

WASHINGTON JOINS OREGON IN LIQUOR PROBE

(Story in Column 5)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

Legislative styles are various. The nearest to uniformity among the 48 states is the bicameral system and the holding of biennial sessions on even-numbered years. Only one state, Nebraska, has a single legislative body. Only four states, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia, hold their sessions in even-numbered years. Four states, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and South Carolina, hold annual sessions. All legislative sessions start in January except Alabama and Louisiana (May), and Florida (April).

Twenty-three states put no limit on the length of the regular sessions. Most of those with limitations allow 90 days; Wyoming allows only 40, Oregon 50 and Georgia 70. Connecticut requires the legislature to adjourn not later than the first Monday in June after its organization.

Compensation of members varies greatly. In Kansas the pay (unless recently changed) is \$3 a day but not to exceed \$150, which resembles Oregon's long-time limit of \$3 a day for not to exceed 40 days. Oklahoma and Texas put a penalty on long sessions. The former state pays \$6 a day up to 60 days and then cuts the pay to \$2, while Texas pays

(Continued on editorial page)

ELAS Refuses To Surrender Greek Hostages

ATHENS, Jan. 12—(AP)—Hostilities between British troops and ELAS left-wing guerrillas will cease at 1 a.m. Monday under truce terms made public today, but the ELAS refused to surrender thousands of Greek civilian hostages seized during five and a half weeks of bitter fighting.

Archbishop Damaskinos, newly-appointed regent of Greece, told the ELAS he was "profoundly shocked" at their retention of women and children hostages. Estimates of the hostages taken by civil police of the parent EAM (National Liberation party) range up to 30,000, the figure listed by the Greek government newspaper Hellen.

(The British government in London, while endorsing terms of the Athens truce, warned that "no truce can endure or ripen into peace unless or until the hostages taken by the ELAS have been effectually safeguarded and released.")

Pvt. Clell Crane Dies Fighting In Germany

Pvt. Clell Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crane, 454 Marion street, was this week reported killed in action in Germany after having been listed as missing for five weeks. Notification was received by his parents from the war department.

Clell Crane was graduated from Stayton high school in 1941 and had attended the University of Oregon for two years before his induction in the army. An art student there, he received another year's training in art at Georgetown university in Washington, D.C., following his induction.

He was born in Stayton January 31, 1924. He was home last on furlough in June, 1944, and went overseas in September. Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crane, and his brother, Bernard, all of Salem, and his grandparents, Mrs. Josephine Schless of Stayton and Mrs. Henry Crane of Portland.

Red Flasher Lights Installed on Trains

CHICAGO, Jan. 12—(AP)—Red flasher lights which can be seen eight miles away at night and three miles in daylight have been installed on the rear ends of trains as a safety measure, railroad officials announced today.

Strike End Ordered

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The war labor board today directed striking members of the CIO utility workers organizing committee to return to work immediately at the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cloudy
today with intermittent light rains over Willamette valley area.

The Oregon Statesman

FOUNDED 1851

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

10 PAGES

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, January 13, 1945

Price 5c

No. 256

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rel.
San Francisco	58	43	20
Eugene	57	46	37
Salem	56	47	34
Portland	56	46	34
Seattle	54	46	30
Willamette river	3.4 ft.		

CARRIER BLOWS CONTINUE

Nazis Retreat With Allies in Hot Pursuit

20 Nazi Divisions Destroyed

Bulge Shrinks All Way to Valley Of Ourthe River

By Austin Bealmear
PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 13—(AP)—Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's Belgian bulge had shrunk all the way east to the valley of the Ourthe river today as German troops, ending all organized resistance at the western end of their salient, back-tracked toward the relich with three allied armies in hot pursuit.

The allied forces, which have wiped out at least 20 German divisions since the enemy struck through the Ardennes forest four weeks ago, made three and four-mile advances yesterday across snow-covered fields against German rearward action.

