

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The death of former Sen. George W. Norris of Nebraska marks the end of a political epoch. More accurately it might be said the epoch had already died, though the venerable statesman from Nebraska lingered on, having been retired by his constituents in the 1942 election. Norris was the last of the triumvirate of insurgent republicans—others were Borah of Idaho and Bob LaFollette, pere, of Wisconsin—whom party regulars accused of muddying the waters and progressives hailed as apostles of a new day.

Of the three, Norris leaves by far the most constructive record. He was author of two constitutional amendments—those for direct election of senators and for advancing the date of change in terms of president and members of the congress. He was the real father of legislation creating the Tennessee Valley authority, and he shares with La Guardia sponsorship of the law forbidding use of injunction in labor disputes.

Borah was more of an obstructionist. It seems strange that in spite of 33 years of distinguished membership in the senate Borah left no measure bearing his name which is at all important, but it is true. LaFollette was definitely the advocate and agitator. He sponsored plenty of legislation, but the one law for which he is best remembered, that calling for physical valuation of railroads, became obsolete, politically speaking, before the expensive job was done.

Norris leaves a far deeper imprint on the statute books of the country though he was less colorful a personality. It is hardly (Continued on Editorial page)

Denial Is Issued That Germany Has Capitulated

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Allied supreme headquarters felt it necessary today to issue an official denial to a rumor that Germany had capitulated after the report had caused a widespread flurry in London and in far corners of the world.

The rumor was given wide circulation by the Brussels radio, whose first generally recorded mention of it was a denial. The Brussels station said the original report was broadcast by a "foreign station," otherwise unidentified.

It spread fast through London, some of the public rushing to bars to toast the end of the war, others flooding newspaper and press association offices with telephone calls for verification. Supreme headquarters offered no comment beyond the formal denial.

Berlin Hurls New Threat Of Disaster

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The Berlin radio in a broadcast monitored by CBS admitted tonight that with the loss of the channel coast "the V-1 weapon will not follow its route to England with the same regularity as before," but hinted that it would be "employed against other targets."

Meanwhile, NBC recorded a Tokyo broadcast to night claiming that Hitler has asked the allies to stop bombing German cities and threatened that if they do not accede to his request, he will release a German secret weapon which "will utterly annihilate the allies."

Army Says 96th Division in Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—The presence of the 96th infantry division "somewhere in the Pacific" was made known officially today in a public relations office dispatch from division headquarters. The 96th was activated at Camp Adair, Ore., August 15, 1942.

More Miners Vote To Go on Strike

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 5.—(AP)—With 9000 soft coal miners in Pennsylvania and West Virginia already kept idle by walkouts of supervisory employees, foremen in 14 more pits in West Virginia and Kentucky voted today to strike for union recognition.

Senate Grants \$5000 For Study of Power

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The senate today adopted a resolution to grant the irrigation and reclamation committee an additional \$5000 to continue a study of irrigation and hydroelectric power needs, principally in western states.

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Yanks Punch Wall Inside Reich

Industry Controls Will End

German Defeat To Break Dam; Nips Still Eyed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The war production board announced tonight a decision to scrap virtually all controls over production of civilian goods, once the war with Germany ends.

Anticipating that war production can be scaled down 40 per cent, the decision contemplates continuance of controls needed to defeat Japan but giving industry practically a free hand to take what materials are left and make "whatever people want."

J. A. Krug, acting chairman of the WPB, said the army, navy and major war agencies had unanimously agreed on the program.

War Output to Be Cut

The board estimated there would be a reduction of about 40 per cent in war production within three months after the defeat of Germany and that this will free more than 4,000,000 workers.

It decided on the following program:

1. Removal of almost all controls over materials immediately on Germany's defeat except those absolutely necessary to assure necessary production to defeat Japan.

2. The war production board and other government agencies will use their full powers to assist and encourage industry in resuming civilian production and maintaining employment.

3. The board will maintain its organization and powers so as not to relinquish authority until it is certain that the war production program is adequate for victory over Japan.

Krug said the decision was made after a re-survey of the military and production situation.

A few allocation orders will be continued for "light" materials such as lumber, textiles, and certain chemicals.

Paul C. McNutt, war manpower commissioner, said the commission soon would announce a program for manpower after Germany's defeat.

France Will Be Consulted in Plan To Control Nazis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The United States, Britain and Russia are expected to consult France on plans for the military occupation and control of defeated Germany, it was learned today, and the newly liberated country will have a place both in the control organization and in the military forces occupying the reich.

