

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

"We" did it again, the "it" being oversubscribing of another war loan and "we" being Marion county, state of Oregon and USA, or more specifically the ones who bought war bonds. Those who didn't buy may talk about how "we" did it but they made no contribution to the success of the campaign.

It really is astounding how the war loans go over. This time there was a period in the local campaign when some of the committee got nervous and were afraid our country would fall down, but toward the last the people came through magnificently, so that Marion county is well in excess of its quota except as to purchase of E bonds.

Just how is it possible to float war loans of fourteen to sixteen billion dollars two or three times a year, besides the steady purchases between the big campaigns? For one reason, the government keeps flowing back. The government spends as fast as it gets money, so the stream sort of completes a circle. There are few other desirable forms of investment at present, so purchase of war bonds becomes easy.

But even so the job could not be done without organization, and that has been perfected over the several drives until the country has a remarkable organization, nearly all volunteer, which is handling the task of selling the bonds. In Marion county Douglas Yeater took over the chairmanship from Jesse Gard and with his fine staff of co-workers came under the finish wire several days in advance of the closing date.

Another contributing factor to success of the loan is the accumulation of publicity. All the current publications, newspapers and magazines, the radio, motion pictures, carried appeals for the purchase of war bonds. While the constant iteration of the appeal may have the effect of finally making the public immune because of its monotony, the fact remains that this same massing of promotion makes it also impossible for a person to escape feeling an obligation to buy, and then actually to buy war bonds and stamps.

You get a good sample of this use of publicity by looking at the window display in Millers store. All magazines were asked to run a facsimile

### Plan Would Speed Oregon Service Vote

Absentee ballots will be mailed out from Oregon county seats to servicemen in all parts of the world 44 days before the November election. If speedup methods discussed here Monday by 34 of the state's county clerks are adopted generally.

Gov. Snell, at the conclusion of the conference, declared that the attitude expressed by the county clerks in connection with speeding up the printing and mailing of ballots overseas, would preclude the necessity of calling a special legislative session to amend the state election laws.

Within 24 hours of the final filing, permitted 45 days prior to the election, ballots should be in the mail, most of the clerks and their printers, who joined in the conference with Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., agreed.

### Pope Receives 4000 Tommies

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—Pope Pius XII yesterday received in audience more than 4000 soldiers from the British Isles, including a general, a military chaplain and many officers, the Vatican radio said tonight.

The Pope, speaking in English, said that "thanks to the generous understanding and good will of the leaders of the nations and the military chiefs," Rome had been saved, the broadcast said, adding that the Pope had "asked all bishops to bless relatives who were waiting at home."

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## Reds Surge in Lithuania, Forge Ahead in Poland

### Germans Encircled At Wilno

### Russians Drive To 60 Miles Of East Prussia

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM LONDON, Tuesday, July 11 (AP)—Russian troops poured into Lithuania and increased their menace to German East Prussia yesterday by a powerful thrust through the 100-mile front between Wilno and Daugavpils, Moscow, announced, while to the south other soviet forces forged closer to the big Polish cities of Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok.

The early morning supplement to the Russian communique reported a general surge forward all along the jagged battle line from the Latvian border to the middle of the Pripyat marshes and said the Germans were suffering "tremendous losses."

During the day red troops smashed 28 miles northwestward across the highway between Kaunas, former capital of the Lithuanian republic, and Daugavpils (Dvinsk) in southern Latvia, probing within 129 miles of the Baltic seaport of Riga.

Wilno (Vilna) was completely encircled and Moscow said soviet troops were wiping out German garrisons in northern Norway—just as the time when they may have been weakened to reinforce nazil lines in France or Russia—are particularly worried by greatly increased Russian air attacks against coastal convoys and towns in the far north, Norwegians in London report.

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### Wallace Confers With FDR; Political Future Still Enigma

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—The political future of Vice President Henry A. Wallace remained as much of an enigma as ever tonight after he conferred with President Roosevelt for two hours.

Wallace, just back from a trip to China, told reporters that the conference dealt solely with that country.

### Russ Make New Gains



Arrows locate major advances by the red army from the Pripyat river to the Latvian border. Starting in the south, towns captured along the front included Osvemirav, Naguyevich, Lida, parts of Wilno where intense fighting was raging; Swieciany, Braslaw and Druja on the Latvian border. Shaded area is German-held.

