Admiral Richardson Tells Of Recomendation Fleet Be Sent to Pacific Coast Posts

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.–(AP)–Earlier in the day Admiral J. O. Richardson declared today in testimony before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee that on a 1940 visit to Washington he got the impression that Washington was trying to bluff the Japanese and that a state department diplomat, Stanley K. Hornbeck, "was exercising a greater influence over the disposition of the fleet than I was."

He said he received this impression when he came to the capital for conferences with the president, Secretary of State Hull and others to find out more fully why the fleet was kept in Hawaii against his recommendations. Richardson wanted the fleet removed to the west coast of the United States to prepare it for an emergency.

Describes Hornbeck

Concerning Hornbeck, former head of the far eastern division of the state department, Richardson wrote in his notebook:

"He is the strong man in the far east and the cause of our staying in Hawaii where he will hold us as long as he can."

In response to questions from Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif) Richardson said the fleet was in "absolutely" no condition for a war with Japan. He said the warships were undermanned and did not carry wartime supplies of ammunition.

However, when asked whether moving the fleet to the west coast would have made an attack on it less "attractive" to the Japanese, he said:

"In my opinion, a Japanese fleet that could cross most of the Pacific ocean and deliver an undiscovered attack on Pearl Harbor would have been very likely able to have delivered a similar attack on Puget Sound."

Richardson, who was relieved of his command in February 1941 and replaced by Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, gave this account of the reported Roosevelt plan to bar Japanese trade from the Americas:

"On 10 October 1940 Col. Knox, the secretary of the navy, sent for me and Admiral Stark (Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations) to come to his office.

"The secretary stated he had important information, that he had just talked to the president and the president was concerned about Japanese reaction against the British at the reopening of the Burma road scheduled for 17 October.

"The secretary said that the president, in the event that the Japanese took aggressive drastic action, was considering shutting off all trade between Japan and the Americas.

This shutting off was to be undertaken, Richardson said, by establishing of two patrol lines of light ships from Hawaii west to the Philippines and from Samoa to the Dutch East Indies.

Some one at the conference raised the question whether Japanese ships were to be stopped, and the view was expressed that this would mean war, the admiral continued.

"I asked if the president was considering a declaration of war," the blunt, red-faced admiral told the committee. He said Knox replied he didn't know, but was just passing along the presidential proposal.

Richardson expressed the belief that "war would certainly result at such a course of action and we would certainly lose a number of ships. It would entail such a dispersal as to expose ships in detail."

Logger Wins Overtime Pay Despite Delay

The state supreme court, by a six to one vote, Tuesday held that the 1943 law providing that suits for overtime pay must be filed within six months is unconstitutional.

The suit originally was filed by J. P. Fullerton against the Deschutes Lumber company. Plaintiff contended that he should receive $6239 in overtime pay from the company instead of $124. Under the supreme court opinion he will receive the balance of his claim, plus $1200 attorneys fees.

The company rejected his claim on the ground that it was not presented within six months after it had accrued. The decision, by Justice Hall S. Lusk, reversed Judge G. F. Skipworth, Lane county. Chief Justice Harry Belt dissented.

The majority opinion read in part:

"It is an attempt on the part of the state legislature to control and limit substantive rights granted by an act of congress and clearly is unconstitutional as such. It is void for indefiniteness and uncertainty."

Surplus Chemicals Placed Up for Sale

PORTLAND, Nov. 20–(AP)–The reconstruction finance corporation has placed on sale large quantities of commercial chemicals.

Stocks include: 3,126,074 pounds of acetylene tetrachloride, 47,575 pounds of ammonium chloride, 2305 pounds of granular ammonium chloride and 50,968 pounds of silica gel, gunpowder, concrete hardener and other chemicals.

PETS TO COME HOME

FRANKFURT, Germany, Nov. 20 –(AP)– Arrangements are being worked out to enable servicemen to ship home animal pets, the army said last night. Costs will be from $50 to $100, including insurance.

4 Peoples Utility Districts Considered

Creation of four new proposed peoples utility districts in Oregon apparently are under consideration at the present time, although petitions have not yet arrived at the offices of the state hydroelectric commission, Charles E. Stricklin, secretary, declared here Tuesday.

