

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

If you turn to a copy of our state constitution you will find in Sec. 31, Art. I the following:

"White foreigners who are or may hereafter become residents of this state shall enjoy the same rights in respect to the possession, enjoyment, and descent of property as native-born citizens. And the legislative assembly shall have power to restrain and regulate the immigration to this state of persons not qualified to become citizens of the United States."

If you read the last sentence again you will see that it packs a power pertinent to the present still subdued controversy over the re-admission of Japanese nationals to Oregon. Under it the legislature could pass an act setting up bars against return of Jap nationals who have been relocated.

Presumably after the war the privileges of Jap nationals domiciled in this country would be covered by whatever treaty is entered into with Japan, which would be the supreme law of the land. Until then a state law would probably hold. I do not quote this section in order to suggest restrictive legislation, am opposed to it in fact, but simply to inform the people about this provision of the state constitution.

This section is included in the "Bill of Rights" though it runs counter to modern conceptions of civil rights. Its restrictive words "white"

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FDR Promises Italy Right to Choose Destiny

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt said tonight that when the allies complete military operations in Italy the Italians "will be free to work out their own destiny, under a government of their own choosing."

In a radio address prepared for broadcast from the White House, Mr. Roosevelt said the American army entered Italy "not as conquerors, but as liberators. Their objective is military, not political."

The president's address was directed to the meeting of the Italian-American labor council in New York in acceptance of the council's four freedoms award granted to the chief executive.

"Of course the people of Italy have suffered terribly and it will not be humanly possible to take wholly adequate measures to relieve all suffering until Germany has been finally and decisively defeated," Mr. Roosevelt said. "But the United Nations are determined that every possible measure be taken to aid the Italian people directly and to give them an opportunity to help themselves."

Jap-Chinese Battle Rages

CHUNGKING, Oct. 12 (AP)—Brisk fighting is continuing along the Hunan-Kwangsi railway front 25 miles north of Kwelin, vital defense center of Kwangsi province, where reinforced Japanese troops are hammering against Chinese positions, the Chinese high command announced today.

The Japanese attacks were pressed against defense points about 12 miles west of the Japanese-held town of Hingta. This battle is considered by observers as one of considerable importance. If the enemy succeeds in penetrating Chinese lines, he would be in a position to make a frontal attack on Kwelin itself or bypass the city on the west.

Lone Yank Airman Bags Four German Fighters

LONDON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Four Luftwaffe fighter planes went down over Hanover, Germany, today before the flaming guns of Lt. Charles E. Yeager, Hamlin, WVa., who a few days ago went to General Eisenhower personally asking permission to return to combat.

Veterans' Rights

The Oregon Statesman, starting Sunday, October 2, will augment its wide coverage of war and veterans' news with a daily editorial page chapter on the rights and benefits of mustered-out service men under federal legislation.

The first will tell "The things to do after discharge," the second will be on "Mustering out pay," etc.

The series, taken from official information, will be of major interest to service men, their relatives and their friends. Starting Sunday in

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Jap Report Not Yet Confirmed By Navy Chiefs

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 12 (AP)—American planes, 1000 of them, attacked Formosa, just north of the Philippines, concentrating on the island's three most important towns, the Tokyo radio announced today. The report was not confirmed by the navy here.

This would be the greatest air armada ever sent against the Japanese in a single operation in the Pacific.

China Units Used "It appears that some units of China-based American air force also participated in this raid," the Japanese radio reported.

Takao, Tainan and Taichu, the three most important towns on Formosa, took the brunt of the American attack, the Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the federal commission, said.

Towns on Railroad The three towns are on the railway which runs the length of the island. Tainan and Takao are also ports on the southwestern shore. An imperial communiqué reported "enemy aircraft" launched the attack at 7 a. m. today (Tokyo time) "in strength" and that the air "battle was continuing" eight hours later. The Japanese claimed 100 Yankee planes had been downed and that the "enemy continued to carry out his persistent attack with a total of 1,000 planes."

U.S. Bombers Hit Balikpapan In Sixth Raid

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Friday, Oct. 12 (AP)—Facilities supplying Japan's war machine with gasoline and oil were wrecked Tuesday at Balikpapan by 135 tons of bombs dropped by fighter-escorted Liberators, and from 36 to 46 enemy planes were shot down trying to break up the heaviest blow of the war at the vital Borneo base.

