

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The navy has made today, its traditional Navy day, as much of a "homecoming" day for men and women in its service as could well be. On all the coasts units of the navy are on exhibition and on parade. They are not the well-scrubbed, freshly painted ships of peacetime, but ships that show the wear, the rust of long sea duty, and some of them the scars of battle. It has been a hard-working navy for four years.

It is too bad we cannot have a big homecoming for all our service men and women. In the days when companies or regiments were locally recruited it was possible to give them a local welcome on their return. In 1965 there was the grand review of the union army in Washington, a farewell celebration in their honor. Under present induction and muster-out methods men leave by groups, are separately discharged and just dribble back as individuals to their home communities. They get a warm personal welcome, but a big community greeting is not practical.

On this homecoming day for the navy my memory goes back 47 years to the homecoming given in my old home town to our soldiers in the Spanish war. It was just at this season of the year—November 14 as I recall. A big barbecue was staged at the fair grounds to honor the returning heroes of that short war. A bright autumn day it was. As a boy just turned 11, I was all ears and eyes for the big event. Everyone wore a ribbon badge which was given away. There was a great barbecue pit and of course a parade led by the town band and patriotic exercises. I do not recall the program, although I do remember well how, seven months before when the call for volunteers went out, veterans of the civil war

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Japs Stall on Order Ending Embassy Posts

TOKYO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Japanese today questioned the propriety of allied orders to disband their diplomatic network abroad, while General MacArthur's headquarters expressed ignorance of the prospective arrival of British and other troops to share in the occupation of this conquered country.

Simultaneously, American authorities seized new caches of precious metals and other treasures of doubtful title and pressed a campaign to confiscate all arms held by Japanese. While most Japanese military stores have been handed over, disarming of individuals is expected to take until December 1.

Disbandment of the Japanese diplomatic and consular services—long notorious among the allies as fronts for spies—was ordered by MacArthur yesterday on instructions from the joint chiefs of staff in Washington. The order included surrender of physical properties and archives abroad.

Today the Domei agency said that foreign office officials intended to ask allied authorities whether this unprecedented step conformed with the Potsdam declaration, under which Japan surrendered.

Harold Say to Resume Post as Tourist Director

Harold Say, recently released from the navy, Friday resumed his duties as director of the state highway commission tourist bureau. Say was stationed in Washington, D.C. during the war. The tourist bureau director said he would shortly outline plans of the bureau for the coming year and that an extensive advertising campaign was contemplated.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"But, sweetheart, I thought this was you!"

Truman to Make 'Most Important' Address Today

By John H. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—President Truman departed by special train at 8 o'clock (PST) tonight for New York where he will highlight Navy day observances with an important foreign policy address.

The president and Mrs. Truman boarded the presidential train at 10:10 p.m. They were accompanied by Brig. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, the president's military aide.

Others making up the official list of guests included Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, the president's chief of staff; Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan and Mrs. Hannegan.

The White House said tomorrow's speech will be the "most important" from a news standpoint since the president entered the White House.

He will make two Navy day speeches in the course of his day-long visit in New York. The first will be a nine minute address, at 11 a.m., eastern standard time, upon the dedication of the new aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The second and main speech will be delivered at 1:30 p.m. at Central Park and will last for 25 minutes. (It will be broadcast locally over KSLM at 10:30 a.m.) Later, after a luncheon aboard the battleship Missouri, Mr. Truman will review a vast naval and air armada aboard the destroyer Renshaw before setting out on his rail journey back to Washington tomorrow night.

House Experts Okeh Vet Tax Forgiveness

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—House tax experts agreed to go along with the senate today in forgiving all federal income taxes on the service pay of enlisted personnel from 1941 until the formal end of the war.

That was the first decision made by a senate-house conference committee named to adjust differences in the 1946 tax reduction bill, which passed the house with cuts aggregating \$5,350,000,000 and the senate at \$5,788,000,000.

The conferees also adopted a senate provision granting commissioned officers a three-year extension of time in which to pay accumulated taxes on their service pay, and a similar extension for payment of taxes on pre-service earned income for 1940 or 1941 which became due after the taxpayer entered the service.

The enlisted men, forgiven their taxes, will not even have to make out returns. Those who have paid the tax can get refunds. However, the loss to the treasury is not expected to be great, since most enlisted personnel already had been removed from the tax rolls by a provision in present law for a special \$1500 servicemen's exemption.

College Offered Trailer Houses

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Transfer of 25 family trailer living quarters from Troutdale to Willamette university at Salem was approved today by the national housing authority.

