

AUTO STRIKE CONTINUES, G.M. STANDS PAT

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The nearly unanimous feeling among soldiers at the time of their discharge is that they are through, fed up with the army. They're homesick, tired of army living, eager to return to civilian life. But the army is rebidding for their services on such an attractive basis that some 600,000 men have volunteered since recruitment was started some months ago. Though many of these have been the youngsters just coming up for induction, many also are those who served as soldiers during the war.

The other evening I heard the army's "proposition" and it is one which frankly ought to appeal to a great many young Americans, particularly to veterans. Financially the opportunities are pretty good, and certainly there is "security."

To begin with the new army is designed primarily as an army of specialists, of men with knowledge and skills in mechanics and specific occupations. This means the common soldier should be a man of some intelligence and education — high school graduation preferred. On enlistment, men are assigned to outfits where they will be instructed in a trade or other class of duty. In six months the private is promoted to private and receives later promotions in grade and advance in pay as his service lengthens and his abilities increase.

The veteran of the present war is given special consideration. (Continued on Editorial Page)

FDR Rejected Plan for Sneak Attack on Japs

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt's war cabinet, convinced that war was near, considered but rejected the idea of beating Japan to the punch in 1941.

Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war, today disclosed the decision made only a few days before the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor. He presented the senate-house Pearl Harbor committee excerpts from his diary relating that Japanese troop movements toward Thailand led him to propose to Mr. Roosevelt an immediate attack. A message was sent to Emperor Hirohito instead.

The diary said that the president and his so-called "war cabinet" agreed on Nov. 28, 1941, that the United States would have to fight if Japan attacked the British or Dutch in the south Pacific. They discussed whether the United States should attack Japan without further word. This was rejected and it was decided instead that a warning message should be sent to Emperor Hirohito and the situation put before congress.

Mountain Snow Dots Highways

The state highway commission issued the following road report today:

Government Camp — Clear, 28 degrees, total snow 108 inches, road bare.

Santiam Junction—Broken overcast, 40 degrees, road normal. Total snow at summit 153 inches, at junction 81 inches.

Odell Lake—Clear, 25 degrees, 156 inches of snow at summit. Spots of packed snow between mileposts 61 and 64 are being banded, rest of road normal.

Astoria—Lower Columbia highway still closed by slide at east city limits of Astoria.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"That's a darn poor substitute for mud and sticks."

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Iran Bids UNO Speed Case

'Changes Needed' -Izvestia

By Eddy Gilmore
MOSCOW, March 21.—(AP)—The official government newspaper Izvestia declared today the time was ripe for changes in the internal and foreign policies of Iran. The newspaper accused "Iranian government circles" and "ruling classes" of aiding and defending nazi underground activities in Iran during the war and concluded: "It is perfectly obvious that a continuance of the policy of reactionary circles in Iran may lead

Iran Towns Surrounded

BAGHDAD, Iraq, March 21.—(AP)—Kurdish tribesmen were reported tonight to have surrounded the three Iranian towns of Sardasht, Baneh and Saqiz. Persons returning from the Iraq frontier in the vicinity of Sardasht told of hearing the sound of gunfire. "The Kurdish tribesmen are sitting around in the hills waiting for a chance to strike," said a reliable British source who has just returned from the Kirkuk district of eastern Iraq.

Truman Raps Navy's Stand

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—President Truman stepped into a navy-budget bureau feud over funds today with a declaration that a navy statement was not in line with facts. With presidential sanction, the budget bureau trimmed \$2,100,000,000 from the \$6,325,000,000 the navy wants for the year starting July 1.

Officer, GI to Get Same Garb

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The army today ordered distinctions in uniform between officers and enlisted men wiped out after mid-1948, except for insignia. Both will wear battle jackets and trousers of the same olive drab shade now used in enlisted men's clothing. New regulations contemplate also the adoption of a blue uniform for dress occasions.

Prisoners Called to Hoe Hops; Farm Labor Declared Needed

The Farmers' Labor council has been forced to call on 50 prisoners of war from Camp Adair to hoe hop yards, as an emergency measure to relieve the pressing seasonal labor shortage, it was disclosed Thursday. "We could place 50 families in hop-yard cabins with fuel, lights and water furnished, to finish the hoeing," the council explained, "but so far we have had no takers."

Seven men to prune in local peach and apple orchards also are urgently needed, as this job takes priority over all other spring farm work, it was declared. Applicants may apply at the Farm Labor office at 361 Chemeketa st. One of the jobs, pruning walnuts and prunes, provides housing.

