Jaycees Hear About Soviets At Meeting

Stories of how the Russians built their cities as battlegrounds, constructing ground floors of public buildings in such a way that tanks could be sheltered there and laying roof gardens over bases for gun emplacements were relayed to Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce members this week by Lofton Tatum, Portland, state JC president, and G. W. (Jud) Davis, Salem, as they reported on the national war conference of their organization held last month in Omaha.

An army major, who had seen Russian wartime activity and who was assigned to the JC convention by Gen. Arnold at request of the organization's officers, was the source of the Russian information.

Among his stories was that of the Russian city which moved away from the war front and in an almost incredible space of time was fully operative.

At the Thursday night session of the junior chamber here, changes in the local chapter's constitution were discussed. Fifteen members attended the meeting, over which Salem President Wendell Ewing presided.

Big Top Ripped by Deadly Inferno

With a burst of flame, the main tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus at Hartford, Conn., collapses in a fire which brought death to at least 120 persons, many of them children, and injury to many others in a disaster which officials said might ultimately result in a death toll of 200.

—(AP Wirephoto)

Dewey Speaks To Neighbors At Pawling

PAWLING, N.Y., July 7 – (AP) – Gov. Thomas E. Dewey came home to Pawling today for the first time since his nomination for president and, in a folksy, down-to-earth address to his neighbors, said the November election will be decided "without venom."

Speaking from the porch of the 61-year-old Dutcher house in a community founded by the peaceful Quakers, the governor also told a non-partisan crowd of about 700 that the nation is fighting "to keep communities like this free from dictation and domination, whether by business, labor or government."

Dewey, who has owned a farm on nearby Quaker hill for five years, made neighborliness the theme of his homecoming and praised several villagers, business men and others for their kindness to the Deweys.

"It is typical of our country that people turn out and do things for each other," the governor said. "If our neighbors need something, we turn out and help. That is the essence of this country."

"It is what makes it possible to hold a national election in these difficult times, without venom and with the only result a contribution to the general welfare," the republican presidential nominee declared.

The governor was greeted on the Dutcher house porch by Mrs. Dewey and their sons, Thomas E., 11, and John, 8. He embraced both boys, whom he was seeing for the first time since his nomination.

Money Meet Hasn't Talked Quota Problem

BRETTON WOODS, NH, July 7 (AP)– As committees of the United Nations monetary conference plodded through a mass of detail in their work on an international currency fund, it was disclosed today that the complicated problem of quotas has yet to be discussed.

Furthermore, a government spokesman said a number of nations had come to the conference with formulas for establishing quotas for the fund, and all would be considered. Heretofore, the only formula which had been mentioned in preliminary discussions was that devised by the US treasury before the conference opened.

Under this formula, the subscription of the United States to the $8,000,000,000 monetary fund would be approximately $2,500,000,000, Great Britain's $1,500,000,000 and Russian's $1,000,000,000.

In answer to a question whether the conference could be regarded as a success if the matter of quotas could not be agreed on, the spokesman declared he felt sure the subject would be settled before the sessions end.

Nevertheless, it was felt certain that the problem of quotas would be one of the major obstacles for the conference to hurdle.

US Prisoners Look to Home Front For Food, Morale and Recreation

By LARRY ALLEN

(AP War Correspondent Recently Repatriated After 20 Months In Axis Prison Camps.)

Life for American and British prisoners of war behind the barbed wire in Nazi Germany is an endless, enforced monotony with emphasis on little things like getting enough to eat, keeping warm, keeping clean and keeping alive.

I have recently come out of the internment camps, cellars and dungeons of the Reich. Before that I was imprisoned in Italy.

Without the food parcels sent by the Red Cross, there is no telling what would have happened to thousands of captives.

Most of my eight months in Germany were spent in Oflag 64 at the southern tip of the Polish corridor, 100 miles south of the Baltic sea. It is a concentration camp for American officers.

Prisoners' Daily Menu

Here is a complete daily menu of what Americans were given to eat: Breakfast, a cup of water; Luncheon, a small plate of soup, made principally from cow turnips, stale carrots and weeds, a one-inch slice of black bread; Dinner, two small, sour potatoes of a type which the Germans do not use for food but for the manufacture of starch.