Lonos 200,000
Von Rundstedt's ambitious counter-thrust already has cost him something in the neighborhood of 200,000 men and countless pieces of armor and artillery. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's headquarters disclosed that the US Third army alone has accounted for 80,000 killed, wounded or captured since December 22, according to field dispatches.

As the tide of battle ebbed here, it rose abruptly in northeastern France, but doughboys were healing a breach in the old Maginot line and had driven the enemy from all but the south edge of Rittshoffen, a village eight miles south of the rich border north of Strasbourg.

Withdrawal Safety
With skill born of similar reversals on the Russian front, the Germans withdrew from their extended positions in Belgium without stranding sizeable forces, although Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army succeeded in cutting to ribbons their troops boxed east of Bastogne.

The US First army struck three miles south from La Roche, at the northwest corner, overrunning a number of abandoned villages. The British Second army moving four miles in from the west joined up with the US Third army near the fallen southwest corner city of St. Hubert, lopping off the westernmost seven miles of the Ardennes.

China Expects Yank Landing

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Chinese army newspaper Sao Tang Pao said today that the Americans would be ready to land on the China coast "in three months or so," and the Chinese press opened a campaign exhorting the underground in the occupied areas to prepare for support of such a landing.

With the Americans already invading Luzon, the Japanese now have speeded up preparations to meet an American landing in China, a Chinese army spokesman declared.

The Japanese are strengthening the garrisons which would be called upon to resist, the army spokesman said.

Philippine President Returns to America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—President Sergio Osmeña of the Philippine commonwealth has returned from the islands to the United States, the war department announced today. Osmeña will confer with various government officials concerning relief and rehabilitation measures for the Filipinos as a result of destruction wrought by the Japanese.

Wonder if He'll Know Her When They Meet Again

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 12—(AP)—A corporal at Lowry field claims he had one of the shortest honeymoon of the war—30 minutes, plus five minutes alone with his bride.

Jerome Kern, 24, Westlake, La., and Kathleen Peak of Manchester, England, a civilian nurse, were married last September in England. The honeymoon was so short because Kern had to catch a ship to come home under the rotation system of furloughs.

He's expecting his wife to be on the first ship she can board for the United States.

Accelerated '45 Production to Give All Work

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—A "second-wind" production spur scheduled for early 1945 will guarantee war work for every American who wants it, WPB Chairman J. A. Krug said today. Part of it will go to equip newly formed French army units.

But civilian production took another drastic trimming as the war production board revealed further tightening of the "spot" reconversion plan for civilian goods manufacture.

The supply metals allotted for spot production was cut so deeply that one of Krug's lieutenants summarized: "Output will be reduced to a dribble." Authorizations already made will not be canceled, but material may be lacking to fill the demand and new requests will be held to a minimum.

Half of all munitions programs must rise 65 per cent, on the average, over the 1945 schedules which were set last fall, Krug told a press conference.

Turkey Allows Allied Ships In Dardanelles

LONDON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Turkey is permitting war supplies to be shipped through the Dardanelles strait to Russia, a British foreign office commentator disclosed today.

The only reason supplies previously had not been sent through the strait to Russia, the foreign office source said, was because of the danger of air attacks. Shipments began without any objection from the Turkish government once the German air bases in the Ionian sea and the Balkans had been neutralized by the Allies, he asserted.

"There really is nothing political about it," the commentator said, "it is purely a military matter which has been solved by a change in military events."

Knudsen Urges Criminal Penalties Instead Of Draft For Men Avoiding Essential Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Drastic new controls to channel workers from "less essential" firms into war production were revealed tonight, capping these other manpower developments:

1. CIO President Philip Murray told a news conference the way to meet manpower problems is not legislation, but a conference of government, labor, industry and agriculture to plan smooth distribution of work. He favored taking the problem out of "the congressional mess it is in and returning it to the people where it belongs."

