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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

No one is deceived by the proposition to give a limited franchise to the Salem Electric which will be voted on at the election June 22. Its approval opens the gate to duplication of electric service facilities right in the district where it is most profitable because demand is concentrated, and presumably would be followed by other extensions wherever it proved profitable to the promoters. This would operate without regulation either as to rates or service.

After the proposition for a general franchise was defeated in February the manager of Salem Electric sought a franchise to operate in the section his cooperative now serves under a council permit. This ordinance was battled around in council committee. When it finally emerged the area was extended to 30 blocks without definition as to where those blocks would be located. This represents a very considerable extension from its present area. If Salem Electric is to be permitted to operate over 30 blocks I see no valid reason why it should not be permitted to operate over the entire city, which simply means duplication of plant on an uneconomic basis.

If the community wants to dispense with the services of Portland General Electric Co. as supplier of electric energy, it should go at the matter directly, by authorizing municipal ownership or establishment of a PUD. Why monkey with a sidetrack cooperative when the

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New Highway Will Be Free Of Advertising

Voluntary waiver of all right of access to the new stretch of the Pacific highway between Salem and Albany has been granted by every owner of property along the 10-mile route, highway commission officials revealed Thursday.

The action, believed unprecedented in the history of this country, will prohibit erection of billboards, dance halls, hot dog stands and other commercial developments, J. M. Devers, the commission's attorney, said. Property owners along the route have refused to accept any money for the limited-access feature, Devers declared.

"For years," Devers said, "roadside organizations have been trying to accomplish legislation which would make possible the regulation or prohibition of the use of properties along highways for advertising purposes, but thus far, adequate legislation has not been made available."

"The property owners along the new highway have done voluntarily what legislation has failed to accomplish. When the subject was discussed with the property owners with the idea of compensating in money for the privilege requested, the property owners said they were not asking compensation, because they also were interested in maintaining the scenic value of the highway."

The total acreage acquired for this stretch of the highway is 350.5 acres.

Salary Boosts Are Favored

Agreeing that salaries of congressmen "should be raised," directors of the Associated Employers of Oregon, in annual meeting here Thursday declared they thought some other wage raises should be permitted—that small cafe, hotel, store and laundry owners should be allowed in some instances to pay their employees up to 65 cents an hour without a crackdown from the war labor board.

So they wrote their congressman suggesting an amendment to the wage stabilization laws of 1942 (now before congress for extension). No increase in the general 65-cent national sub-standard wage was asked, but an amendment which would absolve from penalties employers who have increased wages up to 65 cents "upon proper showing of local labor conditions in communities adjacent to war industries" was suggested.

Two Valley Veterans Killed in War Action

PFC Raymond M. Scheller, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scheller of Canby, and Pvt. Harold E. Howard, son of Mrs. Anna E. Howard, box 164, Williams, have been killed in action, the office of war information announced this morning. Howard was killed in the European theatre.

520 B-29s Hit Osaka to Give Full Emphasis

GUAM, Friday, June 15—(AP)—Bombs at a rate of 2,000,000 tons a year will begin raining down on Japan July 1 in a program aimed at "complete and utter destruction" of the enemy, Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the army air force, announced today.

The five-star general dramatically disclosed that while he was making the announcement 3000 tons of bombs were falling on Osaka, the leading industrial city of the orient, from 520 Superfortresses.

"We are going to more than double the tonnage we are going to drop on Japan, starting July 1," Arnold added at a press conference.

"Starting July 1, we are going to drop 1,700,000 tons and forces of Gen. George C. Kenney (commander of the far eastern air forces) 300,000 tons.

"If that is what Japan wants, let God that is what she is going to get."

"You know what will be left of the area from Tokyo to Nagasaki, which is all of Japan that counts industrially."

He disclosed that the May bomb tonnage on Japan was 24,000 and dwelt on the reason for the "complete and utter destruction" program.

Many Small Targets
"Japan has a thousand small targets in backyard workshops and homes," he explained. "Suicide planes are cheap and can be made in a back yard. That is why we went into the destruction program to defeat Japan. It is necessary to destroy five key cities (Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka). It is going to be a terrible place to live in."

Today's incendiary raid, marking the first anniversary of B-29 operations against Japan proper, struck Osaka south of Osaka castle and the neighboring city of Amagasaki.

Target areas of the big load of fire bombs were in eastern Osaka south of Osaka castle and in the extreme northern sector of the city between the Yodo and Kanazaki rivers.

Hit War Industries
Many war industries are concentrated in southeastern Osaka, including the Kwoyo precision works company. The area attacked in northern Osaka includes many machine tool and bearing works, chemical plants, and electrical and textile factories. Large plants there are the Amatsujii steel ball manufacturing company, the Osaka Wakayama iron works and the Strong engineering works.