These include districts in Marion, Harney, Klamath and Lincoln counties. Only petition now before the hydroelectric commission involves a district in Malheur county.

Portland Public Market Case Argued

Arguments were heard in the state supreme court here Tuesday in the case of the Public Market company against the City of Portland, involving the market building. In the lower court for Multnomah county the Public Market company obtained a judgment of $1,463,943.96 against the City of Portland.

Court Amends Out-of-State Lawyer Rules

The state supreme court Tuesday issued an order amending its rules involving out-of-state attorneys who apply for admission to practice law in Oregon.

One amendment provides that the applicant must have been actively, substantially and continuously engaged in the practice of law for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the filing of his application to practice law in this state.

Teaching in a law school approved by the Oregon supreme court or services as a judge in a court of record also will be considered. In the case of any applicant whose practice shall have been interrupted by military service or merchant marine service the time spent in such service shall be excluded in determining whether his practice has been continuous or has been within the five year period, provided that the application to practice in Oregon shall be filed within one year after the close of such service.

Speech Team Heads Named

Seven forensic students were named Tuesday by Dr. Herbert Rahe, head of the department of speech at Willamette university, to take charge of the school's debate and public speaking teams for the coming season of contests, the first of which is scheduled for the University of Oregon campus December 8.

The student managers will be Corinne Engdahl, Portland, forensics manager; Pat Wetstein, Portland, women's debate team chairman; Archie Schultz, Dallas, men's debate team chairman; Mary Ellen Wilcox, Salem, oratory chairman; Kay Karnopp, Portland, after dinner speaking chairman; Jean Evans, Independence, extemporaneous speaking chairman; and Dick Spooner, Portland, inprompt u speaking chairman.

Sicily Plane Crash Kills 24, Oregon Man

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20–(AP)–PFC Ray W. Freece of Speedwell, Tenn., the only reported survivor of a plane crash in Sicily November 9, the war department reported today. It added that 24 persons, including two women, may have been killed.

Sixteen of the army male personnel and both women have been identified.

Those identified as dead by the war department include:

First Lt. Marvin H. Finley—Mrs. Edith Finley, wife, box 677, Tigard, Ore.

Transferred to Pen to Start Sentences

Al Harmon was removed to the state penitentiary from the county jail Tuesday afternoon to begin serving two sentences for attempted rape and adultery.

Harmon will serve a maximum of two years for the adultery charge and then serve ten more years on the rape conviction.

Postwar U. S. Talk Subject at Kiwanis Club

America must become a redeeming nation, it must help solve the post war problems with determination or in 75 years it will be second to China and Russia. This was the prediction of the Rev. Roy Fedje, Salem district superintendent of the Methodist church in Oregon, at the Kiwanis club luncheon program Tuesday.

Whether it is liked or not, the common man all over the world is rising, Fedje said. America now has political democracy but it must solve the problems of the economic democracy not only at home but for the world.

The United States now is planning to spend the equivalent of the cost of only 10 days of the war to feed the hungry people of Europe, Fedje said in citing an example of the lack of understanding of economic democracy.

He urged return to the gratitude, absence of superiority, and supremacy of conscience of the people who are credited with holding the first Thanksgiving day in the new world, the pilgrims.

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Women In Bonds

'Upstairs Operators' Seeking Out Bond Buyers in Victory Loan Drive

Solicitation among the downtown upstairs offices for the Victory loan is on in full swing under the direction of Mrs. Charles McCullah, chairman for this activity from the women's division in the Marion county war finance committee. The women's division is visiting all offices above the first floor in the downtown business blocks.

Assisting Mrs. McCullah for this work are:

Miss Helen Yockey, Capital-Journal building.

Miss Marguerite Gleeson, The Statesman office.

Mrs. Arthur Jones, Pioneer Trust building.

Mrs. Floyd Utter, Semler building.

Mrs. Fred Gast, Guardian and Pearce buildings.

Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer, Ladd and Bush.

Mrs. Jack Pederson, First National bank.

Mrs. Caroline Patterson, Steusloff building.

Mrs. Guy Hickok, Oregon building.

Mrs. Wendell Ewing, Masonic building.

Miss Dorathea Steusloff, Bligh building.

