

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The title of this piece is "Beauty by the Yard." Not beauty by the ounce or pound or quart or kilo-watt, but beauty by the yard.

I mean by that beauty by the home yards of a city. After all, what makes the lasting impression on those who visit a strange city? It is not its industries or stores, but the character and attractiveness of its residential district.

There is a sort of communism about yards and gardens which cities no fear in the heart of the owner. He shares its beauty with ever passer-by, and takes pride if one stops to drink in the luxury of the scene.

Now this beauty is not self-creating. It takes sweat and toil, and sometimes near-tears if mischance befall a planting. But the result offers ample dividend on the time and money invested.

For all the stimulus of example of the majority of the home yards of Salem there remain those householders who are laggard and neglectful. Somehow they fail to see the unkempt lawn or the sickly shrub or the weeds garden at their own door.

I offer enough of chiding; but I hope by pointing out how rich is the beauty of our home yards to stir up fresh interest and enthusiasm.

British Holds Special Session On Syrian Row

LONDON, May 30.-(AP)-Foreign Secretary Eden told commons tonight that the British cabinet was in emergency session on the warlike situation in the battle-torn Syrian capital of Damascus where he said French-Arab fighting had caused "a serious loss of life and destruction of property."

With the situation in the Levant "greatly deteriorated," Eden said his government was "in actual communication with the United States government."

In Washington Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew said "developments in Syria and Lebanon in recent days are causing the United States government deep concern. We are employing every means to assist in finding a peaceful solution and preventing further bloodshed and disorder."

Eden disclosed that "there has been considerable shelling of Damascus" as Associated Press Correspondent Frank O'Brien reported from the Syrian capital that the French were pouring almost unceasing machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire into the city.

Eden Reports Good Progress In Arranging War Guilt Trials

LONDON, May 30.-(AP)-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today that "very great progress" had been made in arranging for trials of German war prisoners as a result of conversations with Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, a special United States prosecutor.

Jackson, after completing a preliminary two-day survey of the work of the war crimes commission here and talking with Allied officials on the continent, left for consultations in Washington. He said he hoped to return "in about two weeks with a sufficient staff to carry our share of the work involved."

T. V. SOONG NAMED CHINESE PREMIER; U. S. FLAG RAISED OVER SHURI CASTLE

Yankees Circling Fortress

By Lief Erickson

GUAM, Thursday, May 31.-(AP) Leathernecks of the First marine division raised the American flag over Okinawa's Shuri castle at 1:45 p. m. yesterday. Old Glory went up as marines on the west flank and doughboys on the east moved to encircle Japanese survivors in the moated medieval fortress.

An official spokesman said the flag-raising signaled capture of the castle, until recently the headquarters of the Japanese commander on Okinawa. Front dispatches said, the marines were mopping scattered enemy pockets inside the castle and fighting on high ground immediately to the east.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today that marines of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First division strengthened and built up their positions in the castle ruins, first reached Tuesday in a swift dash by company A of the Fifth regiment, led by Capt. Julius Dusenberry of Charlotte, NC.

On the west flank, Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, jr.'s Sixth marine division veterans pushed southeastward from occupied Naha toward the Kokuba river which empties into Naha harbor. Nearly all of Naha, blasted capital of Okinawa, is in Yank hands.

The objective on both flanks is to close a circle about a mile south of Shuri castle to compress the enemy garrison ordered to hold the fortress. Many troops and civilians have been observed leaving Shuri for points south.

Director of Nurseries to Speak Here

First of two projects, a child care center for Salem, under consideration by a new united front of Salem women's business and service will be presented to the public at Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms next Wednesday night, June 6, when Helen Lehman, director of nurseries at Vancouver, Wash., speaks on systems of child care for working mothers.

Mrs. Lehman, who has participated in the rapid development of a system of nurseries for women war plant workers, knows what signs indicate need for public nursery planning, the economics of such schemes and the working problems involved, Winnie Pettyjohn, chairman of the union of clubs which brings the speaker here, said yesterday.

Business and Professional Women, the Credit Women's Breakfast club, Lions auxiliaries, Rotans, Soroptimist and Zonta clubs comprise the united front group. Second of the projects under consideration, regular service of a psychiatrist with a city or city-county school child guidance clinic, will be presented the second Wednesday in June, also at the chamber of commerce.

Weather table with columns for Max., Min., Rain, and locations like San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle, and Willamette river.

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Memorial Plaque Dedicated

Veterans of 3 Wars March in Marion Parade

Veterans of three American wars marched with firm tread Wednesday in Marion county's Memorial day parade from Marion square to the newly-erected memorial plaque at the courthouse where Dr. J. C. Harrison said, while pointing at the plaque: "They have paid the supreme sacrifice and it remains for us, as admonished by Abraham Lincoln, to build a nation of the people, by the people and for the people."

