

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The curtain appears to be rising on the fifth act of the drama that is Adolf Hitler's Germany. Again comparison is made to a Wagnerian Goetterdämmerung, a "twilight of the gods," and perhaps Hitler himself behind his guards and battlements may fancy himself a Siegfried gripped in mortal combat. But Hitler belongs not to the legend of the Ring. Another legend out of old Germany fits him better. He is a Doctor Faustus who sold his soul, and Germany's, to the devil, writing the deed in lifeblood (though not his own); and he and his country face the fate of Faustus. I do not refer to the Faust of Goethe, with its witches' kitchen and Walpurgis night and the sniffling poodle and the betrayed Margaret, by Mephistocles condemned, by the Voice from Above redeemed; but to the starker "Tragic History of Doctor Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe.

The Faust story is old and familiar. The ambitious Faustus, "his parents base of stock," impatient with law and medicine and theology, seeks through black magic to rise to supreme power:

"Till swain with cunning, of a self-conceit, His waken wings did mount above his reach, And, melting, heavens conspired his overthrow."

He makes his deal with Mephistophilis (Goethe's Mephistocles), servant to Lucifer, fallen angel and devil's agent. Faustus acclaims "no chief but only Beelzebub," and for the space of four and twenty years

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Franco-Yankee Relations Due To Get Worse

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The government announced tonight a far reaching program for French civilian supplies, but privately officials conceded that Franco-American relations will get worse before they get better.

The announcement covered thousands of food stuffs, industrial materials, and badly needed transportation equipment, including 700 locomotives and 9000 trucks, authorized for French purchase here.

The goods are being shipped as rapidly as cargo space becomes available. The announcement disclosed that 46,000 tons of civilian supplies were shipped to France during January.

Officials said, however, that the French people are now going through one of the worst winters in their history, suffering intensely from lack of fuel, clothing and food in many parts of the country. They said the failure to get supplies delivered in time to prevent this suffering inevitably means some loss of good will between France and the other Allies.

Raymond Freitag of Scio Dies in Battle

SCIO, Feb. 3.—Raymond Gale Freitag, motor machinist mate 3/c, has been killed in action in action overseas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Freitag, Riverview community, have been notified by the navy department.

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Soviets Near Frankfurt, Kustrin

Marshes Of Oder Reached

Reds Advance 8 Miles Against Stiff Resistance

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The Red army, closing swiftly on Frankfurt and Kustrin, last Oder river strongholds 38 and 40 miles from bomb-shattered Berlin, yesterday reached the marshes bordering the last natural barrier to the axis capital, and killed or captured 17,450 trapped Germans, Moscow announced last night.

Advancing up to eight miles against fierce resistance by heavy enemy reinforcements hurled in to the flaming struggle, Soviet tanks pushed through Sonnenburg, six miles southeast of Kustrin and also seized Reppen, 10 miles east of Frankfurt's east bank suburb of Damm.

Captured Sonnenburg is 47 miles east of Berlin, the closest Russians have officially placed their troops, but the Germans said that Kustrin, 40 miles northeast of Berlin, was the scene of furious combat, with the Russians attacking the garrison from four directions and trying an effective forcing of the Oder near that town.

Crossing Falls Soviet shock troops made one crossing of the Oder near Kustrin, but were wiped out, Berlin said. Nazi reports said the Russians were attacking Kustrin from the northwest, northeast, east and south. One new Soviet attack in the suburbs, presumably made by the units that took Sonnenburg, was beaten off during the day, Berlin said.

North of the Warthe river the Russians seized Vietz, 11 miles northeast of Kustrin, in an eight-mile two-day advance down the highway and railway from Landsberg.

Stettin Push Vague Moscow did not announce any further progress by Russian units fighting their way toward Stettin, Baltic port 70 miles northeast of Berlin. The Russians on Friday were reported within 36 miles of Stettin, and a Russian German-language broadcast yesterday had placed them only 11 miles from their goal.

