

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Those who read the Reader's Digest may recall the article by J. P. McAvoyn in the September number: "Each One Teach One." It tells the story of the remarkable work of Dr. Frank Laubach in teaching the illiterates of the world to read. I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Laubach tell his story at Portland Friday afternoon, and note that he is to tell it again at the First Congregational church in Salem on Wednesday night. It's a story every person should hear. It is thrilling, and reveals the sweeping potentialities of Dr. Laubach's program.

The secret of Dr. Laubach's method is to reduce to very simple phonetic form the languages of the illiterate peoples and give the rudiments of reading to a group under the mandate: "each one teach one." First applied among the savage Moros on Mindanao island in the Philippines, it has enabled nearly 70 per cent of those people to read; and the result was that they accepted American government instead of fighting Americans as they did for many years after our occupation.

Inspired by this success, Dr. Laubach applied his method to other language groups in the Philippines; then he worked out his phonetic charts for teaching Malay; then to India where he set in motion a campaign to enlighten the 300,000,000 illiterates of (Continued on Editorial Page)

Yank Fighters Destroy 86 German Planes

LONDON, Nov. 18-(P)—Eighty-six German planes were shot down or destroyed on the ground today by 400 hard-hitting American fighter pilots who hung up the second longest strafing mission on record of 1200 air miles to Munich and back.

Another 1500 American fighters attacked bridges, factories, roads and German infantrymen falling back before General Eisenhower's great offensive, while 1000 allied bombers pounded gasoline stores in western and southern Germany.

Tonight RAF Lancasters went back to the Ruhr after other British bombers hit Munster during the day. Target for tonight was the important synthetic oil plant at Wanne-Eickel.

During the afternoon 650 Liberators and Fortresses from Italy bombed oil targets near Vienna and their 300 plane fighter escort strafed airfields near the Brenner Pass.

German pilots came up to fight today for the first time since Nov. 2, in a vain effort to guard oil stores vital to Nazi rocket bomb attacks on England.

The Luftwaffe lost 25 planes shot down and another 61 on the ground.

Original Copy of "Star Spangled Banner" Back In Washington Again

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18-(P)—The original Star Spangled Banner, stored in secrecy away from Washington for many months as a wartime precaution, is again on view at the Smithsonian institution.

The banner which flew over Fort Mchenry, Baltimore, in 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem, was one of many historical objects which had been moved to safer places soon after the war broke out.

How Will Hitler End?

Some of the most interesting speculation in history surrounds the forthcoming fate of Adolf Hitler. Now entering that discussion is Louis Lochner, long-time Associated Press bureau chief in Berlin, whose version appears in *The Oregon Statesman* on page 6 today.

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JAP SHIPS BLASTED

Yankees Close In On Limon

500th Japanese Plane Shot Down By Americans

By C. Yates McDaniel
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 19-(P)—American infantrymen closed tighter today on the shell-battered fortress town of Limon, at the northern end of Leyte island's Ormoc corridor, against stubbornly resisting Japanese who were cut off from fresh supplies.

Yank fighters and anti-aircraft guns, meanwhile, shot down their 500th Japanese plane of the Leyte campaign, bagging seven of 15 attackers on the east coast.

777 Planes Bagged
(A total of 777 Japanese planes have been destroyed by army and carrier-based planes and ack-ack in the Philippines thus far in November, an unofficial count shows.)

Elements of the 24th and 32nd divisions "further compressed" the Japanese forces at Limon, four miles by road from Carigara Bay, today's communique said.

A road block, established south of the town by units of the 24th, was tightened, and "all enemy attempts to run supply trucks through to the trapped First division troops has failed."

Remnants of at least a Japanese regiment, it was estimated, are within the squeeze being contracted by American forces probing the town from the north and the road block. Some Japanese tanks reached the trapped forces before the block was tightened.

Belgian Row May End Soon

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18-(P)—Possible grounds for a compromise between Belgian resistance organizations and the Pierlot government in their dispute over the disarmament of the resistance forces were presented today in orders issued by both sides.

The government, instead of prohibiting public assemblies throughout the country as had been indicated previously, forbade displays of arms at such meetings and reminded demonstrators they must stay outside restricted zones as fixed by town and local officials.

From the other side, the national union of resistance groups orders its members to deliver their weapons to their superior officers to be handed over later to "allied military authorities."