In the parade, headed by Capt. Douglas McKay, U. S. army, and Maj. Miller B. Hayden, inactive DC, were marching groups from all patriotic organizations, fraternal groups, the schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Mothers and wives of veterans rode in cars.

"Events in the world are taking such a toll of human life that it demands serious thinking on our part," Rex Kimmel, master of ceremonies, said in opening the services at the memorial plaque. "Waving of flags," he said, "is not enough. The only way to remember our valiant heroes is to live thoroughly for the cause for which they have died."

School children were accorded the honor of laying the first wreath on the temporary memorial which contains the names of 234 veterans who have died in this war. The invocation was given by Rev. Dudley Strain, pastor of the First Christian church. Mrs. Mary Barton gave a piano solo following which the patriotic groups placed wreaths on the plaque.

Organizations laying wreaths included: Women's Relief corps by Justina Kile; Ladies of the GAR by Rose Garrett; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War by Mary Hilborn; auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans by Mrs. Blanche Stuart; United Spanish War Veterans by Lulu M. Burke; Veterans of Foreign Wars by Mrs. Pauline Lewis; American War Mothers by Mrs. Rose Hagedorn; American Legion auxiliary by Mrs. Donald Madison; Disabled American Veterans auxiliary by Mrs. Helen Noyes; Marine Corps League and auxiliary by Mrs. Chester Baker; Navy Mothers club of America by Mrs. W. J. Beard; Salem Rebekah lodge by Mrs. Emil W. Otjen; Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, Canton No. 11, IOOF, by Mrs. Howard Nussaker; and a special guard was laid on the World War I memorial by Mrs. Mazy Brooks with a card "for all the boys."

The general order issued by Commander John A. Logan, Grand Army of the Republic, on May 30, 1868, after all danger of the breakup of the Union was past, was read by Ralph Campbell. The order extolled the virtues of the "boys in blue" and placed solidly upon the people the duty and privilege of welding together and holding in union the United States of America.

Willamette university's chorus under direction of Dr. Melvin H. Geist gave two selections, "Thou God of All Nations" and a special adaptation of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"On that memorial plaque are the names of 254 Americans who have paid the supreme sacrifice," Dr. Harrison said in opening his dedicatory address, "and it leaves us in small mood for a speech. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in the last war had the words for it when he said 'the sacrifice we make in America would be nothing when compared with that which men make at the front.'"

"We sometimes consider buying bonds, tolerating the shortage of gasoline and temporary food shortages as sacrifice. None of these compare with the sacrifices which these 254 men made that this nation might live. More than 200,000 brave men of this republic have died."

Day of Faith "We can do no less than thank God for these men, their mothers and families and the public schools. This is a day of faith. It remains for us to carry on." At conclusion of the address a salute was fired, tape was sounded and as the Salem high school band played the national anthem the flag on the courthouse staff

Ship Repair Battle Worries U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, May 30.-(AP)-With the Japanese stepping up their aerial attacks as the war approaches their shores, the United States navy gravely announced today that the home front "battle of ship repairs" is not progressing satisfactorily.

Naval leaders called an unusual news conference to make known that they are worried. They said workers are quitting their jobs in west coast repair yards in the face of existing manpower shortages and growing work loads.

Only the necessity for keeping valuable information from the enemy, it was emphasized, prevented recitation of facts and figures to back up the urgent appeal of the department's heads for shipyard workers to stay on the job and for others to answer the call.

In lieu of any precise disclosure of numbers of ships involved, Secretary Forrestal cited that 4270 personnel of naval supporting forces were killed or missing in action in the battle for Okinawa between March 15 and May 23, compared with 5332 for the ground forces in the same action.

Admiral Frederick J. Horn, vice chief of naval operations, commented that it could easily be seen "what that must mean in ship damage." Specifically, the department heads revealed that some \$300,000,000 in new ship construction, originally scheduled for the west coast, had been transferred to the east coast to release facilities for ship repairs.

Davies Winds Up Series of London Talks

LONDON, May 30.-(AP)-Joseph E. Davies, President Truman's special envoy, completed a series of conferences in London today amid increased indications that only a meeting of the "big three" could break deadlocks on European questions confronting the United States, Russia and Britain.

A meeting of the leaders of the three countries was expected to be held shortly after the conclusion of the San Francisco conference tentatively set for June 6. Davies said he would fly to Paris tomorrow for a meeting with General Eisenhower and then return directly to Washington to report to the president on the results of his conferences.

