

Air Currents Play Havoc With Plane



First to the scene of a trainer plane crash early Friday afternoon on the Keller ranch, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Chemawa, were members of the Keller and Ed Sproed households and the state police (upper left). State Officer Robert White notes details of the damage as he stands beside the splintered propeller to which still clings some of the black beaverdam soil through which it plowed as the plane overturned. First word of the accident in Salem reached merely to "a plane crash," so Military Police Sergeants Keith Sorensen, left (above), and Stanley Orzechowski hastened out and remained to view the shattered civilian plane.

City Water, Sewer Users Out of Salem May Lose Service

Official notices should be mailed shortly to owners of suburban residences that on a set day in February or March of 1946 city water and city sewer service are to be cut off from those properties.

Members of a special committee of the Salem city council agreed on this Friday. That committee seven months ago sponsored the resolution setting December 2 as a deadline beyond which provision of city services outside Salem's corporate limits would be denied.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Gen. George C. Kenney told Senators today that time was lost in the war against Japan while the army and navy argued and compromised.

"If such delays resulted in prolonging the war just one day, what price can we place upon the lives we lost?" he asked.

He asserted the war had demonstrated that a single over-all command is required for victory in a theatre. He said he was "unable to understand" the arguments of those who oppose unification of the war and navy departments under a single cabinet secretary.

Nation V-Bond Sales Mount

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—The total sales to individuals in the Victory loan today stood at \$314,000,000, of which \$107,000,000 was in series E bonds, the war finance division of the treasury reported.

Montana was leading the nation in percentage of E-bond sales against the quota, with 20.7 per cent of its state quota sold in the first five days of the drive.

Eight Montana counties already had exceeded their E-bond quotas, six of them on the first day of the drive and Powder River and Treasure counties since then.

The over-all goal of all securities to all investors is \$11,000,000,000. Of this amount \$400,000,000 is the goal for sales to individuals and half of that is the goal for E-bonds.

Private Industry Survey Planned

A survey of private industry in Oregon outside of Multnomah county will be started within the next few days by John E. Durr, Eugene, recently employed by the state postwar and development rehabilitation commission.

John Kelly, commission secretary, predicted that the survey would require several months. Durr's findings will be reported to the commission.

Figures on file in the commission offices here show that cash now on hand by private industries, for postwar expansion, exceeds \$150,000,000. The survey was expected to increase this figure materially, Kelly said.

Trainer Plane Crash Sends 2 to Hospital

A trainer plane crash in a pasture on the old Keller place 2 1/2 miles northwest of Chemawa sent Richard Poet, pilot instructor, and Charles Clare Keller, his student and owner of both the plane and the farm, to the hospital Friday afternoon.

At Salem Deaconess hospital the two men were believed not seriously injured. Keller has a jaw injury which the pictures may show to be a fracture, and has bruises, abrasions and swellings on his head. Poet complains of a sore back but is able to walk.

Rent Ceilings On New Houses May be Higher

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Rent ceilings on new dwellings may be 15 to 25 per cent higher than those on existing houses.

The OPA, it was learned today, is considering an increase in that range to allow for increased construction costs since 1939.

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Vandals Do \$500 Damage in Salem

Damages which in material and labor will cost the city of Salem \$500 were wrought by Halloween vandals, City Engineer J. H. Davis said Friday.

Since neither men nor material are available now in sufficient quantity to repair all the damages, only the most necessary of the signs, such as those marking through traffic routes, will be replaced at once, Davis indicated.

Egypt Anti-Zionists Smash Jewish Stores, Set Fire to Synagogue, Lord Gort Resigns

CAIRO, Nov. 2 (AP)—Shouting, rioting anti-Zionists fired a synagogue and smashed Jewish stores today in wild clashes in Cairo, injuring at least 380 persons, and unverified reports said seven persons were killed in Alexandria.

Riots flared in Port Said, Mansura, and Zagazig, Egypt, while planned "Balfour Day" strikes and demonstrations protesting against making Palestine a Jewish national home were staged by Arabs in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon.

British officials listed 290 civilians and 90 police injured in Cairo. Reports that seven persons died in Alexandria's riots could not be confirmed immediately.

LUMBER STRIKE BY CIO AVERTED

Ask Raise For Civil Service

20% Pay Boost Advocated for Federal Workers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—The steaming wage battle took new, sharp turns today with the scrimmage spreading into the government itself and no solution in sight.

