

By Charles H. Springer

There are different opinions about President Roosevelt's trip to Hawaii and the Aleutian islands. Many of the opposition regard it merely as a political gesture, a dramatic move to appeal for votes, quite like the "inspection" trips of 1940, when the presidential party breezed through the shipyards and factories, the president never alighting from his car to "inspect" anything.

In this case the president gave his acceptance address to the democratic convention at the naval base at San Diego, highlighting his role as commander-in-chief. He next was heard of in Pearl Harbor, days later at Adak, where he dined at the enlisted men's mess, eating off a metal plate; and the story carefully noted the fact that negroes were included in the dining room. Then the president appeared at Puget Sound naval base and made an address to the nation from the gun mount of a destroyer. All of which makes the anti-Roosevelt people furious, and they accuse him of using his office for his own political purpose.

Then there are the defenders of the president who assert that his visit is in line of duty, that he can't suspend his trips though he is running for office, merely to appease his opponents. They point out that Prime Minister Churchill has visited Normandy and last week was in Rome, though Churchill is not candidating this year. The representation made that through personal contact with ranking officers in the field (Continued on Editorial page)

Reds Propose Organization To Keep Peace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A Russian proposal for organizing the post war peace in a manner which would place control firmly in the hands of the great powers capable of using force to suppress aggression has aroused intense interest among officials here as being probably the key to Soviet security planning.

The proposal is contained in a lengthy analysis of failures of the League of Nations and suggestions for a new world organization which was recently published in a Leningrad writers magazine, Zvezda.

The article reached Washington only a few days before an official document outlining Russia's ideas for the world security agency. These ideas will be presented at the four-power meetings opening Monday at Dumbarton Oaks, Georgetown estate.

The analysis was signed by N. Malinin, otherwise unidentified. There was speculation that the name might be a pseudonym for a Russian official, possibly vice commissioner of foreign affairs Maxim Litvinov, who was for years Russia's representative to the League of Nations.

Maine's Soil Hard to Get

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Four tablespoons of soil from the state of Maine will complete an all-American collection which Mrs. J. T. Leggett said Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has agreed to scatter on all the Pacific islands conquered by American forces.

"I've collected soil from 47 states and a few days ago I received a letter from Admiral Nimitz saying he would be pleased to plant the good old US soil on the lands which we've conquered," said Mrs. Leggett, whose son is fighting in the Pacific theater.

"But Maine's holding out," she added, explaining that in response to her written request, Gov. Sumner Sewall sent her a state flag which she returned with the comment: "I'm not collecting souvenirs."

West Salem Must Pull Own Bootstraps to Join Salem

By ISABEL CHILDS
If West Salem becomes part of Oregon's capital city it will do so by pulling its own bootstraps. The city boundary extension committee, undecided about many things, has thoroughly made up its mind on this and one other fact: A strip of territory around three sides of the city should be laid out in one zone and voted upon as an entity. Both the residents of the area and those of the city as it is now constituted must approve the move.

Allies Score 'Greatest Victory'

Civilian Goods if Ban List

Nelson Removes WPB Restriction On Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson tonight lifted the war production board's ban on hundreds of civilian articles where local surpluses of labor and machinery permit.

The long-awaited order, delayed since July 1 by the opposition of the army, navy and war manpower commission, is effective at midnight. Nelson said the order was the fourth and last in his program to provide "a merchandising for partial conversion of industry from wartime to peacetime production."

Not A Large Increase
"For the time being," he warned, "it is not anticipated that any large increases in production of civilian goods will be possible."

Cutting across 86 restrictive orders now on WPB's books, the action empowers WPB field offices over the country to let individual plants make consumer goods hitherto prohibited or restricted.

Will Give Aid
It provides priority aid, also, for concerns willing and able to manufacture any of several hundred "preferred" items listed by WPB as scarce and badly needed.

This preferred list covers such goods as vacuum cleaners, electric ranges, wash tubs, egg beaters, lawn mowers, sewing machines, church goods, bicycles, and oil burners.

New "A" Book Soon Ready

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP) Renewal of basic "A" gasoline ration books outside the east coast providing continuance of an allowance equivalent to eight gallons a month, will begin late this month, the office of price administration announced today.

