

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sengue

Not many groups have failed to share in the prosperity induced by war expenditures. There is one group, however, which is licking its wounds, and that is the insurance companies, both fire insurance companies and auto insurance companies. The former have taken their licking from heavier fire losses which seem to accompany war work. Increase in building values and costs of repair also nick them.

But the auto insurance companies are taking the real beating. Remember two years ago when the financial responsibility law went into effect and insurance agencies were worn down writing policies for automobile owners? That business looked good to them and to the companies, but the companies borrowed a lot of trouble when they took on that business.

Where they are getting nicked is in the increased cost of automobile repairs. Where once it might cost three or four dollars to iron out a fender or replace a damaged part, now the bill may run to eight or ten dollars. And with nearly every car insured that means that every time there is an auto collision one or perhaps two cars are repaired at insurance company expense. That is why, in two short years the faces of insurance executives are not wreathed in the smiles of two years ago.

The companies added to their own grief when they scaled down rates on automobile insurance after the war and gas rationing cut down mileage and supposedly reduced speeds at which cars would operate. This reduced company income on the eve of the heavier output. Because of (Continued on editorial page)

Chinese Within 14 Miles of Wenchow Port

CHUNGKING, June 13.-(AP)—Chinese troops forced the broad Feiyun river barrier and recaptured the small port of Juan on China's east coast today in a fast-moving drive on Wenchow, only 14 miles north, the Chinese high command reported.

Closely supported by armed Chinese guerrillas emerging from coastal hills, Chinese regulars poured into Juan after a 10-mile advance from captured Pingyang, 24 miles south of the big former treaty port which lies 440 miles west of Okinawa.

The Japanese were falling back on Wenchow with its population of 80,000, with the Chinese close on their heels and battling to clear the entire invasion-threatened Chinese coastline northwest of the Japanese island of Formosa.

There were signs that the Japanese were going to pull out of Wenchow with the same lack of resistance that marked their abandonment of Foochow, 160 miles southwest, three weeks ago.

Service Clubs Could Help in Child Guidance

Financial assistance to aid Salem or Marion county public schools to take greater advantage of the state child guidance clinic would be a welcome contribution from organized service women's clubs of the community, a trio of speakers who addressed representatives of the organizations at chamber of commerce rooms Wednesday night agreed.

Such assistance could be as low as \$200. Five hundred dollars would bring results which could be tallied and \$2500 a year would be considered a great assistance, Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, declared.

Dr. Lawrence A. Riggs, professor of education at Willamette university, spoke of the methods and the results of various clinics, pointing out the magnitude of any such undertaking. Approximately 15 per cent of the nation's public school system needs some special guidance, he declared.

Supt. Frank B. Bennett of Salem public schools sketched the history of the child guidance movement from the days of the dunce stool to today's modern educational requirements. Schools, he said, are faced with the need to make studies interesting to boys and girls who a generation or two ago would have quit classes because of boredom. He emphasized that children in need of clinical guidance are sometimes geniuses, seldom sub-par mentally.

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Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, June 14, 1945

Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	70	59	40
Eugene	68	42	trace
Salem	62	42	trace
Portland	62	45	40
Seattle	64	43	trace
Willamette river	4 inches.		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McPherson field, Salem): Early morning cloudiness to be followed by clear skies most of the day. Warmer temperatures, with the maximum about 74 degrees.

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'BIG 3' MEETING DATE SET

Brunei Airfield Captured; Nippon Pocket Smashed

Big Port City May Fall Soon

MANILA, Thursday, June 14 (AP)—Australian forces seized 3600-foot Brunei air field, two miles north of the British North Borneo capital, and the capture of another field, on Labuan island, off Brunei bay, is imminent, headquarters announced today.

Fall of the port city of Brunei, perhaps without a fight, may come at any time.

The landings Sunday in Brunei bay, a spokesman said, caught the Japanese by surprise. It is evident the enemy expected an allied landing at Jesselton, 60 miles to the northwest.

Digger columns advanced 14 miles from Broekton in 48 hours to seize the Brunei air field. Only a few disorganized Nipponese were encountered.

The occupation gives the allied forces not only command of the strip but also some of the finest rubber plantations in Borneo, within the immediate vicinity.

On Labuan island, off Brunei bay, Australian cavalry commandos—mechanized forces—who landed at Point Hamilton moved over easy rolling coconut and rubber plantation country to within two miles of Tambalai airstrip—the third air field of importance in the invaded area.

The first captured air field, on Labuan island, was overrun within a few hours of the Australian Ninth division's landing.

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Battle Over Power of Veto Ends in Defeat for Small Nations; Will Speed Windup

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.-(AP)—The longest and perhaps bitterest battle of the United Nations conference ended today in defeat for small powers and the sealing of big five veto control over peace-enforcement mechanism of a new world league.