Christmas Seal Quota \$225,000 for Oregon

PORTLAND, Nov. 18-(P)—The Oregon quota for the 1944 Christmas seal sale November 27 to December 25 will be \$225,000, said Orr Dunbar, Oregon Tuberculosis association secretary, announced today.

The quota is 10 per cent higher than last year.

Gen. Eisenhower May Have To Settle Belgium Dispute

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18-(P)—Authorities here believe that General Dwight D. Eisenhower will act with speed and power to maintain order in Belgium if threatening political disputes produce open violence.

The general's first responsibility as allied commander in chief is to prevent any kind of outbreak from interfering with the storming of Germany's inner fortress. He has plenty of authority under agreements with the Belgian government, though naturally he would prefer not to divert forces from the main job.

While the direct war aspects of the Belgian trouble command first attention here, there is intense

Yanks Advance In the Snow



With snow covering the ground, a unit of American infantry moves up its position in the front line somewhere in France. (AP wire-photo from signal corps radiophoto.)

Arrest of Four Explains Service Station Robberies, May Expose Black Market

By Isabel Childs
City Editor, The Statesman

Will the arrests which today have allegedly explained a series of Salem service station robberies (see page 2) and cut at least one black market ring lead to an expose of more than one purchaser of illegal gasoline?

Police believe youthful Walton Russell (Pat) Shattuck, who is said to have admitted the theft of many gasoline ration coupons, or

his older brother, Gene Shattuck, who allegedly sold the tickets, or even Wendell Macklin, who had "A" coupons for 112 gallons of gasoline in his pockets when arrested, may tell them or the OPA something of the market before the case is closed.

The Shattucks, residents of 2290 North Fifth street, Saturday waived grand jury hearing, 19-year-old Pat on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling, and Gene on a charge of doing an act manifestly corrupting public decency and public morals. Bail for the younger was set at \$3000, that for the older at \$1000.

In the county jail with the Shattucks are Clifford Pierzina, 18, of 2495 Prospect Lane, held for examination Monday on a charge of receiving stolen property, and Macklin, route three, papermill employe whose alleged purchase of "A" coupons in quantity sufficient to secure 112 gallons of gasoline caused the tipoff to police. Macklin is charged with possession of stolen property and with burglary not in a dwelling, the latter charge growing out of gasoline thefts at Meadow Grove dairy a week ago Saturday night in which witnesses declare Macklin was implicated. (Additional details on page 2).

Crack Train Leaves Tracks in Georgia

WAYCROSS, Ga., Nov. 18-(P)—Fifteen cars of the Atlantic Coast Line's fast New York-to-Tampa west coast champion left the rails in swamp country near Hortense, Ga., today, injuring at least 18 persons, none seriously.

Only the three-unit diesel engine and three rear cars of the 18-coach train remained on the tracks.

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diplomatic interest also in the power and purpose of communist groups there and in France as well. It is considered possible that the experiences of liberated Belgium and France may furnish unmistakable evidence of the extent to which western European communists are playing a Moscow policy line, and also some indications of Russian policy toward the countries of western Europe.

The question has come into focus in Belgium over a government order to the resistance "white army" to surrender its arms.

To communist cabinet members and a representative of the resistance movement in the cabinet resigned over the issue, which also involved incorporation of resistance groups into the regular army.

U.S. Bombers Get Direct Hits on Nip Battleship, Cruiser

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Nov. 19-(P)—American heavy bombers scored five direct hits on a Japanese battleship and four on a heavy cruiser, leaving both in flames after explosions, General MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

The escorted heavy bombers flew more than 800 miles to attack the Japanese naval base at Brunel bay on the northwest coast of Borneo, dropping 112 tons of explosives on shipping in the harbor.

Enemy planes attempting interception were fought off by escorting fighters which probably destroyed one of them. Anti-aircraft fire shot down three of our bombers.

Russian Tanks, Troops Smash Ahead 4 Miles

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 19-(P)—Russian tanks and infantry smashed four miles through German lines 15 miles northeast of Budapest yesterday in a powerful encircling movement which swept to within 19 miles of the Vienna high road running along the Danube river north of the besieged Hungarian capital, Moscow announced last night.

Hatvan, German key to all axis defenses east of Budapest, and the intermediate junctions of Aszod and Godollo on a 26-mile front between Hatvan and Budapest, were under Soviet artillery fire and threatened with imminent capture by Red army tank and infantry teams, the bulletin disclosed.

