

By Charles A. Singson

When the federal ballot bill was being debated...

The purpose of the clause was obvious: to stop OWI from shipping out its new deal and FDR propaganda...

That this amendment is being very narrowly construed is proven by names of books...

Hubert Johns, Salem, Drowns In Willamette

Hubert M. (like) Johns, Salem painter, was drowned when the motorboat in which he and his wife and a party of friends rode on the Willamette capsized off the Salem boathouse dock at midnight.

Poles Oppose Red Seizure

LONDON, July 15 (AP)—With the red army steamrolling across the old Polish territory...

Oil Deposits Sought In Willamette Valley

ALBANY, July 15 (AP)—Oil deposits are being sought in the Willamette valley by the Amerada Petroleum corporation...

Dean Anderson New Fruit, Vegetable Chief

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 (AP)—The appointment of Dean Anderson, Portland, as acting northwest representative in charge of fruit and vegetable programs...

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Soviets Surge Ahead on Huge Front

Relentless Yank Push Closes On Normandy Fort

Fall of Lessay, Coastal Anchor Town, Expected Soon

By GLADWIN HILL
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, July 16 (AP)—US troops rolling up the German western flank in an unobstructed but relentless advance...

German broadcasts said a big drive was imminent in the British-Canadian sector around Caen on the eastern end of the Normandy front...

750 Heavies Blast Ploesti Oil Refineries

LONDON, Sunday, July 16 (AP)—RAF bombers were active over enemy occupied Europe during the night, but their targets were not identified immediately.

By NED NORDNESS
LONDON, Sunday, July 16 (AP)—Five oil refineries and a pumping station at Ploesti, Romania, were blasted by 750 US heavy bombers yesterday...

Front dispatches also reported other Yank forces had penetrated to within two miles of the important road junction of Periers and to within 2000 yards of the bitterly defended mid-Normandy communications center of St. Lo.

At midnight reports reaching headquarters said the Americans attacking outside St. Lo under a big artillery barrage had gained 500 more yards in their fight across some of the toughest military terrain.

China Tightens Salween Siege

CHUNGKING, July 15 (AP)—The Chinese have tightened their siege lines around the enemy's big Salween river base of Tengching in southwest China and have seized dominating positions for full-scale attacks on the Burma road stronghold of Lungling.

The enemy was cleared from a building outside the northwest corner of Tengching's wall, a communique said, but the Chinese were driven back from the newly captured positions less than a half mile away from the southwest when the Japanese sent a sortie from the city.

Plane Crashes Near Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., July 15 (AP)—Crash of a plane in a cherry orchard three miles east of Eugene Saturday afternoon was reported by an asserted witness of the accident here tonight, although no confirmation could be obtained from military authorities.

Japs Hint Executions of Fliers but Tale Doubted

By the Associated Press
A Japanese propaganda broadcast from Singapore to American forces in the southwest Pacific said yesterday that an unstated number of US airmen from superfortresses which raided Japan had "bailed out to meet with the same fate which was meted out to the raiders of Tokyo some two years ago."

Sorrow on Saipan



A perplexed US marine tries his hand at soothing the sorrow of this little nude Japanese girl in a civilian detention compound on Saipan in the Marianas. Two buddies stand by as the leatherneck offers the girl a present, probably candy.

Spruance's Warships Join Attack on Guam

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 15 (AP)—Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's warships joined Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier groups in shelling and bombing Guam Friday—extending assaults on that former US outpost through the 11th straight day.

Gun emplacements and the airfield at Orote, on a peninsula guarding one of the finest harbors in the Pacific, were blasted by shells and carrier plane bombs, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight in a press release.

Crack German Divisions Now In Normandy

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 15 (AP)—Twenty to 25 German divisions, most of them crack guards and armored units, are now ranged against the allies in Normandy, compared with only seven who met the first shock of the invasion, it was disclosed tonight.

Eleven to 13 of these divisions, it was estimated, are confronting the Americans. Although two of the original divisions have disappeared entirely—wiped out in the fighting—German Field Marshal Gen. Guenther Von Kluge was reported now to have under his command 60 to 65 divisions for the defense of western Europe...

Silverton Bank Makes Record

SILVERTON, July 15—Glenn L. Briedwell, vice president of the Coolidge—McClaine bank at Silverton, has issued the quarterly call statement of the local bank showing total assets at \$3,113,978.00, the highest ever reached by any bank institution here.

Plane Crash Kills Woodrow Truax

ALBANY, Ore., July 15 (AP)—Lt. Woodrow Truax, 26, navy dive bomber pilot who won the air medal for action in the south Pacific, was killed in an airplane accident in California yesterday.

Japs Retreat In India Hills

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kan-dy, Ceylon, July 15 (AP)—The Japanese are in retreat from the Manipur hills of India, it was announced today, and Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten declared that the strong allied stand had contributed to one of the greatest defeats the Japanese army has suffered in its history.

As the ill-fated Japanese expedition broke up into bands of stragglers, more and more artillery which had been hauled up from the Chin-dwin valley of Burma was being abandoned.

Casualties Mount In This Area

Three Reported Killed and One Listed Missing

Three more service men of the Salem area have been reported killed in action, and another one is missing, today's reports showed.

Tech. Sgt. Jack Collin Staff Sgt. Alex M. Schmidt Cpl. Harold Cooper Missing Sgt. Otto Bowman

Sgt. Otto Bowman, prominent young Salem attorney and outdoorsman, has been reported missing in action in Burma, his mother, Mrs. Mary Bowman, has written friends here.