Mrs. G. A. Reeher, Breyman building.

Mrs. Donald Parker, Gray building.

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Mrs. Henry Kayser, head of the women's division, states Mrs. McCullah and her workers are doing an outstanding work for the Victory loan.

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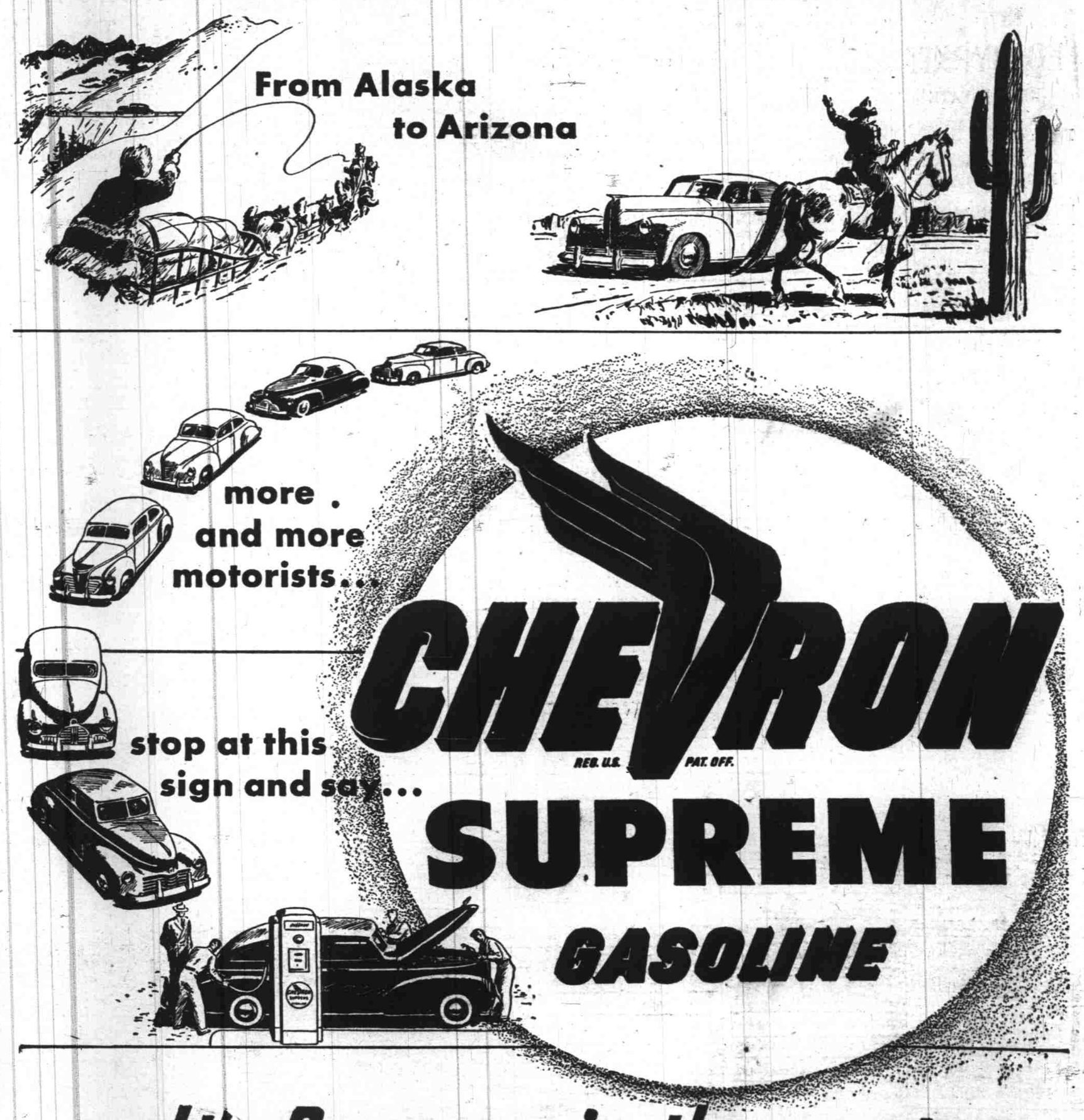

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