The university will finance moving, installation and management. The university is not at all sure it will finance a trailer settlement here for its married students, President G. Herbert Smith said Friday. Expense would amount to approximately \$450 a unit by the time the trailers had been moved, attached to sewers and provided with electrical and other facilities, he said. Three-year rental guarantees would be required and probably would not be forthcoming from students, he said.

Seventh Day Adventists To Erect Gymnasium

The Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will erect a \$5000 one-story gymnasium at 1913 Broadway, representatives of the church indicated Friday, as they took out a building permit at the city hall.

H. H. Harris was issued a permit to construct a one-story dwelling for \$1000 at 307 S. 25th st.; Joe Meistrick was issued a permit to alter a two-story apartment house at 194 S. Cottage st., for \$150; Norval Emmons, a permit to repair at a cost of \$50 a dwelling at 1687 N. Summer st.



Salem's observance of Navy day centers around reconversion of the Good Ship Lausanne from navy V-12 quarters to women's dormitory. The end of one semester closes Willamette university's wartime training program, and the beginning of another finds both Lausanne and the old historic campus back on an even keel. Bell-bottom trousers and other navy blues are in the bag (left to right in picture to left) for Dale Conn, Portland; Art Manley, Vancouver; Bill Pettit, Salem, and Bill Messenger, Portland. It doesn't take long (center picture, left to right) for Dorothy Gross, Irene Bailey, Eileen Green-

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Marshal Joseph Stalin, appearing well and healthy, despite rumors to the contrary, discussed mutual problems with the U.S. ambassador at his vacation retreat yesterday.

Stalin Healthy, Talks With U.S. Ambassador

MOSCOW, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin, it can be authoritatively stated tonight, is in good health and has received U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and discussed with him at length current American-Russian questions.

(A dispatch from London tonight quoted the Moscow radio as saying that Harriman had delivered a message to Stalin from President Truman on Oct. 24 and had had two talks with the Russian leader before returning to Moscow.)

Stalin is planning to return to Moscow shortly from his vacation. Reports in the foreign press that he was ill were said to have caused him considerable amusement.

Realtors Ask Raise in Rents

GEARHART, Ore., Oct. 26.—(AP)—The president of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers tonight attacked OPA Administrator Chester Bowles' proposal to set ceiling prices on the sale of houses.

"The best way to guarantee a continued housing shortage is to put a ceiling on new construction which was shut off like a faucet at the start of the war," declared Arthur S. Kirk, Des Moines, Ia. He urged easing of OPA rent control, saying rent is the only cost of living held down to the 1941 level while other expenses have risen.

Kirk, speaking at the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards annual convention, recommended a 10 per cent boost in rent ceiling as a start.

Dr. Ralph Matson Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph C. Matson, 65, Portland surgeon, died today.

A University of Oregon medical school graduate, he died at the Portland Open Air sanatorium, of which he was director.

Dr. Matson, an authority on lung diseases, served with the US army in World War I as a major in the medical corps.

Price Cut Asked By Senator

Murray Requests Lower Prices if Raises Denied

By Sterling F. Green

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—A proposal to enforce price cuts upon companies whose workers suffer reduced hourly earnings through loss of overtime was advanced tonight by Sen. Murray (D-Mont.).

It came as government officials spoke more optimistically of labor peace and the U. S. conciliation service predicted the strike problem would drop to "near normal" proportions within three weeks.

Murray suggested that OPA be directed to lower the ceiling price on the products of any employer whose average hourly wages are reduced by the elimination of overtime and the "down grading" of employees to lower paid job ratings.

The plan, proposed in a senate speech, thus would pass on to the public in the form of lower prices any such payroll savings not restored to the workers in the form of higher hourly rates.

Murray accompanied this with another proposal: That corporations be penalized through the tax laws for refusal to bargain collectively and failure to accept federal offers of mediation or voluntary arbitration.

"If corporations are to engage in union busting," he observed, "they should be required to do so at their own expense."

Shortages of Supplies Delay Home Building

If building supplies such as lumber and plumbing are not forthcoming soon, there won't be much improvement this winter in the acute shortage in both rented and salable houses, in the opinion of several of the city's leading realtors.

"In normal times a city takes care of its increasing population by new building construction as the community expands, but under present conditions new construction is very low," one real estate man pointed out.

Returning veterans and civilians and people dispossessed by these groups, as well as numerous out-of-city and out-of-state home seekers constitute the bulk of house hunters.

When building supplies do become available, realtors agreed, Salem will experience a big building program in both homes and business establishments, but they do not look for such a program to get well under way until next spring.

