

FRENCH CEASE FIRING IN SYRIA

Britain Orders Mid-East Army To Intervene

By Alex H. Singleton
LONDON, Friday, June 1.—(AP)—The Morocco radio quoted a Beyrouth dispatch today which indicated that French troops in Syria had ceased firing, after receiving instructions from the French government to comply with the British wishes.

There was no official confirmation from any official source of this report. A Paris radio report on the situation today made no mention of any "cease fire" order.

Army Proposes Joint Operation Of Salem Field

"Concurrent-joint" operation of McNary field, rather than army exclusive management, was tentatively held out to the city of Salem yesterday and tentatively rebuffed.

A. D. Stanley of the Pacific divisional real estate offices of U. S. engineers, here from San Francisco to discuss the project, was told by Aldermen Tom Armstrong and David O'Hara, chairman and member, respectively, of the city's airport and aviation committee, that the offer should be made in writing for consideration by the entire committee and presentation to the council. But they indicated that unless some greater advantages were shown to them than seemed apparent Thursday they would oppose any change in the lease until entire management could be taken over by the city.

Under a lease providing "concurrent-joint" operation, the city would be expected to share maintenance and lighting costs, but would be able to offer private fliers any use permitted by the western defense command and not interfering with army or United Air Lines lease. The army is not at all likely to give up its entire hold on the field until the war in the Pacific is over, Stanley declared.

Cost of runway resurfacing now contemplated at the field may run as high as \$100,000, Stanley said. The city would not consider such expenditures for airport upkeep at present, O'Hara, who is chairman of ways and means, declared.

At least a portion of the army feels that army money is paying for lights on the field needed for landing of United Air Lines planes, Stanley said. It was pointed out that these lights are also maintained for emergency landings of army planes over this area.

MaJ. C. H. Westover, commanding officer at the field, with his accountant, participated in the conference.

Greyhound to Build \$70,000 Station Here

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(AP) Plans to spend \$100,000 in improvements in western states were outlined before the California railroad commission today by Fred W. Ackerman, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Greyhound lines.

Ackerman disclosed a program for modernizing and building stations and shops in California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

Oregon projects included Salem, new terminal, \$70,000; Albany and Oregon City, improvements, \$45,000.

Plans Being Worked Out for Selecting Bond Prize-Winners

Complete plans for the selection of prize-winners at the end of the Seventh War Loan campaign were being worked out yesterday by the Marion county committee.

At least 100 prizes valued at \$4591.53 will be awarded to E bond purchasers, Chairman Douglas Yeater announced.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague
Says First Witch in Shakespeare's Macbeth:
"When shall we three meet again,
In thunder, lightning or in rain?"
And Second Witch replies:
"When the hurly-burly's done,
When the battle's lost and won."
The dialogue comes to mind with the present agitation for another meeting of the Big Three: chiefs of state of Great Britain, Russia and the United States. President Truman would substitute for Roosevelt in a session with Churchill and Stalin. Churchill has urged such a meeting. Truman has endorsed it, the Sphinx of the Kremlin has made no comment.

Report Says Chinese Take Town of Ishan

CHUNGKING, May 31.—(AP)—Chinese troops were reported tonight to have captured the South China rail town of Ishan, 43 miles west of the former U. S. air base city of Luichow, as they dug deeper into the narrowing corridor leading into French Indo-China where thousands of Japanese are isolated.

The Chinese high command had not confirmed the capture of Ishan, but the Chinese troops yesterday had fought into its outskirts in their converging drive on Luichow, the enemy's most important road hub in Kwangsi province.

Other Chinese columns were reported 55 miles southwest and 40 miles northwest of Luichow, swept by fires apparently set off by the retreating enemy.

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450 B-29s Pour Bombs on Osaka; Jap Line Smashed

Mustangs Escort Big Forts

By Robin Coons
GUAM, Friday, June 1.—(AP)—At least 450 Superfortresses, escorted by about 150 Mustang fighters, crumbled the last formidable core of enemy defenses across southern Okinawa yesterday in a general assault which gained up to 1200 yards and virtually pinched off Shuri.

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The marines and soldiers also have taken 1,333 Japanese as prisoners. The enemy death toll, announced in today's fleet communique, raised the total 13,416 in a 13 day period—for an average of 1000 killed a day.

Yes, It Was Wetter Than Usual in May

With 4.44 inches of rainfall, May had more than twice its average of 2.19 inches and almost five times as much as the 93 total for May of 1944. This was the fourth succeeding month to exceed the normal amount, and the heavy rainfall continued to keep farm work of all kinds from two to four weeks behind schedule.

Back in U. S.



Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander of the American First army which played a leading role in the victory over Germany, is back in the United States for a short rest before leading his army against the Japs.

General Assault Goes Well

By Lief Erickson
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Lakeview Blast That Killed Six Was Jap Bomb

LAKEVIEW, Ore., May 31.—(AP) The only survivor of the Japanese balloon bomb explosion that killed his wife and five youngsters near here told tonight how the first victims of a World War II enemy attack on the United States mainland, died.

Disclosure of the May 5 tragedy was made by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson to warn the public against touching strange objects in the forests.

The survivor, Rev. Archie Mitchell, said he had taken his wife and five neighborhood children on a fishing trip. Later in the day, he related, they decided to eat lunch at a picnic site a short distance from the stream.

Mitchell said his wife and the children were walking through the woods to the spot while he drove the car there. As he stopped the car, he said he heard someone shout, "Look what we've found."

