

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sorensen

Several writers have made note of the fact that the invention of the atomic bomb has served only to confirm persons in their prejudices. The mind-set remains the same, and the atom bomb is appropriated as fresh proof of their wisdom. Thus General Marshall continues to believe in universal military training, arguing we must be ready to launch out and seize sites which might be used for launching of new ferocious weapons. General Eisenhower testifies that the atom bomb makes even more urgent the consolidation of the war and navy departments into a single department of national defense. Admiral Nimitz comes to the opposite conclusion, that the navy must be independent lest there be loss of control of the sea. Admiral King discounts the assertion that the atom bomb has made surface fleets obsolete and proposes that we maintain a navy powerful enough to meet all comers.

All of these men are sincere; but it is apparent that their thinking is pretty much controlled by their preconceptions. That was true after the last war, when Gen. Billy Mitchell was expelled from the army because of his impudent insistence on the military importance of the airplane. Competent civilian judgment is needed to correct the prejudices of even the ablest military leaders or at least to reconcile their differences of opinion.

This is preliminary to reference to an article in the November Harper's magazine by Coy. Frederick Palmer, recognized as an able military critic and war correspondent. He calls in question the recommendations of the navy department for retention of some 15 key bases in the Pacific and (Continued on editorial page)

General Sales Tax Urged by Taxpayers Unit

A general sales tax, several times rejected by Oregon voters, was recommended by the Oregon Taxpayers' federation at a meeting of the state's special tax study commission here Monday.

Claude Buchanan, Corvallis, president of the federation, admitting the sales tax's unpopularity, spoke of it as "reasonable and just." Every effort, he declared, should be made to reduce property taxes, declaring his federation opposed demands of groups or levying bodies for additional appropriations or increased taxing rights unless such requests are accompanied by provisions for revenue other than a property tax.

Suggestions other than for a sales tax submitted by the federation:

1. The legislature should be urged to carefully survey lists of tax exempt properties now being prepared by county assessors, with the view to return many of these to the assessment rolls.
2. The legislature should be urged not to enact further legislation requiring additional mandatory taxes by counties, cities, school districts, or any other subdivision of the state.

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Sailors Win in Ship Protest

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP)—A protest by sailors against being loaded "like sardines" into a cargo vessel for transfer to San Francisco resulted tonight in withdrawing of some 300 navy veterans from the ship passenger list of 800.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Laziest bear in the woods — over there praying for a late Spring."

FDR QUOTED AS PREDICTING JAP WAR

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Believed 'Mistake' Assured

Admiral Testifies He Wanted Fleet Brought to Coast

By William T. Peaceock
WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The late President Roosevelt was quoted today as saying 14 months before Pearl Harbor that the Japanese sooner or later would make a "mistake" and the United States would enter the war.

Admiral James O. Richardson, special assistant to the secretary of the navy, told a senate-house committee the president made that remark to him over the luncheon table at the White House on Oct. 8, 1940. At the time, Richardson was commander-in-chief of the fleet.

Wanted Fleet Moved
The admiral also informed the committee that he had strongly advised the late president to remove the fleet from Pearl Harbor and bring it to the west coast of the United States but that the president took the position the presence of the fleet at the Hawaiian base served as a curb on the Japanese.

Richardson was on the stand less than an hour and had not gotten well into his story when the committee recessed until tomorrow.

He is reported to have had a disagreement with the president also over proposed transfer of some warships from the Pacific to the Atlantic to aid in getting shipments to Britain. Such a transfer was made after Richardson was relieved Feb. 1, 1941, as fleet commander.

He was succeeded by Admiral Husband E. Kimmel who held the Pacific command when the Japanese attacked.

Want to See File
In other principal developments in the investigation:

1. Senators Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Brewster (R-Maine) made a demand for the state department's file on the case of Tyler Kent, employe of the American embassy in London who was convicted of violating the British official secrets act. The senators indicated they were interested in whether the file disclosed any pre-war agreements between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

2. Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif.), a committee member, refused to give democratic members the name of a naval officer he said had advised him that the U. S. cruiser Boise sighted a Japanese naval force at sea in the week before Pearl Harbor.

3. Ferguson told the committee he will prove later that the navy knew the day before Pearl Harbor that a spy had arranged for visual signals from Hawaii to Japanese vessels lurking off the coast.

Totals Mount In Contest for Bond 'Queen'

Faye Larkins, Salem Lions club contestant, continued to lead the field Monday in E bond sales for Marion county victory queen, with \$26,450 worth credited to her campaign. Jean Wolcott, Miller's store candidate, with \$18,050 worth of E bond votes was second and Kiwanis club's Betty Lou Kayser was third with \$14,125.