City Council Withdraws Approval for Night Club by Vote of 6 to 5; Three Are Absent

By Marguerite Gleason
The Salem city council reversed itself Tuesday night and withdrew its approval of the supper club application of Mike Steinbock.

Members first voted to reconsider the matter, first passed two weeks ago, by a vote of six to five, and then voted to rescind the previous action and notify the liquor control board thereof.

Petitions containing 491 names were presented in opposition to the supper club and a delegation of more than 50 men and women was present in the council rooms. Among those speaking against the club were the Rev. Harold Lyman, pastor of the Court Street Christian church and president of the Salem Ministerial association; the Rev. Dudley Strain, the Rev. M. P. Knigge, Mrs. Raynor Smith, Mrs. L. V. Prescott, Mrs. Cora Blair, and C. M. Roberts.

Ralph Campbell and Donald Young, attorneys for the petitioners, spoke in their behalf.

Oregon's Forests Weathering Warm Days in Fine Shape

Oregon's forests may come through 1944 in good shape despite prolonged heat and a general lack of moisture, providing continued caution is invoked, it was indicated today.

Lynn Cronmiller, deputy state forester, said a few fires had been reported but none of serious proportions, and that "splendid cooperation" had been received from logging and milling operators.

Several logging operations have been curtailed or shut down pending more favorable weather.

Much of Oregon's forest land has been closed to entry except by permit.

Soviets Crack Line in Move to Circle Warsaw

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The red army raced beyond Craiova in western Romania less than 50 miles from Yugoslavia today and cracked the tough German line on the Narew river in Poland in a great offensive to bypass Warsaw on the north.

Having formally declared war on Bulgaria, Russia also moved toward invasion of that recalcitrant axis satellite but kept silent on the latest military developments.

Advancing in Romania at the speed of more than 70 miles a day, a Russian armored force already was on a strategic springboard for an immediate united front with Marshall Tito's Yugoslav partisans and the invasion of the Hungarian plain.

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Fire Destroys 70 Tons Hay

BRUSH COLLEGE, Sept. 5.—Fire apparently caused by spontaneous combustion destroyed 70 tons of baled wheat and oat hay in the F. J. Woelk barn at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday.

Other buildings and supplies were not endangered. The baled hay included some from the 1943 stock and new hay just put in Monday. A corn planter and some other farm machinery stored in the barn were destroyed.

Mrs. Mott, Daughter, To Aid Ship Launching

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Rep. Charles R. Clason of Massachusetts will speak at the launching of the tanker SS Pioneer Valley at the Kaiser Swan island shipyard here tomorrow. Mrs. James Mott of Salem will be matron of honor, and her daughter, Dorothy, flower attendant.

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In the vote to reconsider, councilmen voting "yes" were C. F. French, Albert Gille, R. A. Forkner, L. F. LeGarie, Mrs. G. F. Lobdell and David O'Hara. Those voting "no" were Tom Armstrong, Joseph Byers, Claude W. Jorgensen, R. O. Lewis and Kenneth C. Perry.

The vote to rescind the previous approval of the same.

The roll call vote was made on request of Mrs. Lobdell.

Members absent were Lloyd Rigdon, Howard Maple and E. W. Acklin.

The telephone ordinance introduced by the public utilities committee passed first and second reading.

The request of David O'Hara for suspension of the rules and placing the ordinance on third reading was withdrawn when Albert Gille, chairman of the public utilities committee, indicated he would object.

War Strikes Chateau-Thierry



Wrecked buildings and rubble in the streets of Chateau-Thierry, France, show damage the town had suffered in this war. It World War I it was the scene of bitter fighting before it was captured by American troops in July, 1918.

Nazi Attacks Beaten Back By Canadians

ROME, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Canadian forces of the British Eighth army dealt bluntly today with reinforced German armor which attempted to liquidate the allied bridgehead across the Conca river near Rimini, knocking out a score of enemy tanks and leaving the battlefield littered with Nazi dead.

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Strike Ends as Army Steps in

CLEVELAND, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Members of the Mechanics Educational Society of America reported for work in mounting numbers tonight at two plants of the Cleveland Graphite Bronze company after the war department took possession of the facilities on orders of President Roosevelt.

Unofficial sources estimated 75 per cent of the 11 p. m. shift of some 1300 workers streamed into the plants, which produce bearings for B-29 Superfortresses and other military equipment.

