

Hitler Tells of Attempt on His Life

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The following is the opening statement made by this columnist in the TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR discussion last night over the Blue net work.

The question for discussion "Should war plants be sold to private industry?" is one of broad general interest to the public which financed them, of special concern to individuals operating them and to potential competitors, and a bright new toy for social planners who want to make over America.

I am no specialist in this field, but from my brief study I can see that there is no single, simple solution to the problem. In fact it is not just one problem, but a nest of them, all different. Nor is it safe to resolve the problem in terms of preconceived ideas about public or private ownership. I am a private ownership man, but I can see where the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines may best be continued under government operation for common use, like a highway or canal.

Here is another common error? We are all agreed in theory that these war plants should be continued in operation at capacity to provide people with goods and labor with employment. The social planners paint a vivid picture of this vast shiny new war industry turning out all sorts of gadgets for mass consumption.

That is just blue sky. These plants were built for war production. Why should we go on manufacturing TNT when we run out of enemies to bomb and shell? Who believes we can consume 100,000 planes a year, right off, in peace? Who of you would want a Gen. Sherman tank if the government would give you one? Most of these are specialty plants and tools. We can't convert swords into

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Allies Threaten Pisa, Florence In Italy Drive

ROME, July 20—(AP)—American troops battered their way across the Arno river valley on a 25-mile front between Pisa and Florence today as German forces, bewildered by the sudden breakthrough, retreated across the Arno into the mountain defenses of their Gothic line.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's doughboys held complete control of hill masses overlooking the Arno from the south, and American artillery raked the entire valley in search of Nazi rearguard units protecting the withdrawal of the main body of enemy forces to the north of the stream.

German resistance was confined almost entirely to those small groups armed with automatic weapons—similar tactics to those which delayed the entry of Clark's troops into Rome an entire day. One American column was firmly established on the south bank of the Arno at Pontedera, 12 miles inland from Pisa.

An allied spokesman said German prisoners declared they had been "bewildered completely by the sudden break—through and said numerous isolated units had been wiped out."

Victor Herbert Heirs File Royalty Suits

NEW YORK, July 20—(AP)—Heirs of Composer Victor Herbert and of his lyricist collaborator Glen MacDonough today filed three suits in the US district court to recover royalties from recording companies on songs written by the two men.

LITERARY GUIDEPOST

Book lovers will find an interesting new feature in The Oregon Statesman these days. It is the "Literary Guidepost," appearing regularly on the editorial page. The "Guidepost" is written for The Statesman by the Associated Press' John Selby, who spares neither criticism nor praise.

Roosevelt Accepts Bid From West Coast

Wallace, Truman In Close Contest For Vice-President

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20—(AP)—From a Pacific coast naval base, President Roosevelt accepted a fourth term nomination tonight and told a wartime democratic national convention—and America—to take a look at the record and then determine whether to entrust a worldwide job "to inexperienced and immature hands."

His familiar voice came by radio into a vast stadium where delegates, embroiled in a stirring scrap over selection of his running mate, had given him 1086 out of 1176 votes for renomination. Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia chalked up 89. One went to Mr. Roosevelt's estranged, one-time political ally, James A. Farley of New York.

Complete victory within the next four years seems wholly likely, the president said. Then, in what appeared to be an assurance that he would not seek a fifth term but would "retire to the quiet of a private life," he added:

Hints New Hands
"In any event, new hands will then have full opportunity to realize the ideals which we seek." Apparently epitomizing his own personal platform for the battle to keep Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York out of the White House, Mr. Roosevelt outlined a three-point world wide job for 1944:

"First, to win the war—to win it fast, to win it overpoweringly. Second, to form worldwide international organizations, and to arrange to use the armed forces of the sovereign nations of the world to make another war impossible within the foreseeable future.

Veterans Included
"Third, to build an economy for one returning veteran and for all Americans—which will provide employment and decent standards of living."

