

By Charles A. Sprague

The Statesman has several times expressed high praise for the quality of General Eisenhower's thinking...

"No other country fears a strong America and no decent preparations of our own will be regarded suspiciously by others because we are trusted."

Is there not some danger that this is an assumption contrary to fact? Argentina for example nourishes its own fears about the "colossus of the north."

If the Russians read our own Hearst papers and the Chicago Tribune and Cissie Patterson's Washington Times-Herald...

Other countries, need only to look back over our brief history as a nation to note how expansionist has been our policy.

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Mac Orders High Tax Rate Set in Nippon

TOKYO, Sunday, Nov. 25-(AP)—General MacArthur in a stern "war does not pay" directive today ordered the Japanese government to tax away the war profits of all Nipponese firms...

In the most strongly worded order of the occupation to date, the supreme commander prohibited all government credit or subsidy activities pending sweeping reorganization of government finances...

MacArthur also ordered the government to terminate by February 1 the payment of any discharge allowances or service pensions to Japanese veterans...

New Outbreak Of India Riots

CALCUTTA, India, Nov. 24-(AP)—Twenty-six persons were injured at Bombay today in a new outbreak of rioting which already has produced scores of casualties in India...

The death toll for three days of demonstrations against the trial of members of the Indian national army as war criminals mounted to 37 when American authorities announced that the charred body of a missing soldier had been found near the wreckage of a burned ambulance in Calcutta.

Animal Crackers



Russ Competition In Auto Industry Looms

By Eddy Gilmore MOSCOW, Nov. 24-(AP)—Russia's new five-year plan for the automotive industry, details of which were made public today, will see the soviet union manufacturing cars and trucks in such volume that it may compete seriously with the United States and Britain for the world market.

Already a large industry, the nation's automotive plants will be increased from three to four times their present size by the end of this five-year plan, according to S. R. Akopov, commissar of the medium machine building industry.

Expansion of the motor industry, in which Generalissimo Stalin has taken a personal interest, will involve the enlargement of all plants in Moscow, Gorki and the Urals and completion of reconstruction of the huge Yaroslavl works.

The Russians say the Gorki plant, which made great numbers of tanks during the war, will be stepped up to an output of more than 1000 cars daily.

Great engine plants in the Urals, which also turned out tanks by the thousand during the war, will be expanded more than two and a half times, Akopov declared.

Welles Sees Hawaii Fleet as Nip Brake

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24-(AP)—Sumner Welles, former undersecretary of state, expressed conviction today that keeping the American fleet in Hawaii during 1940-41 acted as a brake on Japanese aggression.

"If the fleet had been withdrawn from Hawaii the Japanese war lords would unquestionably have interpreted it as acquiescence in their policy of aggression," he testified to the congressional committee investigating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In clipped tones, the tall, balding former diplomat also gave unqualified endorsement to the statement presented to the committee by former secretary of state Hull.

"I agree completely," he said. In that statement, Hull had said that he and President Roosevelt did everything they could short of surrendering principles, to avert or delay a conflict with Japan.

The committee also learned that Prime Minister Churchill of Britain twice took the initiative in suggesting moves by this country.

The first was at the Atlantic charter meeting, held in August, 1941, aboard the U. S. Cruiser Augusta off the Newfoundland coast.

There, Churchill proposed that the United States and Britain each issue a warning to Japan against further aggression. President Roosevelt gave the warning to the Japanese ambassador on Aug. 17.



Sumner Welles

Mr. Roosevelt elected, however, to use somewhat milder language than his British friend had originally proposed.

Again, on Nov. 30, 1941, Churchill suggested in a message that the president tell the Japanese "that any further Japanese aggression would compel you to place the gravest issues before congress or words to that effect."

No action in line with that suggestion was taken, so far as the record shows, Welles said.

Boys Charged With Trying to Wreck Trains

CULLMAN, Ala., Nov. 24-(AP)—Three boys, the oldest 13, are in jail here charged with three separate attempts to wreck passenger trains "just to see them pile up."