Little countries, with Australia in the van, fought hard to keep Britain, Russia, China, France and the United States from having a veto over peaceful settlement of disputes. But they lost. Many conceded in advance they would.

The big powers had put it squarely up to them to accept a complete veto or run the risk that the great nations would not ratify the charter for a new United Nations organization.

On the final showdown in a conference committee the opposition mustered a skimpy two votes against the veto-voting formula.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.-(AP)—A United Nations conference committee voted tonight to harness regional defense arrangements with a world security system and use both to help keep peace in the future.

It approved unanimously a committee report setting up a plan to let regional associations of nations, like the Pan-American, fend off aggressors until a new world league takes over the job.

worked out at a Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting at Yalta this spring.

But 15 nations abstained from voting.

Not all the delay on the veto question was caused by small-power opposition. When they asked for an interpretation of how the veto would work, Russia was at odds with the United States, Britain, France and China, and got in line only after the United States appealed to Premier Stalin.

Delegates reported the first provision was approved unanimously, that Cuba alone voted against the second, and that the ballot on the third was 30 for, 15 abstaining, 3 absent, and Cuba and Colombia voting in the negative.

With the veto issue settled—except for the formality of ratification in a commission and in a full plenary session of the conference, delegates saw the path of their deliberations smoothing out.

500,000 Japs Die in Tokyo Raids, Belief

TINIAN, June 13.-(AP)—Col. Alfred F. Klaber, veteran of 20 B-29 missions over Japan, estimated today that 500,000 Japanese—perhaps 1,500,000—have been killed in Tokyo alone by Superfort bombers.

Klaber, commander of the 58th bombardment wing group of the 21st bomber command, had 2000 combat hours with the "Hell Birds" outfit, veterans of the India-China theatre recently transferred to the Marianas.

"The Japanese should be convinced in three months of the uselessness of continuing the war," he said. "If we cannot convince them by that time, we will have to put them through our meat grinder."

Flanks Of Japanese Pressed

GUAM, Thursday, June 14.-(AP)—The sixth marine division smashed the Japanese Oroku peninsula pocket on Okinawa yesterday after a fierce nine-day battle while the First marine and Seventh infantry divisions pressed back both flanks of the precipitous Yaeju escarpment.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, jr.'s Sixth division killed 3500 Japanese on the peninsula, raising to more than 70,000 the number of enemy troops killed on Okinawa in the 75-day old campaign.

Shepherd's marines overran an enemy hospital on Oroku and found 150 Japanese dead inside. The bodies presumably were those of wounded who were killed by the Japanese before they withdrew from the area.

It is a matter of policy for Japanese not to permit wounded to fall into American hands.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's Seventh division doughboys advanced up to 400 yards on the east flank of the Yaeju line to gain control of most of the escarpment rim in their area.

With control of that rim, the division is in a position to develop a pincer arm around the eastern side of the escarpment.

There are some roads and draws in this area and some small villages through which tanks and self-propelled guns can be brought up.

On the west flank, Maj. Gen. Pedro A. De Vail's First division marines carried troop reinforcements forward on tanks through heavy Japanese fire to strengthen their positions on the Kunishi ridge. The reinforcements had to move across open rice paddies before the ridge.

England Hurt In Influence By Election

LONDON, June 13.-(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said tonight that Great Britain's world influence has been diminished at a critical time by the bitter general election campaign.

He alluded to President Truman as "a strong president with three and a half years tenure and purpose before him."

In his second radio address of the campaign for the July 5 election, Churchill asked the voters to elect a government which would be a "powerful, organized and integrated force."

He said many nations failed to comprehend "the way we manage our affairs," adding:

"Until the election has been decided, we are bound to be weakened in the world for all purposes."

He said relations between parties had worsened in the last 10 days and warned they "could not afford to disparage and belittle each other while we aspire to be the heart-center of the British empire and Commonwealth and thus walk side by side with mighty entities like the United States and soviet Russia."

1554 U. S. Merchant Ships Lost

6066 Seamen, 3604 Soldiers Are Casualties

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, June 13.-(AP)—The war has cost the United States 1554 merchant ships and 6066 merchant seamen dead, missing or captured, the maritime commission reported tonight.

Together, the united nations, and neutral countries expended a vast fleet of 4770 ships of 21,140,000 gross tons between the outbreak of warfare in Europe on Sept. 1, 1939, and May 8, 1945.

At the same time the army disclosed that 3604 American soldiers were lost in the sinking or damage of troopships in the 41 months of war against Germany and Italy—a loss of four men for each 10,000 embarked. The army said the loss rate for world war I was 7.2 per 10,000 or nearly twice as large.