A cracking plant rendered totally, perhaps permanently, inoperable at a paraffin refinery heavily damaged. Today's communiqué, announcing the raid, said heavy explosions and fires sent up smoke for 20,000 feet.

Storage tanks were set ablaze. Photographs conclusively verified the destruction.

Nazi Targets Take Pounding

LONDON, Oct. 12 (AP)—A fleet of 750 American heavy bombers, part of a force of nearly 5000 allied planes attacking widely scattered axis targets, rained explosives on an aircraft plant and motor transport factory at Bremen today as hundreds of British and US dive-bombers heaped fresh destruction on burning Aachen.

The 650 Mustangs and Lightnings escorting the Flying Churches and Liberators bagged 18 Nazi fighters in the Bremen-Hanover area, but none of the enemy fighters molested the big bombers, three of which failed to return. Six fighters are missing, a communiqué said.

PGE Asks Vote on Granting Salem Electric Franchise

Requesting that the question of whether or not the City of Salem shall grant the franchise sought by Salem Electric be submitted to the voters and offering to share with the cooperative the costs of a special election, Portland General Electric company Thursday directed a letter to members of the Salem municipal council and its public utilities committee.

Until such a vote has been taken, PGE will continue to operate under the "valid franchise from the City of Salem under which it has in good faith invested hundreds of thousands of dollars." This it declares in the letter signed by President James H. Polhemus in the name of the company. Cost of such an election is estimated at \$1000.

The letter, dated October 12, comes in answer to a report from the council's public utilities committee on September 18 recommending "that both the Salem Electric Cooperative association and the Portland General Elec-

Carrier-Based Yankee Planes Strike Luzon

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 12 (AP)—A large force of carrier-based planes struck Luzon, the main island in the Philippines, Tuesday afternoon, blasting airbases and military installations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight in a communiqué.

The admiral maintained silence concerning Japanese reports of a powerful air smash at Formosa. It was the third fleet action announced in three days—the other two were attacks on Marcus and the Ryukyus Sunday and Monday respectively—indicating the wide scope of American warships in the Pacific.

It was the fifth such carrier plane strike at Luzon. Two of these smashed the Manila area.

Tonight's communiqué also announced American 81st infantry troops had landed on the 12th island in the Palau to come under American domination since Sept. 15. The soldiers went ashore Wednesday on Arimasuku, four miles northwest of Peleliu, and found it unoccupied.

This was the third landing in the southern Palau in four days.

Allies Reach German Inner Defense, 'Ike'

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, France, Oct. 12 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today that allied armies now had struck powerful German inner defenses, but he is resolved to wage war unabated through the winter and beyond if it takes that long to crush the enemy.

The supreme commander made it clear at a press conference that although he regards a sudden German collapse as a possibility, he sees no reason to rely on it, since the weapon of fear which the Hitler regime uses to whip the home front into line now is stronger than ever.

The threat of the red army in the east and the allied army on German soil in the west can have no effect on a leader who faces the losses of everything once he admits defeat.

The general reaffirmed his confidence in complete allied victory although it was pointed out there may be pauses in the allied advance because of the strength of German resistance, the advantage of prepared defenses and the allied supply problems.

Overseas Mail Deadline Extended Until Monday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—The post office department announced Thursday it had extended by one day the deadline for mailing of Christmas parcels to military personnel overseas.

The action was taken "as a public convenience" since the previously announced deadline, October 15, falls on Sunday. Under the new order the deadline will be Monday, October 16.

Solons Studying Civil Service End Meetings

The 1943 legislative interim committee to conduct a study of civil service, applicable to state employees, will hold its final meeting in Portland next Monday, it was announced here Thursday. Rep. Leo Smith, Multnomah county, is chairman of the committee.

Reports here indicate that some members of the committee favor a continuance of any definite action for two years due to the fact that many public employees are now in the armed forces. The committee was directed to file a report with the 1945 legislature.

Dunkirk City of Avengement



Residents of the French channel town of Dunkirk, historic scene of the great British continental defeat and excursion, now hasten out of the port by force of the allies who have the city under siege, with a German force hopelessly trapped. The old people are granted fleeing across a small canal after British "avengers" granted a 60-hour truce before reducing the town. All civilians were notified to quit the battle area. (International Soundphoto)

Colonel Has Tough Time Getting His Shorts Laundered

WITH AN AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY, Oct. 6 (Delayed)—(AP)—What with hogs and German artillery fire, Lt. Col. Raymond E. Bell of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., and 211 N. H St., Pensacola, Fla., had a tough time today with his underwear.

