

Sweden Feels War Although Still Neutral

Sweden, though a neutral country, is feeling the war in rationed clothing and food and in the suffering Swedish people see among their neighbors, Commissioner Karl Larsson, commander of the Swedish branch of the Salvation Army, told Salem Lions at their Thursday noon luncheon meeting.

Today Sweden has 400,000 pounds of food it has thriftily laid aside to be used in feeding of war-ridden nations of Europe, particularly those of Scandinavia as soon as the allies have opened the way, Larsson said. Already, he declared, his country has provided 100,000 pounds of food to its Scandinavian neighbors, has contracted to provide and is providing one meal a day for 175,000 children near its borders and has in its midst some 240,000 refugees.

American pilots interned in Sweden are receiving excellent treatment, the speaker said.

Ad. Ivar Sorman, the commissioner's secretary, played and sang "Long Live America," with Lions club members joining in the chorus preceding Larsson's address.

Questions concerning the neutrality of Sweden, tossed at the speaker at his own request, brought diplomatic and often humorous responses.

Capt. Ronald Husk, United States infantryman, who describes himself as having been "nicked" while on active duty in the South Pacific, spoke briefly in the interest of the Sixth War Loan, describing difficulties of getting supplies to the army.

Bad Weather Slows Allied Air Assault

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Bad weather interrupted the allied air attack on Germany from British bases today, but soon after dark tonight a force of RAF Mosquitos blasted the industrial city of Cologne with two-ton blockbusters.

This assault was a continuation of the great aerial campaign to seal off enemy mail and supplies from the fighting front — an effort which sent 14,000 warplanes against 13 of the reich's cities in the 72 hours preceding today.

Smoke and flames still rose from Berlin, Osnabruck, Giessen, Oberhausen, Munster, Soest and Karlsruhe and the big Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, as well as other transportation centers in the almost unbroken three-day offensive.

Canucks Take Rail Junction

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP)—Canadian troops, who captured the Adriatic city of Ravenna two days ago, advanced six miles northwest up the Ravenna-Ferrara highway and seized the important railway junction of Mezzano on the Lamone river, it was announced today.

With Mezzano's capture the nazis were deprived of one of their main supply routes between ports along the Adriatic and their troops defending northern Italy.

An allied announcement said enemy resistance east of the Lamone river was "virtually at an end" all the way from north of Ravenna to south of Faenza. In the latter area British forces strengthened their bridgehead across the stream and Poles seized the town of Brisighella.

U.S. Stand on Greece Sticks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—For the second time in three days, the United States today spoke out for political freedom in a European country where Britain has intervened. This time it was Greece.

The action, by secretary of state Stettinius put the United States on record to let the Greek people choose their own rulers regardless, in the words of Prime Minister Churchill, of whether they "form a government of the right or left."

In thus enunciating again a policy which has already brought a clash with foreign secretary Eden of Britain over its application to Italy, Stettinius used words cautiously and with very evident regard for kind of effect they might have.

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Hollywood Starts Tonight!

"Passport to Destiny" with Elsa Lanchester, Gordon Oliver.

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YMCA Older Boys' Conference To Open 2-Day Meeting Here

More than 100 boys from Willamette valley high schools will gather here today for the 24th annual Older Boys' conference, sponsored by the Salem YMCA and in session tonight and Saturday.

"Strength to Match These Times" is theme for all conference sessions, with four addresses centering about the idea of discovery and development of strength and the need for it in the world today.

Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe — U. S. 3rd army fights to 3 1/2 miles from Saarbrucken against stiffest German resistance since opening of winter offensive; 7th army joins drive on Saar and 1st army reaches Roer river.

Russia — Reds strike within 40 miles of Austria from western Hungary, while a Russian pincer operation squeezes within 10 miles of Budapest from both north and south.

Italy — Canadians seize Mezzano, railway junction on Lamone river 6 miles northwest of captured Ravenna.

Greece — British planes strafe resisting Greek leftists around Athens.

Pacific — Americans land near Ormoc, center of Japanese lines on Leyte, and wipe out 13-ship convoy just approaching Ormoc; Nips land 200 paratroopers on other side of Philippine island; Superforts down record bag of 63 Nip planes during raid on Manchuria.

China — Japanese sweep to within 53 miles of Kweichow in drive to cut Burma road, sending Chinese civilians fleeing to Chungking and report invasion of Kwangsi province from Indo China.

Dorsey Case Is Dismissed

By Howard Hays
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (AP)—Superior court dismissed today felonious assault charges against Band Leader Tommy Dorsey, his piquant actress-wife, Pat Dane, and their friend, Allen Smiley, bringing to a merciful end the screwiest hodge-podge of jurisprudence this city has ever seen.

Still unanswered after eight hectic days of bewildering, conflicting testimony—counsel called it perjury—was this once-burning question: Who carved up Screen Actor John Hall's nose and cranium during a bloody fracas last August on the balcony of Dorsey's apartment?

Hungry People Storm Rome Black Markets

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP)—Three of Rome's black markets, where all kinds of edibles are sold openly at high prices, were stormed today by men, women and children who overturned carts and tables and spilled the food in the street.

The crowds also smashed windows of stores in various parts of town. Anonymous circulars have been distributed calling on the people to stage a "hunger march" on December 16.