Soviet Ambassador Sees Byrnes



WASHINGTON, March 21.—Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko (right) talks with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes as he leaves Byrnes' office after a 20-minute conference today. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

'Breathe Through the Mouth, And Give Your Nose a Rest'

By Arthur Edson
WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP) A barber who says his mind is the equal of Pasteur's got into an argument with the postoffice department today over how to cure hay fever. Frank X. Cormier, Pasco, R. I., barber, figure skater, violinist, memory expert and former short order cook, says he had hay fever for ten years. Then bingo! he had a whopper of a sneeze one day—and was on the road to complete recovery.

Weyerhaeuser to Cut Clackamas Timber

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Plans of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company to begin major timber operations in Clackamas county, with an initial investment of about \$1,000,000, were disclosed tonight by J. Philip Weyerhaeuser, Tacoma, vice president. He said the sustained yield operations to start soon, would provide an annual payroll of nearly \$500,000.

Father of Two Confesses Brutal Hammer-Rifle Assault on Child

JOLIET, Ill., March 21.—(AP)—James F. Lincoln, Jr., 30, father of two children, was named today in a warrant charging assault with intent to kill in the hammer-rifle assault on a nine year old girl which his wealthy industrialist father blamed on an old brain injury. The elder Lincoln, a Cleveland manufacturer, arrived in Joliet with Lloyd Heth, a Chicago lawyer, asserting he was ready to fight the charge "all the way."

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	59	33	.00
Eugene	58	35	.00
Portland	54	35	.00
San Francisco	56	47	.00
Seattle	56	33	.00
Willamette river 6.4 ft.			

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today, few widely scattered light showers. Highest temperature 64 degrees.

Draft Law Extension Drive On

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Top men of the army, navy and state department pleaded with congress today to extend the draft law and based their petition on this nation's responsibilities in troubled international affairs. The main burden was carried by Secretary of State Byrnes, who discussed the draft for nearly two hours in a closed door session of the senate military committee. Senators represented him as believing this country would face a critical situation if the selective service act were allowed to expire.

Byrnes appeared jointly with Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal. On the house side the case was presented to the military committee by Patterson and General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who promised to release all fathers in the armed services if the draft act is extended indefinitely, or at least for a year. The senate committee made public a summary of testimony before that group by Patterson, Eisenhower, and General Clark Spatz, chief of the army air forces, all of whom stressed the worldwide magnitude of the tasks laid out for an army which is to be cut down to 1,070,000 officers and men by July, 1947.

Adm. Vickery Dies, Victim of Heart Attack

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 21.—(AP)—Vice Adm. Harold L. Vickery, World War II vice chairman of the U. S. maritime commission, died tonight only a few hours after coming to this winter resort in an effort to recoup his health. Details of his death, which occurred about 7 p. m. (PST) were not immediately determined, but it was presumed due to a heart attack. Mrs. Vickery was with him when he died. They lived in Washington, D. C. Last December the White House announced acceptance of Admiral Vickery's resignation from the maritime commission because of ill health. Admiral Vickery was assigned by the navy to the maritime commission in 1937 and from then on during the defense preparation and war years had charge of ship design and construction for the merchant marine.

Civilian Bomb Control Sought

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP) An organized drive began on Capitol Hill today to restrict military control of atomic energy development. Several congressmen and representatives of about 25 national organizations teamed up in the effort. Sponsors of the conference in the house caucus room said that unless their goal is achieved atomic research will make little headway in the United States.

A-Testers Plan Television Use

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP) It is now possible to take an aerial sight seeing tour without leaving the ground—and many experts will observe the atom bomb demonstration in the Pacific just that way. This procedure, using airborne television stations, was demonstrated today by the navy department and the Radio Corporation of America, which worked together through the war in developing equipment to reproduce instantaneously scenes as much as 200 miles distant.

Bridges Awaits Break in Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—(AP)—Harry Bridges' longshore negotiating committee agreed tonight to wait until tomorrow before returning to their respective districts to prepare for a strike of Pacific coast dock workers. The longshoremen and employers were in session all day and were to continue their talks tonight. The workers are asking \$1.50 per hour. Employers have offered \$1.38.

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Japanese Reconversion

YOKOHAMA, March 21.—(AP)—Sheet aluminum and steel originally destined for Japanese warplanes will be made into 50,000 footlockers for U. S. Eighth army troops.

Lincoln said his son's skull was fractured to the base of the brain in an automobile accident 10 years ago and "there is not the slightest doubt that this event is directly traceable to that injury." In a signed confession, Burke said, Lincoln related this story: He picked up Carol and two other children on Tuesday and gave them a ride. The next day he offered Carol a ride, but instead of taking her home from school, turned his car onto a dirt road and made advances to her. When she began to cry, he hit her on the head with a hammer, breaking the handle. The girl screamed, jumped from his car and ran toward the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams. Lincoln fired at her with a .22 caliber rifle. Burke said Lincoln's car had become stuck in the mud and that Lincoln followed the girl to her home where he told her parents what had happened and asked them to call the sheriff. Mrs. Williams rushed Carol to a hospital.

