

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Why did the small boy shout "Ring, grandpa, ring," that July day in Philadelphia 169 years ago?

It was because on that day the continental congress had adopted a declaration of independence for the 13 colonies, freeing them, as much as a mere document could, from the rule of the mother country, Great Britain.

But the Declaration of Independence whose signing we celebrate today was more than a mere announcement of severance of ties with Great Britain and institution of a new government.

It contained a revolutionary set of political principles. That is what really gives the Declaration immortality.

What are some of these principles, which as we know have become our political precepts? "... all men are created equal."

"... they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"... governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

"... whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government."

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Japs Given Fireworks

1st Auto Off Line At Rouge

De Luxe 2-Door Sedan Signalizes New Production

DETROIT, July 3.—(AP)—A gray two-door sedan, with chromium-plated bumpers, grille and trim, rolled off the assembly line of the Ford Motor company's Rouge plant today to signalize the return of the automobile industry to partial peacetime production.

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Women in 'Shorts' Ignore Chief's Order to Go Home

DECATUR, Ill., July 3.—(AP)—Police Chief H. J. Schepper, who decreed that women can not wear "abbreviated shorts" in streets or taverns, reported tonight: "I got two calls from ministers who congratulated me—but the women are certainly mad."

Few women actually go home when ordered and some younger women "tell off" his officers, he admitted. "There are going to be arrests if this keeps up," the chief warned. "I issued this order and I mean to make it stick."

Labor Boos and Heckles Prime Minister's Talk

LONDON, July 3.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, booed and heckled at one of the stormiest political meetings in British history, tonight carried his fight for a conservative party victory before a crowd estimated at 25,000 persons in the labor party stronghold of northeast London.

Greeted by organized sections of hecklers chanting "We want labor," Churchill told the big open air rally in Walthamstow stadium that "Winners cheer and the beaten boo."

Almost constant heckling, and responsive cheering by the prime minister's supporters, forced him at times to wait several minutes before continuing his speech.

Swapping verbal punches with partisan opponents, the 70-year-old prime minister endured half an hour of boos as he made his last major speech of the hard-fought campaign alongside conservative candidates seeking the 27 parliament seats in the district.

"The first element of our policy," Churchill told his stormy audience, "is to beat Japan. The next thing is to bring our army home and then we have to build up the homes and houses shattered by enemy bombardment."

Churchill promised full employment for the next two to three years as Britain starts to produce long-needed goods.

2 Women Accuse Of Aiding Italian Prisoners' Escape

Seattle, July 3.—(AP)—Leland V. Boardman, special agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation office here said tonight two Seattle women had been arrested at Ontario, Ore., and would be returned for prosecution under the new law providing penalties for the aid of escaped prisoners of war.

Lenora May Hodgson, 26 and Fae Lois Burns, 20, were accused of turning over food, blankets and about \$1,000 to three Italians who escaped from an Italian service unit here.

Governors Approve Security; Unemployment Grants Urged

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 3.—(AP)—The 37th conference of state governors will be asked tomorrow to approve a resolution endorsing the United Nations world security charter as drafted and asking "prompt" approval by the United States senate.

The resolution, approved unanimously late today in committee declares the charter "lays a firm foundation upon which future progress of world organization for lasting peace can be made."

The resolutions committee action highlighted another day of speech-making by state chief executives in which major problems confronting the states and nation in the change-over from war to peace received exclusive attention.

Gov. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island tonight urged that federal grants-in-aid to states for unemployment insurance as proposed by President Truman for the reconversion period be made

4 Cities Burn On July 4th

Fireblitz by 500 Bombers Knocks Out War Plants

GUAM, Wednesday, July 4.—(AP)—Five hundred superfortresses struck Himeji on Honshu and three cities on Shikoku, starting "general conflagrations" in a highly successful Fourth of July incendiary strike this morning, the 21st bomber command announced.

Bombing through broken clouds, 70 per cent of the plane commanders reporting to Gen. Curtis E. Lemay by radio after their bomb runs described resulting fires as reaching "general conflagration proportions" in all four cities: Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kuchi, on Shikoku island, and Himeji across the inland sea.