War Chest Nears Top

The Salem United War Chest will be filled by the time division chairmen meet for luncheon on a day next week not yet designated, chest campaigners predicted Friday. The predictions were expressed following a luncheon of division heads at the Golden Pheasant, with Loyal Warner, chest president, serving as chairman.

World Can Survive Atom Bomb-Einstein Meeting

World Government Physicists Answer

By Howard W. Blakeslee Associated Press Science Editor

BOSTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Prof. Albert Einstein says in an interview published in the Atlantic Monthly that atomic bombs could kill perhaps two-thirds of the people of the earth, but there always will be enough thinking men and books left to start again.

He favors a world government, to be set up soon and jointly by the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, to reduce the peril of a war waged with atomic bombs.

If, he says, a world government is not set up by agreement, it will come in a much more dangerous form, with a war or wars ending in one supreme power dominating the rest of the world.

In a foreword to the article, the magazine recounts that Einstein, discoverer of the theory of relativity, wrote to President Roosevelt in 1939, predicting that uranium soon might be turned into "a new and important source of energy," that would lead to construction of "extremely powerful bombs."

However, "I do not consider myself the father of the release of atomic energy," Einstein says. "I did not, in fact, foresee that it would be released in my time."

"I do not believe the secret of the bomb should be given to the United Nations organization. I do not believe it should be given to the Soviet Union. Either course would be like the action of a man with capital, who, wishing another man to work with him on some enterprise, should start out by simply giving his prospective partner half of his money. The second man might choose to start a rival enterprise, when what was wanted was his cooperation."

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AFL Sets Meeting Monday

Labor Bosses to Devise Ways to Cripple Lumber

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—(AP)—All union heads in the five-state AFL lumber strike will convene here next Monday in a meeting which, a spokesman said, may intensify attempts to cripple the entire industry.

Another attempt to halt all lumber movement was reported today from Idaho where six lumber-loaded railroad cars were said to have been stopped by pickets and abandoned at Arrow Junction, 30 miles from Lewiston.

The AFL lumber and sawmill workers here said the logs, normally sent from the woods to J. B. Carney pole yard, Ahwah, Idaho, were rerouted to Minneapolis. Pickets trailed the railroad cars about 70 miles, the union s. id, and at Arrow Junction railroad workers agreed to leave the cars on a siding.

One possible attempt at settlement of the 33-day-old strike blew up today when the union turned down a compromise wage proposal made by Willamette Lumber Operators association. The proposal, somewhere between the 90 cent hourly minimum prevailing in that area and the demanded \$1.10, was the only one made by any major group of operators since the strike began.

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Vets Protest Trip by Coach

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 26.—(AP)—Five hundred and fifty-one veterans of the Pacific war called newsmen to the depot today to protest what they said was to be a trip by day coaches from Fort Lewis, Wash., to separation centers in the east.

A sign on one of their nine-coach train read: "Three years in the Pacific; 3000 miles by day coach."

Sgt. William McGrogan of Baltimore, air force veteran, told a reporter the train left Fort Lewis last night, and added: "With every seat full, nobody could sleep, although some laid down on the floor and tried it."

Woman Killed in Train Crash

Mrs. Samuel R. Lucas, 60, route 7, Salem, was killed instantly Friday morning when a Southern Pacific freight train derailed her car at Claxton road grade crossing north of Salem.

Driving east toward highway 99E, Mrs. Lucas was alone. Trainmen said her automobile looked as if it was slowing for the crossing, then lurched across, the south-bound locomotive striking the rear of the vehicle.

J. R. Hobbs was conductor and T. M. Kelso engineer on the train, No. 861. Both men are Portland residents.

In addition to her widow, Mrs. Lucas is survived by daughters Mrs. Winifred Curry and Mrs. Opal Eby of Portland; a son, Ray Lucas, Portland; a brother, William Ray of Salem, and one sister, Mrs. Ethel McClay.

Salem Man Jailed On Attack Charge

A dark-haired, sallow-faced young man, booked as Fred Peppie of the 1900 block McCoy avenue, is in the Marion county jail today charged with assaulting and attempting to rape a 16-year old girl.

Peppie was arrested at an auto court, where the girl told officers he had dragged her from the sidewalk, had disrobed and threatened her. Officers said persons in neighboring cottages told of finding the girl clad in one scanty undergarment shivering and frightened outside in the court. After her first objections, the girl said, she lost her voice in fear.

Weather
Max. Min. Rain
San Francisco 71 48 30
Eugene 66 42 30
Salem 63 35 20
Portland 63 48 19
Seattle 63 48 19
Willamette River 5.5 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy, cool today. Occasional showers. Highest afternoon temperature 58 degrees. Colder tonight.