A resident of 633 North Winter street, Mrs. Bowman is visiting in Indiana, where she received the war department notification.

Bowman, a former president of the Chemeketas, was a mountain climber, and was a member of the republican county central committee and active in the United Brethren church when he entered the army more than two years ago.

Recently he had written of plane trips between India and Burma. Friends here, believing his plane may have been lost on such a journey, hold hope that he may someday walk into camp.

Jack Collin, technical sergeant in the air corps of which had been a member for 11 years, was killed in England July 7, his mother, Mrs. A. F. Boytana, 368 Union street, has been notified.

Collin was a resident of Salem for 19 years, graduating from Salem high school with the class of 1933. He enlisted in the air corps shortly after completing his schooling here and had been stationed two years in the Hawaiian islands, four years in the Philippines and had been in England since February of this year.

Survivors include the widow, Reva, and son, Jack, Jr., six months old, living in Missouri, and his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Boytana, Salem.

Japs Turned Back Inside Hengyang

CHUNGKING, July 15 (AP)—Japanese forces encircling the strategic Hunan province rail city of Hengyang broke into the streets of a southern suburb last night but were routed in violent fighting and the lost position was recovered, the Chinese high command said tonight.

All the intruders were annihilated, a communique declared, and the situation was restored to normal.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's medium bombers struck a blow in defense of this city on the Canton-Hankow railway with a surprise raid on the enemy air base of Faichu, where 27 grounded planes were destroyed and ten others probably destroyed, it was announced.

Enemy forces trying to drive up from above Canton to join the forces in southern Hunan province were checked, according to the war bulletin.

Josephus Daniels Calls for Condemnation of Isolationism

CHICAGO, July 15 (AP)—Josephus Daniels, who as secretary of navy in world war 1 was President Roosevelt's labor boss, today called for a "crystal clear" democratic platform that will condemn isolationism and "straddlers," and cause "all lovers of peace to rejoice."

Arriving in Chicago as a member of the convention resolutions committee, the 82-year-old North Carolina newspaper publisher, one of the party's elder statesmen, declared in an interview:

"The platform the democrats will adopt will ring no crystal clear for winning the peace of victory that no man can mistake its meaning. The declaration will be anathema to the isolationists and straddlers and will be the sure promise of the day envisioned centuries ago by the Prince of Peace."

New contingents marched on to the democratic convention scene today ready for what their leaders said would be a "wide open" battle for the vice presidential nomination before a decision is reached next Friday.

Fresh arrivals included democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan and two of President Roosevelt's administrative assistants — James M. Barnes and Jonathan Daniels — and reservations were made for six cabinet officers tomorrow. But a much-advertised expression of White House attitude on second place still had not made its appearance.

Nazis Warned On Executions Of Frenchmen

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 15 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower warned the Germans today that the French forces of the interior were a regular part of his allied forces and that steps already were being taken to justify the axis who have been illegally executing members of this patriot army.

The FFI, Frenchmen fighting behind the German lines for the liberation of their homeland, are a regularly constituted military force, Eisenhower pointed out, and are entitled to the protection of international law and usage governing combatants.

The Germans have been treating them as "Franc-Tireurs," civilian irregulars who may be shot when caught.

Crops Hurt by Heat, Drought In East State

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP)—Blazing heat in some states and a general drought in most of the territory east of the Rockies probably has ended chances for bumper crops this year, the American institute of food distribution said today.

"About two-thirds of the country has been subjected to the heat wave for the past two weeks," the private research agency said.

"Rains helped in Missouri, showers were beneficial to Ohio, Maryland and Virginia, and scattered relief came to the upper Mississippi valley. But what is needed is at least one and one-half days of good hard rain..."

Nod Replaces 'I Do' in Deaf Mute Wedding

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, July 15 (AP)—Neither the bride nor the groom said "I do" but the preacher tied the knot anyway.

Henry Mattson, Seattle flour mill employe, and Helen Mae Arrington were married today at the fire station. Both are deaf mutes.

The Rev. Marj C. Cronenberg handed the couple a Bible and they read the married passages to themselves. A nod while each looked at the other sufficed for "I do."

Battleship Oregon In Action Again

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—The Battleship Oregon, queen of the US fleet in the Spanish-American war, has been converted into a barge and now is in action against the axis, navy officials announced here today.

Decommissioned after World War I, the battleship was turned over to Oregon and served as a historic shrine in the Willamette river here. The vessel was repossessed by the navy December 7, 1942, and her superstructure and interior fittings removed for scrap at Kalama, Wash.

General Clark Escapes Death In P-T Attack

ROME, July 15 (AP)—Accidental fire from a US minesweeper killed one officer and one man and wounded three others aboard a P-T boat carrying Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and other army officers to the Anzio beachhead January 28, the US navy disclosed today.

The official announcement said an inquiry had established that the P-T boat and its escort "entered the area while a 'red' alert was on" in anticipation of a Nazi raid, and that the craft had not been identified as friendly.

'Neighbor' Sought For Tax Evasion

SALT LAKE CITY, July 15 (AP)—"Why," a telephone caller asked Utah internal revenue collector William J. Korth, "do I have to buy an auto stamp when my neighbor next door hasn't bought one and says he isn't buying one?"

She Said She'd Bear Arms and She Meant It

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 15 (AP)—When Ingvards Johnsen, qualifying for United States citizenship, said she would be willing to bear arms for the nation, she meant just that.