Felix E. Foster Is Killed in Action On New Guinea

PFC. Felix E. Foster, 26, was killed in action at Neomfort, New Guinea, August 22. He was a son of W. A. Foster and Mrs. Lolabelle Foster, 1232 Center street, Salem. A brother, Myron LeRoy Foster, is at Camp Roberts, Calif., and a sister, Pauline, lives in Salem.

Felix Foster was a regular army man. He enlisted first in 1936 and had been over seas since June 25, 1942. He attended Leslie Junior high school and Salem high school.

Hungary Apparently Will Go on Fighting

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—With red armies driving towards the Hungarian plain along the main line Bucharest-Budapest railway and newly at war with Bulgaria, Hungary's worried official reaction tonight, as filtered through Berlin, was determination "to fight on nevertheless" as a German ally.

Portland Schools Hit High Attendance Mark

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Registration of Portland public school students was up 1500 today over first-day attendance last fall, officials said. More than 45,000 enrolled today, and complete registration was expected to reach 50,000.

37 More Nip Ships Smashed

Japan Indicates Nation Becoming Pressed for Oil

By the Associated Press
The fury of relentless allied aerial smashes against Japanese shipping was reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur today (Wednesday) to have resulted in the sinking or damaging of 37 additional Nippon surface craft, including a fleet of barges and small vessels loaded with troops.

About 24 hours earlier, the two American Pacific commanders officially listed 56 Japanese cargo ships, barges and other craft as sent to the bottom or seriously damaged by Yank naval gunners and fliers.

Nipponese Need Oil
The general's Wednesday communique said allied air patrols destroyed or damaged 13 small troop carrying craft in Celebes. Eight freighters and 13 barges caught at Halmahera island, south of the Philippines, received similar treatment. A freighter was sent down in Davao gulf, southern Philippines.

At Ambonia, south of Halmahera, a freighter was driven ashore and a coastal vessel destroyed.

Japan indicated Tuesday that she was hard-pressed for oil.

Radio Tokyo said Japan's munitions ministry had brought about large-scale mergers of producers designed to meet "a crying need for urgent action regarding the production of synthetic oil."

The rising sun, losing ground throughout the Pacific area, intensified her land campaigns in China, especially in bloody Hunan province where she is battling to build a defense line against expected American landings on the China coast.

Spearheads of a new three-pronged Japanese drive in Hunan were only 40 miles from their objective—the Lingling airbase.

Japanese forces also forged ahead in Chekiang province, on the coast.

Quakes Cause Loss Of Over \$1,000,000 In U.S. and Canada

By the Associated Press
A series of earthquakes jarred northeastern United States and eastern Canada Tuesday, causing damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000 and prompting Dr. L. Don Leet, Harvard university seismologist, to suggest that cities take precautions because of an increasing frequency of quakes.

The shocks apparently centered near Cornwall, Ontario, where Mayor Aaron Horowitz estimated that damage in the city "will be almost \$1,000,000."

Fossilly millions of persons were awakened as houses and buildings shook in an area ranging from Canada, along the eastern seaboard to Virginia, and west to Wisconsin.

Townsend Bill Wins Skirmish As Court Nullifies Complaint

The so-called little Townsend measure will be on the November ballot in Oregon, it appeared today, unless other possible efforts to halt it are more successful than the complaint filed by T. Lester Johnson, district attorney of Sherman county.

Johnson's complaint was nullified Tuesday by Circuit Judge E. M. Page and George R. Duncan who, in effect directed Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel, Jr. to proceed with plans to place the program up for vote.

Their action constituted the upholding of a demurrer, filed by the attorney general on behalf of the secretary of state, Johnson was given to and including September 11 to file an amended complaint if he so wished.

The complaint alleged that the proposed measure was in violation of article XVII of the state code because it purportedly incorporated more than one amendment. The circuit judges held this argument invalid on the grounds that the prohibitions in article XVII applied to proposals of the legislature, not to amendments proposed in an initiative.

The proposed amendment provides that all qualified citizens of Oregon over 20, upon proper application, shall receive an annuity of \$60 a month. Citizens of Oregon over 18 years old who are permanently disabled or blind also would be beneficiaries.

The amendment also prohibits levying of a sales tax. Funds from the monthly annuities would come from a gross income tax of 3 to 5 per cent.