(Tokyo radio meanwhile acknowledged that American aerial blows at the Japanese homeland until May 31 had killed, injured or rendered homeless a total of 4,800,000 persons in five of the empire's largest cities -- Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe.)

The mission brought to 2,400 the total number of sorties flown by planes of the 21st bomber command against Japan in nine days.

Superfort Blitz 26 Twenty-six Japanese industrial cities now have been fire-blitzed by the superforts, which have made 37 incendiary missions from the Marianas.

In their unique campaign to wipe out the enemy's war industries, Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's bombers are using newly developed American incendiary missiles. They are seeking out frantically dispersed war plants in cities which Americans never heard of before the B-29s started blasting the Nipponese homeland.

The Kurashiki aircraft plant, converted from a spinning mill, at Takamatsu appeared to be the most important military target in this morning's objectives.

Many Industries Hit Kochi's industries include paper and textile mills, a plywood plant, metal working plant and cement and chemical works.

Tokushima, largest city on Shikoku, formerly manufactured high quality silk crepe, but its textile mills have been converted to war industry.

Himeji is a major railroad terminal and military training center. Himeji's industrial plants produce explosives, electric light bulbs and matches.

Suicide Plane and Bomb Brought to U. S. By Battered Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—(AP)—While the battered Liberty ship Josiah Snelling rode anchor clear of bustling bay shipping, a volunteer crew of Seabees today removed from her hold a Japanese suicide plane and its unexploded 500-pound bomb which struck her at Okinawa.

The navy said the ship's officers were unaware they carried a live Kamikaze bomb until San Francisco damage inspecting officers started clearing away the plane wreckage and discovered the fins of the explosive protruding from the timber cargo.

Europe Needs Soap To Combat Disease, Says UNRRA Head

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Rationing of soap to provide Europe with a supply sufficient to combat filth and epidemic disease was proposed tonight by Herbert H. Lehman, director general of UNRRA.

Body of Goebbels Identified; Film To Be Shown Nazis

By the Associated Press The Moscow radio said today that the body of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, former Nazi propaganda minister, has been "unmistakably identified."

The body was carried May 1 from an air raid shelter under the reichschancellery in Berlin by Nazi SS troopers, who attempted to burn it.

Moscow said soviet photographers had taken pictures of the body to be included in a documentary film to be shown the German people.

Aussies Win 7-Mile Strip On Balikpapan

MANILA, Wednesday, July 4.—(AP)—A field dispatch today disclosed that Aussie invaders of Balikpapan, bomb-wrecked oil center on east Borneo, have a beachhead seven miles long and two miles deep and the captured Sepinggan airfield already is in operation.

The Aussies, by securing the last ridge facing the town virtually have secured its central refineries and docks, long since rendered unserviceable by bombing and shelling.

Sepinggan airfield was captured at nightfall Monday, putting the allied air force within fighter plane range of Java, heart of the Dutch East Indies, for the first time in more than three years.

A second enemy airfield is at Manggar, only six miles ahead of the driving Australians.

No Draft for Striking Tire Plant Workers

AKRON, Ohio, July 3.—(AP)—Government seizure of strike-paralyzed Goodyear Tire & Rubber company plants moved a step nearer today as the national war labor board handed the 18-day-old stoppage by 16,700 workers to economic stabilizer William H. Davis.

Sharing the spotlight with the WLB's action, which came just a day after that agency had erased defiant Goodyear workers' rights to vacations and shift differentials, were:

1. Notification of the WLB by 16,500 Firestone Tire & Rubber company employes, on strike since Sunday, that they "would not return to work under present conditions," thus defying a back-to-work order.

2. An almost "open rebellion" by Summit county draft boards against recent instructions to draft men involved in the Goodyear strike.

3. Announcement by four Akron banks that rubber workers, unpaid since the strikes began, cashed war bonds yesterday \$43,000 in excess of the normal "turn-in" rate.

4. Disclosure by Goodyear its plants had lost 272,000 tires, and Firestone announced it was losing 14,400 tires and 13,500 tubes daily.

Yanks In Ruined Capital

First Troops in Find Girls Clean Up Berlin Debris

BERLIN, July 3.—(AP)—American occupation troops rolled into Berlin today, speeding through the beaten capital's mammoth wreckage to the accompaniment of scattered waves and tears from bread lines and work-chains of women and girls.

