

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Souquet

The present most popular deity seems to be Research.

Certainly it has taken the place of such virtues as Honesty and Industry which were the touchstones of success in the Horatio Alger storybooks. It has succeeded Aladdin's lamp as producer of magical wonders. Research—the key to happiness, riches, beauty, abundance. A chunk of coal, a cup of water, a liter of air and you have nylon to rival silk for milady's favor. A few pieces of copper wire, some funny-looking tubes and you hear a clock strike in London or a choir sing in Salt Lake City.

Research—it has become a household god. A few sulfa pills and a bad case of pneumonia is cured; or penicillin from a vegetable mold stops an infection; or a spray drives away flies and vermin.

Research—the magazines are full of pictures of men with test tubes busy revamping the atomic structure of molecules. Catalysts and polymers are the new geni of chemistry.

Do we have an ache or pain?—more research. Do we want wealth out of waste?—more research. Do we want ills to disappear?—more research.

This glorification of research gets new recognition in house bill 134, by Representatives Adams and Moore, which would

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Manpower Bill Goes to House; Fate Uncertain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—A manpower bill laden with explosive issues headed today for an uncertain fate in the house.

Leaving the way open for amendments dealing with strikes, closed shops, and racial discrimination, the rules committee scheduled the measure for house consideration next week after its members indicated keen dissatisfaction with its present provisions.

The committee's action came after disclosure that the military committee, which wrote the legislation, had first approved and then rejected an amendment that would have given statutory backing to the fair employment practices committee created to prevent discrimination of race, creed or color.

The FEPC amendment came out of the bill, Representative Kilday (D-Tex) revealed at the rules session, in a compromise that also tore out an anti-closed shop amendment.

New or Added Tax Foreseen By Governor

A drastic increase in property tax or a new form of revenue will have to be effected after the war if the legislature is to meet demands for additional funds, Gov. Earl Snell said Friday.

In a radio (KOAC) talk sponsored by the state federation of women's clubs, the governor said there were "sound arguments in support" of requests for larger pensions, an added \$5,000,000 for schools, and more highway funds for cities. He cited these factors in connection with increased demands for revenue.

Either a new tax or an \$8,500,000 increase in property taxes will be essential if the current \$26,000,000 annual payment in income taxes drops to the 1934 level of \$1,500,000, he declared. He added that these were among the reasons he had asked the legislature for a complete study of the state's tax structure.

Allied Planes Grounded For Third Day in Row

LONDON, Jan. 26—(AP)—The longest lull in operations since the pre-Christmas weather blackout that aided the Germans in their drive through the Ardennes found heavy bombers of the U. S. Eighth air force pinned down to their bases in Britain today for the third day in a row.

The RAF bomber command likewise curtailed its operations during the past week, although Mosquitoes and Halifaxes of the coastal command have driven home a series of attacks on German shipping near Norway.

Only 11,000,000 Not Mobilized in England

LONDON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Describing what it termed "a mobilization unprecedented in history," the British ministry of labor today said only 11,000,000 people between the ages of 14 and 64 had been left to carry on in homes all over England. Out of 33,250,000 in this age group, including women and children, ministry figures listed 22,250,000 of them as mobilized manpower.

381,330 GERMANS KILLED OR CAPTURED

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Senators Veto Wallace; Gateway to Ruhr Opens

14-5 Vote Rebuffs Nominee

Group Approves Removal Bill Of Sen. George

By Tom Reedy
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—The senate commerce committee coldly rebuffed Henry A. Wallace today, voting 14 to 5 against his nomination as secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator.

The adverse report went to the senate, where the nomination may be acted on early next week.

Critics of Wallace, contending the former vice-president is without the experience necessary to handle the big lending agencies, are claiming 48 to 50 votes in the senate—enough to beat him.

Gives Black Mark

The committee's decision after hearing the deposed Jesse Jones and Wallace himself, amounts to this: It sends President Roosevelt's nomination to the senate with a black mark against it. Similar actions in the past, however, have had varied receptions by the full body, which sometimes backs up its committees and sometimes overrules them.

At the same time, the commerce group decided, 15 to 4, to report out the bill of Senator George (D, Ga) stripping the commerce department of the reconstruction finance corporation and all its subsidiary financing agencies.

Strips Cabinet Post

This leaves the cabinet post only such routine bureaus as the coast and geodetic survey, the census and kindred activities.