Once a week the diet is enriched by the addition of one ounce of margarine, a little beet sugar and a dab of marmalade.

Red letter day in the life of every prisoner begins every Monday morning with the distribution of the Red Cross food parcels. Many prisoners make that parcel stretch the entire week; others stuff themselves the first two or three days and then live in anticipation for the next parcel.

In Oflag 64 and most other American and British camps in Germany, a central mess system was organized under which all canned meats in a Red Cross parcel go into a central cook store, managed by American or British orderlies. That didn't leave much in a Red Cross parcel for individual prisoners, but it proved the most practical way to make food stretch efficiently.

Oflag 64 covers about four acres on the site of a former Polish college. When I left it held 461 American officers and 52 enlisted men prisoners.

Guard System

A garrison of 250 soldiers — many of them shell shocked or wounded German veterans — guarded the camp. They pace around the border in a little barbed-wire channel all their own. Others stand watch in high wooden towers, equipped with searchlights.

At the office of the German camp commandant just outside the wire, big police dogs are penned, awaiting release to pursue any prisoner who attempts to escape.

Part of the four-acre camp area was a prohibited zone, enmeshed with barbed wire, and sentries would fire if prisoners got too near it.

In the center of the camp area are two large, white stone buildings, one used by the highest ranking American officer-prisoners, the other the prison hospital.

Officers are quartered in red brick barracks, broken up into cubicles about 12 feet long by seven wide. Each cubicle holds eight to 12 bunks in double tiers. The bunks are made of boards crudely nailed together and have wooden slats for springs. Each barracks houses about 100 prisoners.

Cold Barracks

Each barracks has a small cement-floored washroom with accomodations for from eight to 20 men at a time. Sanitary arrangements are the simplest. There are wooden toilets without water supplies.

Chairs are virtually non-existant. Crude wooden stools are provided in the barrack cubicles.

Each long barracks is equipped with two European-style tall, tile stoves, designed to get along on a minimum of coal. Throughout the winter officers shivered and hugged these stoves. No matter how cold the weather, the coal allotment never varied—just under two pounds per man per week. Scores suffered chillblains and frostbite. The camp hospital was busy all winter.

Around these stoves, officers clustered at night to brew coffee in tin cans or bake a cake if someone had been lucky enough to get baking powder in a parcel from home. There is baking powder in Germany, but not for prisoners.

To conserve fuel, the Germans heated water for baths once a week and each prisoner was allotted four minutes for a complete scrub. Once a week each man gets a towel, frequently torn and ragged.

The Nazis provided a laundry service but nearly every prisoner learned to do his own. Those who sent their clothing outside the wire to the nearby village of Bremberg often got half of it back—two weeks later, torn and lice-infested.

Next to the hospital was a small flat-roofed red brick building the Germans called a canteen. It rarely had anything but Hitler propaganda booklets, foot powder, face cream which the prisoners used for shining shoes and pen points—but usually no ink.

The Germans did not provide any sports or recreational facilities. Such equipment as the prisoners got came from the Red Cross, the YMCA and similar organizations.

The camp authorities appeared to try to break up organized activities, such as volleyball, football and baseball. It always seemed that one of the "staggered" roll calls was ordered whenever any game got underway and the prisoners never knew when they could start washing clothes without interruption.

American officers through donations from the Red Cross, YMCA and parcels from home, have built up a prison library of 2,000 volumes.

American relief authorities sent theatrical equipment to Oflag 64 but it took more than a month for it to pass through German regulations. When the prisoners finally did get it, they built a stage in one of the barracks, made footlights from tin cans and all stage trimmings out of sackcloth and Red Cross prisoner-of-war pasteboard boxes. Then the Germans came inside the wire to see every show.

Drills Boring For Miners

BELLAIRE, Ohio, July 7–(AP)– Eighty-six men entombed in the Powhatan mine will be officially pronounced dead tomorrow. But tonight the first of two drills began boring down toward them on the faint chance they may be found alive.

It may be two to five days before the nine-inch and three-inch shafts, three-quarters of a mile apart, are driven approximately 400 feet deep to a tunnel in which the men were caught behind a wall of flame that blocked the main shaft of Ohio's largest coal mine.