Statehouse candidate Beth Greenlee had votes from \$11,250 worth of E bonds; Beulah Lott, Junior Chamber of Commerce royalty, had \$9,250 worth and Leona Tingelstan, candidate of the Hollywood Lions club, had \$6,100 when the war finance office shut its doors Monday night.

Tyrone Power On Way Home to Resume Career

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—(AP) Marine 1st Lt. Tyrone Power, 31-year-old movie star, will arrive home Wednesday from Japan where he has been serving as a transport pilot with the second marine air wing, marine headquarters here announced today.

Power is returning aboard the USS Marvin McIntyre, which will dock at Portland, Ore. He is scheduled for discharge and plans to return to the movies, it was announced.

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Weather

San Francisco	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	61	48	trace
Eubene	52	39	0
Salem	51	40	0
Portland	50	40	0
Seattle	47	41	0

Willamette river 7 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy tonight, Wednesday.

U.S. Hero Decries Ignorance

Wainwright Hits Apathy; Halsey Portland Guest

TACOMA, Nov. 19.—(AP)—General Jonathan M. Wainwright tonight described a public lack of knowledge of the extent of Japanese aggression during the war, shown in a public opinion poll, as "the most disturbing information" he has received since his release from Japanese imprisonment.

The general, speaking at a banquet for the Victory Loan drive, pointed to a poll taken by the office of public opinion research of Princeton university in January 1944. This poll, he said, showed that 40 million Americans or 30 per cent of the population did not know that the Japanese had occupied the Philippines, and only 44 per cent knew the Japanese had occupied Wake island.

"I wondered what, if any, relationship there was between this apparent lack of information on matters which I think are of great national concern and the apathy and indifference regarding national defense which seems to have followed every war our country has fought," he continued.

NAVY SHOULD BE ITS OWN LANGUAGE—HALSEY

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The navy should be kept large enough so that "everyone who sits down with us at a peace table understands the way in which we speak," Adm. William F. Halsey told a press conference here today.

He told a Victory program audience tonight "we ended the war with the best navy in the world and we would be breaking faith with our honored dead if we relinquished it." Asked what effect will the atomic bomb have on navies of the world, he said: "Your guess is as good as mine. It never has been dropped anywhere near a naval vessel or merchant ship and no one knows."

Halsey said he had no plans for retirement.

Fuel Available To Run Dallas School System

DALLAS, Nov. 19.—(Special)—No fuel shortage is imminent in the Dallas school system, S. E. Whitworth, city school superintendent, stated tonight, denying a previously published wire service story. The junior high school supply of sawdust is sufficient to last through Wednesday afternoon when classes close for the Thanksgiving holiday, Whitworth said.

So far as is known, sufficient sawdust is available for when school reopens Monday, November 26, the school official said.

The elementary and high schools are heated by wood and the district has a sufficient supply on hand for the rest of the school year, Whitworth stated.

Closure of the high school and elementary schools even if the junior high school was closed was considered unlikely.

Dennis Case Up Today for Second Time

The question of whether a proper death warrant, or any death warrant at all, exists for the execution of Andrew W. Dennis, twice sentenced to die for the slaying of his mother-in-law and twice granted a stay, is before the state supreme court today.

On petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the case comes before the supreme court for the second time. Earlier, on appeal from Multnomah county circuit court, the decree of the lower court was affirmed.

Dennis, scheduled to die last Friday morning in the lethal gas chamber at the state penitentiary, was given a reprieve by last-minute action of the supreme court when the writ was sought and the condemned man's attorney maintained that a death warrant issued by Oregon law, had never been issued.

Compulsory Health Insurance Part of New Truman Program

By William E. Spear
WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Truman proposed to congress today a compulsory "health insurance" system for "all persons who work for a living."

He suggested that the premiums be calculated on the first \$3600 of a person's yearly earnings. An amount equal to 4 per cent of these earnings would be needed to carry out the program, he said. However, he left up to congress the question how much of this sum should come from premiums and how much from the treasury's general revenues.

This is one of five points in a health program the president

outlined in a message urging "careful consideration . . . now." The others:

1. Federal financial aid to states and localities for enlarging, modernizing and building new hospitals and other health facilities.

2. "More generous grants to the states" for public health services and maternal and child care. The sum of \$20,000,000 yearly is now authorized for such purposes.