The committee vote came on a motion by Senator Overton (D, La) to report the nomination favorably. Overton was joined by Senators Bilbo (D, Miss), Mead (D, N.Y.), Pepper (D, Fla), and Magnuson (D, Wash). Against it were Democrats Radcliffe of Maryland, Bailey, O'Daniel of Texas, McCarran of Nevada, Chandler of Kentucky and McClellan of Arkansas; republicans Johnson of California, Vandenberg of Michigan, Brewster of Maine, Wiley of Wisconsin, Robertso of Wyoming, Burton of Ohio, Cordon of Oregon and Brooks of Illinois.

U.S. 5th Tests Nazi Defenses

ROME, Jan. 26—(AP)—American Fifth army patrols tested German defenses south of Bologna today and found them extremely sensitive, with several lively skirmishes resulting despite snow and rain which continued to limit activities all along the Italian front.

Allied headquarters reported clashes in the area of Monte Belmonte and Sanansano, near highway 85, and at Castel Nuovo, Monte Palazzo and Villana near highway 84 about 20 miles southwest of Bologna, in the center of the Italian front.

Two German raids at Querciola were beaten off with losses.

China's War Production 'Now Coordinated' for First Time

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP) On the basis of two personal surveys, Donald M. Nelson has informed President Roosevelt that China's war production "is now coordinated" for the first time and should double by spring.

The former war production chairman, who visited China last fall as a personal representative of the chief executive, said in a report to the president that this improvement "will be felt within the next few weeks on the fighting fronts."

In addition, he said, there should be a resultant boost for Chinese morale, a strengthening of the

U.S. Buzz Bomb Takes Off



These pictures show one of the new U. S. Army air force buzz bombs, an adaptation of the German V-1, being launched at an army air force experimental station. The bomb is ready for launching in the bottom picture. The top picture shows the carriage dropping off and the bomb soaring toward its destination. (AP wirephoto from army air force newscast from Paramount News)

Japanese Forces on Luzon Show First Signs of Fight In Central Plains Sector

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Saturday, Jan. 27—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's Japanese forces on Luzon showed their first signs of a fight in the central plains sector south of the Bamban river Friday and Nipponese artillery also opened up on American-seized Clark field air center.

Today's communique reported no sizable gains anywhere on Luzon as the enemy maintained his bitter resistance against the US First army corps on the left flank. This resistance has been almost constant since the Jan. 9 invasion.

But the 14th corps, whose spearheads yesterday were reported to be at Angeles, a little more than 40 airline miles from Manila, got its first real taste of organized opposition after easily passing two natural enemy defense lines—along the Agno and the Bamban.

What few gains were chalked up occurred in the Rosario area where the Japanese have made such good usage of ridge terrain that it has been necessary for guns of American warships in Lingayen Gulf to support the 158th regimental combat team and 43rd division.

(George Thomas Folster, NBC reporter, said in a Luzon broadcast the enemy opposition was near highway No. 3, the Manila-Baguio highway, at points northeast of Clark field.

Yamhill County's Fox Hunt Echoes In Bill on Bounty

The "tallyho" of a much-publicized fox hunt over the hills of Yamhill county 10 years ago, had an echo in the house of representatives Friday.

Rep. Carl Francis of Dayton and Speaker of the House Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville introduced a bill to provide a bounty for foxes, both red and gray. Marsh said more than 100 Yamhill county residents asked for the bill in a petition declaring that foxes are a serious danger to poultry and small livestock. A lone red fox was the game in the hunt a decade ago.

Women in 60's Fight Over 'Boy Friend,' 70

PORTLAND, Jan. 26—(AP)—Mary Fisco, 68, was held in jail here today charged with striking Alice Dean, 62, with a hammer because she stole her "boy friend."

City Detective M. A. McMeecken said the "boy friend" was age 70.

7th Army Erases Nazi Gain

Allied Positions Only 25 Miles From Dusseldorf

By Austin Bealmeier
PARIS, Jan. 26—(AP)—All German resistance collapsed today west of the Roer river system at the gateway to the prize Ruhr industrial valley, and the U. S. Ninth and British Second armies—with 35 miles of the west wall behind them—seized assault positions only 25 miles from Dusseldorf.

The Ninth broke a six-week lull and pushed to the Roer on a five-mile front as the U. S. Seventh army far to the south threw a new German drive into reverse, erased all its northern Alsation gains and lifted the threat to Strasbourg by driving the enemy back across the Moder river.

Fighting Slows
By nightfall the fighting had dwindled to sporadic machine gun and rifle fire along the entire 20-mile front.

The U. S. First and Third armies crushed virtually the last of the Ardennes wedge in Belgium and Luxembourg.

The Third army rushed eastward to a number of points where the enemy's December offensive kicked off, moved its lines up to within a mile or two of the German frontier along most of the Luxembourg front, and put five divisions on a ridge-top highway overlooking the west wall.

