

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, the Federal Communications commission is worried over the leapfrog method of pricing radio stations. As it says: the commission "has got a crick in its neck watching the prices of radio stations go up and up." There have been 105 stations sold so far in 1944, and many have sold at 10 times original cost, and one at 13 times its installation value.

What worries the FCC is not merely the inflation of value, because presumably that is based on earning power, present or anticipated, but because the trading actually though not admittedly involves the franchise right of a radio license, which is issued free by the government. Owing to the fact that the number of wavelengths for AC broadcasting are limited, ranging from 550 to 1500 on the spectrum, possession of a license does have a real value, usually far beyond the value of the physical assets invested in setting up for broadcasting.

Some time ago the sale was announced of KEX to Westinghouse for a reported \$400,000. Since the physical assets are being retained in all or in principal part by KGW the price represented.

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Agreement Due Soon on Yank German Policy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14-(AP)—Early agreement on the general lines of American policy for the long range control of Germany and especially German ability to make war in the future was foreseen by some well informed officials today.

Three weeks of public as well as private official debate over Secretary Morgenthau's original plan for ending the German menace by stripping the reich of its industry is understood to have cleared the official atmosphere considerably.

As a result, it is reported to excellent authority that Secretary Morgenthau and those who represent his viewpoint in interdepartmental committees formulating German control plans no longer insist on extreme deindustrialization of Germany. Apparently they are much closer to war and state department experts who favor control of the enemy's war making resources through selective elimination or control of such industries as synthetic oil manufacture and steel processing.

Here's Good News, Children

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14-(AP)—Santa Claus received a cheering message from the war production board today: more Christmas toys and better too.

More of the toys this year will be wooden, and fewer will be of paperboard.

More than 100,000 doll carriages will have metal wheels, and some wagons will have metal wheels WPA reported.

A small quantity of steel dishes will be in Santa's pack for the first time since war began.

Toy soldiers and miniature automobiles and trucks of zinc in limited quantity will be ready because of the easing of the zinc supply, WPA explained.

Wallace Joins PAC Committee

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 14-(AP)—Vice President Wallace joined the national citizens political action committee today and later waved his receipt for a \$1 contribution to the PAC fund at a luncheon meeting with the remark:

"I don't know why I had been passed by so long. Now I am a member of the common man's club."

The vice president wore on his lapel as he left here a PAC button in addition to an "FDR" pin which was the lapel's sole decoration when he arrived this morning.

Oregon Takes Lead in Recruiting for WACs

PORTLAND, Oct. 14-(AP)—Oregon recruited more WACs in September than any other state in the Ninth service command district, headquarters here announced today.

Los Angeles heat out the district in August.

Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 76 degrees, minimum 54 degrees, no rain, river—3 ft. 9 in.

Yanks Drive on Aachen's Heart

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Allied Force Frees Athens From Nazi Rule After 3 Years

Port of Piraeus Also Occupied; Corfu Captured

ROME, Oct. 14-(AP)—British and Greek troops, converging by sea and air today, occupied Athens and its nearby port of Piraeus and ended more than three years of tyrannical Nazi rule in the Greek capital.

A special communique announcing the liberation of Athens, taken by the Nazis in April, 1941, at the height of their Balkan conquests, said the operation was conducted by seaborne and airborne forces, but made no mention of any enemy opposition, indicating the truth of earlier unofficial reports that the Germans had withdrawn to the north and left the city in the hands of Greek partisans.

British Navy Used
The landing force was carried into port by the British navy, including some Greek ships.

"British airborne troops, carried in aircraft of the United States army air forces, played a leading part in the operation," the communique said, but the precise role of the airborne forces was not stated.

Seaboard Units Landed
The landing force was carried into port by the British navy, including some Greek ships.

Earlier, the surrender to other Greek landing forces of the Greek island of Corfu and the entrance to the Adriatic, which had been believed to be strongly defended, was announced. Not a shot was fired in the Corfu operation.

Rival Poles To Negotiate

MOSCOW, Oct. 14-(AP)—Rival Polish regimes from London and Lublin agreed to reopen formal negotiations tonight for a combined government, faced with grave differences but aware that the allied powers plainly are agreed on the urgent necessity for some sort of solution to their problems.

Although still at loggerheads over the question of the uprising in Warsaw, the Poles have decided to "let bygones be bygones," and exclude the Warsaw tragedy from their impending conversations.

Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill spent from 7:30 p.m. last night to 1 a.m. today conferring with the Poles. Their meeting with Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, premier of the London regime, and members of his delegation, lasted for two hours during this period. W. Averell Harriman, U.S. ambassador, was an observer.

Two Mid-Valley Men Wounded in Action

Sgt. Frank A. Porter, son of Mrs. L. E. Porter, route two, box 258, Salem, and Sgt. Lester J. Pickens, 88 Oak street, Lebanon, are listed today among the US army men wounded in action in the European theatre.

FDR Turns Down Forum Bid But Plans Active Campaign

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14-(AP)—President Roosevelt may carry his fourth term campaign personally into Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, in addition to his home state of New York, where an aggregate of 135 electoral votes are at stake.

It was said authoritatively today that these states are high on the presidential itinerary now under consideration, although the white house said no dates or places are ready for announcement.

Coincidentally with an announcement by Presidential Secretary Stephen Early that Mr. Roosevelt had declined an invitation to speak next Wednesday night on the New York Herald Tribune forum, democratic spokesmen said the chances are good that he will speak in Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago, probably after his address on international affairs before the foreign policy association in New York city next Saturday night.

Largest Force Of Superforts Slug Formosa

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 14-(AP)—American B29 Superfortresses from China bombed Formosa in force today (US time), the war department announced, putting the army in partnership with the navy in a week of devastating raids on Japanese inner defenses.

Gen. H. H. Arnold in Washington said the big bombers, in a larger number than ever engaged in any previous attack, centered their Formosa strike on Okayama, "the most important air target south of Japan proper," and returning crewmen's reports "indicate a successful attack."

(Tokyo radio said the Superfortresses were preceded by two Formosa raids by 450 American carrier planes. The US navy has not announced such raids.)

Indications pointed toward an approaching American invasion of the Philippines, or perhaps even Formosa or the Ryukyu islands above Formosa, was a near possibility.

Ship Workers Average Only \$3001 Yearly

"Shipyard wages"—which is another way of saying "bulging pockets" to many in this war industry area averaged \$3001 annually last year, the state industrial accident commission reported today.

The commission surveyed some 65,000 such workers in the Portland area to obtain the figure, which a spokesman said, refutes the belief that \$100 weekly wages are common.

Fewer than one in 20 workers were paid \$4000 or more, while about 20 per cent got upwards of \$3000. The general average for all workers, including full and part time, was \$1843.

Full-time workers in the lumber industry, second in size to shipbuilding, made an average of \$2378 a year, and all workers, including part timers, made \$1758.

Moscow Talks Eyed Closely

LONDON, Oct. 14-(AP)—The Churchill-Stalin talks in Moscow this week have been watched anxiously in this international capital where many believe the outcome can make or break the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world peace.