Bulk of the American merchant tonnage destroyed—370 ships of 5,431,456 tons by deadweight measurement—was sent to the bottom by mines, submarines and air attack.

The other 984 American flag vessels, mostly small ships and totaling only 845,621 tons deadweight, were lost in marine accidents resulting from convoy operations, blackouts, reduced navigation aids and other wartime hazards.

In tonnage, the U. S. losses represent less than one third the deadweight production of American shipyards in the single fiscal year of 1944.

"An overwhelming percentage of the merchant vessels were destroyed by German or Italian submarines, air attacks and mines with 68 lost in Japanese areas," said the special report by Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, maritime chairman.

Bush Pasture Purchase Will Not Be Fought

The Hollywood Lions club, which headed the only organized opposition to the "Bush pasture park purchase when it was presented to the voters early this year, will not fight the measure on the June 22 special election ballot. Members attending Wednesday noon's luncheon meeting of the active Hollywood service club indicated this during a discussion at the close of the session.

Not as a club endorsing the purchase, members declared their objections to price and terms of the sale had been largely removed in intervening negotiations. Inclusion in the 1945-46 city budget of funds for improvement of parks already owned by Salem did away with the other cause for opposition, they said.

Arthur Selander, prominent artist was speaker at the meeting. See page 2.

Sidney-Talbot, Mill City Bond Reports Boost Marion's Totals

Sidney-Talbot and Mill City sent in good reports yesterday to boost the Seventh War Loan campaign past the \$2,400,000 mark, but the goal of \$4,520,000 still was far off with less than three weeks to go.

Sidney-Talbot became the third outside community over the top with purchases of over \$40,000 while Mill City reported a total of over \$26,000 with the \$35,000 quota almost in sight. Chairman D. B. Hill expected to go over the top by next week. Mrs. E. B. Henningsen and Mrs. Nellie Widerkehr, co-chairmen at Sidney-Talbot, expected that community to come up to previous high marks before the curtain rings down July 4. More than \$25,000 of the Sidney-Talbot sales were in E bonds, a welcome addition to the county total lagging around the 83 per cent mark.

Announcements by both banks that savings accounts would be credited with full interest to July 1 on all withdrawals made this month to buy E bonds was expected to result in thousands of dollars being added to the totals in the next week or two. Marion county residents must purchase more than a million dollars worth of E bonds if the drive is to be successful, Chairman Douglas Yester reminded workers.

Holland Bakery and the county courthouse were added to the groups over the top yesterday by Retail Chairman Sid Stevens, who also is working on plans for the Victory Center programs for Thursday and Saturday nights. Big crowds are expected on the courthouse lawn and some unusual stunts are promised those are on hand for the noon rallies.

Big Powers Will Try to Wind Up Meet by June 23

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.-(AP)—The big five powers agreed today to do everything "humanly possible" to wind up the United Nations conference by June 23.

To that end, they supported a proposal that next Sunday be part of a "working weekend." Sunday commission meetings, or even a plenary session of the full conference, are planned if the schedule of work indicates the need.

London Poles Blast Moscow Planned Meet

LONDON, June 13.-(AP)—Poland's government-in-exile here refused today to recognize the authority of the three major powers to supervise the formation of a new Polish national unity administration at a conference set to open Friday in Moscow.

London's Poles assailed the proposed meeting as an outright concession to Russia and clung tenaciously to the hope that the Moscow negotiations would break down.

In a tense and troubled atmosphere they planned tentatively to hold an emergency cabinet session to place before the world—and particularly before American Poles—a formal protest against the latest development in their relations with Russia.

"Never, never will our people recognize this agreement," said a spokesman for the group. "Never, never will they recognize a so-called government formed in this manner."

300 Japanese Try to Retake Hill, All Killed

WITH U. S. 10TH ARMY, Okinawa, June 13.-(AP)—Yelling and screaming, 300 Japanese attacked a company of the seventh infantry division before dawn today in a wild attempt to retake Hill 95. All were killed.

The attack, described as well coordinated despite the blood-curdling cries, came even as other troops of the 10th army tightened their grip on the outer rim of the Yaeju-Dake plateau, last defense position for Japanese remnants on southern Okinawa.

At 3 a. m. the Japanese began an intense machinegun and mortar attack on Hill 95, the southeastern anchor of the Yaeju escarpment. Through the dim light of their flares, a company commanded by Capt. Dallas D. Thomas, Shawnee, Okla., and Torrington, Wyo., could see three Japanese creeping forward and using boulders for cover.

Then the Japanese, loaded with grenades and satchel charges, hit all along the first battalion front with Thomas and his men catching the brunt.

Two hundred fifty Japanese were killed before dawn. By noon the other 50 were wiped out behind crags where they sought to hide. American casualties were light.

