

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Rockets spanning the Atlantic carrying mail and passengers. Access to heights where the pull of earth's gravity is neutralized.

Such was the lurid picture of the future as dreamed by German scientists—dreams they were in process of trying to perfect when the end of the war came.

The imaginings of Jules Verne, Buck Rogers and Rube Goldberg appear to have become the working drawings of the German men of science.

Timely, indeed, is the framing of a charter in which nations agree to avoid aggression themselves and to suppress it if it does break out.

We cannot of course initially beat our swords into curling irons. With such potent forces loose in the world we have to

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Chinese Gain Near Old U.S. Airfield Bases

CHUNGKING, June 29—(AP)—Chinese troops fighting into wrecked and burning Liu-chow, captured the main airfield of the abandoned US air base in the southern suburbs and the city's south rail station, the Chinese high command announced today.

Heavy fighting continued in the western and northwestern suburbs, its center destroyed by week-long fires, the Chinese said.

Other Chinese forces more than 100 miles to the northeast, closed within 10 miles of Kweilin (pop. 500,000), where another US 14th air force base was abandoned last November, a Chinese army spokesman said.

The Chinese apparently had rewon control of virtually all the Kweichow-Kwangsi railroad, the first rail route to be regained by the Chinese since their long war started July 7, 1937.

Oregon Shows Trend Toward Larger Farms

At least 5 per cent more farms, an even greater percentage gain in the number of acres under agricultural development, will be shown for Oregon when the 1945 farm-census is complete, John Kallak, farm supervisor for the census, said Friday.

The trend appeared to be toward larger farms, Kallak said. The census now has been completed, but all reports have not yet been compiled.

Wool Released for Civilian Clothes WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—Increased quotas for the manufacture of a number of woolen garments, especially children's, were announced by the war production board today.

At the same time the agency added men's overcoats and topcoats and more sizes of leggings sets for children to the list of essential civilian garments for which manufacturers are given priorities to obtain woolen fabric.

War Communism Saved Allies And Russia, Declares G. B. Shaw

LONDON, June 30—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw, the white-bearded playwright whose wit belies his age, said today that Prime Minister Churchill was talking "arrant nonsense" about communism and declared that "practical British communism saved us in the war in the west."

Never at a loss for words, the 87-year-old writer and critic voiced this view in a letter endorsing R. P. Dutt, vice-chairman of the Communist party, for parliament in the Sparkbrook district, Birmingham.

TRAIN RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 5 DAYS

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Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	74	61	0
Eugene	70	50	0
Salem	73	50	trace
Portland	69	52	0
Seattle	70	50	trace
Willamette river	5.4 ft.		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem). Cloudy this forenoon, clearing to only scattered clouds by early afternoon, slightly warmer temperatures with a maximum of 75 degrees is expected.

YANKS EDGE NEARER CHINA

Glider Rescues 3 Survivors Of N. Guinea Crash

Salemite Helps In Bringing Out WAC and Airmen

HOLLANDIA, New Guinea, June 28—(Delayed)—(AP)—A ground skimming transport plane jerked a glider aloft today from "Hidden Valley" in the mountainous wilds of New Guinea and brought out a pretty WAC corporal and two army airmen, isolated there since a plane crash last May 13.

In one of the most daring rescue attempts ever undertaken in the southwest Pacific, these were brought out.

Hazel-eyed WAC Cpl. Margaret Hastings, of Oswego, N. Y.; Lt. John B. McCollom, of Trenton, Mo., who calmly assumed charge after the plane of sightseers crashed and burned on a mountain slope, killing 20 other occupants; Sgt. Kenneth Decker, of Kelso, Wash., who, although deeply scarred, managed a brave smile as he stepped out at Hollandia today.

Route Is Treacherous Going in and coming back, the glider had to be towed at 10,000 feet through jagged mountain canyons, over treacherous peaks, through or around puffy clouds which might conceal death-dealing mountain tops.

The actual rescue from a glider strip built in the fantastic valley of inter-warring tribesmen by parachuted Filipinos was a thing of split second timing.

The glider, with the trio and two of the Filipino paratroopers aboard, was snatched aloft at 9:47 a.m. by a C-47 flying within 20 feet of the valley floor, trailing a grab line.

"The greatest thrill," said Miss Hastings, "was when the tow cable held and our glider swooped off the valley floor. I prayed the cable wouldn't break. When we started off into the air safely, I figured someone else could do the praying."

No End of Ambulances Crowds at Hollandia cheered as the frail, motorless plane "Fanless Fagot," hovered over the field, then came slowly to a stop.

