

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

When the late Jim Hill built the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad (jointly owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, but popularly credited to Jim Hill of the G. N.) it was said that a railroad on the rails at Spokane could run downhill all the way to Portland. Of course this isn't literally true; for instance the road has to climb out of the Spokane river valley to reach the plateau near Cheney, though it is downhill the remainder of the way.

What the railroad managers wanted and what the engineers gave them was a road with low grades for the easy movement of freight. The SP&S has a grade of .4 per cent, which is one of the lowest in the country. Its volume of traffic however is restricted because after all it is the child of two vigorous parents both of which have their major terminals on Puget Sound.

The importance from the standpoint of operating efficiency of a road with low grade is indicated in the news that the SP&S has bought two engines each of which weighs 1,081,000. (our AP report added three ciphers, but that would bring the weight to 300,000 tons which cracks one's imagination, let alone the company's bridges). This monster (Continued on Editorial Page)

World Security Depends Upon Jobs for All

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Declaring that "Peace can be just about what America makes it," Bernard M. Baruch said tonight that world security could be attained "if we provide jobs for all."

Baruch, special adviser to the director of war mobilization, told the New York Herald Tribune forum on current problems in a prepared talk.

"The objective of a world community is not so academic as it seems. In fact, supplying everyone who need it and who is willing to work, even including the Hottentots, with a quart of milk a day might prove an economic as well as social advantage. It might even be profitable."

After reviewing the events following World War I, Baruch asserted: "This time we must be prepared to enforce the peace with arms and men, with an international authority based upon real cooperation. I am more confident than the last time because both parties have committed themselves to the principle of world security."

Among others who spoke at the night session were War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug, Ferdinand Eberstadt, former vice chairman of the WPB, and James B. Carey, secretary of the congress of industrial organizations.

Japs Advance On Pinyang

CHUNGKING, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Reinforced Japanese troops operating in two columns are advancing on the west river town of Pinyang 80 miles south of Lichow, site of an important US air base, the Chinese high command announced today.

Chinese positions about 12 miles west and northwest of the town were attacked yesterday after the arrival of enemy reinforcements, the Chinese report.

The Chinese communicate today also reported that fighting continued 25 miles north of Kweilin, where the Japanese west of the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad town of Hingan are trying to smash Chinese defenses in order to outflank Kweilin on the west or attack it directly.

Postwar Planners Study Program to Place Salem on Top With Air Transport Facilities

McNary field with an estimated present capacity of 45 landings and takeoffs an hour was visualized in the not-too-distant future as the home port of a thousand private planes, and numerous sky freighters and passenger liners, by a group of postwar planners meeting Tuesday night in the chamber of commerce with Alderman Tom Armstrong presiding.

Held for the specific purpose of sketching a tentative plan, which might be enlarged or developed in the immediate postwar period, the meeting was attended by representatives of the United Air Lines, the civil aeronautics authority, major oil companies, local pilots, visiting pilots, city officials and businessmen—all interested in securing a firm grip on the potentials involved in a modern air field after the war to guarantee that Salem would be able to compete for business which inevitably, it was

One Look at U. S. Navy Enough for Jap Fleet; Soviets Open Strong New Attack on Prussia

Germany Reports Assault

Red Air Force Heavily Bombs Path of Advance

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 18 (AP)—A tremendous new Russian offensive aimed straight west toward the heart of East Prussia was announced by alarmed German broadcasters yesterday, and the Soviet midnight communique described heavy red air force bombings all along the path of advance as far as Interburg, 37 miles inside the German Junkers' homeland.

The Russians did not directly confirm the offensive by Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian army group, but left little doubt that it was in progress. 25-Mile Front

The German radio said the new attack was along a 25-mile front on both sides of the Lithuanian town of Vilkaviskis and declared it was backed by forests of artillery and spearheaded by low-flying Stormovik planes. The Russians already were at the border at points west of Interburg.

The Moscow communique announced a further cleanup south and southwest of Riga, the captured Latvian capital, with the remaining German forces in that Baltic state driven into the corner between the gulf of Riga and the Baltic sea. One of their last useful ports, Ventspils, was bombed heavily.

Russia Silent

While silent concerning land action against East Prussia, the Russians announced a further slashing drive in northern Transylvania had carried within two miles of the southern border of the Carpatho-Ukraine territory which Hungary took from dismembered Czechoslovakia, and told of further small gains southwest and west of Nis in Yugoslavia.

Street fighting continued in Belgrade, with the Russians and Yugoslav partisans teamed in battling the Germans for the Yugoslav capital.

Salem Chest Pledges Now Total \$108,569

The Salem United War Chest total of pledges and payments tallied this morning stands at \$108,569 but no audit yet completed shows all divisions over the top.