The speaker's stand was significantly vacated as the president spoke, yet every eye in the stadium seemed focused on the microphones which stood here. High above them hung a battery of loudspeakers from which the president's voice came. Even standing room was at a (Continued on page 16)

Louis Widner Dies in Blast

Louis Widner, 19, US merchant marine, was killed in the explosion at the Port of Chicago naval base Monday night, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Weekly, 65 Abrams avenue.

Widner attended school in Salem and enlisted two years ago. Another older brother, Rans Widner, is with the US navy in the south Pacific.

Edward Powers Keeps Confab Record Intact

Edward Powers, 82, Salem who has not missed a democratic national convention either as a delegate or visitor since he attained his majority, is now at Chicago attending the current democratic roundup.

Democrat Platform Pledges Participation in Peace League

CHICAGO, July 20—(AP)—The democratic convention tonight shouted ratification of a 1944 platform pledging the party, if retained in power, to lead America into an association of sovereign nations to maintain peace—by the use of arms, if necessary.

From the Mississippi delegation, apparently reflecting the southern "revolt" on the race issue, came an attempt to get a roll call on the platform, but the motion failed to get the necessary one-fifth support for such a poll of delegates.

The platform pledged continuation and improvement of the democratic administration's domestic program, and was loud in its praises of Franklin D. Roosevelt. It promised the "earliest possible release" of wartime economic controls.

Morse Speaks At Employer Group Banquet

Urging them to prepare today for a postwar world in which labor relations may be carried on effectively "unhindered by unnecessary government interference," Wayne Morse, former member of the national war labor board, addressed Associated Employers of Oregon at their annual Banquet Thursday night at the Marion Hotel.

Morse, skipping politics for the evening although he is republican candidate for the US senate, listed a simple set of suggestions which he declared both employers and labor should follow in settlement of labor disputes.

Employers, the speaker declared, have been inclined to underestimate the strength of labor and the (Continued on page 16)

Sprague Talks On War Plants

TACOMA, July 20—(AP)—Government operated war plants should not be used "as a bright new toy by social planners" in the post war era to introduce "socialism by the back door," Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, declared in the affirmative of a debate, "Should War Plants Be Sold to Private Industry?" in a radio broadcast of George V. Denny, jr.'s America's Town Meeting here this evening.

Sprague said only a comparatively small portion of the present financed or government financed and operated war plants were convertible to peace time use and that government operation of this portion in peace times would subject them to "political manipulation."

Oregon Demos Vote To Support Wallace

CHICAGO, July 20—(AP)—Oregon's delegates to the democratic national convention voted today to give unanimous support to Henry A. Wallace as vice presidential nominee. The Oregon group designated William O. Douglas, US supreme court justice, as second choice and Sen. Harry S. Truman as third choice in case Wallace steps out of the race.

Reward Posted For Vandals

One hundred dollars reward has been posted by the Salem Retail Trade bureau for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons scratching and marring downtown Salem show windows.

Announcing the bureau's decision to offer the reward, President Ed Schreder said Thursday that almost every morning the past two weeks a new evidence of the vandalism has been discovered. Among the windows marred are those of some of the city's department and women's wear stores and one bank. Reports should be made to police or to merchants, Schreder said.

Rites Set For One Of State's First Born

PORTLAND, July 20—(AP)—Funeral services for one of Oregon's earliest born white residents, Mary Ann Farr Rauch, will be held here Saturday. A pioneer minister, Rev. E. A. Smith, will officiate. She was born near Oregon City in 1851 and died Tuesday.

Weather

Maximum temperature Thursday 80 degrees; minimum 62; on rain; river—31 1/2 in.

Fair Friday and Saturday, with fog on coast; warmer Friday from Cascades to coastal range.

New Leaders



Gen. Kuniaki Koiso (upper), governor general of Korea, and Adm. Mitsumasa Yonai (lower), premier in 1940, have been ordered by Emperor Hirohito to form a new Japanese cabinet to replace that of Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, the Tokyo radio announced. (AP Wirephoto.)