2. AFL and railroad brotherhood leaders, after a joint conference, said they had evidence "of flagrant wastage of manpower

Russian Offense Launched

Germans Report Reds Start Push West of Vistula

By W. W. Hercher
LONDON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Berlin reports said last night that the long-awaited Russian winter offensive in southern Poland, "the biggest of all time," had begun at dawn yesterday on a broad front west of the Vistula river bridgehead town of Baranow, 120 miles below Warsaw, and had penetrated German lines amid "extremely violent fighting."

The new push came as Moscow announced that soviet shock troops had hurled the remnants of the German garrison at Budapest into a five-square-mile pocket in the heart of the Hungarian capital.

A midnight soviet bulletin also said that Hungarian patriots had risen, and were firing on the Germans from cellars, rooftops and street barricades. In retaliation, the Germans are blowing up houses and public buildings without warning and "thousands of civilians are perishing in the ruins," Moscow said.

A late report from Berlin to the Stockholm Dagbladet described the Russian Polish offensive as "the greatest yet launched. The Russians are attacking with 500 heavy guns, two air fleets, several tank armies and innumerable infantry divisions," it said.

Aims at 2 Towns
The drive apparently was aimed at Kielce and Krakow, last major strongholds protecting German Silesia. When fighting subsided last August in this area—the shortest route to Germany's heart—the Russians held positions only 20 miles southeast of Kielce, rail town connecting Krakow with German-held Warsaw, 93 miles northeast of Kielce.

Sweden Lodges Protest Over German Blockade

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Swedish government officially announced today that it had lodged a "serious protest" through the Swedish legation in Berlin because the Germans have endangered their blockade in the Skagerrak eastward 10 nautical miles toward the Swedish coast.

Retreat Not Over

LONDON, Jan. 13—(AP)—The German withdrawal from the Ardennes salient "does not seem to have been concluded," the Berlin radio said today in its early morning war report.

U.S. Warming Toward Finns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The United States extended a friendly but cautious hand to Finland today after turning the diplomatic cold shoulder for six months.

Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of state, announced that Randolph Higgs, an American diplomat now in Stockholm, is being dispatched to Helsinki to look after American interests and that he will be joined shortly by Maxwell M. Hamilton, a top flight foreign service officer who will hold the personal rank of minister.

The announcement stressed that Hamilton's assignment "does not constitute a resumption of formal diplomatic relations."

Scope Of Study Widened

43rd Legislature In Adjournment Over Weekend

By Wendell Webb
Managing editor, The Statesman

A stormy session in the Oregon senate, and rapid-fire action in the Washington house, left both states well on the way to complete investigation of the \$7,400,000 liquor deal by which nearly 3,000,000 gallons of whiskey was obtained from Kentucky distilleries 14 months ago.

And in Oregon the probe apparently will not be limited. Two senators (both republicans) and three representatives (still to be appointed) will wade into the state's liquor books within the next few days, if the house acts as generally forecast and approves the joint resolution passed by the senate Friday.

The proposed liquor probe, which Gov. Earl Snell originally suggested only for the Waterfall and Frazier (Kentucky) purchase of 14 months ago, topped the fireworks the first week of Oregon's 43rd legislature which now stands adjourned until Monday.

Stormy Session Friday
All the fireworks were in the senate, climaxed in a stormy session Friday by a futile effort on the part of Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland democrat, to win approval of a third and even broader liquor probe bill (the first died in committee) but who finally settled for the second (after his own was defeated) which does not limit the investigation solely to the joint Oregon-Washington \$7,400,000 purchase of two Kentucky distilleries late in 1943.

In Olympia, the house of representatives in Washington also voted Friday to initiate a probe into the Waterfall and Frazier deal, Rep. H. C. Armstrong, chairman of the house liquor committee.

Resolution Passed 21-6
Named to the Oregon senate committee for the probe were Sen. Angus Gibson of Lane and Linn counties and Sen. Paul Patterson of Washington county, both republicans. Wallace's bill would have provided for a bi-partisan committee of seven instead of five. Senate President Howard C. Belton announced the appointment after senate joint resolution 4 was passed 21 to 6.