Sheriff J. D. Mitchell, reporting the case today, said the youngsters—the others are 9 and 10—freely confessed they tried twice to wreck the Louisville and Nashville's Southwind, Chicago-Miami streamliner and also tried to wreck the Pan-American.

The sheriff said that one occasion heavy six-inch timbers were piled on the tracks beyond a curve. The other times, two heavy steel plates and two by four inch boards were used.

Railroad men spotted the blockades in time, the sheriff said.

First U. S.-London Commercial Flight Grounded by Fog

LONDON, Nov. 24-(AP)—Fog prevented an American airlines flag-ship, on an initial Washington-London commercial run, from landing at the British capital today. The plane was held at Shannon, Ireland, and is expected to land at London Sunday around noon.

The plane by-passed the landing field at Shannon this morning, and flew on to London where it was scheduled to land at 3:15 p.m. (7:15 a.m. PST) but was obliged to return to Shannon because London airports were fogged in.

General Wainwright Spends Unheralded Night in Salem

The hero of Bataan and Corregidor, Lt. General Jonathan M. Wainwright, left for southern Oregon Saturday after spending the night in Salem as the guest of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell and Mrs. Farrell.

In accordance with the general's request, no publicity was given to his arrival in the capital Friday. He had spent the past few days in the northwest in the interest of the Victory Bond drive and had hoped to travel secretly into California. He was accompanied by his son, Commander Jonathan Wainwright V, and the latter's son.

During his stay in Salem General Wainwright inspected the state capitol and expressed particular interest in the paintings of pioneer days. His father, also an army officer, was once stationed at Fort Harney in Eastern Oregon.

Gov. Snell to Tell Special Election Decision Monday

Gov. Earl Snell indicated here Saturday that on Monday he might announce whether or not he proposed to call a special election to choose a successor to the late Rep. James W. Mott.

Following a conference with Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Attorney General George Neuner and David O'Hara, head of the state elections bureau, Snell said the discussion had centered particularly around methods of nomination.

Should the governor not call a special election, Mott's successor would be named at the 1946 regular elections.

Nationalists Take Red Port

CHUNGKING, Sunday, Nov. 25-(AP)—Chinese nationalist troops have wrested the Manchurian port of Hulutao from the Chinese communists, the nationalist press reported today.

In Shanghai, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China, told a press conference that China has asked the United States for the use of ships to transport nationalists into Manchuria, presumably at Hulutao.

PAPENFU PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Papenfus, route three, box 924, Salem, became the parents of a son, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces, at the Deaconess hospital Saturday morning. Dismissals from the hospital Saturday included Mrs. Myer Rogow, 532 N. High st., and her infant son.

Weather

Table with columns for location (San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle, Willamette river) and weather conditions (Max, Min, Rain).

U. S. PHONE STRIKE AVERTED

Nazis Ask Big Name Witnesses

Attempts May Be Blocked by Law Restrictions

NUERNBERG, Germany, Nov. 24-(AP)—Defense attorneys said today they would call titled members of the "Cliveden set" and other prominent Britons as witnesses in the historic war crimes trial, but it appeared they would be blocked by legal restrictions.

The lawyers for the accused Nazi leaders disclosed their plans at a press conference. It was learned authoritatively later that restrictions on bringing in foreigners as defense witnesses before the international tribunal were so multifold that "big names" are almost excluded at the outset.

The defendants who planned to call British witnesses were former Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and former Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess.

Von Ribbentrop's attorney said the one-time German ambassador to London would call Lady Astor and others who used to meet in the 1930's at the Cliveden estate of Lord and Lady Astor, including Lord Beaverbrook, London-derry and Derby.

Keitel's attorney announced that his client would call Giles Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill, who was captured by the Germans at Narvik, Norway, in 1940, and Capt. Michael Alexander, a cousin of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, also a prisoner of war.