During the day he and U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant conferred with Soviet Ambassador Fyodor Gusev, concluding three days of conferences with Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and other members of the British government. The discussions included a wide range of subjects preparatory to a meeting of Truman, Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Reports from Moscow said that Harry Hopkins, in a Soviet capital on another special mission for Truman, had had highly satisfactory conversations on a wide range of subjects with Stalin and high Russian officials.

Ration Free Lamb Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30.-(AP)-A Portland livestock exchange officer appealed today for a ration free period on lamb during the summer slaughter season. R. L. Clark, exchange secretary, said Willamette valley lambs must be slaughtered soon and the point-free period would assure marketing before California lambs are slaughtered.

His appeal followed an earlier request by Western Oregon Livestock association and the Oregon Wool Growers association for similar action. AMARILLO, Tex., May 30.-(AP)-The Amarillo Globe said today that former Vice President John Garner has declined a presidential invitation to return to work with the government in Washington because of the illness of Mrs. Garner.

which had been at half-staff through the service was raised to full-staff. At 10:30 a. m. the GAR held a memorial service at the GAR circle, City View cemetery. Following this ceremony the American Legion ceremony was held at the Legion circle opposite the City View cemetery. The latter service included the advance of the colors; singing of America; a short talk by B. E. Owens, commander of Capital post No. 9, American Legion; prayer by the legion chaplain; roll call of those buried in the circle; placing of wreaths; salute to the dead, firing squad; raising of the flag by Boy Scouts, and taps.

Chinese Drive on Liuchow

Chiang's Troops Ripping Along 50-Mile Front

CHUNGKING, May 30.-(AP)-Chinese veterans, hot on the heels of Japanese forces reportedly pulling out of south China, ripped along a 50-mile front tonight toward the great former American air base city of Liuchow, now swept by fires.

Battering seven miles through Japanese fortifications, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's battle groups reached the outskirts of the fortified Japanese stronghold of Isham, 43 miles west of Liuchow, while the Japanese reportedly evacuated points only 38 miles northwest.

Great fires were reported raging in the Kwangsi province rail hub as the Japanese garrison apparently put the torch to the city yesterday in preparation for an abandonment, believed planned as part of a general Japanese withdrawal from all south China.

Chungking was flooded with reports that the Japanese were pulling out of south China and planning to evacuate strategic Liuchow following the Chinese capture of Yungning (Nanning). Yungning's supply route to the Japanese supply highway to Indo-China, running through the enemy's transcontinental corridor from Korea to southeast Asia.

But Chinese minister of information Dr. Wang Shih-chieh warned that although Japan's land bridge to Singapore definitely had been cut, there was no indication that enemy troops in south China would pull out without a desperate fight.

Liuchow is the greatest key in enemy communications in south China. While its recapture would strengthen American air power in the area, Chinese seizure of the city would shatter the last tenuous links the Japanese still have by land with Indo-China, Burma, Thailand and Malaya.

Huge Postwar Export Trade Seen for U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 30.-(AP)-The state department predicted today an annual ten-billion dollar postwar export trade for the U. S., triple that of 1939. Assistant Secretary William L. Clayton told the senate finance committee this was a logical expectation, provided congress grants proposed new tariff cutting power to President Truman and sanctions full American participation in the Bretton Woods world financing plan.

Clayton said the administration needs the extended tariff power to promote wider trade, and that it in turn would be reflected in greater prosperity at home. 99% of U. S. Prisoners Survive Reich Prisons

WASHINGTON, May 30.-(AP)-The American Red Cross said tonight that more than 99 per cent of United States prisoners of war in Germany have survived their hardships and are gradually returning home. The high percentage, the Red Cross said in a general letter distributed to families of war prisoners, was due "in great part to the correct observance by the American army of the Geneva convention."

First US Redeployment Camp in France Ready

PARIS, May 30.-(AP)-Camp Baltimore -- the first of 17 camps being established in central France to speed the redeployment of troops to other theaters -- will get its first shipment of soldiers during the first half of June. All are named for American cities. SHE GOT WHAT SHE WANTED PORTLAND, May 30.-(AP)-A 33-year-old woman was pushed into jail today after she strolled onto a river front wharf and asked dock workers: "Will one of you please push me in?"

Chiang Resigns High Post

By Spencer Moosa

CHUNGKING, Thursday, May 31.-(AP)-Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek resigned today as president of executive Yuan (premier) and was succeeded by Acting Premier T. V. Soong.

Elevation of Soong to the full premiership raised the possibility he might attend any impending meeting of the big five leaders (China, France, Russia, United States and Great Britain). It also would give him greater face if he makes an expected visit to Moscow on his way back to China from the San Francisco conference.

