

YUGOSLAVS LEAVING AUSTRIA

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In recent years the state land board has granted many requests for permission to sell timber from lands on which the state held a first mortgage. Many times the proceeds of the sale of this timber have extinguished or greatly reduced the mortgage debt. Originally the loan was made on the farm land with no reference to any timber valuation. As time passed the trees grew, truck logging came in, prices for stumpage increased—and the farmer woke up one day and found he had a pot of gold in his timber patch.

This leads up to the thought that farmers with rough, untilled lands on their places might do well to make these spots into woodlots selecting species adapted to the location and possessing market demand. Plantings are available at low cost at the Corvallis arboretum of the state college. Instead of waiting for nature to go through a long cycle of fern and brush and then fir, the landowner could set out and protect plantings of fir or cedar or hardwoods like walnut, alder, ash. He might not live to harvest the crop, but his sons could; and a properly "farmed" woodlot adds to the value of a place for sale. As time goes on and the virgin stand of timber in the state is cut off the demand for nearby woods will increase. When the pioneers set out black walnuts in the valley many years ago they probably had little regard for the future value of the trees for wood, yet in the past quarter century these trees have been harvested with substantial profit to the owners.

Here is the market for trees from the farmers' timber tract: saw timber for lumber, peeler logs, pulpwood, cordwood fuel, fence posts.

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Jap Counterblow Again Repulsed on Okinawa

U.S. 10th Advances Slightly

GUAM, Tuesday, May 22.—(AP)—A large force of Japanese — some of them wearing American marine uniforms and using captured US weapons — strongly attacked Sixth division marines in the Naha sector of Okinawa Sunday night, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Fierce action, some of the hottest of the long southern Okinawa campaign, raged all along the Naha-Suri-Yonabaru line but Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said the 10th US army made advances on both flanks and in the center.

Attacking before dawn, 77th division infantry captured Taira Machi, north of Shuri, despite intense small arms fire. This statue of liberty division already was within 900 yards of citadel Shuri's northeast fringes. Fighting doggedly all day and throwing back enemy attempts to retake Taira, the 77th moved south of the town in the evening.

Three groups of Japanese, in suicidal demolition missions, tried to destroy tanks in the First marine division sector. All were repulsed.

The 96th infantry division moved slowly south toward Yonabaru town on the east coast although it was subjected to intense interlocking machine gun fire throughout Monday.

About 35 Japanese planes, making their first strong air attack on Okinawa shipping in several days, damaged five light American vessels Sunday evening. Twenty-six of the attackers, which came in at low level, were destroyed by fighter planes and ships' anti-aircraft.

Austria Head



Septuagenarian Dr. Carl Renner, chancellor of Austria in 1919, now heads the provisional government of Austria, set up in liberated Vienna with the blessing of Soviet Russia and without consultation with either the United States or Great Britain. A social democrat, the 74-year-old statesman is reported to be vigorous and healthy.

Federal Airport Aid Urged

Project Thought Too Large for Single Regions

Legislation for federal aid for development, construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of public airports was urged here Monday by representatives of 15 Oregon cities and communities and persons interested in private aviation who met with members of the state board of aeronautics and the civil aeronautics authority. The group urged Oregon congressmen and asked that civic organizations follow suit.

Airports constructed with federal funds as wartime investments with the understanding that they would be community operated after the war emergency are, in many cases, too large for municipal operations, it was generally agreed.

"Too big for a single community — too big for a single county or state — transportation by air in years after the war will be a matter for national and international development!" declared M. E. Sweet, Eugene.

Cities, counties and the state of Oregon are not really prepared to take advantage of federal aid if it is made available under legislation now before committees in congress, J. R. Roberts, Redmond, member of the state board of aeronautics, maintained.

The small airplane, rather than the heavy, expensive "job" is the craft for which landing facilities must be provided in the immediate postwar years, it was agreed by flyers attending the session. They pointed out that air lines are no more likely to set down transcontinental planes at small communities than are railroads to stop transcontinental speedliners at such places, but declared that feeder service may be possible if airstrips are developed.

Closer to Cities

Modern airports will be closer to the hearts of cities, declared Lane W. Wilcox, supervisor of airports, Seattle. Tom Stevenson of the Corvallis airport commission, spoke of the necessity for landing strips along the coast to serve vacationers. Sweet suggested that "hollering" persons interested in aviation might influence the forest service to construct the strips they are planning as part of forest protection installations near vacation spots as well as near the forests.

Attending the meeting, held Monday afternoon in Salem Chamber of Commerce, were men and women from Portland, Salem, Oregon City, Harrisburg, Florence, LaGrande, Redmond, Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, McMinnville, Tillamook, Dallas, Albany, and Mt. Angel.