The colonel washed out his shorts and gave them to Pfc. Michael Callahan of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., to hang up to dry. A short time later Callahan was seen washing them all over again in a tub.

"Unfortunately I hung them where the darned haws get into 'em," said Callahan.

Tonight when Callahan went to get the shorts hanging on a hedge he found they had been hit by German shrapnel.

"Good thing I wasn't in them," chuckled Bell.

Pole Premier In Moscow For Meeting

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (AP)—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who flew here today from London with other leaders of the Polish government-in-exile, conferred with British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden late today in the initial phase of negotiations for unity between the London and Moscow-sponsored Polish groups.

As Mikolajczyk and Eden conferred, there was general belief that the differences between the Soviet-sponsored Polish committee of National Liberation and the London government-in-exile would be settled some way before Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Joseph Stalin close their conferences.

It was understood that the Polish premier would see the highest Anglo-Soviet leaders before he again met the chief members of the Lublin committee with whom he failed to agree here two months ago.

Bulgarian Troops Leave Greece

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Moscow radio carried a Bulgarian announcement early today that Bulgaria's troops and administrative officials have now been withdrawn from Greek territory in compliance with allied demands established as a preliminary to armistice negotiations.

While there was no specific mention of evacuation of Yugoslav territory—another allied stipulation—the broadcast said Premier Simon Georgiev of Bulgaria had agreed to all the conditions set forth by the allies.

Georgiev, in a note to the Russian commander in Sofia, Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin, said, "The evacuation of Bulgarian troops from Greek territory was undertaken Oct. 10 by decision of the council of ministers and the evacuation of the officials and transfer of administrative power to the local population was begun much earlier. It has already been completed."

Sugar Production Up

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Sugar will be more plentiful in a few weeks as a result of increasing production by sugar beet mills in the west and midwest, the war food administration said today.

Reds Prepare For Crossing Into Germany

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Russian troops battled their way to within nine miles of the big German rail center of Tilsit yesterday, hurling the enemy back across the East Prussian frontier on a 110-mile front in western Lithuania as they prepared for their first crossing in strength into pre war Germany.

A Moscow communiqué announced that other Soviet forces had driven to within five miles of Riga, Latvian capital, and to within 15 miles of the west Latvian port of Liepaja, steadily hacking up the estimated 150,000 axis troops cut off by the red army's salient which three days ago reached the Baltic coast north of impelled Memel.

Although the Algiers radio reported that Russian troops had broken into Memel's streets, and Berlin said that a furious tank battle was underway just a few miles from the East Prussian port, the Moscow bulletin did not announce any further gains in the immediate Memel area.

In the south other Soviet forces captured the western Romanian rail hub of Oradea, main escape route for Nazi troops retreating in Transylvania and drove another spearhead to within 60 miles of impelled Budapest as they widened their hold along the east bank of the Tisza river, last big water barrier before the Hungarian capital.

Bong Gets 30th Plane; New U.S. Ace of Aces

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Friday, Oct. 13 (AP)—Maj. Richard Bong's 29th and 30th enemy planes shot down, making him America's ace of aces, were bagged in Tuesday's big raid on Japan's oil refinery base of Balikpapan, Borneo, headquarters disclosed today.

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Yankees Mass for Final Assault Against Aachen

Gov. Bricker Asks That Government Go Back to People

2000 Hear Talk By Republican Nominee Here

By S. Boyd Hillen

The government of the United States must be returned to the people, a housecleaning held in Washington—and Gov. Tom Dewey is the man to handle both jobs, Gov. John W. Bricker told 2000 Oregonians who assembled before the capitol Thursday afternoon to hear the republican candidate for vice president.

Introduced by Oregon's Gov. Earl Snell, the Ohioan, here for a brief stop of 90 minutes en route to Eugene, lost no time in getting into his stride, lashing the new deal and declaring as a climax that "16 years is too long for any man to occupy the important office of president; it gives too much power; and, worse still, too much desire for power; too much money to spend; all of which creates a bureaucracy and ends up in autocracy."

Oregon "Republican" "Everywhere we hear Oregon will go republican this year," Governor Bricker said.

The candidate described the two great political parties "symbols of what we have accomplished to give this nation its high standing in international affairs. However, the ideals which these two parties have built up through the years is endangered."