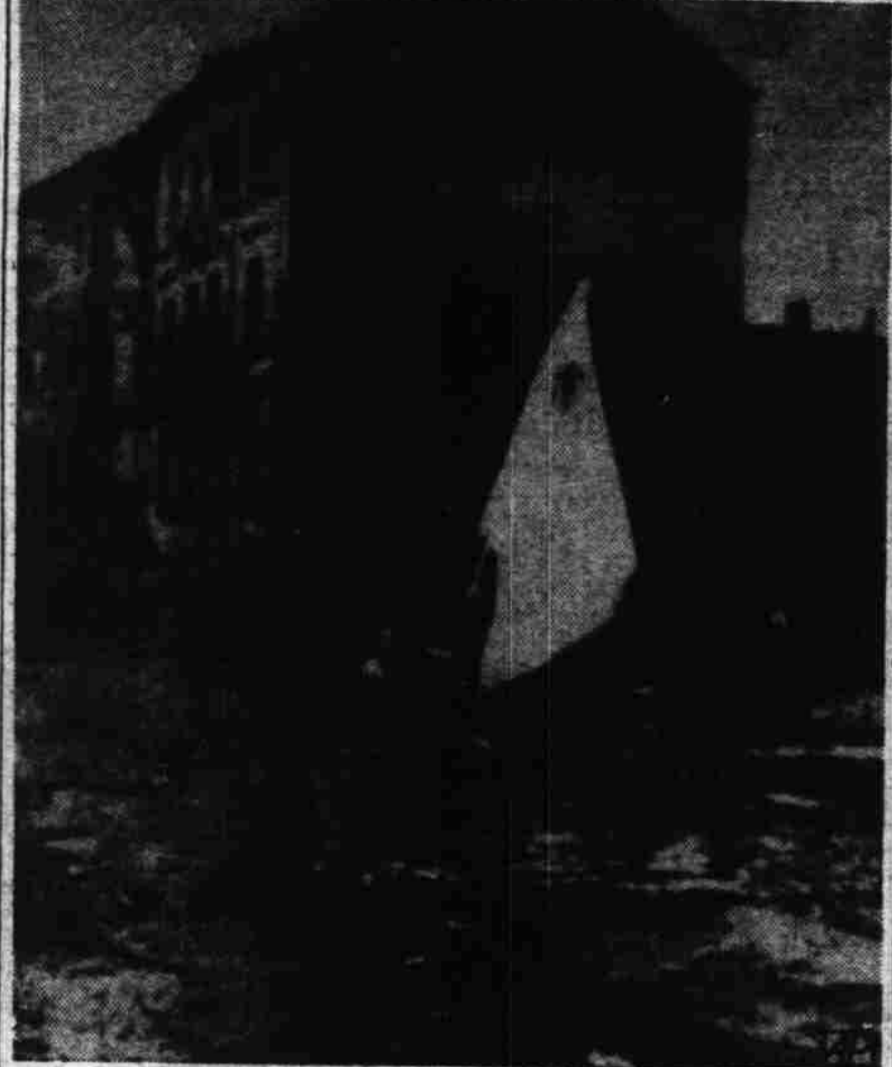
It so happened that the British prime minister's arrival in Moscow with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden coincided with the publication here of the text of the federal communications commission's report on the project in the press and in diplomatic quarters, consequently, has been dominated by a keen awareness that some of the issues under discussion in Moscow were the kind that in past generations have wrecked the concert of powers and led to great wars.

14 Oregon Plants Can Make Civilian Goods

PORTLAND, Oct. 14-(AP)—Fourteen Oregon plants have been given the green light to manufacture civilian goods to the annual value of \$1,894,000, Paul Hirsch, deputy regional director of the war production board, said today.

Hirsch said that reconversion to civilian production in Oregon under the "spot authorization" plan represents a large contribution to the national total.

Yanks Carry Ultimatum



Three American soldiers, one with a white flag of truce made from a bed sheet, carry the "surrender or be destroyed" ultimatum to the besieged German city of Aachen. The American demand was refused, resulting in the bombardment of Aachen. (AP wirephoto via signal corps radio)

Japs Have Cigarette Shortage, Too, if That Helps Matter

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 14-(AP)—There is a cigarette shortage in Japan, too.

The Japanese Domei (news) agency in a broadcast intercepted by the federal communications commission said seven expensive brands of cigarettes were suspended today.

A new tiple cigarette will be issued, along with a shredded tobacco for "roll your own" exponents, Domei said.

U.S. General Nazi Prisoner

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14-(AP)—The war department disclosed today that Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman of Millville, N.J., has been captured, the first American general officer to become a prisoner of Germany.

General Vanaman's internment in Germany was disclosed in an announcement of an award to him of the Legion of Merit for prior service in this country as commander of the Oklahoma City air service command.

First reported missing in action over Germany last June 27 while acting as an observer on an aerial bombing mission, Vanaman was ascertained on September 18 to be a prisoner of war in Germany, the department said.

Laval, French Writers Get Trials in Absentia

NEW YORK, Oct. 14-(AP)—The Paris radio said today Pierre Laval, chief of government in the Vichy regime, would be tried in absentia for "intelligence with the enemy."

In a broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission, the Paris announcer said the cases against Laval and three prominent pro-Nazi French newspapermen had been completed by a Marseille court and turned over to the Marseille regional commissioner, who will decide when the trial will be held.

New 'Super Fuel' To Power Allied Planes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14-(AP)—A new "super-fuel" will give planes of the United Nations "even greater superiority over the Japanese air fleets," Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator, said today.

Allies Shove Stubborn Nazis Back in Italy

ROME, Oct. 14-(AP)—British and American troops showed the stubborn Germans back along virtually the entire front in Italy today, and Canadian infantry and tanks struck brilliantly across the southern edge of the Po plain to within four miles of strategic Cesena.

Cesena is 17 miles northwest of the Adriatic seacoast jump-off point of Rimini, and 13 miles farther up the Via Emilia on the route to Bologna lies Forli, an even more important highway town and objective.