The raid was the fourth incendiary attack on Osaka itself, but was the first on Amagasaki, industrial city northwest of Osaka. Amagasaki has a population of about 200,000.

17 DIE IN PLANE CRASH
VICKSBURG, Miss., June 14—(AP)—Fifteen navy men and two WAVES were killed today when a transport plane exploded and crashed at Oakridge, 16 miles northeast of here.

Witnesses said the interurban car, with a capacity of 56, was full and some were standing. The crash, occurring on a curve where brush obstructed visibility, threw all the passengers to the front end of the car.

Officers of Portland Electric Power company, operator of both trains, said an investigation would be made. Seven ambulances raced to the scene.

General Eisenhower Receives Official Welcome of Paris

PARIS, June 14—(AP)—General Eisenhower received the official welcome of Paris today and told those who had had taste for vengeance that "Berlin is destroyed."

More than 1,000,000 cheering Parisians jammed the streets through which Eisenhower rode in triumph two days after becoming a freeman of the city of London.

He spoke in English—with a middle western accent as broad as his smile—in Hotel de Ville, the Paris city hall where he rode from the Arc de Triomphe. Along the route cheering men, women and children hailed him as their liberator.

Only a few of those who packed into the lavishly decorated Hotel de Ville could understand his words exactly but they made out enough to burst into applause when he declared grimly: "Paris has suffered. We understand that. I have something to tell you if you, like Americans, have a touch of vengeance in your hearts! Berlin is destroyed."

There was even louder applause later when he had finished and his brief speech was repeated in French.

The general told the crowd of America's historic bonds with the French and said "today you have shown how completely that affection is mutual."

"One of Hitler's miscalculations which led to the destruction of Germany," he told the French, "was that he did not defeat France when he thought that he had."

Trial Due For Pole Leaders

Announcement Comes on Eve Of Conference

By James F. King
LONDON, June 14—(AP)—Russia announced tonight that 16 Polish leaders would be tried within the next few days for "terroristic acts of diversion" behind red army lines.

The announcement came on the eve of a conference scheduled to open in the Russian capital tomorrow among representatives of the big three and various Polish factions for the purpose of organizing a broader-based Polish provisional government.

At least one of the Poles invited to the meeting, former Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, a leader of the peasant party, had been reported by the British press to be prepared to demand the release of the 16 accused Poles as a condition to participating in the parley.

Russia announced on May 6 that she had arrested the Polish leaders, creating a storm in international relations and leading to a breakdown in big three negotiations on broadening the Polish government. Earlier this week the Paris radio reported that Harry Hopkins, President Truman's special emissary to Moscow, had effected the release of the group.

Moscow for the first time identified four of the arrested group in tonight's broadcast announcement.

They were Jan Jankowski, vice premier of the London Polish government-in-exile; Gen. Bronislaw Kutulicki, former Polish underground army leader; Stanislaw Jaskulowicz, former parliament national party representative, and Adam Bien, peasant party member and former Warsaw judge.

Truman to Fly Charter Back To Washington

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—Soon after the world organization charter is signed in San Francisco, President Truman will fly to Washington in the hope the senate will ratify it before he meets next month with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

The White House made this disclosure today along with plans to expand the president's ambitious flight schedule to include homecoming celebrations late this month in his home state of Missouri.

The Truman welcoming rallies will be held in his home town of Independence June 27 and in Kansas City the next day. It will be the first visit home of the chief executive since he succeeded to the presidency April 12.

Whether this trip will be dovetailed with the San Francisco journey or made separately after his return from California depends on when the world organization conference closes.

Latest word here is that the conference expects to wind up by June 23.

Churchill Reports Relations With Russia Improve, Asks Attlee to Big 3 Conference

By ALEX SINGLETON
LONDON, June 14—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, hailing a "marked improvement" in relations with Russia and continued "complete accord" with the United States, took steps today to place Britain's foreign policy on a solid non-partisan basis for the big three meeting expected in July.

In perhaps his valedictory address on the eve of dissolution of the longest-lived parliament in 300 years, he informed commons he had invited labor party leader Clement R. Attlee to accompany him to the conference, which he said would be held "before the results of the impending election ... are announced." The date for the announcement has been set for July 26.

Churchill also offered hope for a break in the British-French stalemate on the Levant crisis, telling a cheering commons: "I am glad to hear the former Premier Edouard Herriot is said to be coming over here on behalf of General De Gaulle."

However, in Paris Gen. De Gaulle's headquarters said no emissary would go to London "at this time" and said nothing was known of a mission by Herriot.