Possibility that all divisions may have reached their quotas is seen by Campaign Chairman E. Burr Miller. However, Miller said Tuesday night he hesitated to hazard a definite statement because accuracy rather than speed has become the watchword in chest headquarters as the final returns come in.

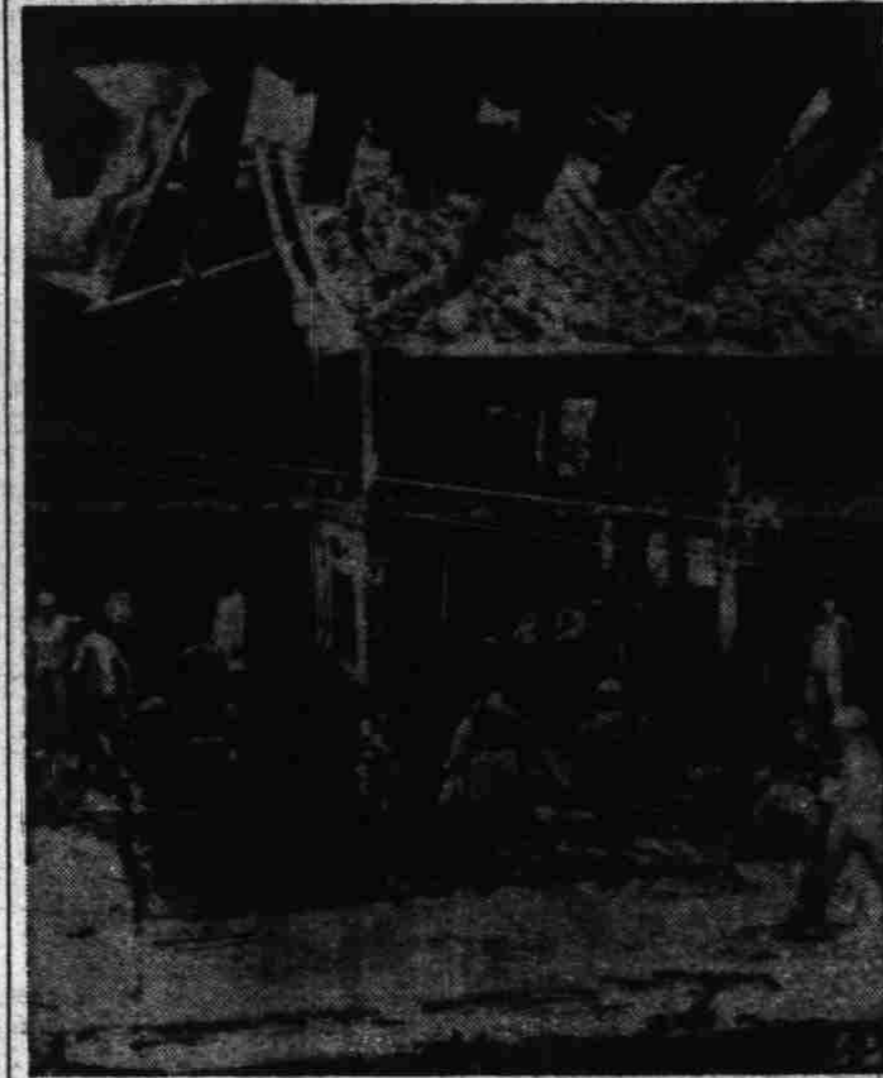
There has been no slackening of work among division solicitors, and in no division has the last report been received, Miller indicated.

Postwar Planners Study Program to Place Salem on Top With Air Transport Facilities

McNary field with an estimated present capacity of 45 landings and takeoffs an hour was visualized in the not-too-distant future as the home port of a thousand private planes, and numerous sky freighters and passenger liners, by a group of postwar planners meeting Tuesday night in the chamber of commerce with Alderman Tom Armstrong presiding.

Held for the specific purpose of sketching a tentative plan, which might be enlarged or developed in the immediate postwar period, the meeting was attended by representatives of the United Air Lines, the civil aeronautics authority, major oil companies, local pilots, visiting pilots, city officials and businessmen—all interested in securing a firm grip on the potentials involved in a modern air field after the war to guarantee that Salem would be able to compete for business which inevitably, it was

Chinese View Wrecked Homes



Chinese natives view wreckage of their homes in Tengchung after their return to the Chinese city taken from the Japanese by Chinese troops in a drive to reopen the Burma Road. (AP wirephoto).

Nazis to Wage All-Out Battle For Bologna

ROME, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Nazi Field Marshal Albert Kesselring apparently has decided to fight for Bologna, and German troops have been shipped into position to make a bitter, all-out fight for the ancient city in the foothills of the Apennines, allied headquarters announced today.

