

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The city council has before it a proposition from United Air Lines offering to lease ground at the airport and construct thereon a \$75,000 ticket-office and waiting room. Opposition has developed on the ground that the city should own the structure and collect rentals therefrom from the users of the facility. From what study I have given the matter I incline to the view that it's a better deal for the city to rent the land and let the UAL erect the building, requiring, however, that the lessee construct the ramp it requests in front of said building.

An airport is not a source of profit to the city. It is essentially a public facility, provided to enable commercial operators to serve the community. It might be argued that commercial lines should be required to build their own airports as railroads do terminals. The answer is short: if we did that it would be a long, long time before any commercial line would serve us. The city does well to provide the field; there is little apparent advantage to the city to make additional investment.

To date the city has made two bond issues for its airport, \$50,000 in 1928 and \$75,000 in 1941. With the first sum the land was bought and runways deemed adequate at the time laid out and a hangar built.

From the second bond issue additional land was purchased. Practically all of the recent work was done by the government through the civil aeronautics board. The army engineers constructed buildings and barracks for army use as an air base. There is left in the money from the last bond issue just a little over \$50,000. This is not enough to build a general administration building and provide other improvements such as lengthening of runways, or land acquisition, which may be needed.

Under the offer of the UAL the city would get one and one-half cents per square foot per year rental on an acre and a half of ground, or \$653.40, besides the present landing fee of \$48 per month per schedule trip. The lease would run for 20 years and at the end of that time the building would become city property. In the interval the city could take over the building at equity.

United Airlines offers to permit other users of the field to make use (Continued on editorial page)

## 'Shooting Star' Speed Almost Fast as Sound

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Traveling nearly as fast as sound, a jet-propelled P-80 "shooting star" roared in from Dayton, Ohio, and hissed to a stop at La Guardia field today after covering the 555 miles in one hour and two minutes.

The trim gray superstreamlined craft, described by the army as the world's fastest, touched the runway an hour and 34 1/2 minutes after leaving Wright field, Dayton. The pilot, Col. William H. Connelley, said the extra 32 1/2 minutes were taken up by landing preparations.

Displayed publicly for the first time, to mark the army air forces' 38th anniversary, the jet-propelled fighter flew most of the way at 20,000 feet because of adverse weather. Its top speed has been announced as more than 500 miles an hour and its ceiling as at least 45,000 feet.

BROWNELL ARRIVES TODAY  
PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Republican National Committeeman Herbert Brownell, Jr., will arrive here at 1 p. m. tomorrow for talks with Oregon party officials.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He has a tick in his ear!"

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## Potsdam Meeting At End

### Big 3 Report On Conference Due on Friday

By Daniel De Luce  
POTSDAM, Thursday, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Amid ceremonious farewells the big three conference ended at 12:30 a. m. today (2:30 PWT) and a terse official statement said that the waiting world would receive a full report of the historic deliberations in a joint communique to be issued Friday.

The final session, held in a luxurious chamber of Cecilienhof, former residence of ex-Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Germany, lasted two hours and was marked by an "atmosphere of great cordiality," an eyewitness said later.

Fifteen persons were seated at a round table and a total of 40 were in the conference room for the after-dinner meeting at which the phrasing of the final communique was agreed upon, the observer said.

This done, Prime Minister Attlee proposed a vote of thanks to Generalissimo Stalin for the fine accommodations and to the foreign secretaries for their very fine work.

Stalin paid tribute to the British and American delegations, and especially to the foreign secretaries, and in the course of his remarks gave generous mention to President Truman, Mr. Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, former Prime Minister Churchill and former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden by name.

Truman also uttered high praises for the heads of the foreign offices of the three powers who daily had prepared the questions to be given consideration by the big three.

## Santiam Bean Festival Will Open the 7th

STAYTON, Aug. 1.—The fourth war time Santiam Bean festival will open here Tuesday, August 7 and close with an open air dance on the city tennis courts Saturday night.

The streamlined war time festival will be confined to night programs with the exception of the pet parade and field events which are scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Open air dances will be held on the city tennis courts Wednesday and Saturday nights with music by Wolfers Harmony Knights of Salem. In case of rain the dance will be held at the Foresters lodge hall. Brownings Amusement company has a concession for the five days of the festival and will have matinee performance on Saturday.