American veterans of World War two returned the crisp salutes of Red army women traffic police. Tears of joy came from some Berliners, but others were silent and sullen.

Vanguard of a vast 4000-vehicle convoy reached suburban Zehlendorf this afternoon after leaving Halle at 4 a. m., crossing the Elbe river and driving through Russian-occupied Germany west of the capital.

A red-skinned hero of the U.S. army was the first American soldier to enter the Russian-held center of Berlin as a veteran of the Second armored division, which will take up positions in the American occupation zone in the southwestern part of the capital.

He was PFC Harvey Natchees of the Ute Indian reservation in Northwestern Utah, a 25-year-old veteran due to return home on points after a few more days. He drove this correspondent to Adolf Hitler's reichschancellery.

Girls in freshly-ironed frocks worked in lines along the route, removing the debris from great piles of ruined buildings. In an eight-mile drive through the center of Berlin, not a single block was seen intact.

Hundreds of women, children and old men queued up in front of bread stores.

Twice we crossed a canal that was an open sewer which could be smelled 600 yards away. On the Kaiserallee a red flag flew over the Stars and Stripes on a pole outside the headquarters of the German communist party.

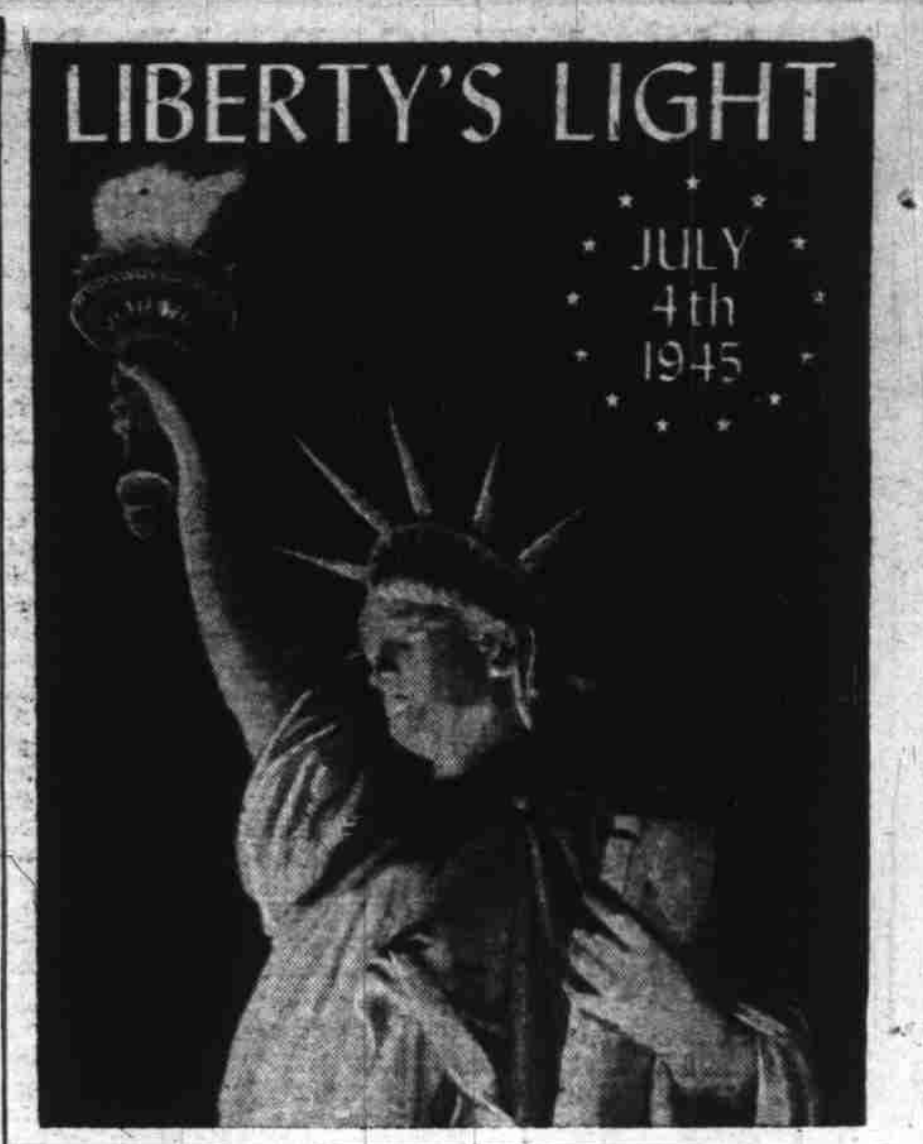
USSR Tells of Unity The east-west axis in the blasted Tiergarten hill was decorated with colossal portraits of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin from a previous Red army celebration. The city was scattered with Russian posters telling the Germans of the unity of the United Nations.