The American Fifth and British Eighth armies gathered a few more slippery hills into their lines, but Marshal Kesselring still was frustrating the months-long allied endeavor to destroy his army and chase its remnants out of Italy.

The Fifth army, in small but important gains before Bologna, advanced past Lamina and Casa di Bortignano along the highway from Florence, reaching a point nine miles from Bologna's outskirts. Further east American troops reached points north of the bulge in the Castel del Rio-Castel San Pietro road and penetrated to the southern slopes of the hill town of Santa Anna and the village of Baccanello.

Nazis Planned to Land in England via Eire

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Nazi war maps, found in Brussels by allied intelligence officers, disclosed that the Germans planned to invade by England by way of neutral Eire, the London radio said tonight.

The broadcast, recorded by the CBS shortwave listening station, said the maps were prepared for the purpose of invasion in 1940, but the attempt was frustrated by the Royal air force and the Royal navy.

Beverage Tax Quota Assigned Counties

Marion county receives \$1779.50 and Salem, \$1577.50 in the new quarterly distribution of the privilege tax on manufacturers and importing distributors of malt and alcoholic beverages. The aggregate of the tax which goes to Oregon counties and cities is \$55,619.04. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., announced here Tuesday.

Polk county's share of the tax is \$651.65; Dallas receives \$182.62; Linn, \$962.18; Albany, \$228.58; Yamhill, \$907.21; McMinnville, \$188.16; Lane, \$1875.74; Boone, \$1065.60; Multnomah, \$2411.09; Portland, \$15,587.75.

Nazi Papers Suspended

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Argentine government ordered the suspension of two pro-Nazi newspapers today, the German Daily Deutsche La Plata Zeitung and the Italian Mattino D'Italia.

Nazis Wilt In Attacks At Aachen

Powerful Allied Forces Sparring All Along Front

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The first day without a German counterattack since the Nazi line was breached at Aachen has passed and the German defenders of the city still are virtually sealed off from their supporting forces and supplies.

Although officers at supreme allied headquarters would not confirm the view, it was considered possible that the high command had given up hope of saving Aachen or that the furious allied air attacks on Cologne and Duisburg had made German rescue attempts impossible.

Powerful American and British forces sparred warily with the enemy yesterday all along the 85-mile battle line paralleling the Dutch-German border from Aachen in Germany to Arnheim in Holland.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' American first army probed cautiously north and northeast of Aachen, where the nazis, repelled in five furious attempts to break into the encircled city of Aachen in recent days, had rolled up a heavy concentration of tanks and mobile guns.

British Second army troops fought through the streets to the center of the Dutch highway town of Venray, eight miles from the German frontier, and pushed an armored column three miles south and cut the Venray-Deurne road. American armor was disclosed to be in position on the British right flank, but was not yet reported to have been hurled into action.

In the Overloon area, north of Venray, the nazis were reported pulling out of a pocket approximately 5000 yards long and from 700 to 2000 yards wide along the Meuse river, leaving the area a no-man's land.

FDR Says His Health's Good

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he is in pretty good health.

This was his closing remark in a brief news conference exchange begun when a reporter asked whether the president had read reports "by some of our more rugged correspondents" concerning the state of his health.

Mr. Roosevelt laughed. He urged the reporter not to get him to comment on the word "rugged" or he might say something for which he would be sorry. Also, he added, he knew a little something more about the health of some reporters than they do of his.

Japs Become 'Human Bullets' Says Tokyo

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Tokyo radio has its own way of attesting to the effectiveness of the fire power of the American fleet. Today it quoted a Japanese newspaper as saying the moment Japanese armor goes into action against that fleet they turn themselves into human bullets—because they don't expect to get back.

The broadcast was recorded in San Francisco by the Blue network.

Penicillin Discoverer Wins Year's Nobel Prize

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—This year's Nobel prize for medicine has been awarded to Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, the Berner radio said tonight.

The Swiss transmission, monitored by NBC, quoted a London broadcast.

Physical Condition Of Nazis Soldiers Reaches Bad State

WITH US NINTH AIR FORCE IN LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A German soldier ran out of a trench in the shattered Siegfried line today heading toward American positions with only one arm raised overhead. Doughboys to whom he surrendered discovered his other arm was made of wood.

In the same area a captured German captain was wearing thick glasses. He displayed a scroll saying, "This officer is to be excused in case he fails to salute a superior officer. He is blind in one eye and cannot see well out of the other."

These oddities shedding some light on Hitler's manpower problems were related by Lt. William E. Byers, Portland, Ore., a Lightning pilot.

Cologne Takes Heavy Beating From Bombers

LONDON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Thirteen hundred heavy bombers of the US eighth air force poured 4000 tons of explosives on Cologne today in that ruined German city's 140th raid of the war and the tenth in October alone, while US 15th air force Liberators from Italian bases assaulted Vienna again.