3. Federal grants to public and non-profit private institutions to promote medical education and research.

4. Payment of benefits "to replace at least part of the earnings that are lost during the period of

sickness and long-term disability."

Mr. Truman suggested that the sick benefits could be provided through expansion of the present social security system. He said he would detail this plan in a separate message on social security.

Senator Wagner (D-NY), with the co-sponsorship of Senator Murray (D-Mont.), immediately introduced a senate bill designed to carry out the program. The measure does not provide any particular method for financing the health insurance plan, however.

Wagner said that "if the congress thinks that it is sound," a method could be worked out jointly by senate and house committees.

Mercury at Freezing Point; Snow Closes Roads, Others Likely to Be Tied Up Soon

McKenzie Pass Highway Unlikely to Be Reopened This Winter

The temperature recorded by the U.S. weather bureau at McNary field shortly after midnight was 34 degrees, with every prospect of a below-freezing mark before dawn. The forecast today was "partly cloudy."

North and South Santiam highways, the McKenzie pass, Mt. Hood loop highway and Timberline lodge road remain closed to traffic because of snow, while other roads are menaced by weather conditions, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Monday night.

The McKenzie pass probably will not be re-opened this winter, Baldock said. More than two feet of snow fell in the mountains over the weekend.

Other road conditions: Government Camp, on Wapinitia cutoff—temperature 27 degrees; snowing Monday; two inches of new snow; total snow 56 inches; road packed hard; chains necessary.

Santiam Junction—Temperature 30 degrees; fog; 24 inches new snow; total snow 76 inches.

Odell Lake, on Willamette highway—Temperature 27 degrees; snowing lightly; 23 inches new snow; total snow 63 inches; many trees falling but none across the road; road packed hard; chains advised.

Mecham, on Old Oregon Trail—Temperature 20 degrees; snowing lightly; Highway packed with snow on 30 mile stretch; four inches new snow; chains advised.

Siskiyou Summit—Snowing hard and chains advised.

Lower Columbia River Highway—One way traffic 6 miles east of Clatskanie because of rock slide.

Cosco Bay-Roseburg Highway—One way traffic in several sections because of mud slides.

Burns—Trace of Snow, but snow packed on roads at higher elevations.

Marsh Weighs Plans to Run For Congress

Eugene Marsh, McMinnville attorney, here Monday to attend a meeting of the Oregon tax study commission, indicated he might be interested in the proposal to become a candidate to succeed the late Rep. James W. Mott, but declined any definite commitment as to whether he would enter a contest. Marsh has served several terms in the state house of representatives and is now speaker of that body.

At a conference here Saturday afternoon, Marsh was urged to make the race by several prominent republicans from the 10-county district.

National Grange Will Have Meet in Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The National Grange will hold its 1946 convention here, Oregon Grange headquarters was informed today.

GERMANS EXECUTED

LANDSBERG, Germany, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Three Germans convicted of killing captured American fliers were hanged today in sight of the prison cell where Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf."

Gen. Eisenhower Would Let Wives Of GIs in Europe

BOONE, Ia., Nov. 19.—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower declared tonight "I certainly am" in favor of taking the wives of occupation troops to Europe "after we have gotten down to occupation forces."

General Eisenhower made the assertion at a press conference immediately prior to his departure from this small city where he left his wife hospitalized but recovering rapidly from pneumonia.

He added his policy "will give the wife of the lowest GI the same right as any officer's wife, or my wife, for instance."

Chicago Cut Off Phone Circuits In Labor Strife

By the Associated Press
A strike of 8700 telephone operators virtually shut off long distance service in Chicago yesterday and at manual switchboards in 115 Illinois communities and two Indiana counties.

The operators began walking off their jobs at midnight in an attempt to enforce their demands for a pay increase of \$6 a week and the top minimum scale of \$32 after five years.

The national telephone commission of the war labor board had awarded the operators an increase of \$4 a week with the \$32 wage after eight years, instead of nine. The Illinois Bell Telephone company accepted the award, retroactive to May.

The walkout brought the number of idle workers in almost 150 labor disputes to more than 270,000.

Keith Brown First to Score In Bond Campaign; Paulus Next

Keith Brown Building Supply company employes Monday became the first industrial organization in Marion county to go "over the top" in the Victory loan drive. The Keith Brown group underwrote its Victory loan quota with an aggregate total of \$7500 in E bonds.