Most Berliners claim they have been waiting since March for the U.S. army "to save us from the Russians," but their ideas seemed to reek of the anti-bolshevik beliefs inculcated in them by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

When! Where! How! The Glorious Fourth in Salem

9:30 to 11:00 a. m.—Blimp from Tillamook naval station flies over Salem and Marion square.

10:00 a. m.—Grand military and civic parade, including children's section. Starts on State street at Cottage and winds up at Marion square. Reviewing stand on the courthouse lawn. Paraders meet at 9:30. See line of march, page 2. All kinds of pets including horses, ponies, etc., may parade with children.



Legion Winds Up Seventh War Loan With Day-Long Patriotic Program Here

Dawn of the Glorious Fourth finds the end of the Mighty Seventh War Loan campaign in Marion county a matter of conjecture. But Salem and the surrounding country-side will celebrate. And while they celebrate, residents of the area will buy bonds in a last-minute attempt to go over the top of the county's \$2,270,000 E bond quota before the sun has set on Independence day.

Of that quota, \$1,850,000 worth had been bought last night. The county quota of \$4,320,000 for all bonds was topped by about a million and a quarter, announced Chairman Douglas Yeater, who still hoped that the E bond allotment would be met before the end of the week.

From the moment of the arrival of a great silver blimp from the naval station at Tillamook at 9:30 o'clock this morning to the final selection of prize-winners and the closing of concessions at midnight, there will be "something doing" in Salem every moment today.

Big Show In Air The blimp, hovering over the parade this morning, is the first of a great aircraft show Salem residents and visitors will see today. For 24 B-24 bombers from Walla Walla are due here at noon, although previously booked for a mid-afternoon appearance.

New highlight in today's program will be the appearance of the Fort Lewis entertainment troupe of professional entertainers, famous for entertainment over the northwest. Principally, their shows have been put on for soldiers, but tonight at 7 o'clock they will perform at Marion square, Rex Kimmell, American Legion entertainment chairman, announced Tuesday. Kimmell said he had been working for a month to get the group to appear here.

Elsewhere on this page appears the hour-by-hour program for today's celebration, while the parade's line of march is outlined on page 5.

Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State college is speaker of the day, appearing on the 11 a. m. patriotic program at Marion square.

Barbecue For All Major attractions also include the free barbecue to be served at noon at the square by the American Legion, the "Here's Your Infantry" show at Sweetland field, Willamette campus, 4:30 p. m. and three periods during which winners of \$4600 worth of prizes are selected from among the county's thousands of E bond purchasers.

At 11:45 a. m.; at 3:30 p. m. and again at 8:30 p. m. at Marion square winners will be chosen. Although persons who win the prizes need not be present they may claim their prizes within seven days. Loyal Warner, Salem Chamber of Commerce president; Robert Elstrom, Rotary president; Fred Klaus, Kiwanis president; Ronald E. Jones, Lions president; E. Burr Miller, president of the Retail Trade bureau, and Sidney McNeil, King Bing of the Cherrians, will be judges in selection of prize winners under general direction of Sid Stevens, retail chairman.

Vets' Housing Program Asked Of Congress

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—President Truman today posed a \$100,000,000 housing program for servicemen and veterans. He sent to the senate a budget request for \$25,000,000 direct appropriation and \$75,000,000 contract authorization for the national housing agency.

The need, he said, is to provide homes for distressed families of servicemen and for veterans and their families who are affected by eviction or other unusual hardships.

Everything except concessions free to the public with the compliments of the American Legion and the Marion county war finance committee.