Local Problems Said to Bar End of UAW Walkout

CIO Unions Asked to Hasten Return Lest Strike Continue 'Indefinitely'

DETROIT, March 21.—(AP)—General Motors corporation today told the CIO United Auto Workers that GM was "much concerned that settlement of the strike in our plants may now be delayed for an indefinite period of time by the actions of certain of your local unions."

The company called on the international UAW officers to expedite a return of all 175,000 striking GM workers to plants from which they walked out Nov. 21. GM charged that in seven of its plants, union leaders have "refused to permit maintenance and construction workers into the plants for the purpose of making ready for the eventual resumption of production."

The corporation repeated its refusal to accept a UAW declaration that, while the national provisions of the strike settlement had been accepted, certain local unions would remain on strike pending settlement of their local grievances.

Neither General Motors nor the international union should avoid or sidestep their responsibilities by permitting the present situation to continue and allowing the settlement of the national strike to rest solely upon a local issue which might very well be regarded by those personally as important but which shrinks into insignificance when viewed as a national problem," GM declared. Locals Not Included. The company statement, outlined in a letter sent by GM Vice President Harry W. Anderson to UAW Vice President Walter P. Reuther, declared "there was no understanding on the part of GM and no provision in the strike settlement that local unions could accept the strike settlement agreement and also vote to remain on strike because local issues had not been settled."

La Guardia Wins UNRRA Nomination

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 21.—(AP)—Fiorello La Guardia, former mayor New York City, today was nominated to be director general of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration to lead the United Nations drive for food for its members. The nomination came from the central committee, which directs UNRRA policy, and was placed before the full council meeting by UNRRA's retiring director, Herbert H. Lehman. No vote will be taken on La Guardia's name until the end of the UNRRA meeting, now scheduled for late next week, but nomination by the central committee is considered tantamount to election. French delegates, meanwhile, declined to comment on a war shipping administration report that American ships sent to Odessa to pick up Russian wheat for France were turned back empty. WSA in Washington said their representatives were told no wheat was available for loading.

Tests for Police Positions Set For April 17

Civil service examinations for policeman applicants have been set for Wednesday, April 17, at 9 a. m. in city hall by the city civil service commission. It will be the first such examination since before the war. Men between ages 21 and 35 may apply and, if they pass the written examination, will be given physical examinations before being placed on the eligibility list. The written test will cover such qualifications as keenness of observation, reading comprehension, ability to follow directions and general aptitude for police work. Application blanks, obtainable from the city recorder's office in city hall, must be completed and filed in that office before 5 p. m. April 10, according to Recorder Al Mundt, secretary of the commission. Among the many expected to apply are those policemen appointed during the war and not under civil service. They must qualify on the eligibility list to retain their jobs, Mundt said. Because of the wartime turnover and suspension of civil service requirements, there is now no list of eligibles. The new eligibility list will hold for two years, during which vacancies will be filled only from the list. It is expected that a similar call for firemen applicants will be issued soon by the civil service commission.

'Axis Sally' in Resigned Mood

BERLIN, March 21.—(AP)—A 37-year-old American-born woman, under arrest as "axis Sally," expressed indifference today when department of justice representatives informed her that she was to be taken to the United States and charged with treason. Identified by American military government officials as Mildred Gillars, a native of Portland, Me., she told newsmen she assumed a treason conviction would mean death or life imprisonment and then added: "But it doesn't matter. I have lost everything anyhow."

Spring Softball Dents Foreheads

As if to emphasize the arrival of spring, sandlot softball Thursday led to head injuries for two Salem youngsters who were hit with ball bats. Four-year-old Renone Myers, 2385 Broadway st., was hit on the forehead near her home, and Dick Carden, 10, of 1392 Market st., was hit while playing ball in a school yard. The first aid crew, called on both cases, reported neither a serious injury. 'BEULAH' DROPS DEAD. HOLLYWOOD, March 21.—(AP)—Marlin Hurt, 49, who played the character Beulah on the radio, dropped dead at his home this afternoon.

THE RIGHT ANSWER!

There is still available at THE OREGON STATESMAN office copies of the "Veterans' Guide," published and distributed free by YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER to show which of the myriad of veterans' agencies should be contacted for the many specific problems faced by returning servicemen and their dependents.