Only the coastal sector north of Rimini where they are dug in along the Fiumicino river were the Germans holding firm. The Canadians drove on without retreat to this force on their right flank.

The American Fifth army to the west was fighting steadily up the mountains. It was within nine miles of the Bologna-Rimini highway at two points and was engaged in a bitter battle 10 miles south of Bologna itself.

Clear skies, welcome release from the almost ceaseless rains of Italy's autumn, were allowing the sodden battlefields to dry and releasing the pent-up armor of the Eighth army.

Jury Acquits Mrs. Andrews

SALINAS, Calif., Oct. 14-(AP)—Mrs. Frances Andrews, Carmel socialite, charged with the murder of Jay Lovett, 19-year-old farm boy, was acquitted by a jury of eight women and four men late today.

The verdict was returned at 5:15 p.m. after six hours and 18 minutes of deliberation. The jury took only one ballot. It was unanimous for acquittal.

Mrs. Andrews, 37, was calm as the verdict was returned and shook hands with her attorney and friends.

James Mott Will Speak At Victory Luncheon

Congressman James W. Mott will be speaker at Monday noon's Victory luncheon of the Salem United War Chest and Salem Chamber of Commerce in the floral room of the chamber.

Tito, Reds Fight Into Belgrade

Hungary's Fate Being Decided In Tank Battle

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 15-(AP)—Russian and Yugoslav partisan forces fought their way into the 2000-year-old fortress city of Belgrade yesterday and began a street battle against a doomed German garrison whose commander and staff fled, Marshal Tito's headquarters announced last night.

With Berlin acknowledging "strong motorized" Soviet forces had reached the Yugoslav capital and Moscow telling of the capture of its suburbs, the fall of the city was expected shortly.

In Hungary the fate of that last big axis satellite nation, was being decided in great, four-day-old tank battles raging on the Magyar plains between Szolnok, 50 miles southeast of Budapest and Debrecen, 115 miles east of the Hungarian capital. Budapest's leaders were reported seeking armistice terms.

A late DNB German news agency report said the Hungarian battle was in a "complete state of flux," and said the bitterest fighting was at Debrecen, last big escape route for German and Hungarian forces fleeing from Transylvania.

A Bulgarian communique also announces the fall of Nis, key junction on the Belgrade-Athens and Belgrade-Sofia railways 128 miles southeast of the Yugoslav capital. Yugoslav partisans combined with Bulgarian units under General Stanchev in the liberation of that town, Sofia announced. Many prisoners and much booty was seized, it said.

Planes Blast Nippon Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Sunday, Oct. 15-(AP)—Allied bombers have raided Japanese installations at Amboina and Ceram, dropping 130 tons of bombs, today's communique announced.

The Ceram airbases were pounded and strafed. This raid occurred Thursday.

At Boela, oil storage tanks were fired in an attack Friday. One fighter was lost by anti-aircraft fire.

Concentrations of trapped Japanese near Wewak were pounded by heavy and medium bombers, 50 tons of explosives being dropped upon them.

Another 58 tons were dropped by bombers that made harassing raids over the Bismarck, Bougainville and the Shortlands.

Greeks, Flying British Planes, Aid Liberation

ROME, Oct. 14-(AP)—Greek pilots flying RAF Spitfires are participating in the liberation of their homeland and air ministry announcement said today.

The airmen were all in the Greek air force before the fall of Greece and many made daring escapes after German occupation to join RAF forces in the middle east.

Morse Warns Against Class Warfare in KSLM Address

"There must be no pitting of class against class or economic group against economic group in this nation," Wayne Morse, candidate for the United States senate, declared in Salem on Saturday night as he spoke over radio station KSLM. "Our strength and prosperity," he added, "are based upon the mutual interest of all of us. . . Labor cannot be prosperous unless farmers and business are prosperous. The nation cannot prosper if a part of the nation suffers from economic illness."

Those who seek to develop an all-powerful executive branch of government which will control the daily activities of farmer, worker and businessman are making the same claims of efficiency for such a government that fascists and nazis made for a similar form of government, Morse maintained. "We can have efficiency, prosperity and security under our

Civilians Streaming From Burning City; Corridor Narrowed

Mauled Relief Forces Unable To Give Support

By Howard Cowan
LONDON, Oct. 14-(AP)—U. S. troops converged from three directions tonight on the heart of Aachen, which at least for the moment was left to its fate by German relief columns so badly mauled outside the stricken city that for 24 hours they have been unable to muster a counterattack.