One Soviet column struck to within three miles northeast of Hatvan with the seizure of Hort as other Soviet groups attacked from the east and south.

Five miles southwest of Hatvan another column rolled through Tura in a by-passing blow at Aszod, six miles beyond, and a third mechanized group overran the village of Valko, only 15 miles northeast of the capital and within seven miles of Godollo junction.

British Use German Sub

LONDON, Nov. 18-(P)—In case the Germans still are wondering what happened to their submarine U-570 back in August, 1941, they are not going to like this.

The sleek new vessel, fitted out with all the latest secret equipment, was captured by the British and sent out under the flag of the Royal navy to hunt down more Nazi submarines.

It had several successful engagements, destroyed one sister U-boat and scored hits on several other ships, the admiralty disclosed today.

Regency Due In Yugoslavia

LONDON, Nov. 18-(P)—Marshal Tito's national committee of liberation and the exiled Yugoslav government in London were reported tonight to have agreed to establish a regency in Yugoslavia in the near future, with a plebiscite to be held after the war to determine whether King Peter returns to his throne.

Marshal Tito himself was reported to have been chosen premier of a new Yugoslav government of 28 members representing both the national liberation movement and the exiled regime. Dr. Ivan Subasic, premier of the London government, is expected to be one of the three regents.

Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 51 degrees, minimum 35 degrees, no rain, river -3 ft. Clear except for valley fogs Sunday.

6th Loan Campaign Underway

Radio Show Will Open Big Drive; Valley Prepared

QUOTAS
National: \$14,000,000
State: \$107,000,000
Linn county: \$1,700,000
Marion county: \$5,000,000
Polk county: \$662,000

With one community for over the top and others rapidly organizing their forces, the mid-Willamette valley's Sixth War Loan campaign is ready to swing into high this week shortly after the official opening with a three-hour radio show today. Highlighted by a talk by President Franklin Roosevelt (7 p.m.) the show will bring together Hollywood's best and highest priced talent for a kick-off that is expected to send the drive off to a flying start well ahead of the Thanksgiving festivities.

Committees Ready
Twenty special committees were organized in Marion county last week and announced Saturday night by Chairman Douglas Yeater, who with co-chairman Francis Smith will keep the entire organization going at full speed until the county's five-million-dollar quota is well over the top. Of the total \$1,500,000 must be subscribed in E bonds, the same amount in other bond series and two millions from corporations and industries.

Jumping the gun because of school remodeling during the Thanksgiving vacation, the Sidney-Talbot mint forming community paid for its \$35,000 quota in the first half hour of a meeting Friday night, then proceeded to pledge and pay for another \$35,000.

To Serve Again
In Polk county all but one of the Fifth War Loan chairmen have agreed to serve again. E. J. Page, county chairman, announced last week. But 300 volunteer workers are sought in addition to the block wardens who will conduct a house-to-house solicitation in Dallas.

Linn county's quota is divided as follows:
Albany, total \$660,000, E bonds, \$262,200; Sweet Home \$238,000 and \$96,600; Scio \$61,000 and \$20,700; Lyons \$20,000 and \$13,800; Mill City \$22,000 and \$13,800; Shedd \$51,000 and \$20,700; Halsey \$51,000 and \$20,700; Tangent \$24,000 and \$13,800; Lacombe \$20,000 and \$69,000; Crabtree \$20,000 and \$96,000.

(Marion county war finance committee appointments and additional details page 2).

German Deserts Job

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 18-(P)—Capt. Peter Riedel, assistant air attaché of the German legation here, has deserted his post and applied for a Swedish foreign passport rather than return to Germany, the paper Dagens Nyheter said tonight.

A labor spokesman declared that graveyard and day shifts also would strike and stay out until the yard discharges three men "put into the yard from another organization" and "reinstates Lowell Hollenbeck, hull superintendent, and Harry Edwards, general hull superintendent over all three shifts."

Committee Finds Wartime Living Is Up 30 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18-(P)—President Roosevelt's special committee to investigate the wartime rise in living costs reported today that for the bulk of wage earners it amounts to 29 to 30 per cent.

Rejecting union labor claims that the rise is about 44 per cent, Chairman William H. Davis, with two industry members concurring "in the main," concluded that 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 percentage points should be added to the 25.5 per cent increase shown by the bureau of labor statistics index as of last Sept. 15.