Hess' attorney indicated he would call the Duke of Hamilton, on whose estate the former No. 3 Nazi landed when he parachuted upon Scotland in 1941, and the British physician who first examined Hess after he landed.

Brisk Yuletide Business In Salem Stores

Pre-holiday business has been brisk in Salem stores but the volume so far has not been other than would indicate there will be the usual last-minute crush, leading merchants said Saturday.

There has been a great demand for the better merchandise, particularly that on the practical side, and it was a question how long available stocks would last and how much more might be forthcoming before Christmas.

Most stores were offering the best choice of goods in some time.

Legion to Propose Short Training Bill

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 24-(AP)—John Stelle, national commander of the American Legion, said today in a radio address (NBC) that the Legion plans to present a bill to congress providing for universal military training which would require only four months active service.

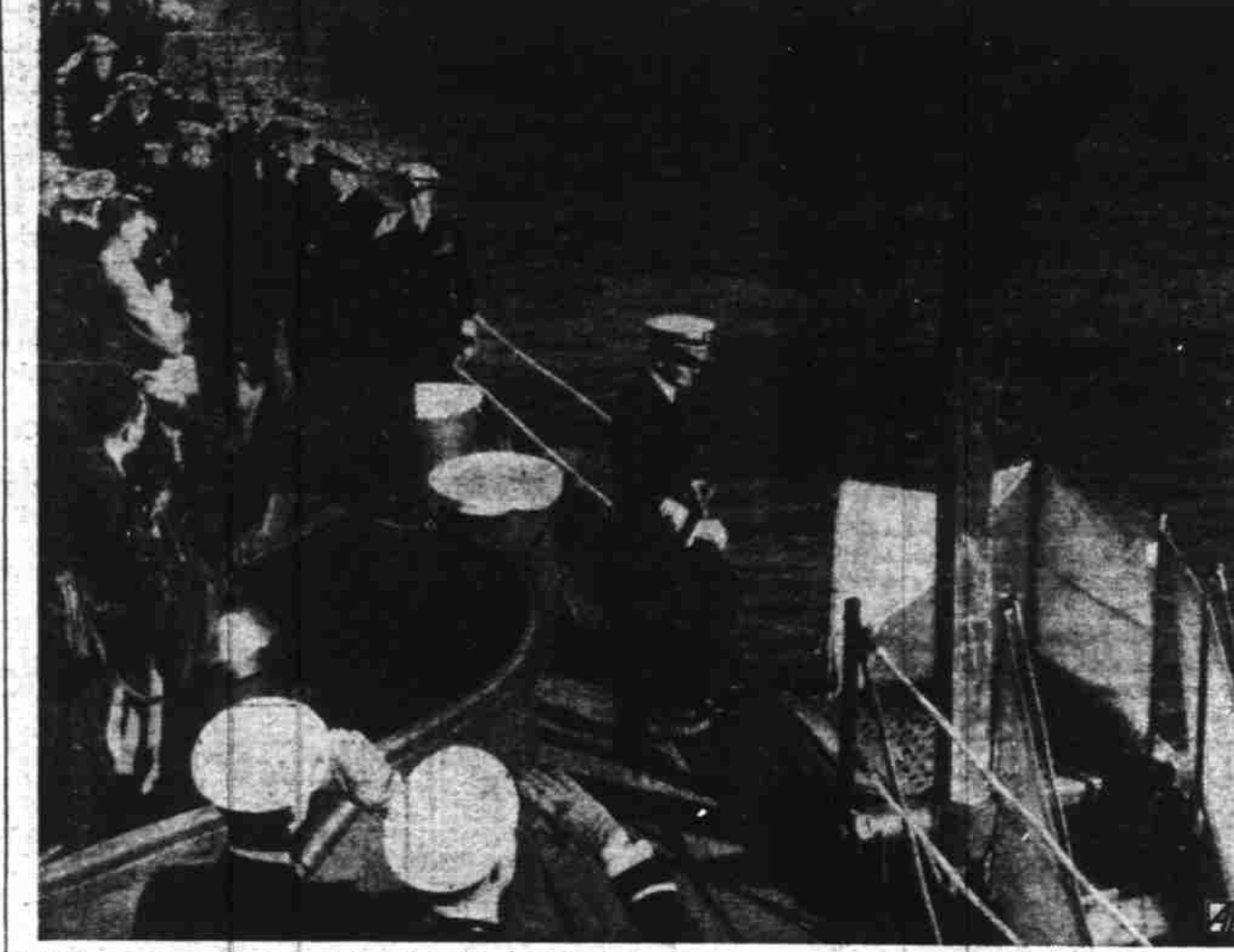
Under the Legion's bill, Stelle said, every physically qualified man of 18 would take a four-month course of intensive basic fundamentals under regular military or naval officers.