From the northeast, the east and the southeast, the infantry dug the dwindling German garrison from houses and cellars, moving slowly through the rubble to hold down casualties, while long lines of civilians streamed from the burning city into the American positions.

The U. S. first army could afford to take its time, for the half-mile wide corridor leading from the city was as good as closed after a few small units were believed to have slipped in last night to swivel the garrison to perhaps 2000 men.

Furthermore the crack German infantry and tank divisions which threw the British out of the Arnhem bridgehead, then were rushed south to Aachen, lay bleeding in the fields northeast of the city, numbed by aerial and artillery bombardment that knocked out more than 80 tanks.

Efforts fail
Every effort to bring up more tanks in an attempt to throw the Americans from hard-won positions at the entrance to the great German plain had been frustrated, a high American officer said.

The British second army to the north, moving up its lines toward the Maas river facing Germany midway between Arnhem and Aachen, hammered out a half-mile gain south of Overloon. They fought through mire across the bodies of Germans who refused to yield an inch.

Canadians on the eastward flank were under large-scale assault from strong enemy forces who were trying to drive them from positions astride the South Beveland causeway, where Dominion troops have cut off escape by land for Germans on the islands in the Schelde estuary.

On the southern end of the 460-mile front, the German communique said the U. S. seventh army had gone over to the attack in strong force on a broad front east of Remiremont, 30 miles north of Belfort.

Service Gift Deadline Near

Christmas packages for service men over seas will be accepted for mailing until the postoffice closes Monday night. This was the announcement of Henry R. Crawford, Salem postmaster, Saturday night.

Sealing of cans with Christmas gifts will be handled until 5 o'clock Monday at the office of Marjorie Tye, Marion county home demonstration agent.

The extra day was allowed because the final date fell on Sunday, an announcement from the postoffice department in Washington stated. Long lines of persons with packages to mail crowded the postoffice at all hours Saturday as relatives and friends hurried to get their gifts in the mail before the deadline Monday.

Democrats Will Open Party Headquarters

Democrat party headquarters will be opened this week in room 400 of the First National bank building, Kenneth Bayne, county central committee chairman, announced Saturday night.

'Egg' Aimed at Sinatra Starts Theater Riot

NEW YORK, Oct. 14-(AP)—Something—most observers said it was an egg—struck Frank Sinatra as he sang "I Don't Know Why" on the Paramount theatre stage tonight, halting the show and touching off an audience disturbance that police had difficulty in quelling.

The pit orchestra, led by Raymond Paige, struck up the National anthem as the disturbance was at its height, and the shrieking and pushing began to subside. The youth believed to have done the throwing was released, at Sinatra's request, after questioning in the manager's office.

RAF Armadas Blast German Cities in Night

LONDON, Oct. 15-(Sunday) (AP)—The RAF bombed Germany early today with one of the largest night armadas ever seen by coast watchers, hard on the heels of the 3300-plane daylight raids on Duisburg, Cologne and other German cities.

Watchers in southern England, seasoned to the drone of night bombers, said the force which swept toward the continent shortly after midnight may have been the largest ever massed for an attack on Germany.

A considerable force of craft believed to have been Mosquitoes spearheaded the constant stream of heavy bombers traveling southeast.

At 1 a. m. the German radio warning service reported there were no enemy planes over the reich, but shortly afterward Nazi radio stations exploded into a series of warnings.

Hungary Asks Peace, Radio Ankara Says

LONDON, Oct. 14-(AP)—Hungary, her capital helpless in the path of the red army, has sent a delegation to Moscow to ask for peace, the Ankara radio said tonight.

There was no confirmation of the report, which said that the delegation "is already on the way," but there have been persistent reports all week that the Hungarians were seeking an armistice.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce said in a dispatch from Moscow that the political circumstances surrounding the red army's conquest of Hungary "may be compared" with those under which the Italian armistice was kept secret for five days. The point was not further amplified and several paragraphs were missing from the dispatch, perhaps a result of censorship deletions.

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Sinatra said later, exhibiting a stain on the left side of his light gray jacket, that he certainly was hit by something but "I don't think it was an egg." "It was small and moist enough to have been a grape," he added.

Salem United War Chest

