

By Charles A. Squire

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To obtain this sum the sponsors of the measure would divert proceeds of the income tax...

While the amount of money involved is nearly the same as the "new money" contemplated to be provided under the late amendment...

In studying the school situation in this state I have felt for a long time that administrative reorganization is fundamental to a proper solution of the problems...

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Would Renew Industry in West Europe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The United States today put part of its economic resources and a few thousand tons of its limited shipping facilities behind the maintenance of political order in liberated Europe.

President Roosevelt promised the new prime minister of Greece, Nicholas Plastiras, that the United States would "assist wherever practicable in the rehabilitation of your long-suffering nation."

The state department announced that more shipping has been made available for increasing exports of American civilian goods to France in the first three months of 1945.

Meantime, the army service forces told of plans to obtain more than a billion dollars worth of critical goods for Allied armies from French and Belgian industry in 1945.

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The sentences today, subject to review by higher authority, were 40 years at hard labor for T/S Frederick H. Schultz, Detroit, Mich.; 35 years for T/S James J. Cupp, Moline, Ill., and 20 years for T/S James T. Roecke, Kenosha, Wis.

The sentences also entailed dishonorable discharges and loss of all pay and allowances.

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Although the finding of the conduit with the hole in it indicating that electric wires had short-circuited, burning their way through the protective metal, could not be

Ivan Darby, 57, of Mehama was in the Deaconess hospital Tuesday night with a skull fracture due to an accidental fall at a Salem service station.

Forenoon today, with increasing cloudiness and light rains later in the afternoon in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau at McNary Field, Salem.

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REDS OVERFLOW POLAND

Allied Offensive Launched

Britons and Yanks Advance

Eisenhower's Men Near Nazi Borders in North

By Austin Bealmear SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Jan. 16.—The British Second army smashed eastward in a new offensive near the German border north of Aachen today, exactly a month after the Germans' Belgian breakthrough, and during the first hours the Tommies progressed against moderate resistance.

This switch to the initiative by General Eisenhower's Allied armies came as American forces in Belgium captured the highway hub of Houffalize, virtually ironing out the Nazis' salient into the Ardennes, and made other gains in Luxembourg and in Germany itself.

The US First and Third armies linked up again in Houffalize and drove on against St. Vith, last major communications center left to the enemy in this sector.

The Tommies struck in a morning fog north of Sittard, which is 10 miles west of Geilenkirchen and 14 miles south of Roermond, and were smashing into a German-held triangle between the Maas (Meuse) and Roer rivers.

The sledgehammer blow was aimed at powerful defenses which the Nazis had been building since October. The German salient against which Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces were driving, thrusts sharply into Allied lines just north of Sittard, which is 18 miles northwest of Aachen.

During the past fortnight the Nazis have made several strong local attacks there in an effort to extend their defensive lines. All were repulsed.

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Dancers Frozen but Paris Show Goes On

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Six girl dancers collapsed at the Folies Bergere last night, suffering from exposure to cold.

The temperature on stage due to Paris' fuel shortage was about 20 degrees, and the girls went through the show wearing their assigned costumes—which would fit in an envelope.

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Cannery Fire Not Incendiary; WPB Approves Re-building

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War Ace With Bride-to-Be



Traditional wishbone breaking was won by Marjorie Vattendahl as she and Maj. Richard Bong, Poplar, Wis., war ace, tugged at the ends of a turkey wishbone in the Vattendahl home at Superior, Wis. Bong and Miss Vattendahl will be married February 16. (AP wirephoto)

Non-Critical Jobs Expected To Yield 200,000 for Armed Forces; Service Act Backed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The government decided today the order in which it expects to call about 200,000 new deferred industrial workers for the armed forces.

These men 26 through 29 years old, will be inducted before July 1 under the present plans. The decision of order was reached by breaking into two parts the list of 35 essential activities, assigning the destination "critical" to jobs deemed most vital in the war effort.

The rest of the list continues to be rated "essential," but to this segment draft boards are expected to turn first in meeting stepped-up quotas of men for the armed services.

President Roosevelt asserted that the need for men in the armed forces and war factories is now so extreme that voluntary controls will no longer work.

Hence he will send to congress, probably tomorrow, a special communication backing up his recent demand for national service legislation, under which the government would be empowered to assign men to war-important tasks.

A report from General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleet will back up the president's request.

They were expected to be specific in outlining the increased needs occasioned by the German counter-offensive in Belgium, expanded operations in the Pacific and plans to equip a large French army.

Asked about CIO President Philip Murray's opposition to compulsory manpower legislation in testimony before a house committee today, Mr. Roosevelt inquired if Murray had an alternative. The alternative involved a better use of voluntary methods, a reporter said.