The capture of Stettin would cut off a 12,500-square-mile section of Pomerania, the Polish corridor and Danzig. There were unconfirmed reports that German ships already had fled Stettin and put into Copenhagen in Denmark.

Farther east other Soviet troops were attacking toward the Baltic coast in a similar effort to split up Pomerania and lessen the threat of a German flanking attack on the central salient pointed at Berlin.

Two Valley Soldiers Killed in War Action

In a list of Oregon men killed in action in the Mediterranean area today is included the names of Pvt. James M. Myers, whose wife is Mrs. Bernice H. Myers, route two, Cornelius; and Sgt. Gerald E. Phillips, whose mother is Mrs. Pearl S. Phillips, route one, box 115, Sherwood.

Administration, Opposition Each Claim Profit for Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Administration and opposition forces box-scoring their congressional week reached widely varying totals, with contrasting claims of profit from the maneuvering over manpower, Henry Wallace and government lending agencies. Administrationists added it up like this: 1. A major legislative victory in the house through passage of an administration-patterned compulsory manpower act. 2. The senate compromise on the former vice president, which Wallace supporters called a political victory in that it bolstered his chances of becoming secretary of commerce. But the opposition figured they had a credit balance on the week,

Educator Dies



Julius Churchill

J.A. Churchill, State Educator, Dies Saturday

Julius A. Churchill, prominent Oregon educator for more than 50 years died in a Salem hospital Saturday night following a brief illness and a longer period of failing health.

Born Oct. 14, 1863, in Lima, O., he was graduated in 1883 from Ohio Northern university and came to Oregon in 1891 to become superintendent of schools at Baker, a position he held until 1913. That year he became state superintendent of public instruction and when he left the office 13 years later, having in 1920 received his master's degree from University of Oregon, he became president of Oregon Normal school.

In 1932 he moved from the Ashland college to the presidency of Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, and at the same time to the directorship of elementary teachers' training for the state. He had been president emeritus of OCE since 1939. At the time of his retirement from the presidency of the teachers' college, Oregon State college conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws.

Dr. Churchill was a member of the Elks lodge and the Episcopal church. Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Elton and Marie Churchill, Portland, and Mrs. George Weller, Salem.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from St. Paul's Episcopal church, the Rev. George H. Swift officiating, with interment at City View cemetery.

One Accident To Every 13 Cars in 1944

There was one traffic accident for every 13 motor vehicles registered in Oregon during the year 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported to the legislature here Saturday.

Farrell's report showed 30,953 traffic accidents in 1944 as compared to 31,375 accidents in 1943. In 1941, the peak year, there was one traffic accident for every eight vehicles registered. Traffic accidents in 1941 totaled 49,674 with 435,970 vehicles registered in the state department.

Paper Drive Slated Today

Although it is obvious some of today's salvage paper collections may not be made until late in the afternoon, residents of the capital city should have their contributions to the drive on curbs by 12:30 p. m., Lyle Leighton, Boy Scout executive, said Saturday. Trucks will start promptly at that hour, he explained. Boy Scouts of Salem are attempting to fill four railroad cars with the needed war material, and every street in the city will be covered. Paper contributions should be placed in cartons or tied in packages, members of the salvage teams have pointed out. A number of Salem business firms are providing trucks and drivers for the collection.

Weather

Big Bills Facing Session

Tax Study Is Up Tuesday; 'Hotel' Plan Wednesday

By Wendell Webb, Managing Editor, The Statesman. Veterans aid, a state tax study, pension systems, the "hotel bill," and equalized rights for federal income taxpayers constitute major business facing the 43rd legislature when it reconvenes for the 29th day of its session tomorrow.

Already, with the session probably but little if any half over, 498 bills have been entered and but a small fraction disposed of to date. Workman's compensation, milk pasteurization, salary bills, building programs and scores of other proposals still faced the senate and house.