## CAP Airstrip Planned

Ways and means to secure an airstrip for civil air patrol members and other civilian fliers were discussed at a meeting of the CAP held Tuesday night at the home of James E. Cannon, commanding officer of the Salem unit.

## Posthumous Awards Given for 3 Salem Men Killed in Action

Three bronze stars for Salem men who gave their lives in the armed services are to be in the hands of their next of kin today.

The presentations were arranged by Capt. T. R. Westfall, public relations officer at Camp Adair.

The high awards were in honor of the following:  
First Lt. Arthur L. Levin, killed in Germany last fall, for heroic achievement with the 104th division last October 30 when he ran from his position to wave a Red Cross helmet in the face of advancing American tanks, who were pouring out shells on a group of men the tank corps had mistaken for the enemy, and thus halted the fire. His widow, Mrs. Barbara T. Levin of 794 N. Summer st., received the star Wednesday.  
Staff Sgt. Norman C. Fuller,

## Where King and President Will Lunch



President Harry Truman will lunch with King George VI today aboard the famed British battle cruiser Renown at Plymouth, England.

## Truman Slated To Lunch With King George

PLYMOUTH, England, Aug. 1.—(AP)—President Truman and King George VI will meet tomorrow at this ocean gateway to exchange greetings symbolic of the comradeship welded on battlefields by their fighting men.

The president plans to fly to Plymouth tomorrow from Potsdam. The king entrains from London tonight.

For Britain, tomorrow's meeting of the king and president will be far from the welcome she had hoped to extend to the American chief executive. Elaborate court functions will be eliminated due to demands of the Pacific war calling Truman home in a hurry.

Instead of the traditional rich rites at Buckingham palace, the plans call only for Truman to lunch with the king aboard the famed battle cruiser Renown, with his majesty later being piped aboard the U. S. cruiser Agusta to inspect a guard of honor.

## Seattle Holds Pair Wanted For Robbery

William Henry Jenkins and his blonde wife, Ardith, who answer to the description of a pair wanted here to face year-old charges of robbery, are held in Seattle, police notified Sheriff Denver Young on Wednesday.

A warrant is out for Jenkins, two-time loser from the Oregon state penitentiary, and for Jane Doe, blonde, believed to be the persons who on or about August 14 last year went home with Frank Swartz, hopyard employe in the St. Paul district, attempted to force him to get money from his house and when he refused took him to Portland where he was kept overnight, relieved of a watch and the money on his person and finally left gagged and bound in his own car.

Young went to St. Paul on Wednesday night to talk to Swartz. He has asked that extradition proceedings be started.

## Dallas Gets 20 Houses

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Twenty priorities for private construction of dwellings have been allocated for Dallas, George W. Copen, national housing agency representative, announced today. Ten are to be rental units and the others may be sold.

## Bogart's Wife Adult, She Says

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Twenty-year-old actress Lauren Bacall says she grew up the day she married Humphrey Bogart.

She petitioned superior court today to annul a salary savings plan set up for her last year. She contends that under California law, when a girl over 18 and under 21 marries she legally becomes an adult.

She asked for a refund of a 10 per cent reduction held out for her salary for savings, and for dissolution of a trust, taking another 10 per cent, established in the name of her mother, Mrs. Natalie Bacall.

## Vatican Expects Peace

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A Vatican source said today that despite Japan's rejection of the Potsdam ultimatum the Vatican expects "Japan soon will realize the futility of continuing resistance and surrender to the allies."

## Colorado Senator Demands Army Discharge 5 Million; Relief Promised Railroads

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Senator Johnson (D-Colo) demanded today the army discharge 5,000,000 men, shortly after the government promised additional army aid to ease the railroad's manpower situation.

Asserting in a senate speech that an army of 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 men never can be used against Japan, Johnson said the war department's "lack of cooperation" in returning surplus troops to civilian life is "blind, stupid and criminal."

The promise of further army aid to railroads, taxed with the job of redeploying troops from the Atlantic to the Pacific, came from war mobilization director John W. Snyder. He said the war department will furlough 4000 men temporarily to take railroad jobs.