"As long as the several states maintain government by the people the values will hold, but once lost the freedom of which we are so proud is also lost."

Candidates Praised

"In the endeavor to put the government back into the hands of the people the election of your candidates for the United States senate is an important matter. When Governor Dewey becomes president he will need (Wayne) Morse and (Guy) Cordon. The same thing goes for your congressmen. They will be needed to support the administration of the new president."

Bricker also paid high tribute to Governor Snell, who introduced the Ohioan as "the next vice president of the United States"—a comment which drew a long ovation.

(Additional details of Salem and Eugene appearances on pages 13 and 18.)

Heltzel, First Ration Board Head, Resigns

John A. Heltzel, first and to date only chairman of Salem's World War II war price and rationing board, Thursday announced his resignation as chairman and member of the board.

Heltzel, appointed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague nearly three years ago, declared in his letter to the board that "this is necessary to prevent further neglect of my professional duties."

Adding Machine Error Sends War Chest Campaign Tumbling

An adding machine error sent official figures in the Salem United War Chest campaign tumbling Thursday but failed to lower hopes of more than 500 solicitors who expect to fill the \$24,000-capacity chest to overflowing by Monday noon's final report luncheon.

Officially, Thursday noon, the chest total was \$72,347, but by this morning partially checked reports had placed the unofficial figure about \$75,000.

In an effort to get statistics accurately aligned, war chest campaigners have been asked to meet this noon at the Marion for a luncheon session devoted entirely to the drive.

Each other report luncheon, Lowell Kern, chest president, pointed out Thursday, has carried news of the drive's progress to a service club. Today's, he declared, "should tell chest workers where we stand and should send us out with the ammunition to complete the campaign. Every worker who can be in the downtown area at the noon hour is urged to attend."

Weather
Maximum temperature Thursday 60 degrees, minimum 49 degrees, .23 inches rain, river -3 ft. 3 in.
Mostly cloudy west, partly cloudy east, with occasional showers Friday and Saturday. Slightly cooler east portion Friday.

85% of City Is Ruined; Nazis Risk Planes

By Howard Cowan
LONDON, Oct. 13 (AP)—The German high command hurled 150 fighter planes into the defense of flaming Aachen last night as American infantry wrested a northeastern factory suburb from the stand-and-die garrison and massed for the final assault on this ancient invasion gateway to the reich.

Eighty-five percent of Aachen—subjected to a greater ordeal by fire than any part of the reich had undergone before—lay in smoking ruins, pilots reported after 500 tons of bombs were rained during the day on this historic city of German kings.

Nazi Planes Appear The swarm of Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfes droned over, apparently bent on attacking the siege lines, just as the last American bombs were crashing down, and some US fighterbombers turned to attack with a ton of bombs still lashed to their wings.

In the aerial-melee, 12 German planes were shot down, six more damaged and two other probable kills were registered, while four American fighters were shot from the sky.

Some Surrender Out of the smoking, rain-drenched ruin that was Aachen straggled a few soldiers and civilians, unwilling to stand longer with the 1500 of the garrison who since 1 p.m. yesterday have been sheltered with hundreds of tons of shells and bombs from artillery massed near the outskirts and clouds of warplanes roving over in endless procession.

Fighting methodically from factory to factory, the doughboys were routing the Germans in the outskirts with rifle and grenade, and a field dispatch said that among buildings cleared were two war plants, one making halftones and the other artillery wagons.

All day long a crack German division with 20 to 25 tanks beat without success against American lines north of Aachen, trying to relieve the doomed garrison through a mile-wide corridor between the siege positions.

The assault waves broke in a terrible barrage from American artillery, including 250-MM and eight-inch guns, which girdle the corridor.

Ex-Argentina President Dies

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 12 (AP)—Dr. Ramon S. Castillo, former president of Argentina, died tonight.

Castillo, 72 years old, was ousted from the presidency by the military coup of June 5, 1943.

He underwent two operations a little over a year ago and after a long period of convalescence in a hospital returned to his Buenos Aires home where he had been living quietly.

Castillo, who championed neutrality for Argentina in the present world war, was elevated to the presidency June 27, 1942, when the senate accepted the resignation of the near blind Roberto M. Ortiz as chief executive but actually he had ruled the country, as vice president, since July 3, 1940, when Ortiz took a leave of absence in a vain effort to recover his health.

Salem United War Chest