Long Session Seen The week brought at least one change of pace—the odds were less than even that the legislature would finish in the legal 50 days. The program for veterans' education and home loan provisions, approved in general last November, was expected to take concrete form within the next few days. A measure for a veterans' welfare department was introduced last week, but details of what it hoped to accomplish remained a bit of a puzzle even yet.

The proposal of Gov. Earl Snell for a thorough tax study will be debated Tuesday afternoon in the senate, and the civil rights (hotel) bill—making it a misdemeanor to discriminate because of race, creed or color—will be argued by the solons Wednesday morning. Liquor Probe On The liquor investigation asked by the governor was a side issue for the time being—a committee was given \$25,000 and the probe was on.

The senate Saturday voted to repeal the community property law, under virtual compulsion of a supreme court decision, but by memorial asked that the federal government recognize all states as having equal rights in the federal tax program. The fish commission, which has asked to be put on a direct appropriation basis to assure itself of funds, was taken somewhat to task Saturday when Rep. William Niskanen, who alleged it had been late in producing its annual report, demanded that such report be provided all legislators immediately.

Building Plan Entered The \$10,000,000 building program previously outlined for the state was injected into the session last week when the state board of higher education proposed a \$2,377,000 plan for institutions at Monmouth, Ashland, Eugene, Corvallis and Portland. There was some talk of a levy to augment whatever the legislature might provide.

Both legislative bodies held Saturday sessions. The senate will reconvene at 10 a. m. tomorrow, the house at 11. (Legislative News Page 11)

Explosion Rips Subterranean Rest Rooms

Salem residents were startled at 1:10 p. m. when an explosion rocked the downtown section at State and High streets. Its epicenter was at the men's and women's public rest rooms under the sidewalk at the corner of the courthouse property. The blast was caused by an overheated water boiler which was ripped to pieces by force of the explosion.

The walls separating the men's and women's compartments were knocked down and the outer doors blown from the hinges. One man was catapulted into the passageway to the steps. He avoided formalities in being long gone from the premises.

4000 Airplanes Hammer Berlin, Other Targets

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Nearly 4000 Allied warplanes pounded German installations yesterday, Berlin itself being rocked by the most concentrated assault ever made on the German capital. In a wild, 45-minute period, more than 1000 U. S. Eighth air force Flying Fortresses, escorted by more than 900 fighters, blasted Berlin. They were in sight of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's assault against the Oder river line 38 to 40 miles to the east as they poured some 3000 tons of high explosives and fire bombs on military targets in the refugee-packed city.

This raid, a diversionary stab at the oil center of Magdeburg by 400 U. S. Liberators, cost the Americans 35 bombers and five fighters missing, a communique said. Twenty-one Luftwaffe planes were downed in combat near Berlin and 14 others were destroyed on the ground.

Weather was good for bombing, and for the first time in the war, there was no German air opposition over the reich capital. What dogfights there were occurred as Mustangs and Thunderbolt pilots carried out sweeps over scattered areas some distance from the city.

Western Offense Mounts

Yanks Thrust 3 Miles Deeper in Nazis' Defenses

By Austin Bealmer. PARIS, Feb. 3.—(AP)—American troops thrust three miles deeper into Germany today within a mile of a break through the permanent fortifications of the Siegfried line and pushed the last Germans off Belgian soil.

U. S. first army spearheads were 11 miles inside the western border of the Reich and 31 miles from the Rhine, while the French first army and its American reinforcements in Alsace liberated the city of Colmar and carved a five-mile slice off the German salient in that province.

Other Defenses Total penetration of the west-wall's double belt of defenses would not open the way completely for the continuing first army advance, as the Germans feverishly have been throwing up temporary fortifications farther back.

First army doughboys liberated Krewinkel, last German-held town in the eastern tip of Belgium, a late dispatch reported. In clearing the Germans from the three-mile area held by the Germans east and northeast of St. Vith, the Americans seized three other towns earlier in the day.

(The Berlin radio said that despite these gains, Gen. Eisenhower was making "frantic preparations" behind the lines for a big push from the west, "with no effort to keep it secret.")