Whether they are dead or alive was not known, but spokesmen for the coal operators and the United Mine Workers said they felt there was a chance at least some of them still lived.

KEARNS, Utah –(AP)– A war bond rally, which sold $87,350 in war bonds and making this overseas replacement center $207,650 above its $100,000 quota, was about to conclude.

"Let me have your attention, please," said an officer from the post theater stage.

From away back in the audience came the response:

"Yes, sir, that's about all we have left."

OKLAHOMA CITY–(AP)–This is a tear-jerker!

Abbey S. Kouri was so happy to see his son, Technical Sgt. Essid L. Kouri, home from England on furlough, and so proud of what "our boys" are accomplishing on the battlegields, he offered five pounds of his bumper onion crop free to anyone with a son overseas.

Toledo Puts Golf to Work In Aiding War

By HAROLD HARRISON

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 7—(AP)—Probably no other sport has been as fearful of wartime competition as has golf, but Toledo linksmen say they have found the answer.

A couple of years ago Marty Cromb, then president of the Toledo chapter of the Professional Golfers' association, became concerned because nothing had been done here by the golfers for the war effort. Using words something like this, he telephoned Dick McGeorge, golf writer for the Toledo Blade, and said, "We gotta do something."

They talked about a tournament of some kind and just then an office boy handed McGeorge a paper with a headline which screamed "37th Division in South Pacific."

A little later, the word came that an army unit made up mostly of Port Clinton, O., boys had been taken prisoner on Bataan. So the second tournament was born—for the prisoners of war.

Two were held last year—one for the 37th division and one for the prisoners of war. This year's prisoner of war tournament was held only this week and there will be another one later for the 37th division.

Avery Sues Chicago Sun

CHICAGO, July 7—(AP)—Marshall Field, editor and publisher of the Chicago Sun, denied today in answer to a $1,000,000 libel suit, that the newspaper had "launched a campaign to smear" Sewell L. Avery, chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward & Co.

The suit, filed in federal court recently against the newspaper, contended a series of articles about Avery were malicious, untrue, false and defamatory.

In the reply filed today, Field maintained there was no attempt to hold Avery up to public ridicule and contended that the labor controversy which resulted in government seizure of the company's Chicago properties "necessarily came within the scope" of the Sun's writing activities.

Train Wreck Death Total May Reach 40

JELLICO, Tenn., July 7 – (AP) – The engine and four cars of a southbound troop train plunged 50 feet into a desolate mountain gorge last night with a possible death toll of 40 soldiers and trainmen.

Wreckage of four cars—two of them burned—rested in the rocky Clear river after leaving the Louisville and Nashville railroad tracks 11 miles from here. A fifth car hung on the edge of the defile.

Known dead numbered 19, all soldiers except engineer John C. Rollins and fireman J. W. Cummins, both of Etowah, Tenn. Identification of enlisted dead proceded slowly, army public relations explaining that most men either were in their berths or in wash rooms, preparing to retire, when the crash occurred. Personal belongings were thrown in heaps, and some victims lost identification tags.

Wavering lights of acetylene torches flashed in the rugged glen as army and civilian squads worked under an overcast sky to free injured and recover bodies. At least 100 were hospitalized. Each, in turn, was pulled up the steep embankment in block and tackle slings, and removed to nearby army infirmaries or to civilian hospitals. Many received blood plasma before being moved.

Chinese Gain In Big Drive On Tengchung

CHUNGKING, July 7–(AP)–Chinese troops in their battering Salween river offensive have driven to within one mile of the eastern wall of ancient Tengchung, main objective of the campaign and the principal Japanese Yunnan province base, a communique said tonight.

A force of 200 Japanese was surrounded and destroyed on a high point three miles northeast of the city, while attempts of the enemy to break out of Tengchung to reinforce them were thrown back.

Fifty miles southwest of that area, other Chinese attacked all along the front against the secondary Japanese base of Lungling, second most important Japanese Yunnan base which once was captured and then given up by the Chinese. During the fighting in this area, 200 Japanese were slain and another force of from 100 to 200 virtually surrounded.

Twenty five miles southwest of Lungling, remnants of Japanese forces attempting a breakthrough from the Pingka trap withdrew into the beleaguered garrison after sustaining severe casualties, the communique said.