The resolution, as contrasted to the one originally introduced on the basis of the governor's request, provided for an investigation of the Kentucky purchases "together with any such matters the investigation of which the committee deems advisable." The broader bill reportedly carries the governor's approval. (Additional stories on page 6.)

U.S. Warming Toward Finns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The United States extended a friendly but cautious hand to Finland today after turning the diplomatic cold shoulder for six months.

Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of state, announced that Randolph Higgs, an American diplomat now in Stockholm, is being dispatched to Helsinki to look after American interests and that he will be joined shortly by Maxwell M. Hamilton, a top flight foreign service officer who will hold the personal rank of minister.

The announcement stressed that Hamilton's assignment "does not constitute a resumption of formal diplomatic relations."

Jap Poison



Adm. William F. Halsey's carrier planes of his Third fleet are ripping into four Nipponese convoys off Indo-China.

Nimitz Reports Additional Jap Formosa Tolls

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 12—(AP)—Two Japanese destroyers were sunk and six damages at Formosa Monday by Third fleet carrier planes, the navy disclosed tonight in reporting additional achievements scored there by the task forces now in action off French Indo-China.

The two destroyers were among 24 additional sinkings listed in tonight's communique amplifying the Formosa achievements. The six destroyers or destroyer-escorts were among 86 vessels, ranging down to small craft added to the list of those damaged.

The twenty-four additions to the list of ships sunk were two destroyers, an oiler, a large cargo ship, two medium cargo ships and 18 small craft.

The 86 additions to the list of ships damaged were a destroyer, five destroyer-escorts, two oilers, five large cargo ships, three medium cargo ships, 28 small ships and 42 small craft.

Tonight's communique also added 20 more planes destroyed and 44 damaged.

PFCH. Keeling Dies in Battle On Leyte Isle

Mrs. Pauline Johnson Keeling has been notified by telegram from the war department of the death of her husband, Pfc. Howard G. Keeling. According to the notification, Pfc. Keeling was killed in action on Leyte island on December 15. He was with the 77th infantry division.

Keeling graduated from Washington high school in Portland and was with the credit department of Meier and Frank previous to enlistment in September, 1943. The 36-year-old soldier was in the invasion of Guam previous to the invasion of the Philippines.

Surviving besides the widow are a daughter, Melinda Mae, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Keeling of Portland, 1020 N.E. Floral. The Keelings lived in Portland before his enlistment, but since Mrs. Keeling and her daughter have been living at the home of her mother, Mrs. Grace Johnson, 1661 Chemeketa street.

U.S. Warming Toward Finns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The United States extended a friendly but cautious hand to Finland today after turning the diplomatic cold shoulder for six months.

Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of state, announced that Randolph Higgs, an American diplomat now in Stockholm, is being dispatched to Helsinki to look after American interests and that he will be joined shortly by Maxwell M. Hamilton, a top flight foreign service officer who will hold the personal rank of minister.

25 Enemy Ships Sunk, 13 Damaged Near Indo-China

Yanks Capture 5-Road Junction In Luzon Drive

By James Hutchison

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Saturday, Jan. 13—(AP)—Sixth army Yanks captured the five-highway junction at San Carlos Thursday as they punched forward in force to points 12 miles from their beachheads along main roads leading to Manila, nearing apparent enemy defense areas.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said "Our drive southward from Lingayen gulf continues unchecked" but mentioned more stiff fighting on the left flank and declared "increasing enemy contacts indicate our forward units are entering a zone of enemy concentration."

Planes Strafe Nips
Harassing enemy attempts to bring reinforcements north, American warplanes in low strafing assaults on motor columns destroyed more than 200 vehicles and five tanks. Many locomotives and 40 freight cars were wiped out.

Forty-six small Japanese freighters and one large transport attempting to unload at San Fernando, port 48 miles north of the Yank beachhead, were erased by naval units and torpedo bombers. Destroyers stalked.