## Germany Faces New Threat From North

LONDON, July 10 (AP)—Russian thrusts by air and sea and the uneasy shifting of German troops in Norway and Denmark and the northern end of the eastern front emphasizes how the present three-way squeeze on Germany from the west, south and east could become a pressure box with the lid clamped on from the north.

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### Democrats Choose Farley Successor

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—State democratic leaders today selected Paul E. Fitzpatrick of Buffalo, described as "100 per cent for Roosevelt," to succeed James A. Farley as chairman of the New York democratic state committee.

Farley, who opposed a third term for President Roosevelt and is known to be opposed to a fourth, bows out tomorrow at a special meeting of the state committee, called to elect his successor.

## Navy Hits 2 Blows At Guam

### Surface Units, Carrier Force Attack Island

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—A one-two punch at Guam Island was reported by the navy tonight, carrier aircraft "of a fast carrier task group" attacking after the Japanese-held American island in the Pacific had been shelled by light surface units.

Rota island, nearby, shared the blows of the attacks, which were described in Pacific fleet communique No. 77:

"Guam island was shelled by light surface units of the Pacific fleet on July 8 (West Longitude—US-date) defense positions and buildings were damaged and several small craft along the beaches were hit.

### Yanks Mop Up Saipan Japs

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 10 (AP)—With the strategic Saipan island potential base for powerful thrusts at Japan, the Philippines and the China coast, securely in American hands today two immediate jobs lurk—ferreting out enemy units lurking in caves and mountain fastnesses and repairing and lengthening airfields for aerial task force strikes at the heart of Japan.

Undoubtedly both tasks were well advanced. Two days had elapsed since Japanese resistance collapsed, enabling all forces to turn to the cleanup. It was certain not an hour would be lost in getting Iseley and Mari Point airfields in shape. Heavy equipment for that purpose was at hand.

Importance of Saipan as an air base for bombing of Japan and the Philippines was pointed out by Vice Adm. John M. Hoover, commander of the central Pacific forward area. He said the island, 1450 miles south of Tokyo, "offers the best possibilities for airfield development" of any captured so far in the central Pacific.

### Malcolm Moffitt Reported Missing

Malcolm Moffitt, son of Chester Moffitt of Tillamook who for over 25 years was an express agent in Salem, has been reported as missing in action while serving with the navy on a submarine in the South Pacific.

Young Moffitt was a graduate of Salem high school and attended Oregon State college.

## Pres. Lopez Of Colombia Under Arrest

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 10 (AP)—The Colombian embassy reported tonight that according to a radio broadcast from Bogota, a military group headed by Lt. Col. Diogenes Gil had taken prisoner President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia and several members of his cabinet and that Gil had declared himself acting president.

The embassy said the broadcast over the national radio at Bogota was made by Vice President Darío Echandía, who announced that President Lopez was seized while he was witnessing army maneuvers at Pasto, in southern Colombia.

The vice president said that "the majority of the Colombian army support the government and there are great demonstrations all over the country in favor of the government," but that since President Lopez still was held by the Gil faction, Darío was taking charge to maintain the government.

## Hitler in 1940 Said Planning To Invade

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Hitler in 1940 already had prepared detailed plans for invasion of the United States, "after he brought England to her knees," J. Carlton Ward, jr., president of the Fairchild Engine and Aircraft corporation, told a senate military subcommittee today.

Ward testified he was shown the plan "by diplomatic sources" while in Paris before France fell, that he reported to this government and found the state department already had complete information on Hitler's plan.

The manufacturer was head of a mission in France at the time advising on aircraft production.

"After he brought England to her knees," Ward testified, "Hitler planned to attack the United States through Mexico with tanks and other armored equipment that we did not have."

The plan, he told newspapermen later, was to make a feint through Newfoundland and then invade the United States through Mexico. He said Hitler not only planned military invasion "but he had a complete plan for economic domination of the world."

### Three Fruit Pickers Injured Near Turner

TURNER, July 10.—Three fruit-pickers en route to a berry field were injured at the Battle Creek crossing near here Monday morning when a car driven by Recy Jackson and carrying six other passengers was struck by a train while the automobile was stalled on the tracks.

Injured were Mrs. N. S. Craig, her daughter, La Verne Craig and Mrs. Jackson, who were all taken to a Salem hospital. None of the injuries were serious, amounting to but several bad bruises.

## Berlin Hit By Night Raiders

### Day Force Aids Pursuit of Nazis Fleeing Caen

LONDON, Tuesday, July 11 (AP)—RAF night raiders struck Berlin early today, the Nazi radio reported, while other allied planes swept over southwestern Germany and the northwest coast.