Captured Nazi Charter Possible By June



Sporting a heavy beard, Dr. Robert Ley, German labor minister, is shown after his capture by 101st airborne infantry division, 45 miles from Berchtesgaden, Germany. Photo by AP Photographer James Pringle with wartime still picture pool. (AP wirephoto via signal corps radio)

Compromise Due On Trusteeships To Speed Work

By Douglas B. Cornell

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—(AP)—A regional peace-keeping system moved forward, a plan which might have retarded world peace enforcement was discarded, and the United Nations conference rolled along tonight toward completing a new world charter the first week in June.

Secretary of State Stettinius announced the goal of the conference now is to finish a charter early next month.

A subcommittee discussed, generally applauded, and decided to vote tomorrow on a formula to include in the charter permission for the Pan-American and other regional group of states to act against an attacker up to the time necessary measures are taken by the security council of a world organization.

And Belgium withdrew an amendment which some delegates said would have crippled the ability of the security council to prevent war. It would have given any party to a dispute before the council the right to ask an international court whether a recommended or proposed decision in the council "infringes on its essential rights."

Specific steps taken today toward a compromise on another big problem—trusteeships—added to the chances that the conference might finish, its momentous enterprise in another fortnight.

A move to promise either eventual independence or self-government to colonial peoples under international rule was reported to have been agreed upon substantially by representatives of the British and American delegations.

Tension Eases Over Disputed Trieste Area

By Lynn Heinzerling

TRIESTE, May 21.—(AP)—Yugoslav troops were evacuating southern Austria tonight and a high allied officer expressed optimism that an agreement would be reached on Trieste — second sore spot irritating relations between Marshal Tito and British forces.

The Yugoslavs began moving out of the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Syria — zones of British military occupation — which they previously had declared had become a part of "greater Yugoslavia" along with disputed Trieste and Istria in northeastern Italy.

They moved out quickly in trucks brought in by the British Eighth army and it was expected that they all would be over the border by nightfall.

The Yugoslavs had infiltrated into Austria after advance parties of the Eighth army had entered, and at Klagenfurt had seized a newspaper plant.

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander in a message to his Mediterranean command had included southern Austria in the zone which he said Tito apparently intended to occupy by force of arms.

Would Negotiate

(The Luxembourg radio broadcast a statement it said was carried by the Belgrade radio declaring that the Yugoslav government was ready to negotiate direct with Italy for a settlement of the Trieste question.)

(This account said that Yugoslavia did not plan the lone occupation of Trieste and the Istrian peninsula.)

The orders to move were issued after an officer of the third Yugoslav army conferred with Gen. C. F. Keightley of the British Fifth corps.

The Yugoslav-controlled newspaper Il Nostro Avvenire published for the first time today Alexander's message to his troops on the gravity of the dispute over Trieste, but the tone of its editorial was conciliatory.

Editorial Friendly

"The maintenance of peace is the task of everybody," the editorial said. "Now less than ever must we yield to the intrigues of our enemies, who always have tried in vain to spread discord among the allies."

For all that, the same confused situation existed in this Italian port which the British want to supply their occupation forces in Austria.

It is a dual occupation and neither the British nor the Yugoslavs are able to perform a satisfactory job.

(In Moscow the Russian press published accounts of the Trieste situation without comment, but the British press declared that such disputes increased the need for an early meeting of the big three.

Suit Dismissed To Invalidate Law on Budget

Judge George R. Duncan Monday dismissed a suit by Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., to invalidate the budget law passed by the 1945 legislature to permit tax levying bodies to set up a cash working account to be used between the time taxes are authorized and collected.

House bill 403, the plaintiff contended, as signed by the governor did not contain amendments which had been passed by the legislature.

In his opinion the court held that the "enrolled bill, properly signed by the presiding officers of the senate and house and the governor was conclusive as the validity of the bill as far as its enactment is concerned, unless the journal record of either body show affirmatively that the bill failed of passage through lack of some constitutional requirement.

PORTLAND, May 21.—(AP)—F. H. Young, counsel for Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., said today it will appeal to the state supreme court a circuit court ruling dismissing its suit to invalidate the 1945 local budget law.

Young said the appeal of today's Salem court's decision would delay work on 1945-46 budgets by tax levying bodies.

Election Seen As Imminent In England

BLACKPOOL, England, Tuesday, May 22.—(AP)—Great Britain's first general election in ten years appeared imminent today after laborite ministers rejected Prime Minister Churchill's proposal for extension of the coalition government until the end of the Japanese war and opposed a proposed referendum on continuing the present parliament.