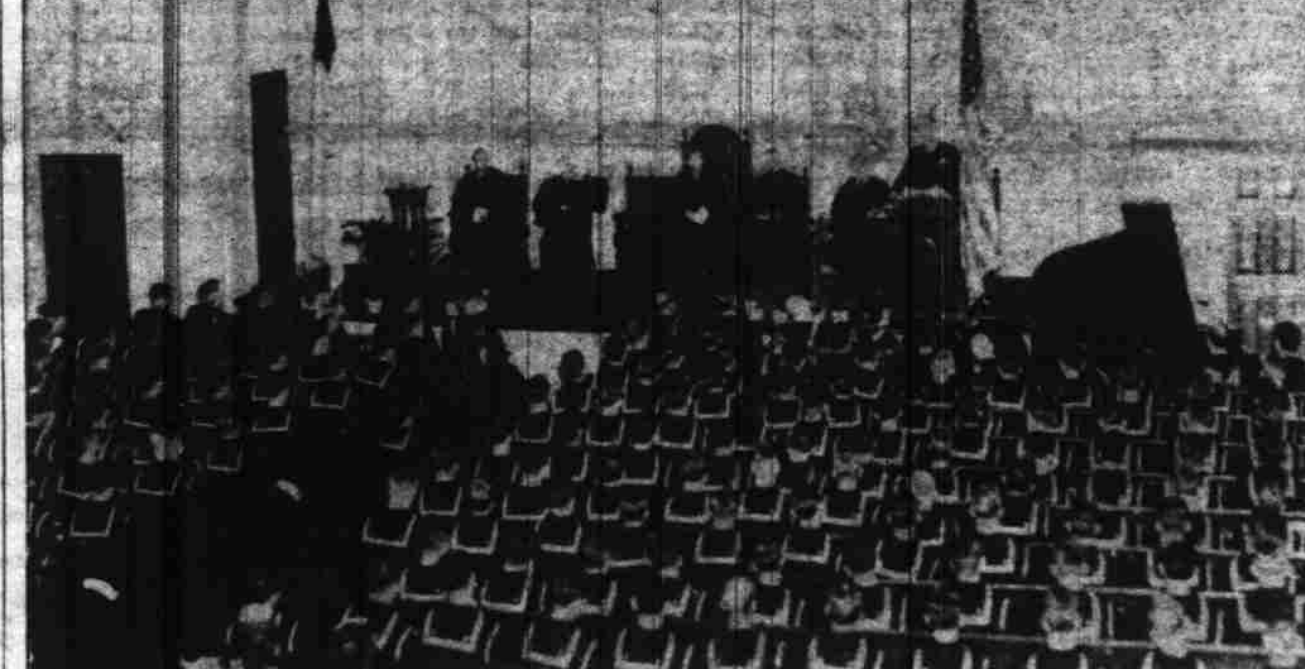
Each coupon in the new "A" book will have a four-gallon value instead of the present three gallons, but there will be fewer coupons.

OPA said that exact dates and the manner of making renewals will vary in different local rationing board areas and announcements of those will be made locally.

Labor Troubles in US Simmer Down Monday

By the Associated Press
Labor troubles which came to a weekend boil with 61,000 workers idle simmered down yesterday as the ending of several strikes and walkouts reduced the total of off-the-job employees to between 16,000 and 18,000.

Admiral Gatch Gets Willamette's LL.D.



Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch, judge advocate of the US navy, is shown (center above) being congratulated on becoming honorary doctor of laws by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, at Monday's academic convocation in the Presbyterian church. Holding the hood is Dr. Robert L. Lantz, who acted as marshal of the academic procession. Center is Admiral Gatch, and below is a view of the church, Willamette's V-12 contingent in the audience, and the rostrum. (The Statesman and Official Navy Photos).

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman
Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch, judge advocate general of the navy, was Dr. Gatch, LL.D., of Willamette university today, after an impressive convocation at which the world-known navy man left his forceful conclusion that "we shall never find a panacea for war."

It was as a veteran of flaming battle for survival—not as the dark-haired boy from Salem knew four and five decades ago—that the sturdy, graying officer rapped "the prattling of pacifists" and called for perpetual preparedness with which "no gangsters could have the faintest hope" of competing.

He spoke Monday afternoon in the quiet confines of the Presbyterian church.

In the hushed audience were scores of friends, old and new, and nearly 200 blue-clad navy men of Willamette's V-12 program.

On the rostrum were Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette president; former governor Oswald West, an old friend; Dr. Chester F. Luther, Willamette dean; Dr. Robert L. Lantz, professor and marshal of the academic procession; Dr. J. C. Harrison, president of Willamette trustees; and Dr. Henry Marcotte, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

In the principal address prior to Dr. Smith's conferring of the honorary degree of doctor of laws—the 33rd such honor in Willamette's history—Admiral Gatch declared that the last war "was not fought through... because of a pacifistically-inspired thought... that any kind of peace was enough."

Pacifists, he declared, "will likely have caused 20,000,000 deaths before this is all done with," and "it is of vital concern that we do not lose this war after we have won it," but "we must constantly remember that these present wars are not yet won."

Osowiec Captured By Reds

Soviets in North Sweep Half-Way Across Estonia

LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Russian shock troops scaled the 30-foot-high walls of the moated stronghold of Osowiec near the Biebrza river in northern Poland yesterday, bayoneted the German garrison and then rushed up pontoon bridges for an imminent crossing of the Biebrza, last water barrier before German East Prussia, only 15 miles beyond.

In the north another powerful Red army swept almost half-way across Estonia and spilled on to the Latvian frontier in a swift drive aimed at splitting in two the 200,000 trapped Nazi troops facing a disaster almost comparable to that suffered at Stalingrad. With the capture of Antsla in a 19-mile advance, this army was only 18 miles from Caiga, rail junction on the Tallinn-Riga line which is the defense backbone of Col. Gen. George Lindemann's surrounded multi-arms.