First Berlin reports said only that "several nuisance raiders" were over the capital—usually meaning Mosquito bombers.

Heavy bombers were heard crossing the east coast of England for nearly an hour last night, suggesting that more than one target was attacked by the RAF.

The German radio reported enemy planes over East Prussia for the third consecutive night but did not say whether they were British or Russian planes.

The night attack came after weather had held allied daylight aerial blows to a minimum with the principal activity shown by Normandy-based planes.

LONDON, July 10 (AP)—German troops pushed into the woods southeast of Caen by the British-Canadian forces which captured the city were smoked out today by rocket-firing typhoons and bomb-carrying Spitfires and Mustangs of the RAF second tactical air force which set the woods afire and strafed the fleeing nazis.

This was one of the most important of the day's meager operations by the weather-hampered allied air force. Despite the adverse conditions fighter bombers pressed their attacks against enemy reinforcements and by early evening the force had flown more than 300 sorties.

### James Fennimore Killed in Action

MT. ANGEL, July 10.—Pfc. James Benedict Fennimore, US marine corps, was killed in action, according to a telegram from Lt. Gen. Vandegrift, US marine corps commander, received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fennimore Saturday night.

The telegram read "Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Pfc. James B. Fennimore, USMC, was killed in his duty and service to his country. No information available at present regarding disposition of remains. Temporary burial in locality where death occurred probable. You will be promptly furnished any additional information received. To prevent possible aid to our enemies do not divulge name of his ship or station. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Letter follows."

## Armies Fight In Mud

## Tank Attacks By Germans Thrust Back

By JAMES M. LONG SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, July 11 (AP)—The British and American armies scored hard-won gains of two and one-half to six miles on both ends and in the center of the Normandy battlefield yesterday, slogging through rain-soaked mud and knocking out numerous counter-attacking German tanks.

The British second army hammered out and retained advances of better than 4000 yards on a three-and-one-half mile front southwest of captured Caen.

Patrols reached the Orne river, a mile farther on, but had to withdraw as the Germans massed powerful opposition in a determined attempt to prevent a break in that natural defensive line, supreme headquarters announced this morning.

Slashing past the villages of Etterville and Maltot, the British main body took a hill designated as 112 and held it against two violent counterattacks led by 20 to 30 German tanks.

Other armored counter attacks were broken up a dozen miles to the west, below Tilly, while the Americans on the western anchor of the line knocked out a number of counter attacking tanks and pressed down two miles south of La Haye du Puits towards Lessay. The Germans were pulling back towards Lessay to escape entrapment in swampy ground dominated by American-captured heights.

Frontline dispatches said the Americans gained up to six miles south of St. Jean de Daye and Carentan in 24 hours of combat and that they were pressing along a 25-mile front behind one of the war's greatest sustained artillery barrages.

Strong Points Cleaned Up—A headquarters communique said that unspecified by-name (Continued on Page 2)

## Fast Bombing Sets Record

By HENRY B. JAMESON NINTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, France, July 10 (AP)—What may likely have been the fastest bombing mission ever executed—10 minutes from conception to landing—was carried out today by six Thunderbolts which dive-bombed a column of German tanks trying to sneak to the front.

Pilots were briefed in the air by radio without ever cutting their speed.

The planes, each carrying a 1000-pound bomb, had just taken off the blast another target when word was flashed to headquarters that other planes on patrol had spotted the tanks.

Tanks have a high priority on the bombing list so while one officer was contacting by radio the flight leader of planes nearest the vicinity, another plotted the exact spot of the enemy and relayed the information to the pilots, each of whom was carrying a detailed, coded map of the area strapped to one knee.

Three minutes later came a flashback on the radio, "Mission accomplished."

## Italian Prisoners Work at Adair

Members of a company of Italian prisoners who arrived Friday at Camp Adair were to be at work today in salvage operations at the cantonment, public relations at the camp informed The Statesman on Monday night.

Whether the company, less than 200 men, might be considered the vanguard of foreign troops for establishment of a prison camp at Adair, Capt. James Douglas McKay, post public relations officer, said he did not know. Nor, he indicated, have other officials at the military establishment, designed as an infantry training center, been given information as to any further shipments of prisoners.

## Albany Firm Housing Job California Housing Job

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10 (AP)—A contract for \$22,000 has been awarded to Northwest Fabricators of Albany, Ore., the federal public housing administration announced today, for the fabrication and erection of 200 portable shelter units at Fort Chicago, Calif.