House Members May Get More Funds for Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The house voted today to allow its members \$3000 more yearly for clerical help.

Backers of the plan pushed it through the house and on to the senate by a roll call vote of 202 to 88.

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Krug Favors Penalties for Rule Breakers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board called upon congress today for penalties against employers and employees who ignore decrees channeling labor toward key war jobs.

A present shortage of 311,000 workers will be overcome this month by voluntary methods, he told the senate war investigating committee, but cautioned:

If recurring shortages are to be prevented in key industries, the war manpower commission must have statutory backing for its regulations preventing workers from leaving key industries and prohibiting civilian employers from hiring above fixed quotas.

In a spirited exchange with Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) Krug testified that only 59 workers (net) had been added in tire manufacturing plants since last spring because the commission needed "more teeth."

Fag Shortage May Continue Indefinitely

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—An adequate supply of cigarettes is available for overseas troops, senators were advised today, but the shortage for civilians may continue indefinitely.

Announcing the opening of a full-fledged inquiry into the nationwide scarcity of fags, Chairman Mead (D-NY) of the senate war investigating committee said a preliminary inquiry had developed that:

1. Failure of troops to receive cigarettes in some war theaters is due to shipping, unloading and delivery difficulties.
2. The war department has procured adequate supplies for soldiers and has assured senators "all efforts are being made to deliver cigarettes to the troops."

Club Slates Meeting

Members and friends of El Circulo Espanol de Salem will meet at the YWCA at 7:30 tonight. Raul Valle will give a birdseye view of Bolivia.

Only Fraud on Loans Will Affect Pensions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—No deductions will be made from a veteran's disability pensions in connection with GI bill loans "unless there is evidence of intent to defraud."

Even then, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, said today, deductions will be made only if collection cannot be made in any other way.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Mrs. Virginia Adams, 1145 North 15th street, is pretty much upset over the loss of a billfold for several reasons. She has suggested that, although it contained "all my money for food for December for myself and children" (four of them), if whoever found it "can't return money" she would be glad to get the billfold back. It belonged to her husband, now dead, and the pictures it contains are of him and of her children, she says.

As one of a great organization of billfold losers, we are crossing our fingers, saying our prayers and hoping this may be one time when the billfold AND money will be returned.

V-Bomb Explodes Near U. S. Army Hospital, Kills 26, Wounds 50

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Dec. 7 (AP)—A V-bomb which exploded recently in the courtyard of an American army hospital in Belgium killed 18 American military personnel and eight Belgian civilians and wounded 50 persons in the medical corps, it was disclosed today.

The victims included doctors, nurses, enlisted personnel and patients. Four ambulances in the courtyard were demolished and a three-story wing of the hospital was destroyed. Fire started in the pharmacy, where oxygen tanks and alcohol exploded.

Japs Push to Crush Chinese

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Japanese drive in Kweichow province is within 53 miles of the provincial capital, Kweichang, it was disclosed today, as simultaneous thrusts toward Kunming led to belief the Japanese were implementing their long-standing master plan to crush China.

Extent of the Japanese gains in Kweichow was disclosed by an American communique announcing the P-51 Mustangs had bombed and set afire the town of Tuyun, northern terminus of the Kweichow-Kwangsi railway, 53 miles south-southeast of Kweichang, in one of a series of attacks on advancing Japanese columns.

Japs Destroy B-29, Damage 2 at Saipan

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7 (AP)—One Superfortress was destroyed and two others damaged the morning of December 6 in the strongest counter-raid the Japanese have made on the B-29 base on Saipan, the navy announced today.

About 10 twin-engine "Betty" bombers made the attack on the base from which the American sky giants are attacking Tokyo, said Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

Six of the enemy bombers were shot down by antiaircraft fire from shore guns and warships.

Personnel casualties suffered on Saipan were one man killed, one seriously wounded and a number slightly wounded.

E Bond Sales Lagging As Oregon Approaches Mark in Other Series

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—The first Oregon county to top its E bond quota is Sherman, where sales of \$110,179 went 10.2 per cent over the \$100,000 goal, war finance committmen announced today.

The county exceeded its quota for all series bonds by 26.5 per cent, reaching a total \$189,793.

Shortly afterwards Gilliam county climbed over the E bond goal. It had already reached the all-over quota.

Meanwhile total sales in Oregon climbed to \$87,181,500—81.5 per cent of the 107,000,000 quota, while E bonds—\$13,513,013 sold toward a \$34,000,000 goal—still hung behind.

Valley Packing Co. Over Top

Employees and owners of the Valley Packing company yesterday joined the growing list of Salem industries that have gone over the top during the Six War Loan drive. The company subscribed for \$20,000 worth of bonds. Other industrial purchases included Salem Laundry with \$3000 and Blake, Moffitt & Towne with \$1000.

Residential block leaders under Miss Hazel Harper, chairman, made several substantial reports of purchases with the following showing the way to the others: Mrs. Vietha Bort, \$4394; Mrs. W. N. Thompson, \$1988; Mrs. R. M. Bishop, \$1750; Mrs. Estella Teal, \$975; Mrs. Albert Gille, \$937; Mrs. H. C. McWhorter, \$900; Mrs. Leo C. Dean, \$619.

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