(In North Burma, where a Chinese-American offensive also is aimed at reopening the Burma road to China, American troops gained another 100 yards in Myitkyina, last stronghold of the Japanese in the area, and there was fierce resistance within the besieged city, a southeast Asia command communique said.

ORLANDO, Fla.–(AP)–Kenneth Sullivan, 17, and Paul Morris, 16, of Winter Park went fishing in a tiny homemade boat barely big enough to hold the two of them. Morris hooked an 11-pound bass but discovered there wasn't room in the boat for him, Sullivan and the fish.

Sullivan obligingly jumped overboard and swam ashore while Morris brought the bass back in the boat.

Fund Grows For Judges' Retirement

A total of $18,604.33 now stands to the credit of the judges' retirement fund, created by an act of the 1943 legislature, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, custodian of the fund reported Friday to Gov. Earl Snell.

The fund consists of $10,000 appropriated from the general fund of the state, $4348.82 transferred to the fund from the general fund, $2969.26 withheld from salaries of circuit judges, $1176.25 withheld from salaries of justices of the state supreme court, and $110 in earnings on investments.

All but $294.33 of the $18,604.33 has been invested by the state treasurer in interest – bearing bonds of the United States.

The law provides that the state shall match withholdings from the judges' salaries for credit to the fund in amounts equal to two per centum of the combined salaries of judges of the circuit court and justices of the supreme court and that three per cent of the monthly salaries of the judges shall be deducted therefrom and placed in the fund.

Thus far there have been no apportionments made nor retirement compensation paid from the fund.

Engineers Make River OK to Cross

NEAR A VIRE RIVER CROSSING, France, July 7–(AP)–Combat engineers who ferried infantry over in assault boats and built treadway bridges made possible a surprise crossing of this 100-foot wide river today—and it was the spirit of such men as Sgt. Norman G. Kent, Ashton, Idaho, who was responsible for its success.

Kent trundled his bulldozer over at the first opportunity and began clearing away debris on the other side which was hindering the forward movement of men and supplies.

Suddenly a terrific explosion shook the heavy bulldozer like it was not bigger than a tin can. It had run over a deadly German teller mine.

"The blast lifted the whole front end up," said Capt. Palmer A. Hewlet, Portland, Ore. "It shook up Sgt. Kent, but he insisted both he and his bulldozer were okay and they went ahead and finished the job together. We couldn't have done what we did without men like him"

"All I can say is he must have been living right—that boy," said a private who overheard Hewlett tell the story.

Market May Get New Stalls

Probability that Salem Public market, which operates each Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., or until the produce of participating farmers is sold, may soon be housed in neat stalls is foreseen by L. O. Arens, chairman of the market commission.

A labor organization here is considering the problem and may provide volunteer labor for the building of a shelter with 26 booths. Funds for the material and for rental of the lot were provided by the city.

An average of $400 worth of produce has been sold each market day, although farmer participation during the strawberry and cherry season has been limited, Arens declared. Demand from customers has to date been approximately 10 times the supply brought to the market by six to 10 farmers. Wednesday market days have been temporarily discontinued.

War Workers Want Security For Future

SAN FRANCICSO, July 7–(AP)–The Pacific coast management-labor committee of the war manpower commission today urged the federal government to clarify its policy with respect to postwar security for workers who remain on their war jobs and thereby possibly risk being out of employment when the war ends.

The committee, meeting with William K. Hopkins, retiring regional director of WMC, pointed to the necessity of holding workers in essential industry until the war is won.

But it took account of a strong tendency for workers to seek jobs which appear to offer some postwar security.

Dean Ballard, manager of the distributors association of Seattle, said special consideration should be given to the Pacific coast's position to avoid maintenance of a war economy long after eastern companies were busy with postwar reconversion.

"The economy of the Pacific coast is in danger," Ballard said. "If we are required to stay on a war footing until the very last day of the war in the Pacific, we will wind up with some fine shipyards and aircraft plants while the east will be well along with its reconversion."

He said the Pacific war gave every indication of lasting two years beyond the end of the European war.

Al Hartung, regional CIO director for Oregon, said many workers in northwest war plants, particularly aluminum plants and shipyards, were inquiring about job opportunities in the lumber industry.

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