Wong Weh Hao, minister of economic affairs and head of China's war production board, was appointed vice premier, succeeding H. H. Kung. The appointment probably was a reward for his labors as head of the Chinese WPB.

Chiang's relinquishment of the position of premier to Soong did not affect the former's position as president of China and the head of the state.

He announced his resignation at a meeting today of the newly elected central executive committee of the Kuomintang.

It is presumed that Chiang, in view of the accelerated tempo of the far east war, intends to devote himself primarily to his main job -- supreme commander of the allied forces in the China theatre. In addition to the presidency, Chiang holds numerous other posts.

Soong had been serving as acting premier since last December 4. As such he had attended to most of the generalissimo's duties as premier. His transition from acting premier to premier therefore was not surprising. In fact, it had been expected here for some time. Other government changes are expected to result from the present session of the central executive committee.

The ministry of finance is expected to figure in these changes. Soong is recognized in China and probably abroad as the country's most brilliant statesman. As premier he probably will be in a better position to talk to Premier Stalin in the matter of improving relations between China and Russia, should he go to Moscow, and to engage in discussions with other international leaders.

Soong is known to be eager to exert every possible effort to solve China's troublesome communist problem.

Censorship In Europe Discontinued

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, May 30.-(AP)-Supreme headquarters announced today that censorship in the European theatre of operations had been discontinued "except for major troop movements and details connected therewith and such other matters of high military importance as may require reference to the supreme commander."

The terse directive was handed down from advanced supreme headquarters and surprised the censors themselves as much as the correspondents, for both had been told that the SHAEF censorship branch expected to maintain a measure of control over all news sent from the theatre for some time. Previous directives, which appeared immediately after V-E day, called for censoring all copy for such things as accuracy and "reports likely to injure the morale of the allied forces or the relations between the allied nations" despite the cessation of hostilities. Censorship officials here were not able immediately to explain the change in plans.

New Premier



T. V. SOONG

Civilian Meat Supply to Drop Again in June

WASHINGTON, May 30.-(AP)-A further shrinkage in the civilian meat supply in June -- about seven percent below May -- was forecast tonight by the OPA, which simultaneously announced higher point values for fat pork.

OPA said the hike of one to three points in pork cuts such as fatbacks and plate cuts, effective June 3, is being made to prevent the diversion of these meats into lard.

Except for point reductions in certain types of cheese, other red point values will be unchanged. Lard, shortening and salad and cooking oils will remain at ten points a pound, the value assigned to them in the emergency action in mid-May, when values were increased two points.

Fatbacks, clear and regular plates were increased three points a pound making the new point value eight points, the same as for regular bacon, which remains unchanged; bacon (the breakfast plate) was increased three points to eight points, and pork sides (aged and dry-cured) one point to a nine-point value.

Misfortune Pays Off at 4-1 for Sailor

LOS ANGELES, May 30.-(AP)-Misfortune has paid off at 4 to 1 for Sailor Nolan Truman Marks and his wounded bride. Last week a holdup man robbed them of \$100 they had saved for a honeymoon and shot 18-year-old Ann Marks in the thigh. Today she is recovering and well-wishers across the land have sent the couple \$403.10. And the checks are still coming in.

One for \$50 from Mrs. Louise M. Kenna of Charleston, W. V. To the 19-year-old second class machinist's mate-wearer of the purple heart and six battle stars after two years in the European theatre--she wrote "I hope this may help you to realize that there are many, many of us who do value what you have done and are so sorry to hear of your experience after coming home."

Sales in Seventh War Loan Pass 40 Per Cent of Quota

WASHINGTON, May 30.-(AP)-Sales in the Seventh War Loan passed 40 per cent of quota today. At the same time the treasury said that if the record goals of the drive are to be reached "we are going to have to do a good job not only on accumulated savings but also on money that hasn't yet been earned." Ted R. Gamble, national war finance director, appealed to the six million volunteer bond salesman to "intensify your efforts" during June, the final month of the \$14,000,000,000 drive. He said a clearer picture of the progress of America's greatest program of borrowing from individual citizens will emerge in a few days. Meantime sales to date: To individuals, \$2,823,000,000, which is 40.3 per cent of the 7 billion-dollar quota for individuals. Series E bonds, \$1,656,000,000, which is 41.4 per cent of the four billion-dollar E bond quota. E bond sales are included in the individual totals. Sales of securities to corporations--the quota is 14 billion dollars--enter the picture June 18. The drive began May 4 and continues throughout June 30. In order to spread sales through payroll deductions over a larger number of paydays, bond money rolling in over a three-month period, April 9-July 7, will count toward the quotas.



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