The two labor members, though not agreeing with Davis' conclusions, pointed to them, nevertheless, as support for AFL and CIO arguments that wage controls should be erased.

In a letter to the president, George Meany of the AFL, pro-

Nazi Resistance Becomes Stiffer From Desperation

Yanks, Tommies Drive Deep Salient Toward Roer River in 'Blended Operation'; Patton's Men in Metz

By EDWARD KENNEDY
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, Nov. 19-(AP)—One British and two American armies were smashing their way toward the heart of the Rhineland today in one of the greatest battles of the war against German resistance stiffened by desperation.

The American Ninth and British Second armies, in a collaboration so close that it was described here as a "blended operation," had driven a deep salient toward the river Roer between Geilenkirchen and Aachen.

On their right flank, southeast of Aachen, the American First army was making slow but steady progress against the grimmest sort of enemy opposition.

This three-army attack on a front some 30 miles wide developed into one of the war's biggest drives.

Farther south the American Third army also had invaded the Reich and had fought into the French fortress city of Metz. The American Seventh and French First armies recorded good gains in the Vosges and Belfort regions.

The best weather since the start of the western front offensive enabled both strategic and tactical air forces to give their strongest support yet to the ground forces. Ninth air force Lightnings and Thunderbolts attacked as close as 200 yards ahead of the troops in bitter fighting east of Aachen.

Fighter-bombers intervened in at least one tank battle in that area, striking German armor at such close range that the pilots reported seeing the grass with before the muzzle-fire of the tank guns.

The allied troops wheeling into Germany after their descent from the north, spread over the Geilenkirchen area, cut the main road to the north, captured Niederheide, reached the outskirts of Prummern, two miles east of Geilenkirchen, and captured Puffendorf, 4 1/2 miles southeast of Geilenkirchen, in what was described as "blended operations" by British and Americans.

US First Gains
To the southeast of Aachen, American First army forces made new gains up to a kilometer against heavy artillery and mortar fire in the Wurselen area and up to two kilometers around Stolberg, while in the Hurtgen forest other First army troops advanced slowly through mine fields and barbed wire.

To the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's US Third army swept into the reich in force and began house-to-house warfare inside the fortress city of Metz in France. The break across the border was made near Perl, near where the territories of France, Luxembourg and Germany meet, and it carried Third army units a mile inside Germany. They are pointed toward the Saar basin.

French Advance
Still farther south the French First army smashed deep into the Belfort gap after taking the strong point of Montbeliard, where 7000 Germans were captured, and enemy dispositions were upset along a 25-mile sector.

The French tonight were reported to have reached Delle, 10 miles southeast of Belfort on the Swiss frontier. They are less than five miles from Belfort southwest of that city.

The American Seventh army in gains up to two miles captured the Muerthe river town of Raon Le Tape, continued pressure at St. Die, and saw nine villages—Moyemoutier, La Hollande, Etival, Marzelay, Tedesdan-Roche, Gratignol, Rabache, Remenich and La Planchette — go up in flames as the Germans applied the scorched earth policy before retiring.

Portland Ship Workers Quit

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18-(P)—An estimated 500 swing shift workers at the Commercial Iron Works conversion dock quit work here tonight as a result of a dispute over superintendents.

Minimizing the trouble, Henry A. White, executive vice president and general manager of the Iron works, predicted that all workers would be back on the job Monday night.

A labor spokesman declared that graveyard and day shifts also would strike and stay out until the yard discharges three men "put into the yard from another organization" and "reinstates Lowell Hollenbeck, hull superintendent, and Harry Edwards, general hull superintendent over all three shifts."

Property Owners Will Have to Cough Up More Tax Money Than in '43

Property owners in Oregon will have to cough up about \$5,000,000 more this year than in 1943 to support local government agencies, the state tax commission reported today.

A survey of county levies shows, however, that the \$40,657,048 1944 total is still \$1,000,000 under the 1941 figure.

Special school levies, lowered last year by a \$5,000,000 school support fund, were largely responsible for the increase, the commission said. Levies by cities stayed about the same as in 1943.

Russia Will Handle Soviets in Germany

PARIS, Nov. 18-(P)—Agreement with the soviet government providing that the Russian military delegation will assume charge of Russian citizens freed by the allied advance, many of them deserters from the German forces, was announced today by the French provisional government.