Early discharge of more than 3000 men with railroad and shop experience was forecast by the army yesterday.

"The maximum number of men that we can transport, supply and use on the Japanese front by the end of 1946 cannot be more than 3,000,000 men," Johnson said.

"Then why in the name of common sense must we maintain an army of 8,000,000 men? I am told that the army has approximately the same strength today which it had when Germany surrendered."

"I challenge the war department to establish now the maximum number of men it can use by January 1, 1947. The maximum number is of course determined by the adequacy of our supply lines, which in turn are determined by our bottoms (ships). Supply lines 7,000 miles in length will require a tremendous shipping capacity and the war department can ascertain precisely what it is."

"I demand that it cut the jacket to fit the cloth."

Johnson, who is chairman of the subcommittee on veterans affairs, declared that when there is a shortage of workers that is the time to return every possible uniformed man or woman to civilian status.

## Police Aid in Purse Chase

Less than an hour after the 61 whom Salem police listed simply as a hopyard employe attempted in vain to board the Camp Adair bus in which she had left her purse containing \$90, the purse—and the \$90—were back in her hands last night.

The girl, a passenger on the Adair stage, left her purse in a seat when she got off at West Salem and realized the fact too late to go back after it. Frantically, she called the Salem police radio operator who at 10:11 p. m. radioed West Salem police, who in turn gave chase. The West Salem officer who caught up with the bus said the purse lay, apparently untouched, on the seat where its owner recalled having left it. He delivered it to the girl at 11 p. m.

## 100 Americans Left In European Hospitals

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes said today in a Paris dispatch that only 100 American wounded soldiers still are in European hospitals. The chief surgeon's office, the dispatch said, considers the men too seriously wounded to be moved.

All other wounded have been returned to duty or evacuated to hospitals in the United States.

## SOLDIERS THROUGH STREETS

Approximately 4000 soldiers from Camp Adair thronged Salem streets and restaurants Wednesday. There were few overnight passes.

## Salem Juniors Lose

Having lost to the Cummings Movers of Albany by a 12 to 7 score in their opening game last night, Salem's Capital post American Legion Juniors will take on the defending state champion Lind and Fomeroy Florists at the Vaughn street park this afternoon at 2:30 in their second contest in the state junior Legion tournament. Red Province will pitch for Salem, who used three pitchers, Joe Carroll, Gary Keppinger and Bud Craig in a vain effort to stop the Albany sluggers in the opener. Thursday's winner remains in the tournament, but the loser will be eliminated from the meet. (Additional details on Sports page).

## Tokyo Claims Yank Warships Hit 'O' Island

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Allied warships shelled "O island" off the southern coast of the main Japanese island of Honshu today and three submarines shelled the western side of the cape of Erimo on southern Hokkaido Tokyo radio said in an unconfirmed broadcast.

O island is the northernmost of the Izu group. It is in the Sagami sea about 70 miles south of Tokyo.

Tokyo said three destroyers and a number of cruisers were in the bombarding group. If confirmed, this would mean Admiral Halsey's fleet, which shelled Japanese cities seven times in July, has swung its guns back against the enemy home bases.

The enemy broadcast, heard in the United States by the FCC, said carrier based planes hit O island at the same time.

Admiral Nimitz' regular fleet communique today reported that carrier planes and a battleship bombed and shelled installations on little Wake island yesterday.

## WPB Metals Head Delays Final Decision

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Nigel Bell, director of the WPB aluminum division, has promised not to recommend withdrawal of support from the Salem alumina plant until after further conversations with Senator Cordon, the Oregonian said today.

The senator telephoned the newspaper he had urged that no action be taken until congress convenes in October.

"I am convinced that at least the lower levels of WPB will not precipitate or interfere in any way with the execution of the contract affecting the Salem plant until congress has determined what to do about it," Cordon said.

He said he wanted the plant to go ahead with experimental work, but added he might not quarrel with a recommendation that WPB withdraw its sponsorship because further sources for aluminum for the war effort may not be needed.

## Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	64	48	20
Eugene	53	45	20
Portland	53	41	20
Salem	51	35	20
Willamette river	37	—	—

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today. Warmest temperatures this afternoon about 88 degrees.