Hirohito Names "Co-Premiers" In New Move

By the Associated Press
Emperor Hirohito in an unprecedented maneuver apparently designed to strengthen Japan's military rule yesterday named a general and an admiral jointly to form a new government in succession to that of the fallen Hideki Tojo.

The two chosen as "co-premiers," Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, governor-general of Korea, and Adm. Mitsumasa Yonai, who was premier in 1940, both have been considered outstanding proponents of Japanese expansion, and the official Japanese news agency Domei said their task would be to strengthen the war effort of the Japanese people, apparently weakened by the series of recent defeats at the hands of the United States.

In broadcasts from Tokyo recorded by the Associated Press and the federal communications commission, Domei said the new regime would have a three-point program:

1. To separate the military command from administration of the state.
2. To enlist the work "of capable persons selected from among the best possible fields in the country, with particular emphasis laid on utilizing the services of young statesmen of big caliber and strong character."
3. To "work out administrative problems whereby the entire nation will be given full opportunity to give vent to their irresistible enthusiasm to contribute to the nation's all-out war efforts."

Soviets Launch 8th Big Summer Drive

LONDON, Friday, July 21—(AP)—The red army announced last night the opening of its eighth major summer offensive with a massive drive into the heart of Poland, bringing a total of 1,500,000 troops into action along a 700 mile crumbling front.

Berlin said Russian troops had reached Augustow—a two-hour march from German East Prussia—in the northern sector. Moscow was silent about the thrust toward East Prussia, where the Soviet radio said "uprisings and a serious panic" had developed.

Officially Moscow announced these military developments: "A new crossing into Latvia southeast of Ostrov; the cutting of the Nazi westward escape rail route from Daugavpils; the reaching of the central Bug river in the new drive which penetrated 32 miles into German lines on a 94-mile front; the capture of another large sector of German-occupied Poland west of Sokal; and a spectacular breakthrough into the Polish plains northwest of Lwow at a point only 200 miles from German Silesia. (Continued on Page 2)

World Money Fund Receives Full Approval

BRETTON WOODS, NH, July 20—(AP)—A final document for an international monetary fund designed to promote world trade was approved by the United Nations monetary conference today at a plenary session marked by an atmosphere described by a conference spokesman as "wonderful."

Final approval of the fund left as the only remaining business an agreement on the initial capital of the world bank for reconstruction and development, which has been held up by the soviet union's demand for a lower quota than the \$1,200,000,000 originally given her.

The spokesman said he was hopeful a decision on subscription quotas would be reached by tomorrow, paving the way for final conference adjournment Saturday night.

German Renew Robot Bomb Attacks on Ie

LONDON, July 20—(AP)—The Germans sent their robot bombs crashing into the London area and southern England in a renewed attack which began after nightfall last night, causing damage and casualties, it was announced early today. Earlier it was disclosed in commons that 170,000 women and children had left London since July 2 to escape the robot menace.

Dies Thursday



DR. WILLIS BENT MORSE

Dr. W.B. Morse Dies Thursday In Hospital

Dr. William B. Morse, 78, for more than 50 years a practicing surgeon in Salem, died at 4:30 Thursday afternoon. He had been active in his profession until 10 weeks ago when he was hospitalized with an arthritic condition of the back.

Last Sunday, after several weeks at home again, he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was taken to Salem General hospital, where he gradually grew weaker.

Dr. Morse left no near relatives. Mrs. P. C. Patterson, 1645 Court street, is a first cousin and there are other cousins in California and Wisconsin. In 1899 he married Ethel Cusick, who died in 1908. His mother, with whom he then made his home, died more than 20 years ago. (More about the life of Dr. Morse on page 2.)

Land Ordered Closed Due to Fire Hazards

Two proclamations were filed in the state department here Thursday closing to entry, except by permit, lands in a number of northwest Oregon counties outside of the national forests.

Lands involved in the proclamations include Clatsop, Washington, Columbia, Tillamook and part of Yamhill counties. The proclamations become effective July 24.

State Forester Neils Rogers said it was necessary to issue the proclamations because of hazardous fire conditions.