The president replied firmly that he didn't think that would bring results.

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Hotel Bill Drops in Senate

Would Bar Race Barriers; 20 House Measures

By Wendell Webb Managing editor, The Statesman The 43rd legislature settled into such controversial measures as hot trucks, colored folk in hotels, more old-age assistance, school health programs and state acquisition of forest lands today, and the marking-time era of the session, it appeared was about to end.

An even 20 bills descended on the house Tuesday, including one to levy a 5-cents-a-gallon tax on aviation gasoline with major part of the proceeds to go toward the construction of aviation fields and roads thereto.

Another would use \$26,000 from the general fund for the school health plan; one would up old-age assistance to \$60 monthly; another would tighten the definition of reckless driving to make conviction dependent upon fewer contingencies.

And HB 47 would place all liquor revenue in the state's general fund on which old-age assistance would draw for support.

The senate—bogged down for a time in arguments which yet haven't left any too clear a picture of potential bloc alignment—found itself with more than a few warmish issues to warm over still further or toss off the stove.

The so-called hotel bill, barring discrimination as to race, creed or color, may get a heated airing in time, and the proposed truck bill is likely to find itself wallowing in diverse objections that it isn't enough to equalize the Oregon laws with neighbor states for only two more years.

Meanwhile, the joint resolution to nullify the state's liquor business for public consumption simmered in the house alcoholic control committee, while in Washington—where a similar probe also is planned—bills were being shaped to permit public purchases by the drink.

Seven committee sessions, and probably more unannounced, were held Tuesday in the gradually increasing tempo of state business. But some departments still were mull over their contemplated bills and if the usual last-minute rush doesn't happen again a lot of bills will be lost. (Legislative news page 10)

Hitler Ready To Drain Last Drop of Blood

MOSCOW, Jan. 16.—A picture of Adolf Hitler as a "mad" man who was prepared to fling "the last man, the last drop of blood," into the defense of the fatherland was painted tonight by a Hungarian emissary who visited the Fuehrer last September in a futile effort to extricate Hungary from the war.

The emissary, Col. Janos Voros, now defense minister of liberated Hungary, said in an interview here he was commissioned by Admiral Nicholas Horthy last fall to visit Hitler and demand that all troops in Hungary, both German and Magyar, be brought under Hungarian control.

Voros told how gestapo agents had slain numerous high Hungarian officials in an effort to keep Hungary in the war. The regent's son, Nicholas Horthy, Jr., he said, was thrown into a Nazi prison despite severe wounds. Voros said he himself narrowly escaped assassination by fleeing from an internment camp.

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Parents Fined \$44 When 13-year-old Girl Skips School

OREGON CITY, Jan. 16.—A \$44 fine—one dollar for every day their daughter was absent, and \$5 costs—was levied against parents of a 13-year-old Oak Grove girl for failure to keep her in school. County Officer Jack Grenfell said the girl, who missed 39 days out of 81 this school year, had been ushering in a Portland theater. Mrs. Thelma Verhege, the mother, received a 10-day suspended jail sentence.

Repulse First Jap Attack on Way to Manila

By C. Yates McDaniel and James Hutcherson GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Wednesday, Jan. 17.—(AP) One week after landing in Lingayen gulf, a powerful American spearhead was more than one-third of the way to Manila Monday and still rolling southward in dry, clear weather down the broad central Luzon plain, virtually unchecked on land or in the air.

However on the left flank of the broadened front the first Japanese counterattack of the invasion was reported in the stubbornly-held Pozorrubio sector on Sunday. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the blow was repulsed.

Conservatively worded official statements located the deepest American penetration as on the central of three main north-south highways 45 road miles from Lingayen and 83 miles from Manila.

The Yank column reached Camiling, 30 road miles south of Lingayen, on Sunday was reported officially to be working its way southward, but the depth of the advance was not pinpointed.

Rapid gains were scored Sunday as the battifront widened east and west around Lingayen gulf. U. S. troops drove a series of strategic wedges across main highways of Luzon's central plain while patrols pushed ahead in the center to reach Moncada, 10 miles southeast of captured Bayambang, on the main road to Manila, which is some 80 airline miles to the south.

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Norwegians Seize Nazi Air Bases

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP) Norwegian troops have opened their first big attack against the Germans, advancing 80 miles in capturing northern Norway and capturing one of the two most important Nazi air bases in the region, the Norwegian high command announced tonight.

Operating under the command of Col. A. H. Dahl, hero of Norvik, the Norwegians drove over the barren, ice-sheathed wastes of Finnmark and gained positions south of Porsanger fjord and captured Banak air field at the base of the fjord.