## Salem Takes Stock of Water System Bought 10 Years Ago

Salem took stock Wednesday of the water system it acquired 10 years ago. The anniversary of the municipally-owned utility, purchased for \$1,100,000 from the Oregon-Washington Water Service Co., offered an excuse for comparisons.

The system had 7050 active services Aug. 1, 1935; yesterday the figures had mounted to \$515, indicative of the growth of the city as well as the utility. Manager C. E. Guenther pointed out.

Two million two hundred thousand dollars worth of municipal bonds were issued to pay the purchase price and to finance improvements, of which \$277,000 worth have been retired and on

# Raid Smashes Records For Tons Dropped

By MURLIN SPENCER

GUAM, Thursday, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A record force of 820 B-29s scored "good to excellent" results today in bombing four forewarned Japanese cities and an oil center in Tokyo bay with 6632 tons and started general conflagrations. General Spaatz' headquarters reported after the raiders returned to their Marianas bases. It was probably the heaviest air raid in history.

Spaatz' second communique of the day—and the second of his new command—said 778 of the B-29s bombed the five target areas while the other 42 mined the Shimonoseki straits and waters off the cities of Seishin and Rashin on northernmost Korea. One B-29 was lost.

Enemy fighter opposition ranged from "none to slight" and anti-aircraft fire was "none to moderate" over the four cities.

Over the Kawasaki petroleum targets, a few miles from Tokyo, fighter opposition was "none to moderate" and anti-aircraft fire was moderate.

Planes of Gen. George C. Kenney's far east air force knocked out two more of Japan's harbor-hiding naval remnants. Records Smashed

Both the numbers of the B-29s and the extent of their bomb loads in today's assault were records. This immense tonnage was equivalent to loads carried by upwards of 2000 flying fortresses or Liberators—the heaviest American bombers used against Germany.

The four cities were all on the B-29 "surrender or die" warning list. They were among 12 industrial and transportation hubs notified only 24 hours earlier that they were on the B-29 schedule. Fighters Hit Plants

P-51 Mustangs from Iwo Jima, augmented by P-47 Thunderbolts, hit the Nagoya and Kobe area on Honshu yesterday, the U. S. army strategic air force announced today.

A total of 37 army fighters, flying through rain and heavy cloud cover, carried out low level strafing and rocket attacks on enemy airfields, transportation facilities and factories.

Four raiders were lost, presumably to anti-aircraft fire as enemy fighters refused to challenge. The raiders destroyed a locomotive, damaged two others and struck 50 railroad cars at the Fukuda yards, shot up hangars, repair shops, barracks and administration buildings at Itami and Nagoya-east airfields and hit adjacent factories.

## Pierre Laval Safe Inside Paris Prison

PARIS, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Pierre Laval, the tired, paunchy former chief of the Vichy government, was brought back to Paris today to stand trial for collaborating with the Germans in 1940 when Hitler's juggernaut overran France.

The plane bearing Laval and his wife here from Innsbruck arrived at the Le Bourget airfield at 5:50 p. m. (12:40 p. m. eastern war time), the prefecture of police said.

As soon as Laval stepped from the French air force plane he was arrested by the commissioner of national police in the presence of Pierre Betteille, an examining magistrate attached to the high court of justice.

## 'Japanese Village' To Be Built at Adair

CAMP ADAIR, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A "Japanese village" to train army-convalescing soldiers for the Pacific has been constructed here, Col. Ralph A. Tudor, district engineer, said today.

About 300 by 500 feet, the village contains houses, a shrine, temple and all the structures of a Japanese community.

## Washington Delegation Asked to Support Plant

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Washington congressional delegation today was asked by the Seattle chamber of commerce for aid in continuing production plans of the Salem, Ore., alumina plant. The Salem plant was scheduled to begin operations today but the war production board has recommended cancellation of its plans. It was built by the government to obtain slumbers from northwest clay deposits.

## Two Children In Accidents

Two four-year-old Salem boys are in Salem Deaconess hospital, where they were taken by first aid car Wednesday afternoon. Both lads were reported seriously injured in accidents at the city's two downtown parks.