Theatres Open as Parley Postponed

The Elsinore and Capitol theatres continued to operate today after both the management and officials of the building service employees union announced that actual settlement of the four-day old dispute would be postponed until December 12.

At that time, they said, a representative of the Warner Bros. company from Los Angeles would be in Salem to negotiate final settlement of the issue. There will be no picketing of the theatres until after that time, the union stated.

Admiral Halsey Quits the Sea



Officers and men salute Admiral William F. Halsey as he goes over the side of the battleship South Dakota in Long Beach, Calif., after relinquishing command of the Third Fleet. He will retire from the service after the end of a month's temporary duty in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

October Traffic Deaths Double Over Last Year

Traffic fatalities in Oregon during October totaled 12, an increase of 100 per cent over the toll for the same month in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr. announced here Saturday.

The October, 1945, increase was one of the highest in the state's history. During the first 15 days of November there were 23 fatalities, which is a little more than 100 per cent increase over the toll for the corresponding period a year ago.

For the 10 months of 1945 there were 254 persons killed in Oregon traffic, compared to 194 for the same period in 1944.

Fifteen per cent of the motor vehicles involved in fatal accidents during September were reported to have mechanical defects compared with 5 per cent in September of last year.

Chinese Reds Hold US Fliers

SHANGHAI, Nov. 24-(AP)—U. S. Third amphibious corps officers are engaged in negotiations with Chinese communists for the release of six American marine fliers held prisoner by the communists at a remote village 80 miles west of Tientsin.

The fliers were forced down 14 days ago during a flight from Peiping to Tientsin. Efforts to obtain the names of the prisoners were unavailing at marine headquarters.

Rains Help Clear Mountain Snows

Rains in the mountains Saturday began clearing snow from the pavement in the high passes, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, announced.

Light snow was falling at Odell lake on the Willamette highway, but it was expected to turn to rain later. At government Camp on the Wapinitia cutoff, the rain was falling so hard that the packed snow was beginning to break up.

Anti-Inflation Week Set by Governor

Governor Snell Saturday called special attention to "Victory Over Inflation week," November 26 to December 1.

Football Scores

Table of football scores for various teams including Southern Cal, Oregon State, Texas Tech, New Mexico, etc.

Lane, Tillamook Counties Top War Chest Drive Goals

Lane and Tillamook counties have filled their portions of the Oregon War Chest to overflowing, Charles A. Sprague, president of the statewide chest organization, announced Saturday.

Of the \$131,599.13 which Lane county has raised for all chest purposes, \$64,413 has gone into the state chest. Tillamook raised \$10,981 for the state chest, out of \$16,810 for all chest uses. They are the sixth and seventh counties to top their quotas.

AUSTRIANS TO VOTE

VIENNA, Nov. 24-(AP)—Austrian voters will vote tomorrow in their first elections in 15 years and decide control of 165 seats in the national assembly and 406 seats in provisional assemblies.

Jean Wolcott Moves Into Lead In V-Bond Queen Contest Race

Jean Wolcott, Miller's store candidate in the Marion county victory queen contest of the Victory Loan, stepped up to first place in standings audited at the Saturday counting, and holds second place at the present with \$37,000 worth of E bonds credited to her.