The firm has been the first industrial concern to make its quota in seven of the eight bond drives under the committee leadership of Frank Haynes, George Hardy, F. D. Van Swearingen, James-Oliver, Robert Hawkins, Lester Cover, Ervin Scheidel, and Stearns Cushing, Jr.

Second firm to complete its quota, \$2500, is the Paulus Brothers Packing Co., Mrs. Ethel Lau serving as the chairman for the bond drive there.

Several other firms are reporting good progress, states Dent B.

Maple Would Place Limit on Loading Zones

"Be careful in giving away those loading zones or there will be none left to give away," City Councilman Howard Maple warned fellow council members at the meeting Monday night.

Maple made the statement in requesting a report on a recent survey of the problem ordered by the council. A. C. Perry reported the survey was delayed by the status of the parking meter problem and a contemplated changes in city bus schedules.

The parking meters, if adopted, may eliminate the loading zone entirely, Perry said, since those having such zones might be given free parking for a limited period of time in lead.

The city bus company is now making a survey of the city bus routes with the idea of rerouting all schedules and arranging for staggered departures when the new buses are put into use, the councilman said.

Maple's mention of the loading zones followed requests by Justice of the Peace Felton and a taxi company that two parking spaces be set aside for the use of each. Felton was granted one space and the taxi company's request postponed until it had met all requirements for operation. (Story also on page 11.)

Legion to Seek 500 Gift Parcels For Christmas

Capitol Post 9, American Legion, was committed today to a program of doubling its 1944 Christmas quota of "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave."

The post last night named Don Madison chairman to work with the legion auxiliary in obtaining and arranging gifts for veterans hospitalized within Oregon. Hospitalized cases a year ago totaled 4600 but now are doubled, the post was told. The legionnaires set a goal of 500 packages for 1945, and also voted \$50 of their own funds to further the campaign.

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Willamette Will Have Vacation Of Four Days

Students of Willamette university will enjoy their first four-day Thanksgiving vacation in three years as a result of the revision of the school's calendar by university officials this week. Announcing the extended holiday, the president's office gave notice that all offices will be closed from 5 p. m. Wednesday until 8 p. m. Monday.

In cooperation with the office of defense transportation's policy of discouraging unnecessary travel, Willamette university has been granting only a one-day holiday at Thanksgiving time since 1942.

"The reports coming in indicate the industrial division will more than meet its quota of \$250,000 in E bonds," Reed commented.

On the committee for the industrial division and payroll savings activity, besides Reed as the chairman, are: Barney Van Onsepoord, co-chairman; Henry Kropp, Edward Majek, William Doif, Fred Starett, Marion Curry, A. C. Shaw, Stearns Cushing, Al Brandt.

Trials of Nazis Set To Start

Two Defendants Ill; Chances for Delay Disappear

NUERNBERG, Germany, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The international war crimes tribunal failed to rule today on last minute motions which threatened to delay the trial of the Nazi hierarchy, and an American spokesman said tonight the tribunal's silence indicated the trial would open tomorrow morning as scheduled.

In this final flurry preceding the opening of a trial without parallel in world history, one of the chief defendants, the hulking six foot five inch Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former right hand man of Adolf Hitler, collapsed with a cranial hemorrhage.

The man who had terrorized thousands as chief of Germany's security department and criminal police, could not stand the strain of waiting for the trial. Doctors said he will not be able to quit his sick bed for the prisoners' dock for a considerable time.

A psychiatric commission also held Rudolf Hess too ill to participate.

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De Gaulle Will Again Be Head Of Government

PARIS, Nov. 19.—(AP)—France's constituent assembly, in an atmosphere bristling with guns and taut excitement, asked Gen. De Gaulle today to continue as interim president, but under conditions which seemed to have left the government crisis no nearer a solution.

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Two Too Ill



RUUDOLF HESS



ERNST KALTENBRUNNER

NUERNBERG, Tuesday, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A high allied source said early today that a board of American psychiatrists had decided Rudolf Hess is incapable of assisting with his defense. Hess was scheduled to go on trial before the tribunal today. Also too ill to appear was Ernst Kaltenbrunner of the German security police.

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Ronald D. Birch Listed as Killed Over North Sea

First Lt. Ronald Dale Birch, pilot of a B-17 bomber previously reported missing in action, has been officially declared killed in action over the North Sea on March 24, 1945, by the war department, in a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Birch, 1085 Highland avenue, Salem.

Lieutenant Birch was a member of the 1940 graduating class of Salem high school and won his wings at Stockton field May 23, 1944.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Mrs. R. A. Bohannon, who is temporarily residing in Tampa, Florida.

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