Craft Warnings Out Along Oregon Coast

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—(AP) The weather bureau ordered small craft warnings hoisted at 6 p. m. this evening from the mouth of the Columbia river south to Newport, Ore., and on the inland waters of Washington.

Southeast storm warnings were raised from the mouth of the Columbia to Tatoosh, inclusive.

Lower Rates and Fewer Jobs Reduce Unemployment Income

The state unemployment compensation commission trust fund now totals more than \$81,000,000, a new record, the commission reported to the legislature Tuesday. At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor the trust fund was \$16,000,000.

Actual net income of the commission for 1944 aggregated \$17,111,869 as against \$17,371,365 during 1943.

The reduction in contributions from covered employers was \$77,732 or approximately 3 1/2 per cent, accounted for by the reduction in the average tax rate from 2.3

Smash Close to Silesian Border

Russian Armies Led by 44 Generals Swarm Over Polish Plains in Threat to Vaterland

By W. W. Hercher LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 17.—(AP) Two great Russian army groups poured like a red flood through broken Nazi defenses on the Polish plain south of Warsaw today, reaching within 38 miles of the German border.

Gathering speed as it went, the gigantic soviet winter offensive recorded gains of 30 to 38 miles on a twisting battlefront more than 200 miles long from Grojec, 25 miles southwest of Warsaw, down to Slonimki, only 12 miles north of the historic citadel of Krakow.

Premier Stalin in two triumphant orders of the day last night disclosed that besides the First Ukrainian army group that began the offensive Jan. 12, the powerful First White Russian group had leaped into the assault Jan. 14 and in three days had advanced along the Vistula 38 miles on a 75-mile-wide front.

The First White Russian group, commanded by famous Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, with at least 44 generals under him, sealed its triumphant drive with the capture at 8 o'clock last night of Radom, powerful German fortress 55 miles south of Warsaw. In three days this army has taken more than 1,300 communities, Stalin's orders disclosed as Moscow's saluting cannon roared.

The late communique from Moscow announced that troops of the First Ukraine front led by Marshal Ivan S. Konev, who had begun the winter offensive five days previously, captured more than 200 additional Polish towns Tuesday, racing within 38 miles of the border of German Silesia at one point and within 40 at many points.

Konev's men, besides reaching within 12 miles of Krakow, seal off Germany's government-general for Poland, took Koniecpol, only 23 miles east of the famous monastery-town and stronghold of Czestochowa.

Almost lost in the victorious thunder of Russian cannon on the Polish front was the German high command's acknowledgement that the Russians also were pushing a full-scale offensive in East Prussia and had taken the railway city of Schlossberg, 13 miles inside the border of that German province.

Altogether, the Germans said the Russians now were on the offensive in 11 different sectors. Moscow was silent concerning all except the two interlocking major drives in south and central Poland and the continuing clean-up in Budapest, where 120 additional blocks were captured Tuesday and the dwindling and encircled enemy garrison lost another 3,160 as prisoners.

The Russians now hold 4,300 square blocks of the 4,500 that make up the Hungarian capital.

Indicating that the Germans probably were correct about the other soviet offensives, however, a dispatch from Moscow Tuesday night by Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said, "The grand Red army offensive aimed at liberation of Poland and carrying the war into Germany was in full swing today through the vast snow-covered areas of the longest land front in the world."

Choice Apples to Be Held for Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP) The war food administration today ordered handlers of fresh apples grown and located in Washington and Oregon to set aside their holdings of Winesap, Newtown and Delicious (except Golden Delicious) varieties to meet military requirements.

Holdings of the affected varieties in these states totalled about 6,800,000 bushels on January 1. The WFA said supplies not needed for war requirements would be released for civilian use.

Spanish Release Italian Warships

By Charles S. Feltz ADRID, Jan. 16.—(AP) The Spanish government has released the Italian cruiser Attilio Regolo and four Italian destroyers held in the Balearic (Balearic) islands since the Italian armistice in September, 1943, and they have sailed for an allied port, it was announced today.

The move was in accordance with an arbitrator's decision which drew a strong protest today from the German charge d'affaires, Hans Von Bibra. The decision liquidated the last major question pending in connection with an Anglo-American agreement with Spain.

Torbet Named to Assist Sackett on Coos Bay Times

COOS BAY, Jan. 16.—(AP) Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay Times publisher, today announced appointment of Alan L. Torbet as the newspaper's business manager and assistant to the publisher. Torbet will continue as advertising manager, a post he has held three years. A former journalist major at the University of Oregon, he previously conducted an advertising agency at Eugene. Later he was advertising manager and public relations man for a bus line in Bend.

Partly Cloudy

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