First Saipan Wounded Reach California Port

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 20—(AP)—The first large group of Saipan wounded has returned to the mainland for hospitalization. Scores of wounded marines, blue-jackets and coast guard personnel who helped conquer Japan's "invulnerable" capital of the Marianas forgot their painful wounds as they laughed and shouted their joy at being home.

WAVE Recruiting Contest Is Opened by Navy in Salem

An intensive WAVE recruiting contest in the Salem navy recruiting area, offering three optional prizes to the entrant who is credited with responsibility for the greatest number of new WAVE enlistees between now and September 30, was opened here today.

The contest was announced by the Salem WAVES office. The contest is open to any bona fide resident of the Salem recruiting area who has a husband, son, or other close relative (daughter included), in any of the nation's military service branches.

Sponsored by Sidney I. Stevens and Son, Salem jewelry firm, in co-operation with the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, the WAVE enlistment contest offers the following optional prizes to winners:

- (1) A trip via first class rail accommodations to any point within

Bomb Bursts Only Six Feet From Adolph

LONDON, Friday, July 21—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, burned and bruised by a bomb explosion, told the world today that a group of German army officers attempted to assassinate him Thursday to prepare for surrender "as in 1918," but asserted the conspiracy had been nipped by speedy, ruthless action.

Shortly afterward it was announced officially that "the ringleaders either have been shot or committed suicide." Among those executed, it said, was the man accused by Hitler of planting the bomb—Col. Count Von Stauffenberg.

British Smash Into Troarn, Nazi Fortress

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Friday, July 21—(AP) British tanks and infantry smashed into the enemy stronghold of Troarn and threatened to cut it off from the south last night at the height of vicious, fluid fighting that has badly mauled five of 13 German divisions blocking the road to Paris.

In the northernmost of three drives aimed at the heart of France, the British first seized the railway station of Caen, eight miles east of Caen, and an infantry column struck out for St. Pair and high ground less than a mile south of Troarn.

The British beat off a counter-attack and relentlessly pressed the Germans back against the tidal marshes of the Dives river, which the enemy has flooded to block the coastal route to the great port of Le Havre.

A second column pounded straight down the road to Paris and halted just short of Vimont, eight miles southeast of the Orne river break-through which punctuated the opening of the British offensive three days ago.

Here, on its left, tanks and infantry knocked the enemy out of Frenouville and were assaulting the stoutest German position in the entire area, an anti-tank screen six and a half miles southeast of Caen, on a two and one-half mile front.

The third column, spearheaded by Canadians, drove due south of Caen and captured the railway town of Bourguebus, five miles south of Caen, after bitter street fighting, the midnight supreme headquarters communique said. The village of Soldiers were overrun en route.

Hitler's revelation apparently was pointedly directed at the group of Junkers army officers with whom he has long clashed. (Continued on page 16)

Nearly 40,000 Service Votes Are Expected

Between 35,000 and 40,000 absentee service men's votes will be cast at the November election in Oregon, state election bureau officials estimate.

The estimate is based on the number of applications for ballots thus far received.

More than 9000 applications have been received at the state department for distribution among the county clerks.

Sending out the state absentee soldier ballots will start in most counties on the 44th day preceding the election.

The federal government has indicated 35 days is sufficient to deliver and return them. There are approximately 115,000 Oregon men and women in the armed forces.

Thumbnail Of War!

By the Associated Press

Germany—Hitler told the world a group of German army officers attempted his assassination and announced the ringleaders either "had been shot or committed suicide."

Russian Front—Russians approach the soil of Germany proper and battle in suburb of Lwow.

Invasion Front—British tanks and infantry smashed into enemy strongholds of Troarn and badly mauled five of 13 German divisions blocking the road to Paris.

Pacific—Three strong Japanese frontal assaults have been repulsed on the Drintum river front in British New Guinea and the attackers were trying out-flanking and probing drives.

Italy—American troops battered across the Arno river valley on a 25-mile front between Pisa and Florence as German troops retreated across the Arno behind their Gothic line. (Continued on page 2)