"Send the ambulances away; we don't need them," said bewhiskered McCollom.

Decker, cleanly shaven, had deep scars from his head injuries. Smiling, he paid tribute to Lieutenant McCollom who took charge of the group until Capt. Cecil Walters, veteran paratrooper, arrived to begin the rescue preparations.

The rescue party included Capt. G. Reynolds Allen, Salem, who helped pilot the glider. Crew chief was PFC. E. F. Sims, of Waco, Tex.

Maj. W. S. Samuels, of Oakland, Calif., piloted the khaki-colored C-47 which made the perfect pickup. His co-pilot was Capt. William McKenzie, of LaCrosse, Wis.

Venus de Milo Back To Replace 'Ersatz'

Nation's E-Bond Sales Nearly a Billion Short

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—Bond sales to individuals in the Seventh War Loan drive went over the 7-billion dollar quota today, leaving the E-bond quota the only one not yet reached.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced individual sales as \$7,060,000,000, with E-bond sales, included in the individual total, \$3,126,000,000, or 78 per cent of the E-bond goal of \$4,000,000,000.

Flames Damage KSLM Plant, PGE Oil Switch

Fire which destroyed the roof and much of the wiring for lights at the Front street transmitter and studio of KSLM, and water which damped radio equipment there put the Salem station off the air Friday night and will probably keep it out of service until sometime this afternoon.

Extent of the damages could not be estimated last night, while firemen continued their watch on the frame building, where flames were first reported at 9:50 o'clock. Nor was exact cause of the fire known, although "overheating" was generally blamed.

The KSLM blaze was the second major fire Friday in the Salem area, where a power break of several minutes followed the explosion of an oil switch at the transformer near the Blue Lake cannery in West Salem.

Fort Meade Complement at Camp Adair

CAMP ADAIR, June 29—(Special)—An advance contingent of more than 200 men, constituting part of the army ground force complement for replacement depot number 4 (official designation for Adair), has arrived under the command of Col. Kevin O'Shea.

The remaining men of the regiment which will serve as the army ground force cadre here will arrive within two weeks. The cadre will be in charge of Maj. Gen. F. B. Mallon.

General Mallon formerly commanded the army ground force replacement depot number 1 at Fort George S. Meade, Md., the first of such depots, which served the European theatre.

The entire cadre at Adair will be drawn from Camp Meade. Camp Adair, expected to handle around 20,000 men, will provide final processing and training for replacements destined for the Pacific.

Crawford Leaves After 11 Big Years as Salem's Postmaster

Receipts of the Salem postoffice have doubled, the staff has been increased by a third, and a \$265,000 marble structure has replaced a 35-year-old building since Henry R. Crawford took office in July, 1934.

He retires today after 11 years as Salem postmaster, to be replaced by Albert C. Gragg, who has a temporary appointment. Postal receipts in 1934 were \$247,597.33, and for the year ending December 31, 1944, postal receipts were \$487,824.07.

Vacation Plans Hit By Order Troop Needs Up; Soldiers to Aid Rail Maintenance

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—Faced with a tremendous rail transport job as the nation's armed might swings toward Japan, the government today:

1. Decreed that reservations on passenger trains may be obtained no more than five days in advance, instead of the present 30-day limit.

2. Ordered 4,000 soldiers furloughed for 30 days' work on the railroads to avert a breakdown and keep troops and supplies rolling to the Pacific.

The five-day limit, effective at midnight tonight, may play hob with many a vacation plan. Unable to buy Pullman reservations or reserved seats in chair cars more than five days in advance, departing vacationers will not be sure that they can return on time by rail.

The step was part of a drive to discourage trips considered essential. Director J. Monroe Johnson, the office of defense transportation, which issued the order, said it was taken to "assume the maximum utilization of the limited amount of space now available to civilians as a result of the greatly increased demand for military transportation."

Refineries Hit By 50 B-29s; Ships Damaged

GUAM, Saturday, June 30—(AP)—American Superforts pounded the big Kudumatsu oil refining plant near Tokuyama on the Japanese home island of Honshu last night in the fourth air attack on Nippon within a week.