First Advances

The First army to the north captured five more towns and edged eastward within two and a half to five miles of Germany against such light resistance that it was asserted officially German troop shifts to meet the Russians had definitely relaxed pressure in the west.

In southern Alsace, French and American troops of the French First army fought into Houssem, three miles north of Colmar, for the closest approach yet made to that stronghold in the Rhineland pocket. Other ground lost to counterattacks in this area was re-won.

Germans Shift Men to East

MOSCOW, Saturday, Jan. 27—(AP)—It was reported here today that part of the Sixth German panzer division, which participated in Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive in Belgium, had arrived on the east front.

Other troops are being rushed from the western front "without break" to stem the soviet tide and all German railway facilities were placed at the disposal of the army for this gigantic troop movement, it was stated.

Allied airmen have been attacking heavy German troop movements from the Ardennes area toward central Germany.

Sgt. O. S. Snyder Killed in Action

TURNER, Jan. 26—Sgt. O. S. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Snyder, was killed in action on Leyte November 30. His wife and their young son live at Versdale, Spokane county, Wash., with her parents, and visited at the Snyder home here in December. Mrs. Snyder was notified by the war department of her husband's death, and she notified his parents.

Another son, S. Sgt. Frederick J. Snyder, is with the army in Germany.

Clear Today

except for morning valley fog in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts US weather bureau at McNary field, Salem.

Dies at 72



TOM J. PENDERGAST

T. Pendergast, Political Boss, Dies in Hospital

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 26—(AP)—Thomas J. Pendergast, 72, former Kansas City machine boss, died tonight at Menorah hospital.

Democratic boss who made governors and senators and whose nod of approval has been sought by Missouri politicians for years before his downfall in May, 1939, had been in the hospital of an undisclosed ailment since Tuesday.

It was in 1939, after years at the top of a political machine which ruled Kansas City, Kansas county and at times Missouri, that Pendergast was sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth for income tax evasion.

Upon his release he was placed on probation for five years and forbidden to participate in any way in politics.

Pendergast, in 1911, took over a small political machine molded by a saloon-keeper brother, Jim Pendergast, and built it into a powerful force in Kansas City politics.

Canada Will Allow Planes Transit Rights

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—Acceptance of the "two freedoms" agreement by Canada may change world air transport service to give such cities as Chicago and Detroit direct routes to Europe.

C. D. Howe, Canadian minister of reconstruction, announced in New York his government's decision to join in the exchange of the right to fly across or make operational stops in another country. The announcement followed a two-day session during which a new trans-border air services agreement was worked out with the United States.

The civil aeronautics boards (CAB) omitted Canada when it published its proposed world air plan for American carriers last June, and again when it revised the map for the world air conference at Chicago.

P-38 Fighter Planes Fly Over Balikpapan

The Japanese-controlled Hong-kong radio recorded by the FCC said tonight that 10 P-38 fighter planes, "apparently on reconnaissance," had appeared over Balikpapan on the southeastern coast of Borneo Thursday, and claimed that Japanese interceptors had shot down one in addition to damaging several.

Definite Cancellation Policy For Food Stamps Set Forth

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP) June 2. Sugar stamp number 36 is scheduled to validate a new series of red and blue stamps at the start of each month, usually five of each color at a time. Since they will be good for four months, this means that four blocks of each kind will always be in use, expiring on a staggered basis.

The first red and blue stamps to expire under the new system will be those which came into use December 1 and 3, respectively. Red—Q T, R 5, and S 5; blue—X 5, Y 5, Z 5, A 2, and B 2.

Walker Act Ban Sought

Tax Would Go in Reserve; Police Pension Asked

A new broadsheet of bills left enough ammunition on the vacated desks of the senate and house today to assure that the remainder of the 43rd session will be a lot livelier than the first 19 days ended last night.

The repeal of the Walker act permitting income tax refunds; provisions for a state-police insurance and retirement plan; a pool system for the serving of liquor in private clubs—these were but a few of the issues thrown into the legislative grinder Friday.

Final Action Monday

And coming up Monday to plague the house once more will be final action on a proposal to eliminate the provision that county courts, in filling legislative vacancies, must choose an appointee of the same party faith as his predecessor. A "do not pass" minority report on the measure was downed after heated arguments.

Most warmly debated proposal passed Friday was the house bill providing for a fine of \$500 for selling liquor when election polls are open.

The state police act would provide a maximum of \$75 monthly pension at age 65 and make possible \$7500 individual policies under group insurance.

