

By Charles Sprague

Speaking before the Salem Kiwanis club this week Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator for Bonneville power, defended the policy of constructing transmission lines from federal power projects to make the power available over the area to be served. He warned that while opposition to the building of dams by the government was quiescent there was a persistent opposition to the construction of the transmission lines.

He also reiterated the limitations on government activity in the field of distribution, stating that the law did not permit the government to engage in retail distribution but allowed it to serve as producer and wholesaler of power.

So far as the people of Oregon are concerned I think they recognize that the government which has built the dam is justified in constructing the general transmission lines. Otherwise power would not be available all over the area save through some intermediary. The spread of the powerful transmission lines also makes possible a spread of industry utilizing power and permits a blanket rate over a wide area. The two latter features have appealed to communities situated at some distance from the power plants themselves.

While it is true that private companies are interconnected, their lines are not heavy enough to carry the full load that must be moved from the huge generators at Bonneville

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Central Control Of World's Air Lanes in Issue

CHICAGO, Nov. 2. (AP)—Central control of world air transport economics became the declared issue of the international civil aviation conference today, with Canada and the United States presenting opposing views before the delegates from 51 countries.

Canada's leading delegate declared the US plan for making world air routes by two-party agreements among nations was "unrealistic" while the United States spokesman called the British proposal for an international air authority a "splendid dream."

Statements of policy by the leaders of the delegations from the two North American nations outlined sharply the basic differences in concept of the conference goal, and subsequent speeches indicated lines of support for the opposing views.

Canada clearly is spearheading a British empire plan for an international air authority tantamount to the United States civil aeronautics board with power to allocate routes and schedules, fix rates and fares, and govern competitive practices for airlines connecting nations.

75 to 80 Per Cent Vote Expected in Oregon

Between 75 and 80 per cent of the registered voters of Oregon will cast their ballots at next Tuesday's general election, state election bureau officials here estimated Thursday.

Seventy nine per cent of the registered voters went to the polls at the presidential election four years ago. The percentage of registered voters who cast their ballots at the primary election in 1942 dropped to 54 per cent.

Batter Up!!!

There will be a complete picture of the forthcoming general election in The Oregon Statesman of Sunday, November 5.

National campaigns, charts of electoral votes and trends of recent years, state candidates, local candidates, personality sketches, complete prospective set-ups of the state legislative assembly, precinct voting place—this and other pertinent information will be presented, impartially, in a FULL PAGE OF POLITICAL INFORMATION.

And next Wednesday morning's Statesman, November 5, will carry later, fresher election news as well as war news—by several hours—than any other morning newspaper circulating in the mid-Willamette valley of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Linn, Benton and other counties.

If you're not taking The Statesman, it still can be made available to you.

And just a reminder—if you haven't renewed your subscription, it would be a bad time to miss out on the news now.

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Weather
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YANKS OPEN NEW OFFENSE

End of Leyte Island Campaign in Sight

Yankees Capture Carigara

American Force Tightens Clamp On Escape Port

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Friday, Nov. 3. (AP)—The "End of the Leyte-Samar campaign is in sight," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

American forces completed a juncture at Carigara, key town on the northwest coast of Leyte, and another column thrust across this central Philippine island in the south to tighten a gigantic clamp on Ormoc—last Japanese escape port.

The Japanese appeared to be attempting hasty and bomb-blasted withdrawal from Ormoc.

Estimated Japanese battle casualties exceeded 30,000 including 12,000 counted dead on Leyte.

Disorganized Japanese remnants were being driven toward Ormoc from the north, where American control of Carigara bay was assured, and from the east, where Yank infantrymen pursued enemy groups through the mountains.

Elements of the 24th division, 34th regiment, marched unopposed into Carigara yesterday from the interior, joining forces with the first dismounted cavalry division, probing westward along the coast.

The Japanese had made a surprise withdrawal from Carigara, last maneuverable area of strategic Leyte valley, giving one of several indications they were abandoning the defense of Leyte.