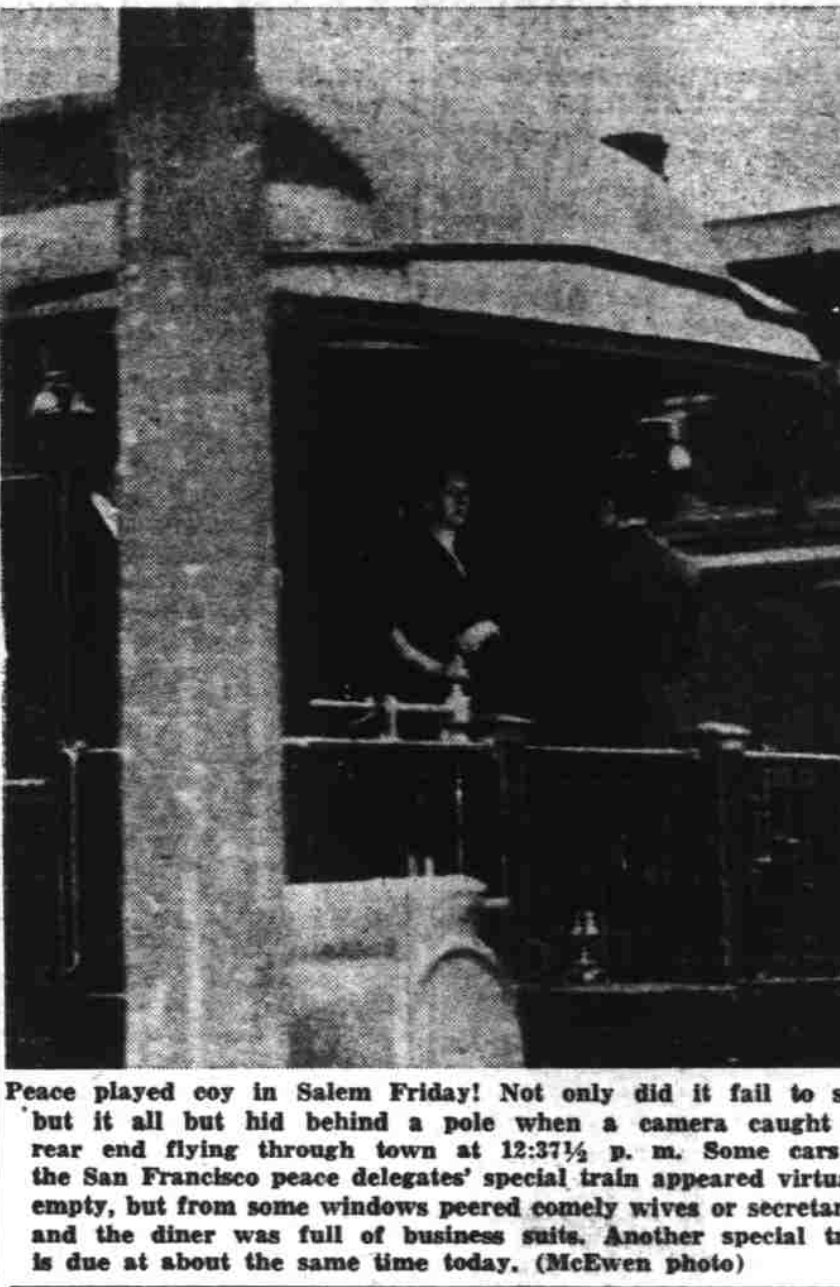
Nearly 50 B-29s struck the refinery of the Nippon oil company with high explosive bombs just before midnight. The plant is on the southwestern Honshu coast, where other refineries were seriously damaged in first raids on Japan's oil industry May 10.

Search Liberators of fleet air wing 18, based on Okinawa, struck the coast of Honshu, damaging shipping, warehouses and railroads around Katsura harbor southeast of Tokyo Friday. A small Japanese cargo ship was sunk south of Honshu.

A fishing vessel was sunk by search planes of fleet air wing 1 south of Shikoku the same day, and marine and army aircraft from Okinawa struck shipping and shore installations at Amami and the Sakishimas. Seventh army air force and fourth marine air wing planes struck Marcus island, Yap and the Palaus.

The Kudumatsu refinery raid was the second night demolition attack within a week on Nippon's oil refining plants.

Peace Shoots Through Salem



Peace played coy in Salem Friday! Not only did it fail to stop but it all hid behind a pole when a camera caught its rear end flying through town at 12:37 1/2 p. m. Some cars of the San Francisco peace delegates' special train appeared virtually empty, but from some windows peered comely wives or secretaries, and the diner was full of business suits. Another special train is due at about the same time today. (McEwen photo)

Delegates in Portland on Home Journey

PORTLAND, June 29—(AP)—Foreign delegates home-bound from the United Nations conference stopped here today for a brief sight-seeing trip to Portland's famed rose gardens overlooking bustling shipyards and a ride up the Columbia valley to Bonneville hydro-electric dam.