The repeal of the Walker act, in regard to refunds on corporation excise as well as income tax, was proposed by Sen. H. H. Chidgren and R. G. Friebie as a means to create a reserve for postwar construction.

Similar to Washington

The pool system for serving liquor in non-profit clubs was sought in a senate bill introduced by Sen. Earl T. Newberry and Reps. Robert C. Gile and Frank Van Dyke. The plan would be similar to that in effect in Washington and to a measure passed and vetoed at the 1939 legislature.

The house adjourned until 11 a.m. Monday, and the senate—after considerable debate as to whether to meet today—decided to take up Monday at 10 a.m. (Legislative news page 2.)

London Poles Make Proposal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—A proposal by the London government of Poland that administration of its war-ravaged country be taken over temporarily by an allied commission is receiving serious consideration here.

But there is little evident hope in diplomatic quarters that Soviet Russia, having recognized a provisional government in the former Lublin committee of liberation, would agree.

Nonetheless there is speculation that the proposal could form a subject for discussion by Premier Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt.

December Industrial Payroll Shows Gain

The industrial payroll in Oregon for December totaled \$56,584,741, a gain of \$19,000,000 over the preceding month, and \$13,000,000 more than in December, 1943, the state industrial accident commission said Friday.

Russians Outflank Poznan

Soviets Roll Past Hindenburg, Get To Danzig Line

By W. W. Hercher

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 27—(AP)—The Soviet high command announced last night that the Red army has killed or captured more than 381,330 Germans in its two-week-old winter offensive, which yesterday rolled on unchecked through the big industrial city of Hindenburg in Silesia, reached the Danzig-free state frontier, and cut off East Prussia with a thrust to the Baltic coast.

From 20 to 25 Nazi divisions—perhaps 200,000 Germans—now are trapped in East Prussia. 138 Miles Away

Outflanking Poznan, big Polish stronghold, the Russians also crossed the Warta river 10 miles south of the city and speared to within 136 miles of Berlin with the capture of Mosen. This was the closest approach to the Reich capital yet announced by the Soviet command.

Earlier a Berlin military spokesman had said that Soviet scouting units had raced around Poznan and struck close to the Brandenburg province frontier whose nearest point to Berlin is 91 miles due east of the capital.

North of Poznan the Russians took Rogozno, only 20 miles from the German frontier, and 140 miles northeast of Berlin; other units striking toward the coveted Reich capital from the southeast in Silesia were only 143 miles away.

Staggering Losses

A special Russian communique announced the staggering losses inflicted on the Germans in the gigantic offensive between January 12, when it began at the Vistula river bridgehead below Warsaw, and January 24.

Moscow said that five Russian armies had killed more than 295,000 Germans in that period and captured 88,330, and also had destroyed or captured 592 planes, 2995 tanks and self-propelled guns, 7932 guns of all calibers, 7386 mortars, 20,019 machine guns, 34,019 trucks, as well as vast quantities of other war material.

Capturing more than 960 localities during the day on a front from the Baltic to the mountains of Slovakia, the Russians drove to within eight miles of Konigsberg, East Prussian capital, and to within two miles of Torun, big North Polish communications center on the Vistula river at the southern entrance to the Polish corridor below Danzig. Berlin said Torun was surrounded.

Lt. 'Bud' Taylor Started Flying At Salem Field

First Lt. Benjamin A. (Bud) Taylor of Salem, who learned to fly because he loved it and whose small plane was often in the air above the Willamette valley before he enlisted in the royal air force in the summer of 1941, was killed in a plane crash near Ransburg, England, on December 22.

Confirmation of the report of his death was received here Friday by his mother, Helen Taylor, 1370 Nebraska street.

The first notification from the war department preceded by a few days a letter from an English friend telling some of the details of the last flight of the young Salem man, who had transferred to the American army air force in the fall of 1942.

(Further details on page 2.)

Severe Coal Shortage Felt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—A coal shortage so severe it closed some schools and threatened more brought drastic fuel limitation orders today for homes as well as amusement places in the winter-struck northeastern states.

The solid fuels administration specifically denied that it was ordering closure of any schools. C. J. Potter, deputy administrator, saying its order "does not contemplate the closing of any schools if they have coal or can get coal. If they have ample fuel, it would be silly to shut down."

But Mayor Frank S. Harris in Albany, N.Y., ordered schools as well as libraries, museums, night clubs, theaters and bowling alleys to close Sunday until further notice.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	59	41	0
Eugene	43	23	0
Salem	46	28	0
Portland	42	22	0
Seattle	51	24	0

Willamette river 1 ft. 2 in.