Powerful American forces immediately struck out in pursuit of the retreating Japanese who evidently were attempting to reach an escape highway to Ormoc.

James Millar Speaks Today

More than 500 Marion county teachers will meet in Salem today for the one day institute. Mrs. Buena Maris, dean of women at Oregon State college, will be the guest speaker at the morning session.

Dr. James Millar, field man for the Oregon Council of Churches, will be the guest speaker this afternoon. Because of possible local interest in Dr. Millar's talk those interested are invited to attend. It is scheduled for 2:45. All sessions will be held in the new high school building, 14th and D streets.

Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, is in general charge of the institute. Besides the Salem teaching staff and public school teachers throughout the county staff members of the parochial schools of Salem, Woodburn, Stayton, Gervais and other points in the county are invited to attend, Mrs. Booth said.

Three Oregon Counties Show Spectacular Gains in Payrolls

Despite Multnomah county's 300 per cent rise in payrolls during war years, Jefferson, Tillamook and Curry counties have recorded the most spectacular wartime percentage payroll gains in the state.

Multnomah's reported wages covered by state unemployment compensation came close to \$544,000,000 last year, totaling more than twice the entire state's covered payrolls for 1940, a survey of the state unemployment compensation reported upon today reveals.

Jefferson county, with covered payrolls of \$1,243,061 reported for 1943, had an increase of 877 per cent over 1940. Tillamook's percent

Gen. MacArthur Has Close Escape From Jap Bullet

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Friday, Nov. 3. (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur had one of his closest escapes from death today when a Japanese strafing attack put a .50 calibre bullet into a wall just a foot from his head.

Hearing the bullet hit, Col. Lloyd Lehrbas, the general's aide, rushed into the room to find the American commander examining the hole.

Unconcernedly nodding to the hole just above his head, Gen. MacArthur said: "Well, not yet."

U.S. Casualties Reach 90,000 In Italy Battle

ROME, Nov. 2. (AP)—American troops alone have suffered at least 90,000 casualties in the 14-month-old Italian campaign and there still is no sign the Germans are pulling out of the war-torn country, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, allied ground commander, said today.

(This apparently represented an increase of nearly 8000 in the US casualty toll in Italy since the Sept. 21 figure by Secretary Stimson.)

In acknowledging that the allied assault on the enemy's Gothic line had come to an almost complete halt in the mud of the Po valley and the peaks of the Appennine mountains, Gen. Alexander said "I can't tell how long it will take to drive them out, but it will be done."

The Germans have continued to send reinforcements into Italy, despite their reverses on the eastern and western fronts, the allied commander disclosed. He admitted puzzlement at this enemy strategy, pointing out that Hitler already had suffered 194,000 casualties in Italy, including 34,000 killed and 104,000 wounded.

Quads Have Good Chance For Survival

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2. (AP)—The Cirimelino quadruplets—with the most critical period since their births Wednesday already past—were given a 65 per cent chance for survival today by Dr. Ralph M. Tyson, pediatrician in charge at lying-in hospital.

"The bigger the premature baby the better chance it has to live," Dr. Tyson said, and pointed out that since the quads weigh on an average of three pounds each they have a "good two-thirds chance" of living. If they live through the first 48 hours their chances are excellent, he said.

The quads—two girls and a boy—held their own throughout the day, and hospital authorities said their condition remained the same as it was when a bulletin issued this morning said "all appear to be in good condition."

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CHUNGKING, Nov. 2. (AP)—Stalled after four unsuccessful frontal attacks on Kweilin, the Japanese have sent a column sweeping around 12 miles to the south in an attempt to envelop this Kwangsi province gateway city, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

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Enemy Airforce Appears Again For Savage Fight

LONDON, Friday, Nov. 3. (AP)—American fliers destroyed 208 German planes yesterday when the Luftwaffe made its long-promised reappearance and was whipped in one of the great all-time aerial battles—a savage, whirling dogfight of 2400 US and Nazi planes over Merseburg in central Germany.