Torpedo planes attacked at dawn Wednesday but were driven off by intense anti-aircraft fire. Five US destroyers then steamed in and made short work of the audacious enemy reinforcement try, sinking or badly damaging the entire enemy fleet.

The warships then turned their guns to shore and shelled the port area, destroying three large ammunition dumps. The first real evidence that the Japanese might put up a fight for the northern part of the central Luzon valley materialized Wednesday when the American spearhead pushing southeastward on the Pozorrubio road called for air support to smash what the ground patrol believed was a strongly defended position.

Yank Private Persuades 330 Nazis to Quit

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS IN ALSACE, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Germans proved stubborn, so the American commander decided to try persuasion. He chose Pfc. Okey Cunnell to do the persuading.

The 19-year-old rifleman from Huntington, W. Va. — alone and unarmed — walked toward the German lines carrying a long pole. Attached to it was a white flag, and attached to the flag were surrender terms.

The rifleman then tied the message with the terms to a fence, turned his back and slowly walked toward his own lines. He wasn't alone very long. He had company following him — 330 Germans who were persuaded. When it was all over all Cunnell could say was:

"Let me tell you, I was plenty scared!"

50 Federal Housing Units Slated, Lelanon

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(AP)—Fifty federal housing units have been approved for the Lebanon area, Fred A. Cuthbert, national housing agent, said today. Half will be sold at \$7000 each and others will be rented at \$55 a month.

Farm Draft Protested

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—A house group, protesting plans to induct additional farm youths, today asked war mobilization director James F. Byrnes to appear Tuesday morning to defend his position.

12 Loaded Troop Transports Also Sent to Bottom

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 12—(AP)—Carrier planes of the U.S. Third fleet are continuing to attack four enemy convoys off French Indo-China after sinking 25 ships, including a cruiser, several destroyers and 12 loaded transports, the first day of the assault yesterday.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the sinkings and damage to 13 other enemy ships, in a communique today.

Tonight in a second communique he disclosed as additional details that the ships sunk included six enemy transports at Salgon and at least six more transports at Quinhon harbor, 250 miles to the northeast.

Fleet Counterblow
These transports were being massed for a counterattack at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion scene at Lingayen gulf on Luzon in the Philippines, less than 1000 miles west of Saigon.

The fact the transports were loaded meant heavy losses of enemy soldiers. Hundreds of American carrier planes of Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet, whose armada so far has suffered no damage, are ripping into four Nipponese convoys which were being organized to send against Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion scene on Luzon. The bag of 38 ships was achieved yesterday.

Battleship Sunk
Fleet Adm. C. W. Nimitz, in his first communique on the decisive action 1000 miles of Manila, also announced the destruction of the new Japanese superbattleship, the 45,000-ton Musashi, by air attack last October 24 in the second battle of the Philippine sea, has been confirmed.

The admiral disclosed also that the Musashi's sister ship, the Yamato, was damaged by bombs in the October 24 action. These two vessels were the two most powerful battleships in the Japanese navy.

Man Escapes From Prison

Bernard Walton, 22, escaped from the state penitentiary here Friday while at work, with other convicts, near the flax sheds outside of the prison walls.

A gun guard said Walton dodged behind a building and disappeared.

Walton was received at the penitentiary April 9, 1944, to serve three years for burglary in Multnomah county. He was described as weighing 185 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. Walton was wearing regulation prison clothing.

Officials said he has relatives living in Portland and the police there were notified.

Japs Report Third Convoy

By the Associated Press
Japanese broadcasts yesterday (Friday) pictured a third huge American convoy "advancing boldly in the face of our fierce attacks" into Lingayen gulf and admitted the Nipponese have been forced to "yield air mastery" in the gulf area where Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops are smashing toward Manila.

London reported an enemy broadcast, heard in Australia but not reported by the federal communications commission, detailing the appearance of two additional American convoys—one of about 150 ships off Panay island, southeast of American-occupied Mindoro, and another of 100 to 150 ships off Fanny's neighboring island of Negros.