In plain words the prime minister explained his reason for the Attlee invitation—"in case anyone says 'are you committing yourself to something for which you have no authority,' or in case (that) in the ballot box there lies something which strips you of your authority."

This would appear to place the date for the big three meeting sometime between July 5, when Britain will hold its first general election in 10 years, and the July 26th announcement of the result, when the service ballot will have been counted.

Casualty Totals Increase Slowly

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The end of the war in Europe was reflected today in army and navy casualty reports showing an increase of only 5048 in the past week.

The rise, one of the smallest for any week in months, boosted total losses to 1,107,097, including 232,138 killed, 618,013 wounded, 33,446 missing and 115,500 prisoners. The prisoner total is actually much smaller than this figure because of liberation of American soldiers in German hands.

U. S. 96th Cracks Center Of Japan's Okinawa Line; Australians Take Brunei

Port City Occupied With Ease

MANILA, Friday, June 15—(AP)—Brunei, important little river port and capital of the north Borneo sultanate of Brunei, fell by default to Australian Ninth division infantrymen who walked unopposed into the bomb-flattened town Wednesday, it was disclosed today.

The town, 16 miles from the nearest landing points when the invasion of British Borneo began last Sunday, was occupied after a hot march through the lush jungle against scanty Japanese opposition.

A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced also that other Australian units of Labuan island, in the mouth of Brunei bay, had moved within a half mile of the Timbalal airstrip along the Hamilton road and found not more than 500 Japanese opposing them.

The defense was stiffening, however, with mortar fire and snipers on the increase both in the Timbalal area and in stubborn pockets north and west of Labuan airstrip, which already is being used to some extent by the allies.

Timbalal is the last Japanese-held airfield of three in the invasion area.

A headquarters spokesman here, commenting on the light casualties on both sides, said "many thousands" of Japanese were scattered throughout West Borneo, although the slight reaction in the Brunei bay area indicated that no sizable forces of the enemy remained there.

359 New Laws Are Effective On Saturday

Three hundred fifty-nine new laws will be effective in Oregon on Saturday morning (12:01 a.m. to be exact), but for the first time in many years the published session laws will not be in print when the new statutes become enforceable.

The court attack on the local budget law has delayed publication.

Major new laws permit counties to adopt the manager form of government, increase unemployment benefits from \$15 for 16 weeks of any one year to \$18 for 20 weeks, provide civil service for state employees, set up a retirement system for employees of the state and political subdivisions and remove the \$40 monthly old age pension ceiling.

Veterans legislation becoming effective creates the office of veterans affairs, gives veterans preference in public employment, and provides loans up to \$3000 so veterans may buy farms and homes.

New Amendment Affects 724 Claims

Seven hundred twenty-four claims in the U.S. employment office area are affected by the amendment going into effect Saturday which increases unemployment benefits, it was revealed here Thursday.

The number of weeks a claimant must wait before starting to draw benefits has been reduced from two to one. Weekly allowances are increased up to 20 percent while maximum yearly benefits may go up from 30 to 50 percent, Arthur T. Nye, unemployment deputy in the employment office said.

SENATE GROUP OK'S HERZOG

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—The nomination of Paul M. Herzog of New York to the national labor relations board was approved unanimously today by the senate committee on education and labor.

U.S.-Aussies in Invasion



Snapped aboard the flagship of Rear Adm. Forrest B. Royal, USN (right), is Australian Maj. Gen. George F. Wooten, C. B. C. B. E., D. S. O., as he conferred with Rear Adm. Royal on the invasion assault of Brunei bay, Borneo. Admiral Royal is in command of amphibious operations while General Wooten commands the Ninth division of the First Australian corps. (International soundphoto)

Britain Offers India New Deal In Government

LONDON, June 15—(AP)—The British government today offered India a revamped executive council with only two posts held by Britons—a move which a British white paper called a "genuine step forward . . . towards Indian self-government"—and renewed its 1942 proposal for postwar dimission status for the oriental keystone of the empire.

Management of foreign affairs, now controlled by Viceroy Lord Wavell, would pass into Indian hands as well as the finance and home departments, now held by Britons. Indians already outnumber Britons on the council by 10 to four.

The viceroy is bound by the council's advice in most matters, but may overrule its recommendations if they collide with his own views on what is essential for the safety or tranquility of the country.

Wavell in a New Delhi broadcast told Indians that eight members of the congress party's working committee had been released from jail and said he intended to invite Indian leaders to confer with him on formation of a new executive council "more representative of organized political opinion."