More than 3500 British-based American heavy bombers have hit Cologne in the last four days, and RAF Mosquitoes have struck it three times in the last week, leaving little doubt that the US first army, once it finishes off Aachen, is headed for the Rhine river Metropolis.

RAF Mosquitoes slashed at Cologne Monday night, "just to keep their home fires burning," as one returning airman said. Then the American heavyweights went over a few hours later.

Even though they made their runs about 10 a. m., in an effort to beat the cloud formations that were closing in, much of the bombing had to be done by instruments.

Charles Collar Now Missing

Sgt. Charles Collar, Salem high school graduate whose wife and two children reside in Lebanon, has been reported missing in action since September 13. The bomber on which he was gunner failed to return from a raid over Germany.

Son of the Rev. E. W. Collar, former pastor of the Nazarene church in Salem, Sgt. Collar had been overseas the past five months and in the service approximately a year when he was reported missing. He was employed by the Eastman Kodak company in Portland prior to entering the service.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Collar make their home in Oklahoma City, Okla. A brother, Keith Collar, is with the merchant marine service.

Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate to Stop Here Today

Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri, democratic vice presidential candidate, who will talk briefly from the observation platform of his special car today when the Southern Pacific's north-bound Oregonian stops in Salem at 3:25 p. m.

Truman is en route from California to Seattle for a major campaign address there tomorrow night. He will address a democratic banquet in Portland tonight.

His Salem appearance was announced by Kenneth Baynes, chairman of the district central committee.

Yanks Pour Steady Stream of Bombs On Philippine Isles

Nimitz Reveals New Naval Base Seized in Western Carolines; Tokyo Account of Battle Spiked

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Giant American carrier task forces, operating in such strength that a Japanese naval force took one look and fled, are pouring a steady rain of bombs on the Philippines, while to the east a new naval base has been seized in the western Carolines. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced tonight.

Whereas last night's communique said the carrier plane attacks were being sustained against Luzon, the Philippine island on which Manila is situated, tonight's merely specified "objectives in the Philippines."

The new naval base is at Ulithi, where 81st division army troops landed September 20 and 21 without opposition. Nimitz kept it a secret so long because there was reason to believe the Japanese didn't know about it.

Whereas last night's communique said the carrier plane attacks were being sustained against Luzon, the Philippine island on which Manila is situated, tonight's merely specified "objectives in the Philippines."

The new naval base is at Ulithi, where 81st division army troops landed September 20 and 21 without opposition. Nimitz kept it a secret so long because there was reason to believe the Japanese didn't know about it.

The carrier plane attacks in the Philippines were meshed with land-based strikes by Gen. Douglas MacArthur who reported a fighter sweep over Mindanao.

The new landing, made last September but kept secret until today, was achieved without opposition on Ulithi atoll in the western Caroline group. Eighty-first division army troops, of the same group which aided in the invasion of the southern Palau, went ashore on Ulithi Sept. 20 and 21.

Ulithi is 100 miles east of Yap and is northeast of Palau. It has one of the best harbors in the western Pacific.

Planes Blast Nippon Convoy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, Oct. 18 (AP)—The first big all- fighter raiding party to sweep the Philippines penetrated far north into Mindanao Monday and surprised a Japanese convoy on a highway, destroying 83 trucks and six staff cars, today's communique announced.

The Americans apparently caught the Japanese, entirely by surprise in a bold daylight raid for the fighters flew low and struck not only the convoy but also the important Cagayan and Matika airdromes.

They attacked a cavalry troop and inflicted heavy casualties before the horsemen could scatter.

Despite the distance from their bases, the fighters evidently spent many minutes in the target area as they flew along the highway that connects Macajalar bay and Davao gulf, seeking targets of opportunity.

Hurricane Hits Cuba, Florida

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 17.—(AP)—A vicious tropical hurricane isolated the Isle of Pines tonight, sent advance gales roaring over western Cuba and threatened the Florida Keys with their worst blow since the storm disaster of 1935.

The raging winds knocked out the government radio in Nueva Gerona, principal city of the peaceful tourist islet south of Cuba, and there was no word from the population of less than 10,000 persons.

The hurricane was bearing down on the vicinity of metropolitan Havana. The United States weather bureau said hurricane winds of 75 miles an hour or higher would be blowing by early Wednesday morning over the Florida Keys, where some 500 first world war veterans lost their lives in a terrific storm on Labor day, 1935.

Weather
Maximum temperature Tuesday 70 degrees, minimum 44 degrees, no rain, river -3 ft. 4 in.
Clear Wednesday and Thursday but a. m., fog west portion. Little temperature change.