessible arctic. This is designed to accomplish a number of things which Hitler could not foreseeably gain any other way.

First it tends to draw off Russian troops from the steam-roller campaign against the German advance base of Minsk in White Russia. It removes the danger of Finland falling easily to the Russians and keeps them away from the key Baltic base of Hango in southwest Finland.

Finland also is vital to the nazis because of its mineral wealth. It is the chief source of nickel left to them. This is especially important since German imports of steel-hardening alloy metals from Spain, Portugal and Turkey have been drastically reduced following prolonged allied pressure.

The unhappy country's geographical position protects other nazi mineral wealth obtained from the iron mines of Norway around Narvik, which is shipped by rail down through Sweden to the Gulf of Bothnia and thence by boat to Germany.

Thus, if Finland fell into Russian hands, Hitler would have to count on such developments as these:

With Russian forces holding the Hango peninsula, iron from Norway through the inland sea route would be cut off. Northern Norway would be open to attack and the mines perhaps lost altogether. Finnish nickel would be gone. The German salient in Estonia would be outflanked and the vital nazi flank in Latvia, Lithuania and East Prussia would be laid open. Neutral Sweden would find the Russians on her doorstep, and might find it advisable to stop trading with the nazis altogether.

With a dozen divisions Hitler may be able to stall off these developments for some time.



Ah-h, Refreshments!

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-MBS-THURSDAY-1200 Kc.	12:15-Bachelor's Children.	7:00-Raymond Gram Swing.
6:00-Musical Timekeeper.	1:30-Broadway Melodrama.	7:15-Appointment for Life.
6:30-It's the Truth.	2:15-Dorothy Fletcher.	7:30-Rad Ryder.
6:45-News.	2:30-Mary Martin.	7:45-Lum and Abner.
7:00-News.	2:45-Problem Clinic.	8:00-Oregon's Own.
7:15-Rise and Shine.	3:00-Open Door.	8:30-Joe E. Brown.
7:30-String Ensemble.	3:15-Newspaper of the Air.	8:45-Johnny Harrell's Gang.
7:45-Today's Top Trades.	3:30-Wilderness Road.	9:00-America's Town Meeting.
8:00-Good Ship Grace.	3:45-News.	11:00-Concert Hour.
8:30-News.	3:55-State Traffic.	
8:45-Orchestra.	4:00-Stars of Today.	
8:55-Boake Carter.	4:15-World Today.	
9:15-Pastor's Call.	4:30-News.	
9:30-Midland USA.	4:45-Lady of the Press.	
9:45-Amazing Jennifer Logan.	4:55-Bob Andersen, News.	
10:00-Hardy, News.	5:00-Tractor of Lost Persons.	
10:15-Jack Berch.	5:05-Galen Draka.	
10:30-Luncheon with Loper.	5:15-Red's Gang.	
10:45-American Woman's Jury.	5:30-Harry Flannery, News.	
11:00-Cedric Foster.	5:45-News.	
11:15-US Navy.	5:55-Bill Henry.	
11:30-Skyline Serenade.	6:00-Major Bowes.	
11:45-California Musical Library.	6:05-Dinah Shore.	
12:00-Organizations.	6:15-The First Line.	
12:15-News.	6:20-Her's to Romance.	
12:30-Hillbilly Serenade.	6:25-I Love a Mystery.	
12:45-Nashville Varieties.	6:35-Passing Parade.	
1:00-News.	6:45-Death Valley Days.	
1:15-Smoothies.	6:55-News.	
1:30-News.	7:00-Dreamer Time.	
1:45-Spotlight on Rhythm.	7:05-Boatman Melodies.	
1:55-Lum & Abner.	7:10-Orson Welles.	
2:05-Full Speed Ahead.	7:15-Five Star Final.	
2:15-Broadway Band Wag.	7:20-Warlike to Romance.	
2:30-US Navy Band.	7:25-Gardening with Boquet.	
2:45-News.	7:30-Orchestra.	
3:00-News.	7:35-Carlos Molinos Orchestra.	
3:05-Concert Hour.	7:40-Airfo of the Air.	
3:15-Johnson Family.	7:45-Orchestra.	
3:30-Cunningham, News.	7:50-Orchestra.	
3:45-Merry Moons.	7:55-News.	
3:55-Safety Legion.	8:00-Serenade.	
4:05-Roundup Revelers.	8:05-4:00 a.m.-Music and News.	
4:15-Superman.		
4:30-Tom Mix.		
4:45-Gordon Burke.		
4:55-Gabriel Heatter.		
5:05-Screen Test.		
5:15-Garden Talk.		
5:25-Sports.		
5:35-Top o' the Morning.		
5:45-Lowell Thomas.		
5:55-Chico Kid.		
6:05-Pick and Pat.		
6:15-Orchestra.		
6:25-News.		
6:35-Rex Miller.		
6:45-Merle Pitt Orchestra.		
6:55-American Legion Auxiliary.		
7:05-Wings Over West Coast.		
7:15-News.		
7:25-Music.		
7:35-Sign Off.		