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LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The German radio said today that the Russians were smashing at East Prussia from the southeast—apparently from fallen Osowiec—and acknowledged that "Soviet pressure has increased along the East Prussian frontier, especially north-west of Bialystok."

Premier-Marshall Joseph Stalin in an order of the day announced the fall of Osowiec, 17 miles from East Prussia, to Gen. G. F. Zakharov's Second White Russian army which in seven weeks has fought its way 350 miles westward from White Russia and reached the Augustow canal and the adjoining Biebrza river on a 45-mile front. Some of the Russian positions near the canal, north of Osowiec, are within 11 miles of East Prussia.

Eight Escape From Oregon Institutions

The week's escapes from state institutions in the environs of Salem had mounted to eight today as names of three youths from the state training school were added to the list. One state penitentiary trustee, two Fairview home patients and two training school boys absented themselves without leave Sunday and were still at large this morning.

State police, who recovered in Klamath Falls the automobile stolen Sunday from Charles Reese, route two, Silverton, believed they were on the trail of Richard Kauffman, 14, Eugene, and Alvin Dahl, 15, St. Helens, who escaped from the training school Sunday, running from brush to brush.

Erwin Speer, 15, Newberg; Bert Davis, 17, Mill City, and Raymond Beyer, 16, Portland, escaped from an OSTS work gang in the neighborhood of Witzel school early Monday afternoon.

Robert W. McCaren, 50, state prison trustee, walked away from state buildings across the road from the penitentiary. He came to Salem from Klamath county May 5, 1937, to serve 30 years for arson. At the institution he has taken care of lawns and buildings.

Donald Lyons, 11, and Walter Smith, 18, address unknown, escaped from the Fairview home for the feeble-minded.

Nazis Order Evacuation Of Port of Marseille

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The Nazi-controlled Vichy radio broadcast today that the German army commander at Marseille had ordered evacuation from that French Mediterranean seaport of all persons whose presence "is not of direct or indirect interest" to the German army.

Nazis Caught In Steel Trap

Flower of German Seventh Army Facing Destruction As Pincers Close Tighter

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, Aug. 15.—(AP) Triumphant allied armies welded a trap of steel and artillery fire about the flower of the seventh German army today in the greatest victory of allied arms in France, and from 100,000 to 200,000 enemy troops turned for a battle to the death.

Backing away from a hail of bombs and artillery shells sealing a 12-mile gap at the eastern end of their Normandy "coffin corridor," the Germans checked their rush and some forces swung around west in an attempt to plug their leaking lines.

Thus they invited destruction—a consummation which would mean a gigantic victory for the allies in the battle for northwestern France, open the road to Paris, and clear the way for the final battles for northeastern and southern France.

The southern jaw of the great Allied pincers was being closed by the US Third army—which the Germans said was being led by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr.—battering up to within eight and a half miles of Falaise.

Canadian troops smashed to within 3 1/2 miles of Falaise on the north in a rolling offensive that jumped off Monday after clouds of Allied bombers obliterated a German anti-tank screen before the city.

Between these two forces, Long Toms from north and south raked ever road leading eastward to the Seine and Paris, and waves of bombers added to the hurricane of fire.

Before this gap vanished, Germans had been seen streaming eastward in haywagons, bicycles and every other farm vehicle they could commandeered toward the uncertain sanctuary of the Seine.

Stalin termed Osowiec a "powerful fortified district in the German defenses of the river Biebrza covering the approaches to the borders of East Prussia," and ordered a Moscow salute of 12 salvos from 124 guns.

Those who escaped the bottleneck were seen racing northeast toward the Seine along a route which Allied mastery of the air has turned into a path of death and destruction.

Reports from the Canadian front indicated some of the escaped units were armored.

But Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, now disclosed to be the overall commander of all US forces in France—the greatest ever massed for battle under the American flag—declared he was confident the bulk of the Seventh could not escape.

That could be anything from 100,000 to 200,000 soldiers, as many or more than the Allies have captured since invasion day.

Roosevelt Visits Kodiak

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP) President Roosevelt visited a visit to Kodiak island, off the southern coast of Alaska, in his 15-day tour of the Pacific, official navy pictures disclose.

A bi-partisan drive began shaping up in the house today to pass the senate-approved "states rights" bill for handling unemployment problems in postwar demobilization.

Leaders of the coalition voiced confidence they could easily repeat the senate's performance in bowing over the principles of the Murray-Kilgore bill which would have set up federal standards for unemployment compensation, running up to \$25 weekly.

The senate's "state rights" legislation, sponsored by Senator George (D-Ga.), was referred by Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) to the house ways and means committee, and chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) called the committee to meet tomorrow.

Weather
Maximum temperature Monday 84 degrees; minimum 46; no rain; river -4 ft.
Clear today and Wednesday except cloudy on the coast; warmer except on the coast.



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