Truman Raps Cost-Plus Plan

WASHINGTON, June 13.-(AP)—President Truman took a hard line today in the fight over wartime price control, personally opposing and apparently dooming the senate's cost-plus plan for pricing farm products.

The plan, sponsored by Senator Wherry (R-Neb) was attached as an amendment to a bill extending the office of price administration's powers for a year. The bill recently passed the senate.

A second sizzling controversy popped up today as house republicans launched a drive to limit the OPA continuation to six months.

MONTGOMERY HONORED
LONDON, June 13.-(AP)—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was named a Knight of the Grand Cross Order of the Bath in the birthday honor list of King George VI, announced today.

Settling Of Polish Issue Due

Truman Pleased With Results of Two Missions

By Ernest B. Vaccaro
WASHINGTON, June 13.-(AP)—President Truman jubilantly disclosed today the definite settling of an early "big three" meeting and said there are prospects for a complete settlement of the Polish issue.

Obviously elated over confidential reports from Harry Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies, his special emissaries, the president announced to a news conference:

1. While he cannot divulge the time or place, upon which all have agreed, he will meet soon with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill to iron out any remaining difference among the big three.

2. The results of the Hopkins and Davies missions have been completely "satisfactory and gratifying" and very pleasant yielding by Russia on some points has clarified three power relationships substantially.

3. He has every hope a free and democratic election among the Polish people will grow out of a conference June 15 to seek a compromise basis for the reorganization of the provisional Polish government.

4. James F. Byrnes, former war mobilization director, will accompany him to the "big three" meeting along with Secretary of State Stettinius, Hopkins, Davies, Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, presidential chief of staff, and Charles G. Ross.

Denmark Said Site
Meanwhile the British radio said it was reported from Copenhagen without confirmation that the Danish capital would be the site of the "big three" meeting. There was no White House comment.

Asserting the Polish problem which long has disturbed relations among the big three is on the road to a settlement, the president pleaded that nothing be done on this side of the Atlantic to muddy the waters by raising questions as to final acquiescence by present members of the London Polish government.

The Russians, the president said pointedly, are just as anxious to get along with the Americans as the Americans are to get along with them.

Solon Charges Pressure on Lower Tariff

WASHINGTON, June 13.-(AP)—Senator Tobey (R-NH) angrily told the senate today that "five fat lobbyists" and one of his own party leaders were employing pressure to defeat reciprocal trade legislation.

Tobey is backing extension of the trade program, including authorization for 30 per cent cuts in tariff rates.

Springing to his feet after Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) commented that he hadn't "counted noses" on the outcome of the bill, Tobey shouted:

"I know who is counting the noses. It is five fat lobbyists sitting out here in the corridor. They are calling senators out and they sit there with a leader of the republican party, making notes on how the senators are going to vote."

Miss Durbin Married to Film Producer

LAS VEGAS, Nev., June 13.-(AP)—Film Singer Deanna Durbin, carrying pale pink roses, was married in a simple ceremony in the Little Church of the West today to Felix Jackson, her film producer.

C of C Will Seek Increased Sugar Rations for Canning

Increased sugar rations for home canning to help save the Willamette valley's fruit crop and priorities to permit erection of another 100 new residences here to meet needs of returning veterans will be actively sought by Salem Chamber of Commerce.

A fair portion of the fruit grown in this valley in abundance annually goes into home canning, directors declared at their meeting Wednesday night. The recent five pound slash in canning sugar allotments will mean that tons of fruit, particularly that tag ends of the crop not profitably harvested for commercial procession, will rot on the ground, they said.

Home canners in this area have not utilized all their blue ration points and a survey would show that they have left much of the commercially canned fruits for military use and for consumers in parts of the nation where less food is produced, they maintain.

Reactivation of Camp Adams just as veterans return home has already been felt in housing shortages, directors said. They agreed to seek priorities for private builders similar to those for 100 homes granted here earlier this year.

Directors again went on record in favor of the Bush pasture park purchase, to be voted upon at the June 22 special election.

Transport Flies 4330 Miles All Over Water

CASABLANCA, Air Transport Command Base, June 11.-(Delayed)-(AP)—In the first non-stop flight from Natal to Casablanca, an army air transport command crew brought a Douglas C-54 4330 miles to challenge records for the longest over-water flight.

The flight pioneered a program to speed up the transfer of American troops from the European theatre to the Pacific by way of the United States.

17 American Soldiers Killed in Plane Crash

LONDON, June 13.-(AP)—Seventeen American soldiers were killed and three others injured today when a Liberator plane crashed in the hills of South Ayrshire on a flight from Lancashire to Prestwick, Scotland. Details of the crash and the names of the victims were not immediately available.