Here were the main points: 1. The White House threw its weight behind a proposal to boost federal civil service workers' salaries 20 per cent. Senator Byrd (D-Va.) protested.

2. The CIO auto workers, seeking a 30 per cent wage raise, threatened court action to prevent any "unwarranted increases" in new car prices.

3. None of the labor and management leaders—coming in batches from conferences with President Truman—predicted positive results from the labor-management conference starting Monday. But a few were hopeful of some good.

Arthur S. Flemming, civil service commissioner, said he was authorized to state that the 20 per cent raise for federal workers would be "in conformity with the program of the president."

The pay scales of government workers, he told the senate's civil service committee, are below the levels of private industry and a raise is needed to bring them "to a plane of equality."

The endorsement for the 20 per cent raise for the bulk of government workers was accompanied by this recommendation: A \$10,000 a year raise for congressmen, federal judges, top people in the administrative branch, such as cabinet members, and more pay for other government officials such as undersecretaries and assistant secretaries and agency heads.

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It also might result in tidal waves that would cause grave danger to the territory, he said.

In a letter to the secretary, which emphasized that the effects of an atomic explosion in the sea are still unknown, Bartlett asked that the north Pacific be ruled out as a site of the experiment.

November 22 Set As Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22, definitely is Thanksgiving day in Oregon, the executive department announced here Friday.

Many inquiries have been received by the governor. Confusion apparently has arisen from the fact that different dates will be observed in other states.

Commando Kelly Trades in Rifle For Gas Pump

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 2 (AP)—Swapping bullets for gasoline, ex-Sgt. Charles (Commando) Kelly, Congressional Medal of Honor winner, was back today at a peacetime job of running a filling station.

Kelly, who won fame by slaying 40 Germans single-handed in 20 minutes, said he's happy filling up tanks. "It's an honest living," he declared. "I like it."

GOP Protests Pearl Harbor Probe 'Block'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Republicans and democrats fought a new Pearl Harbor battle on the senate floor today over republican complaints that their inquiries into the disaster are being blocked.

Senator Brewster (R-Me.) charged he had been denied by a five to three party vote of a senate-house inquiry committee the right to check a tip that vital documents are missing from army and communications commission files.

Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) said that so far as the committee and its counsel know "there are no missing papers."

The committee decided to start open hearings November 15.

Verbal battle developed when the two republican senators took the floor to report to their colleagues that they didn't think the committee's action today lent itself to the impartial investigation Barkley had promised.

Savings Plan Commended by State Chairman

One of the finest things that happened to labor during the war and one of the best habits which can be continued is the payroll savings plan, William A. Bingham, state chairman of payroll savings with the Oregon war finance committee, declared here Friday night.

Speaking to a dinner meeting arranged to draw together industrialists of Marion county but attended by only a few in addition to those who are regular workers with the war finance committee, Bingham urged that the plan be "sold" over again if necessary.

Industrialists are not eager to push the plan, he said, but Portland businessmen and industrial leaders know that the backlog of war bonds held by war workers there sent those workers back to their homes instead of onto relief in Oregon.

Among the guests at Friday night's dinner were three of the five girls who have indicated to date they will be candidates for the Victory Loan queenship (names not to be announced publicly until next week), army officers who are here arranging for the "Airborne Attack" show at McNary field next Wednesday, and Maj. C. H. Westover, army commander at the field, where first of the planes and gliders will arrive Monday.

Sweet Home Ups Population 96%

Population of Sweet Home has increased 96 per cent (from 1000 to 2141) since the federal census of 1940, Oregon's state department revealed here Friday.

A recently completed state census established the new figure, on which state fund appropriations will be based.

Gladstone, 38th city under 2000 population, in which a census has been taken by the secretary of state under a 1945 law permitting such a count, has a population of 1910, an increase of 281 or 17.2 per cent over that recorded in 1940, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., announced.

Weather

Table with columns for location (San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle), Max, Min, and Rain. Includes a forecast for Willamette river and a note about the highest temperature.

12 1/2 Cent Increase Accepted

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 2 (AP)—America's hope for new houses brightened today as the non-striking half of the northwest's lumber workers reached a compromise settlement with operators on wage demands.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America, who have kept the logs rolling during the 40-day-old AFL strike, accepted Big Fir operators' offer of a 12 1/2 cent hourly increase: Half the union demand.