Keynoter Is Gov. Warren



On the speakers' platform at the Chicago republican national convention, Gov. Earl Warren delivers the keynote speech at the convention on the night of June 26. (International Soundphoto.)

Correspondent Describes D-Day for Yanks at Saipan

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN

OFF CHARAN-KANOA, Saipan Island, Marianas, June 15—(Delayed)—(P)—This is D-day.

At dawn this huge invasion fleet drifted offshore. Fighting men lining the rails watched two fires burning on Saipan.

Flagship bridges were crowded with helmeted officers and the decks with men in full fighting gear as landing boats warmed their motors nearby on the flat sea.

The men had steak and ice cream for pre-dawn breakfast. Then they clambered out from the steaming mess decks to stumble over landing boat cables on main decks.

Signalmen wigwagged from the flag bridge as red-eyed sleepless officers gathered around harsh-voiced ship radios.

At first everything was quiet but the sound of landing boat motors soon began to chatter a prelude to the monstrous symphony of sound to come. Their chatter grew to a steady growl as men looked at watches and waited.

Then the cruisers opened fire. Boats flying colored pennants moved away from the invasion ships.

Over nearby Tinian island smoke blossomed as cruisers and battleships sent shells screaming that way. Four planes, leading the first flight of the day, circled the fleet.

The rising sun was outlined on the headlands of Saipan. Its rays struck flat checkerboard Tinian's sugar cane fields and dappled them green and brown.

A general, wearing a shoulder holster, leaned on the rail of the bridge, his head supported by his hands.

Landing boats bounced in rough water as they faced the beaches and an offshore breeze. The men aboard were soon soaked.

The noise became a steady cacophony. The town of Garapan burned sullenly and smoke columns spiraled into the sky from wrecked merchant ships in the harbor. The smoke cloud over the beaches grew and blossomed under air bombs and shells.

The wreckage of Charon-Kanoa, razed by bombs, flamed anew. Now the landing boats were on the departure line. The sun climbed higher, outlining Saipan's hills and valleys. The ships ceased their fire and planes dove in. One plane flamed earthward as two firemen took to parachutes.

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Salem Stores Will Remain Open July 3

The Salem Retail Trade bureau has unanimously voted that because of shortage of gasoline Salem stores will remain open on July 3 but will close on July 4.

Since this meeting, further pressure has been put on the retail trade bureau to have stores remain open because of the American Legion war bond celebration to be held in Salem.

"With the government asking for continued work from all war workers and the boys only recently having landed on the beaches of Normandy, it is only right that we remain open on Monday, July 3," a spokesman for the bureau said Wednesday.

At the request of the National Dry Goods association, the war labor board ruled that closing on the day before Memorial day and the day before July 4 would be a violation unless this had been a previous practice.

More "Saddle Shoes" Due Next Season

WASHINGTON, June 22.—(AP)—School children can expect more "saddle shoes" next season.

The war production board has lifted restrictions on the manufacture of two-toned shoes made with other than leather soles, effective Sept. 1.

"The use of white cattle hide leather will be permitted in the manufacture of shoes beginning Sept. 1," WPB said.

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