Most of the 600 international conferees were too busy scanning the view of snow-capped Mt. Hood looming east of the city to discuss the San Francisco meeting.

Sir Rama Swami Mudaliar, head of the Indian delegation, said he was amazed by the "bigness of America."

"You have such big ideas," he exclaimed. "Everything is planned on such a big scale."

The train carrying the delegates passed through the rugged Siskiyou mountains early today and rolled north in the Willamette valley through some of the northwest's most fertile farmlands.

The mountains reminded Stan-oje Simic, Yugoslav ambassador to the United States, of his homeland. He declared the Slavs must trade with the United States.

"You have everything and we need everything," he said, "everything from needles to locomotives."

Joseph Paul-Boncour, former French premier and Congressman Sol Bloom of New York commented on the conference.

New Isle Occupied Easily

Air Strip and Port Added to American Bases

GUAM, Saturday, June 30—(AP)—American patrols have occupied all of little Kume island without resistance, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today—extending the American invasion springboard another 50 miles westward and adding possible airstrip sites and small-craft port facilities.

Tokyo Radio, in reporting the landings last Tuesday, asserted "heavy fighting" was in progress, but today's fleet communique said "No enemy troops were encountered." There had been no confirmation of the American landings until today.

Kume, within 300 miles of Formosa and 370 from Kyushu, is about seven miles long and three miles wide at its broadest point. Saide-shaped, the center is flat, with a 1070-foot peak in the north and a 961-foot height in the south.

About three-fourths of the area is forested. Deep channels pierce the protective coral reef at several points and small finger piers and wharves can accommodate small ships.

Peace-time pursuits of the 13,444 civilian inhabitants included raising sugar cane, sweet potatoes, rice and other crops, weaving pongee and mats and operating sugar mills.

Kume is only 32 miles west of the Kerama islands, the first of the Okinawa group invaded by the Americans.

James Calton Dies in Action on Okinawa

Lt. James Allen Calton, formerly of Salem and son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Calton, who now reside in Los Angeles, was killed in action on Okinawa June 3, his parents have been informed.

The Caltons have been visiting friends in Salem.

Lieutenant Calton, who was with the 10th army, attended Salem high and was working in the shipyards at Portland when he was inducted. His wife, the former Margaret Anna Reed of Portland, and two children, Richard and Danny, reside in Berkeley, Calif.

Lieutenant Calton had never seen his youngest son, Danny, age six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Calton will visit their daughter-in-law in Berkeley.

French Seize 6841 Illegal Fortunes

PARIS, June 29—(AP)—The French government has seized 6,841 personal fortunes in a campaign against wealth made illegally during the war and more than \$280,000,000 will be confiscated by the end of 1945, Foreign Minister Rene Plevin told a cabinet meeting today.

FDR Quote Will Appear on 8th War Loan Bond

WASHINGTON, June 29—(AP)—Printed on the face of a special \$200 war bond in the Eighth War Loan drive will be the following quotation from Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"Every single man, woman and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our American history."

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced tonight this quotation won first place and \$100 bond in a contest among Washington newsmen for words from the former president to appear on a bond. It was submitted by Daniel M. Kidney, correspondent for Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Blimp to Circle During July 4th Bond Campaign Celebration

A blimp from the Tillamook base will lend its massive presence to the colorful Fourth of July parade planned by the American Legion, Lt. Col. George E. Sandy of state selective service offices Friday notified War Finance Chairman Douglas Yeater.

The blimp, to be overhead from 9:30 to 11 a.m., is another big attraction for the Independence Day celebration winding up the Mighty Seventh War Loan campaign in Marion county.

With the "Here's Your Infantry" show already promised for the afternoon and other attractions throughout the day, Marion county citizens are promised one of the most eventful days in years. Army weapons used in taking Jap pillboxes will be on exhibition at Marion square, where the 100-E bond prizes worth \$4,600 will be distributed.

An upsurge of buying earlier in the week brought the county's E bond total to \$1,674,875, but the amount still was \$595,000 short of the goal that must be recorded next week.

"People don't seem to realize that \$1000 invested in bonds will be worth \$1333 in 10 years, as against only \$1084.50 if left in the banks," pointed out Mrs. J. T. Brand, women's chairman, who reported that street and store sales were picking up but still far short of what should be recorded for this prosperous section.

Word that Marion county had failed to improve its sixth place standing in the 10-county contest for the ship launching honor was received by Chairman Yeater, but he expressed hope that a last-minute spurt might pass up Washington, Chackamas, Multnomah, Klamath and Umatilla, just ahead. First county passing the E bond quota will win the race, and Washington has reported \$4.3 per cent sales.

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