In third place in the Saturday evening totals was Leona Tingelstad, Hollywood Lions club candidate, \$34,375 in bonds being listed back of her name. Miss Tingelstad moved up to second place in Saturday morning's check but was back in third place when Miss Wolcott crowded into first place.

Union to Halt Ship Loading To Speed Vets

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24-(AP)—The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, effective Dec. 1, will cease commercial cargo loading on ships which it believes should be assigned to carrying troops home, President Harry Bridges announced today.

"This action will include all ships which have been taken off troop runs and converted to commercial purposes," Bridges said in telegrams dispatched to Navy Secretary Forrestal, Secretary S. Land, maritime commission chairman.

The ultimatum will apply to intercoastal ships operating between American ports which carry cargo formerly carried by truck and rail.

Nimitz Gives Up Command

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 24-(AP)—Aboard the submarine Menhaden in these confined waters where the Japanese struck four years ago, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz transferred command of the U. S. Pacific fleet today to Adm. Raymond A. Spruance.

Nimitz, the gray, grave Texan who took over the battered, crippled fleet not quite four years ago and saw it grow under his control into the world's most powerful sea force, will become chief of naval operations.

It was a quietly dramatic 10-minute ceremony. Nimitz read his orders, spoke briefly in high praise of the men who had fought under him to victory, and handed over the fleet to Spruance, who began the war as commander of cruiser division 5 and rose to command of all allied naval forces in Japanese waters.

Woodburn Garage Fire Injures Man

WOODBURN—A flash of fire, caused when solvent on the floor of the A. & B. Machine works were ignited, caused damages amounting to \$500 and injuries to C. M. Robinson, an employe of the company Saturday.

Robinson told firemen that he was cleaning the floor with the solvent when the blaze started. He told them he was forced to break out a window to get out of the building and that he suffered face and hand burns.

The loss was not covered by insurance, C. W. Traver, owner of the firm, said.

GM-CIO Stalemate Continues

8700 Telephone Workers Back on Jobs in Midwest

By the Associated Press Threat of a nationwide walkout of 250,000 telephone operators was dismissed last night with the ending of a six-day strike of 8700 telephone workers in Illinois and Indiana.

But a stalemate marked the strike of 175,000 General Motors corp. employes, which brought the total of the nation's workers made idle by labor disputes near the half-million mark.

In addition, union sources indicated yesterday that cooperation of tool and die workers may be sought by the United Automobile Workers in the strike against G-M. The strike, which has affected workers in 51 cities, will result in early lay-off of 100,000 parts industry employes and eventually halt all automobile production, a spokesman for automotive parts makers asserted.

Settlement of the two-state phone strike came at 6:10 (CST) last night at a conciliation meeting. The Illinois Bell Telephone company and the Illinois Telephone Traffic Union (Ind.), agreed tentatively to a \$4 weekly wage boost, retroactive to May 9, as recommended by the war labor board. The company also agreed to grant an additional non-retroactive \$2 weekly raise, effective "hot later than Feb. 1, 1946," and to open negotiations as soon as the union desires for new wage scales.

In the General Motors dispute, called by the United Automobile Workers (CIO) to enforce a demand for a 30 per cent wage rate increase, the government, with President Truman's approval, called on its top conciliatory to move toward settlements.

The corporation rejected a union offer of arbitration of the wage increase as a "demand for abdication" of its rights to "manage its business."

R. J. Thomas, union president, termed the rejection as no surprise, and said that if General Motors were willing to "accept the principle of arbitration they would have made a counter offer."

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A. A. SCHRAMM ELECTED

PORTLAND, Nov. 24-(AP)—New president of the Oregon Association of Small Loan Companies is A. A. Schamm, Salem. He also was named a director at the annual meeting here, along with Frank E. Calkins, Eugene, and Fred Forster, Albany.

Advertisement for Christmas seals: Buy Christmas Seals. What luck! Out of gas in the middle of the desert an' only 25 shopping days until Christmas!