Following quickly on this decisive allied triumph, more than 1000 RAF bombers roared out over western Germany after nightfall and delivered one of their heaviest blows at Dusseldorf, Rhineland industrial city behind the western front.

In the huge daylight raid, 1000 American heavy bombers blasted the Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg and rail yards at Beilfeld and Rheine. Yank fliers in 900 escorting Mustangs and Thunderbolts set a new fighter record of 155 planes destroyed in the air and on the ground. Another fighter record of 130 shot down and a new combination bomber-fighter record—205—planes destroyed this year during one day were compiled.

Officials reported that, of the 2000 American planes, 41 bombers and 28 fighters failed to return. The pilots flew through the heaviest flak they have encountered in months—"It rattled like hail" on the wings and fuselage, one pilot said—and met upwards of 500 German fighters, including many green and black jet planes which, fliers said, "climbed straight up to the ground."

In shooting down the 130 Nazis, the American fighter pilots surpassed the previous mark of 117 kills in aerial combat. They were opposed by many jet planes, four of which officially were reported shot down.

Layton to Die On December 8

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 2. (AP)—Richard Harry Layton, 39-year-old ex-police chief of Monmouth, Ore., was sentenced today to die in the state's gas chamber December 8 for the rape-slaying of Ruth Hill-Debrand.

The 17-year-old-girl was slain June 8, 1943. Layton lost his final appeal from the death penalty when the U.S. supreme court refused to review the case.

Layton has been held in the Oregon state penitentiary in Salem since he was sentenced to death in August 1943. He was taken to Dallas Thursday afternoon by prison guards to be sentenced by Circuit Judge Arlie Walker, and later returned to the prison here.

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Havoc of War in Aachen



Destroyed and gutted buildings line the rubble-filled streets of the German city of Aachen, enemy stronghold near the Belgian border, after its capture by US forces following a severe artillery and aerial pounding. (AP wirephoto from signal corps)

FDR Raps Charge Congress Will Work Only With Dewey

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (AP)—President Roosevelt declared tonight assertions that congress will cooperate only with a republican president constitute "a threat to build a party spite fence between us and the peace."

In a speech prepared for radio delivery under sponsorship of the democratic national committee, the president proposed "continuance of the teamwork that we have demonstrated in this war."

French Invite Churchill, Eden To Visit Paris

LONDON, Nov. 2. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will visit Paris soon at the invitation of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, the British foreign office announced tonight. The date will be arranged later.

Except for Churchill's inspection trips in Normandy, this will be the first time that he has gone to France since the tragic days of 1940, when he flew to the headquarters of the French government and sought to persuade the French to remain in the fight.

The foreign office announced: "The French ambassador has transmitted to the prime minister on behalf of Gen. De Gaulle and of the French minister of foreign affairs an invitation to visit Paris in the near future, with the secretary of state for foreign affairs, as the guest of the provisional government of the republic. The prime minister accepted this invitation with great pleasure in his own name and in that of Mr. Eden. The date of the visit will be arranged later."

475,000 Due to Pay Oregon Income Tax

Approximately 475,000 state income tax blanks will be required to supply all Oregon income tax payers in 1944, based on incomes for 1944, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, reported here Thursday.

Approximately 400,000 income tax blanks were used this year. Fisher said the 1945 blanks would be mailed out starting early in December. The returns for 1945 must be filed with the state tax commission on or before March 15 avoid penalty and interest.

Isolated by Yankees, Japs Devour Horses

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2. (AP)—On invaded Leyte in the Philippines, the Japanese fortified a 1,400 foot peak up which they had to bring equipment by pack horse, George Foster, NBC correspondent, reported today.

"When they were isolated by the American drive," Foster added, "The Japanese ate their pack horses."