Fireworks' Sale Again Prohibited

Distribution, sale or use of fireworks, pyrotechnics, firecrackers, cap pistols, or other forms of noise-making devices anywhere within the state of Oregon is still illegal, except controlled fireworks displays approved in writing by the state defense council.

Gen. William E. Shedd, commander of the Ninth service command, has notified Gen. Earl Snell that necessity still exists for continuing the ban on fireworks, state defense council officers announced Thursday.

STAY ON JOB SAYS KRUG

WASHINGTON, June 14—(AP)—War Production Chairman J. A. Krug tonight asked that workers in industries having "rush" production schedules stay on the job July Fourth and postpone vacations until after Labor day.

| Weather | Max. | Min. | Rain |
|------------------|-------|------|------|
| San Francisco | 77 | 52 | .00 |
| Chicago | 68 | 48 | .00 |
| Boston | 68 | 48 | .00 |
| Portland | 77 | 43 | .00 |
| Seattle | 67 | 43 | .00 |
| Willamette river | 5 in. | | |

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, Albany, Mead, Salem): Generally fair today with warmer temperatures. Maximum of 76 degrees expected.

High Hill Falls To Yankees

GUAM, Friday, June 15—(AP)—Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th infantry division cracked the center of the previously outflanked Japanese defense line on southern Okinawa Thursday by capturing 500-foot-high Yaeju hill and pushing on south.

The summit of southern Okinawa's highest peak was gained early yesterday after a brisk fight while other divisions cut in behind both ends of the rugged escarpment line where an estimated 10,000 Nipponese are making a last stand in an area of less than 13 square miles.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in today's communique the fall of Yaeju hill to the 381st regime. Other 96th division elements assaulted a second high point to the west.

On either end of the escarpment line, the First marine and Seventh infantry divisions pushed inward in a maneuver similar to the pincers envelopment of Shuri fortress.

On southwestern Okinawa's Oruku peninsula, the Sixth marine division mopped up remnants of a pocketed Japanese naval landing force which had been used as regular troops. It was one of the biggest single day's bag of the war. Others were driven into the mudflats of the Kokuba estuary where they committed hari kari after dashing about wildly and screaming.

Elements of the Third marine amphibious corps, meantime, made unopposed landings on Senaga island, off the southwest coast of Orokua peninsula. They captured five Japanese naval guns.

Under heavy mortar, artillery and machinegun fire, Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th infantry division, in the center of the Yaeju line, captured Yaeju-Dake hill, 600 yards southwest of Tomal town, and moved up to the southeast of Ozato town.

3 U.S. Armies Will Be Kept In Germany

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Forces, June 14—(AP)—Three American armies—one more than originally planned—will be kept in Germany at least until December, it was learned authoritatively today.

These armies are the Third, Seventh and 15th. The Ninth army will be returned to the United States in July, or shortly thereafter.

A highly-placed source said that if the situation changed by the end of 1945 to a point where it was not necessary to keep three armies in the occupied zone, the 15th army would be sent back to the United States for possible transfer to the Pacific.

The Third and Seventh armies, which are to stay as long as the American zone of Germany is occupied, will include the 400,000 men originally selected for occupation duties.

QUOTO TWO-THIRDS SOLD

PORTLAND, June 14—(AP)—The state's seventh war loan quota was two-thirds sold tonight with sales at \$72,210,646, or 65.6 percent of the goal. E bonds represented \$33,895,064.

Circus Acts Will Highlight Free Bond Show This Noon

The circus day parade—or outstanding features of it—comes to Salem today as headliner act by stars of Russell Bros. circus are offered free of charge for a full hour this noon at the Victory Center.

Expected to draw one of the biggest crowds any noon attraction has brought to the courthouse lawn, the noon performance is to be run to the rhythm of the traditional circus callope.

Si Otis and his trick mule, Abrams, already known to Salem circus and performing dogs; Rex Ross, billed as Hollywood's forthcoming western screen star in trick and fancy roping; Australian whip cracker, whose act features the after-circle western show, will all perform.

Sid Stevens, retail chairman for the Seventh War Loan, will be master of ceremonies for the Victory show, a portion of which will be broadcast at 12:45 p.m. over KSLM. Sale of E bonds has not yet reached 65 percent of the county's \$2,376,900 quota, while total sales have barely topped the \$1 million mark against an allotment of \$4,820,000, members of the war finance committee point out.

The "Battle of a Century," a clown prize fight between Brownlie Dudath and Dick Lewis, assisted by a comical contingent of clowns, is expected to provide lots of fun.

Person who have already seen the circus will find today's bond show new, though they may recognize participants, for the bag of tricks will be opened for the occasion, the big show's management declared Thursday.