George Brewer, federal labor conciliator, hailed the agreement as America's first industry settlement reached through collective bargaining since V-J day. It ended the danger of a CIO strike, which members had authorized if necessary.

But the striking AFL charged that "the CIO rank and file have been sold down the river by the low settlement" and declared they would continue their demands for a \$1.10 minimum.

The CIO asked originally for a \$1.15 minimum and a 25-cent hourly wage increase.

The settlement—first hopeful step in the dispute-ridden lumber area—boosts the minimum of CIO fir workers in western Oregon and Washington from 90 cents to \$1.02 1/2.

The CIO was meeting with pine operators in Klamath Falls Tuesday, and with Willamette valley and plywood operators early next week.

Meanwhile the striking AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers began negotiations with plywood operators, and scheduled another meeting with Oregon coast operators for Coos Bay tomorrow.

Higgins Closes Plants in South

By the Associated Press Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans boat builder, proposed yesterday that AFL unions purchase and operate the three plants he closed because of their strikes.

"There'll be no more Higgins Industries, Inc., in the manufacturing business in New Orleans," he said in an interview after suddenly shutting down the plants on the fourth day of a strike by about 2000 members of 33 AFL locals.

His discarded postwar plans, Higgins said, called for employment of 30,000 persons "and millions in payrolls annually." At the wartime peak the plants employed 13,000 but the number has fallen to 2500 since.

Encounters in Java Continue

BATAVIA, Nov. 2 (AP)—Sharp encounters with Indonesian extremists broke out in Batavia today after heavy fighting at Magelang was halted under a temporary truce negotiated with the aid of President Soekarno of the "Indonesian Republic."

Fighting in the capital began in Indonesian headquarters behind the Hotel Des Indes, and snipers fired machine guns for an hour before British Seaforth Highlanders restored order. Casualties on both sides were believed light, said the Dutch news agency Aneta.

Greece Forced to Appeal or Aid

ATHENS, Nov. 2 (AP)—Gergoty Kassamatis, finance minister in Premier Panayotis Kanelopoulos' new cabinet, said today that Greece would seek increased allied aid because "it is humanly impossible for Greece to live on her own lean flesh."

The government's first duty will be financial reconstruction of Greece, he said, and the government plans steps for equitable, quick distribution of all available goods and equitable taxation.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sraque

On the heels of the army report reaffirming the declaration of the western defense command that from one to five unidentified aircraft were approaching Los Angeles the night of Jan. 24-25, 1942, comes the blunt statement from a Japanese navy spokesman that no Japanese planes were involved.

The WDC may counter by saying it never asserted the planes were Japanese, merely that they were unidentified. To this day they lack identity, and the general attitude has been one of skepticism.

It was a great battle while it lasted, with ack-ack coughing all over LA and searchlights scanning the heavens for the intruders.

Mass psychology got a good workout too. Individuals reported flares and lights. One "saw" a Jap bomber go down in flames. Another saw a mysterious balloon in the skies. There were varying reports as to the number and location of planes. Some even got the planet Venus mixed up with visions of strange lights far out at sea.

Came the dawn and clear skies and no foreign planes in sight nor ruins from enemy bombs. The battle of Los Angeles was over. Never again was there even an attempted invasion.

The Japs admit shelling of some oil works near Santa Barbara and of Fort Stevens, and the dropping of bombs in southwest Oregon. That was the extent of the invasion of continental United States.

Jap intelligence had the plans for Fort Stevens—including the range of Fort Stevens guns,—but the submarine's shells landed in the sand. In the case of the airplane bombing in Curry county Jap intelligence wasn't so good. The pilot was instructed to bomb military installations, but could find none on that lonely coast.

The Japs never had plans to invade either Hawaii or the United States. That is belated comfort. They might have told us that and spared civilians from many worries. Some of them actually moved back into the interior. Others deposited funds in interior banks. If we had known they were not coming many husbands would have been spared the splints and bandages of practicing first-aiders; and members of evacuation committees could have spent many more nights at home. Still these civilian activities gave a harmless outlet to pent-up patriotism which might have blown off with some damage.

Woodburn Soldier Dies From Wounds

WOODBURN — Mr. and Mrs. L. H. West of Elliott Prairie, received word from the war department that their son, Donald, who was in the European theatre of war and had previously been reported missing, died December 20, 1945, from wounds received in action.

Donald entered the service Sept. 15, 1942. He was a graduate of law at Willamette university and a member of the Oregon state bar.

Animal Crackers