The minister said he called, "Don't touch it," and started running toward the group. He explained he had heard of the Japanese balloons and was afraid that was what they'd found.

"As I ran through the woods," he said, "there was a terrific explosion."

He found the six of them dead, all within a 10-yard radius of the balloon fragments. A piece of burning balloon lay on Mrs. Mitchell's body.

Killed were Mrs. Mitchell; Joan Patske, 11; her brother Dick, 13; Eddie Engen, 13; Jay Gifford, 12; and Sherman Shoemaker, 12.

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Salem Guest



W. A. Patterson of Chicago, president of United Air Lines, who told interviewers in Salem that he anticipated a 500 per cent increase in airplane passenger traffic after the war.

UAL Gets Ready For Big Gains

President Visits Salem on Tour Of West States
By Wendell Webb (Managing Editor, The Statesman)

United Air Lines contemplates operating three peace-time routes from Salem south and is preparing to handle around 400 to 500 passengers daily between Portland and San Francisco.

This statement of plans came from W. A. Patterson, president of the growing UAL system, who arrived in Salem yesterday afternoon and will leave for Eugene, with his party, at 11 a.m. today.

The general chief of the air lines, in an interview at his hotel room in the Marion, said his line anticipated a 500 per cent increase in business soon after the war, and was making plans accordingly.

Salem's share will depend entirely on the volume of traffic it provides, but Patterson indicated he believed it would be considerable.

The three contemplated routes south include the Salem-Medford flight now in use and two others for which approval now is sought—Salem-Bend-Klamath Falls-Chico-Sacramento and Salem-Coos Bay-Eureka-Santa Rosa.

The Portland-San Francisco flights will utilize both the DC3 and the projected DC6, the latter of which carries 52 passengers.

Patterson said it was not known as an example that if the DC3 was used exclusively it would take 30 trips a day each way to handle the anticipated volume—more than one an hour.

If the DC6 was used exclusively, about 10 trips daily would appear expectable.

Space To Be Provided
The stocky, graying president also said that peace times probably would find airlines carrying about 75 per cent capacity—thereby leaving plenty of room for last-minute reservations—instead of the 98 plus per cent now being flown.

He said the DC6 planes could traverse the Portland-San Francisco run in two hours and 13 minutes. Their speed is around 300 miles an hour. Cabins will be pressurized for flying at higher altitudes.

Air lines do not contemplate entering the freight business on a "mass scale," Patterson said. Planes can carry but around 30 per cent of their own gross weight, and for that reason freight costs must remain high.

But passenger rates, recently scaled 10 per cent, probably will drop from the present 4 1/2-cents-a-mile to 3 1/2-cents-a-mile within a few years, he said.

The plane companies plan to carry on extensive trade in perishable foods, and at the present time in some areas of the east fresh food—particularly asparagus—is being grabbed up rapidly even at 50 per cent more cost than the product shipped through land channels, he said.

New Ideas Studied
Airplanes for the time probably will follow the present standard type, Patterson said. He declared jet-propulsion probably was 10 years away, so far as commercial plane traffic was concerned, but that air lines were constantly studying developments made by the military and planning "refinements."

OPA Will Stop Home Canning Sugar Racket

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The OPA tonight launched a drastic program designed to end what it termed a home canning sugar racket involving in some parts of the country.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced a four point plan which he said was aimed at "Some chisellers (who) are stooping to falsifying their applications in an effort to get sugar they know they won't use in canning."

The tightening of sugar distribution followed a boost in the ration point value of canned tomatoes and spinach, and a lowering of the point price of tomato juice and vegetable juice combinations.

This is the new sugar program:
1. Everyone applying for home canning sugar must hereafter sign this pledge:

"I agree that I will use the sugar applied for here for home canning purposes only.
"If, for any reason, I should not use it for canning I will return the equivalent in sugar stamps to my local war price and rationing board.

"I further agree that I will furnish a report to my local board of the number of quarts of food canned with this sugar and the amount of sugar actually used in canning this food.

"I understand that my report will become a part of my record and will be considered in further issuances of home canning and other sugar rations to me."

2. OPA local boards in areas where fruit and vegetable crops are not now available for home canning will suspend issuance of ration stamps for this purpose until the canning season starts in these areas. This will apply particularly to the northern sections of the country.

3. Issuance also will be suspended in many other areas to give local boards a breathing spell so they can process more carefully the applications on file. This move is intended also to give district officers an opportunity to recalculate monthly quotas for home canning.

4. A special staff of OPA investigators will undertake a "vigorous campaign" against the diversion of home canning sugar to bootleg liquor or illicit bottling or drinks.

WFA Says Civilians to Get Soluble Coffee

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The war food administration announced today that the order under which all soluble coffee has been set aside for the armed forces will be terminated effective June 1.

The order will permit soluble coffee to go back into civilian channels.

Summer Fuel Delivery Only Way to Be Sure

Summer fuel deliveries and only summer deliveries can provide any sort of guarantee that homes and business buildings will be heated next winter, Salem service club representatives and fuel dealers were told Thursday afternoon when they met with fuel rationing representatives of the OPA. Autumn may see transportation so badly tied up with other jobs more necessary to the war effort that movement even of sawdust from local mills may be a heavy problem, it was said.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	61	53	trace
Eugene	57	50	trace
Albany	65	52	60
Portland	67	54	60
Seattle	67	55	trace
Willamette river 3 ft. 4 in.			

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today; somewhat warmer in the afternoon. Maximum near 74 degrees.