Two of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army divisions were ripping the vitals from German defenses due east of Monschau and 25 miles southeast of Aachen over rough, river-cut terrain where, if anywhere the Germans, should be expected to attempt a stand.

Japs Capture Chinese Town

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Chinese high command acknowledged tonight that the Japanese driving against air bases east of their corridor across China had reached and taken their first objective, Suichuan, half way between Hongkong and Hangkow.

The Chinese said fighting continued south of Suichuan, where bases of the U. S. 14th air force were destroyed and abandoned January 24.

The enemy drive in that area is designed to protect Japanese rail communications from Hongkong to Manchuria and Korea. Having taken Kukong, provincial capital of Kwangtung province 125 miles south of Canton, the Japanese swung eastward and stormed Chiling on January 30, the Chinese reported.

"Schluss" sometimes is used by German broadcasters to indicate the end of a transmission period, but never before, Associated Press listeners said, has it been interjected during a transmission.

Yank Tanker Sunk by Sub

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The War Shipping Administration announced tonight that an enemy submarine sank a large American tanker in the Arabian sea with the loss of 33 merchant seamen. The date was not reported.

The tanker, the H. D. Collier of the Standard Oil Company of California, was transporting 102,000 barrels of high-octane gasoline when struck by three torpedoes. The raider surfaced and shelled the tanker as two lifeboats were launched.

One lifeboat, carrying the vessel's master, Capt. Joseph Fox of Oakland, Calif., was swamped and drifted into the flames fed by the gasoline. All aboard were lost.

Several days later the SS Empire picked up 14 survivors in the second lifeboat.

Weather

San Francisco Max. Min. Rain 41 31 0.11
Eugene 37 27 0.13
Salem 37 27 0.13
Portland 37 27 0.13
Seattle 37 27 0.13
Willamette river 3 2 9 in.

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At Least 100 More Blood Donors Sought

At least 100 more registrations are needed Monday if the Salem area blood quota is to be filled Tuesday, officers of Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce announced Saturday night.

Persons who believe they are eligible to make blood donations when the mobile unit of the Multnomah county Red Cross is here Tuesday should register Monday by calling Marion county Red Cross offices, 9277, Jaycee leaders said.

"For a good many persons right here in Marion county the fall of Manila is going to be a sad victory if one of theirs loses his life in the campaign," they pointed out. "Now that we are beginning to get back our men who have been prisoners, the need for blood plasma will continue to grow," they added.

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The US Fifth army and Eighth army patrols again made raids into the enemy lines, inflicting casualties and taking prisoners, but there was no other ground activity.

Occasional Rain Showers

today with little change in temperature, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

'Big 3' Considers Plan for Grand Council of Conciliation

By John A. Farris, Jr. LONDON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The victory and peace deliberations of the Allied "big three" are believed here to include creation of a grand conciliation council to settle political and economic problems and prevent disagreement among the Allies on European policy.

The urgency for such organization has been underlined by admitted policy disagreements between Britain and the United States on Greece and Italy and the separate views of the Soviet union and the British and Americans on the Polish question.

Whether this organization will be called the "grand conciliation council" or by another name was not known, but its creation was considered certain in informed London quarters.

U. S. Columns Fast Bearing Down On Philippine Capital

Luzon Broadcast Says Patrols Reach City's Outskirts; Main Army Less Than 15 Miles Away

By C. YATES McDANIEL. GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Central Luzon, Sunday, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Yank columns are fast approaching Manila, far outdistancing the official reports today which put them less than 15 miles away on the north at 6 p. m. Friday.

"American big guns are close enough this (Friday) evening for Manila residents to hear them," reported Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brimes with the 37th division which is in a neck and neck drive with the motorized First cavalry division for the honor of being the first to enter the city.

(Broadcast reports from Luzon today referred to patrols reaching the "outskirts" without specifying places.)



Manila, capital of the Philippines and a main objective of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, sprawls over 14 square miles on the east shore of Manila bay at the mouth of the muddy Pasig river.

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