'Twas a Bit Warm Tuesday—Just 103; Hottest Day of Year

Salem — as well as several other northwest cities — had its hottest day of the year Tuesday, and the hottest September day in at least 20 years.

The weather bureau said it was 103 at 5 p. m.

The last previous record was 104 on July 2, 1942.

Previous high temperature this year was 102.

Portland also had a record for September — 102 degrees. And it was 104 at Roseburg, 103 at Medford, 101 at Eugene, 100 at Corvallis and The Dalles, 92 at Seattle.

Bulgaria Asks Red Armistice On Eve of War

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The Sofia radio declared today that the Bulgarian government had asked Moscow for an armistice.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Russia declared war on Bulgaria tonight after repeatedly warning that small minion of Adolf Hitler that her belated attempt to adopt "strict neutrality" was hopelessly insufficient.

With the red army already straining at the leash along 200 miles of the Romanian-Bulgarian border, a quick plunge across was expected, with Bulgaria's collapse an early likely development.

The Russian declaration flatly accused Bulgaria of harboring German soldiers.

Bulgaria, in the axis camp for nearly four years and a belligerent against Britain and the United States, had refrained from going to war against Russia, a country she long has regarded as her Slavic friend.

Canadian Justice Says Britain All-Out For Japanese War

SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—(AP)—All resources of the British empire will be thrown into the war in the Pacific as soon as Germany has been conquered, Chief Justice Wendell B. Ferris of British Columbia, asserted here today.

Justice Ferris was the main speaker at the double christening of the 180-foot steel minesweepers, the USS Flxity and Fancy, launched by the Associated Shipbuilders.

Senator McCarran Leading in Nevada

CARSON CITY, Nev., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Sen. Pat McCarran held a lead of 9047 to 8545 tonight over Lt. Gov. Vall Pittman in the race for the democratic senatorial nomination. The count was from 230 of 283 precincts.

SEES ALASKA AS STATE
AN ALASKAN BASE, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Gov. Ernest Gruening predicted today that the territory of Alaska would be admitted to statehood within a "reasonable time."

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(Special to The Statesman)
SILVERTON, Sept. 5.—Sgt. Albert Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olsen of Silverton, was killed in France on August 17, his parents were informed by the war department today. The youth was a native of this city.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, include three brothers and two sisters; Rex, in the navy and now on the east coast after participating in the Normandy invasion; Peter, Jr., Ronald, Geraldine, and Donna Marie.

Surplus Army Trucks Are Sold to Farmers

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War Brides Arrive In N. Y. From Ireland

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(AP)—A transport bringing naval personnel home from Ireland arrived today in New York with 60 war brides and their 16 children.

Stiffening Action Is Reported

Holland, Luxembourg Hail Allies; Strasbourg Hit

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 6.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—American armor spearheads were reported probing into two and perhaps three keystones of Germany's west wall last night as the governments of Holland and Luxembourg proclaimed the entry of allied armies of liberation into their countries.

Unconfirmed dispatches from the French-Swiss frontier said the Berlin-headed Yanks had captured Aachen and Saarbrücken inside the reich's borders, but supreme headquarters continued to cloak operations in this sector with silence, and field reports from correspondents with US troops told of stiffening German resistance along the Moselle river, 35 miles inside the French border.

Points Inside Germany
Aachen is 70 miles east of Brussels, the liberated capital of Belgium, and Saarbrücken is about 30 miles from Metz. Both are approximately five miles inside Germany. The Americans, according to the report from Switzerland, also were stabbing at Strasbourg, French border city on the Rhine.

Eye-witness accounts from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army said the Americans still were blocked at points on the west bank of the Moselle and had encountered concentrations of artillery fire.

Resistance Heavy
Canadian forces in a drive for Dover straits ports smashed reconnaissance units within three miles of Boulogne and were encountering heavy German resistance on the approaches to the city, heavily fortified because the nazis had expected an invasion there.

The garrison at Boulogne, although hopelessly cut off, is believed to have set up batteries for defense of the port.

Polish forces operating under the Canadian command moved up to St. Omer, 20 miles southeast of Calais and 23 miles south of Dunkerque.

In the long narrow coastal pocket, from which some robot bombs were hurled against England Tuesday, elements of three German divisions were encircled when the British took Antwerp, which is virtually intact but whose great port cannot be used until the Germans are driven from other fortress points commanding the Scheldt river estuary. (Story on southern France on Page 2)

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