Political observers at the labor party's national convention here predicted that Churchill would announce in parliament later today that King George VI intended to dissolve the parliament in three weeks and that the election would be held July 5.

The date was the consensus of informed British political writers.

The coalition government, formed in 1940 just before Dunkerque when Britain was fighting with her back to the wall, appeared likely to crumble in the wake of developments.

House Votes Special Medal For Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—A "special medal of honor" for posthumous award to Franklin D. Roosevelt was voted by the house today, after a republican objected to a "congressional medal" for the late president.

Language identifying Mr. Roosevelt as "commander in chief" was stricken from the bill, which now goes to the senate.

The house parliamentarian said the award of a "special medal of honor" probably would mean the striking of a new design.

The measure, by house democratic leader McCormack, originally proposed to award the late president a medal similar to the one presented by President Truman today to T/Sgt. Jake Lindsey. It was blocked when first brought up two weeks ago, by the objection of Rep. Robison (R-Ky).

Selective Service May Not Draft Men Over 30

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The Washington Post said tonight that selective service is considering an order "virtually halting the drafting of men over 30 years of age."

Mr. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, declined comment.

The Post said that under the prospective order men over 30 engaged in "useful" work would be freed of all draft pressure.

Nevada-Given Divorce Loses Full Protection

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—A state which refused to recognize a pair of Nevada divorces was upheld by the supreme court today.

In a six to three decision, it affirmed a North Carolina finding that the six weeks spent by the applicants in Nevada getting the decrees did not make them bona fide residents of that state.

Justice Black, in a vigorous dissent joined by Justice Douglas, warned that the opinion makes uncertain the validity of uncontested divorce decrees in all states, but Justice Murphy saw "no startling or dangerous implications in the judgment."

The federal system has created a legal situation whereby "one state can grant a divorce of validity in other states only if the applicant has a bona fide domicile. . . ." the majority decision by Justice Frankfurter stated.

Nazi Plot to Kill 'Ike' Only Gigantic Hoax

PARIS, May 21.—(AP)—A gigantic hoax perpetrated by the Germans at the time of the Ardennes offensive last December was taken so seriously by the allied command that a double-replaced General Eisenhower in the latter's official car and a drastic curfew was clamped on the Paris area to foil would-be Nazi assassins.

In an atmosphere which increased steadily in intensity, military police patrolled the streets of the capital and at least 43 roadblocks were set up covering all approaches to the city. Hundreds of arrests were made and there were numerous casualties as 50-caliber machine guns ripped into vehicles which ignored the roadblocks.

The story of the Nazi "plot" to kill Eisenhower and other high-ranking Allied officers—one of the top secrets of the European theater—became public property only last Thursday, after the U. S. Seventh army captured Lt. Col. Otto Skorzeny, aide to gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler.

In an official statement today, Col. H. G. Sheen, chief of counter-intelligence at Allied headquarters cleared up some of the missing chapters of the "plot" that threw Paris into confusion for days.

"We know now," he said, "that this was only a story and never at any time did Skorzeny or any of his people plan to carry out such an operation."

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DeGaulle Oks Closer Ties With America

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—General Charles De Gaulle agreed today to the meeting with President Truman which the American executive had suggested in cordial words last week.

Georges Bidault, French foreign minister, announced De Gaulle's approval of the idea in a statement bidding strongly for American-French collaboration in the postwar world.

The twin American and French moves were accepted as indicating a strong inclination on both sides toward closer relations. There had been friction for a long time, first over American delay in according De Gaulle's regime full acceptance and later over failure to count the French leader in on British-Russian-American conferences of war and peace.

2 Salem Men Coming Home

Capt. John F. Mitchell, 1100 Chemekeka st., and Pvt. Gordon E. Duval, 1175 Market st., with 78 other Oregon and Washington men liberated from Nazi prison camps arrived at Fort Lewis on Tuesday, the Associated Press reported.

Pvt. Walter S. Ball, Detroit; Sgt. Eldridge G. Gaston, 200 First st., Newberg; and PFC Oliver G. Seymour, route two, Woodburn, are also members of the group, most of whom left Tuesday night for 60-day furloughs and leaves at their homes, the AP said.

Weather

San Francisco	Max.	Min.	Rain
Eugene	55	45	50
Portland	51	45	40
Salem	51	45	40
Seattle	55	50	trace
Willamette river 6 ft.			

FORECAST: (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field) Mostly cloudy with occasional light showers and continued cold temperatures. Maximum today near 45 degrees.

RELIEF SUPPLIES SHIPPED

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Another 1500 tons of relief supplies for allied war prisoners held by Japan has been shipped to the Russian port of Vladivostok, the American Red Cross announced today.