Americans Gain 2 Miles Near Duren On Cologne Road

Push Rolls Through Nazi Towns Of Vessenack, Germeter; Scope, Objectives of Push Not Known

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Nov. 2. (AP)—The US first army shattered the Siegfried line lull today with a new drive on a front of 4000 yards southeast of Aachen that swept nearly two miles to within eight miles of the big German road center of Duren—20 miles beyond which lies Cologne and the Rhine.

The drive rolled through the German villages of Vessenack and Germeter, 13 miles southeast of Aachen, and up to the fortified village of Hurtgen, often attacked but not yet conquered by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' doughboys.

The attack, whose scope and objectives have not yet been disclosed, exploded in the face of hastily strengthened German defenses in the morning after a heavy artillery barrage that resounded through the Hurtgen forest.

Soviet Troops Only 23 Miles From Budapest

LONDON, Friday, Nov. 3. (AP)—Russian troops fought their way to within 23 miles south of the Hungarian capital of Budapest yesterday, swiftly rolling back a shattered foe on a 60-mile front in their big drive aimed at knocking out the last big axis satellite, Moscow announced last night.

Northeast of Budapest other soviet forces cleared the enemy from a 65-mile section of the east bank of the middle Tisza river on a front between Cap on the Czechoslovakian border down to Polgar, 83 miles from the imperiled capital, the Moscow bulletin said.

The flash of the battle on the plains outside Hungary's first city and major Nazi arsenal was visible by night in Budapest, and the roar of approaching guns also could be heard, dispatches said.

German and other European broadcasts last night and early today strengthened a belief that Russian troops might smash into Budapest or invest the city over the weekend. DNB, German news agency, said four strong soviet armored columns were converging on the capital and that it had been "impossible" for axis troops to halt them.

Mission Will Go to China

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (AP)—An American mission under Donald M. Nelson was ordered to China today to undertake a vast reorganization of that country's industries.

Nelson was asked to proceed at "the earliest possible date," the White house announced after a long conference between President Roosevelt and the former war production board chairman. He is expected to leave some time next week.

The special talents of those to accompany him indicated that particular emphasis will be laid on stepping up output of explosives and steel—the chief components of aerial bombs which are among the simplest to manufacture of all modern war weapons.

James L. Fly Quits FCC Job

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (AP)—James L. Fly, storm center of controversies over radio policy, is stepping out as chairman of the federal communications commission.

He announced today that he has resigned effective Nov. 15 and will practice law in New York. William Benton of Benton and Bowles Advertising agency is understood to be seeking Fly's aid in establishing a proposed "subscription" radio service.

Fly's resignation had been rumored a long time. Speculation on a successor has centered on Paul Porter, publicity director for the democratic national committee. J. Leonard Reisch, radio director for the committee, also has been mentioned.

Titoans Take Zara

LONDON, Nov. 2. (AP)—Capture of the Dalmatian port of Zara after a three-day battle was announced in a broadcast communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters tonight.

Bank Robbers Get 15 Years

DALLAS, Nov. 2. (AP)—Maley Stone, 36, and Elmer Riley Lane, 32, were each sentenced to 15 years in the Oregon penitentiary by Circuit Judge Arlie Walker Thursday afternoon. They were convicted last week on a charge which resulted from the robbery of the Grande Ronde bank last August 2.

Robert Kresson, district attorney, at once filed an information against Stone charging him with being a habitual criminal. Time for hearing on this charge was set for November 17. Stone and Lane were represented by Earle P. Skow, attorney, when they appeared in court Thursday.

Special Norway Police To Be Returned Home

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2. (AP)—Part of the Norwegian security police force specially trained in Sweden will depart for liberated northern Norway soon, it was officially announced today.

Representatives of the Norwegian government in exile from London have been in Sweden negotiating with the Swedish government for return of the police force of 11,000 men, built up in this country in the last two years and consisting of Norwegians who escaped from Norway but who could not get to London.

'Pretender' in Lisbon

LONDON, Nov. 2. (AP)—Reports reaching here from Madrid today said Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, pretender to the thrones of Austria and Hungary, had arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, by plane from New York.