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Recovery from War Damage

It seems reasonable to believe that in a condition of near-chaos that action by government decree might prove the most efficient means of setting things to rights. So we might expect that under its system of absolute government authority Russia would make faster speed in reconstruction of its war-ravaged zone than other countries. Such hardly appears to be the case, judging by the observation of John M. Hightower, AP correspondent, who has returned to London from attending the conference in Moscow. He bases his report on first-hand observations in the capital and along the railroad from Moscow to Calais, and on comments of other observers heard on his stay in Moscow. He writes:

In Russia there are still countless tons of twisted steel wreckage of railroad cars, locomotives, rails, tanks and trucks rusting along the railway and beside the black earth of newly plowed fields. For scores of miles on the approaches to Smolensk, bomb pits, shallow trenches and caved-in dugouts spread over the pasture lands.

There was little livestock in the fields between Moscow and Brest-Litovsk. New houses being built in the White Russian countryside are almost entirely of the log cabin variety. Virtually no stone or brick construction is to be seen. Asphalt and concrete highways do not appear to exist, and while a few roads have cobble stone surfaces, most are rutted trails.

In Moscow the few evidences of war damage have been largely repaired, but the older buildings "appear to be slowly falling to pieces." Reports from the Don river basin indicate "steady progress." Telephone and telegraph lines are under construction west from Moscow, and new log cabins. In the country a few trucks may be seen but virtually no passenger automobiles.

Poland, which was hard hit in the war, seems to be doing a better job of repairing its war damage. Writes Hightower:

By contrast, from the Polish border westward, most of the recoverable steel from wrecked war machines has been reclaimed or cleaned up into junk heaps. Ruined brick and stone houses dot the countryside, but new buildings are going up in stone and brick, as well as wood. The fields in the west are more intensively cultivated and have a more orderly appearance than those in Russia. Bomb craters and dugouts seem pretty well plowed under.

Ever since the revolution western comment about Russia has been tempered with wishful thinking. The pinks have looked at the socialist experiment with rose-colored glasses while the critics have exploited its deficiencies. It is easy to fall into the same habit now; but the facts both by foreign observation and Russian admission seem to be that recovery in Russia is very slow. The system is probably much to blame, but the attitudes and skills of the people must also carry a share of responsibility. Hightower himself concluded that despite the drive of the communist leaders, the Soviet Union "has still a long road ahead before reaching the industrial development of the western nations and producing a population with the individual skills and initiative of the western peoples." The combination of communist theory and native lack of skills makes the outlook for Russia none too hay. If given a chance the American people would like to help them, but the Russian leadership persists in a policy of isolation. They will not even let Russian women married to foreigners leave the country to join their husbands. Now what can westerners do with a country as unyielding as that?

French Oust Communists

The big news over the week-end is the reorganization of the French cabinet. The five communist members were dropped on demand of the socialist party after the national assembly gave Ramadier a vote of confidence, 363 to 186. The communists voted "no." Old Leon Blum, socialist deputy and ex-premier, engineered the coup.

The significance is that opposition parties feel strong enough to undertake to govern France without participation of the communists who are the strongest numerically in the national assembly. This means a closing of ranks within the western world, a welding of an anti-communist front. The "two worlds" are fast being forged in the fires of European politics.

As previously reported in The Statesman Secretary Marshall did succeed at Moscow in drawing France more clearly within the Anglo-American orbit of policy. His acceptance of French claim to the Saar and support of more coal to France has attracted French support; and his personal visits in Paris en route to and from Moscow seem to have cemented relationships. These moves have undoubtedly strengthened the hand of the opponents of communism in France, where for months it has been almost "touch and go."

The breach arose over Ramadier's wage-freeze, the communists breaking with him over it to support wage increases. The socialists were supported by parties of the right and center (MRP), the coalition evidently feeling strong enough to face a possible series of strikes called by communists. If the Ramadier government can pass this crisis by retaining support of the people as well as the assembly then the communist threat in France would appear ended at least for the present. This is the real meaning of late political developments in France.

While a Japanese band played "Stars and Stripes Forever," Emperor Hirohito greeted his people in the imperial plaza and received their "banzais." They were proclaiming the adoption of the new constitution that puts a ban on war and strips the emperor of divinity. The Japanese have learned fast to adopt both democratic ways and John Philip Sousa's music. We'll see if the conversion is genuine.

Merchants of Multnomah squeezed the advertising value out of their 10 per cent price reduction spread, then dropped the idea. Price reductions at retail are frequently used to clear out goods that are sticking to the shelves; but the general price scale is determined by replacement costs. Until wholesalers and manufacturers get to use the paring knife on prices the reductions will not be heavy or permanent.

The British cannot use gas or electricity for residential heating until Sept. 30th, and can't use coal to heat non-residential premises until Oct. 30th. Presumably they may use a little coal for house-heating in the interval. The British can stand it however, because they always have lived in chilly houses, overcoming the heat lack with heavy clothing.

Down 8,000 ft. the wildcat well of the Texas Co. drilling for oil in Columbia county has yielded no petroleum, reports the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist. A previous hole drilled near Clatskanie by the company turned out a duster. Other big companies which a year ago were exploring for oil in Oregon have pulled out. Oil, like gold, is where you find it.

The navy department wants money for submarines to be used in detecting airplanes over the Arctic ocean. Next the army will want money for planes to detect submarines in the Arctic ocean. Now what can the admirals and generals be thinking about that they want defenses in the Arctic?

The office boy says he is plagued with the discouraging prospect that even after he learns to operate one of Salem's new parking meters he still might have trouble getting the right number of cherries, prunes and oranges on an ordinary slot machine.

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to be a bit disgusted with those who in their greed reach for the last penny. It is safe to say that many, perhaps most, of the dissenters are speculators who bought the bonds at low prices and have already seen them recover in price around 135.

Here we have the spectacle of a holding company with real and substantial assets prolonged in bankruptcy because the security holders are unable to agree on the division of assets. From a public standpoint the plan seemed excellent because it cleaned up what was a difficult and complicated situation in far better manner than ever was expected, saving full value for bondholders and prior preference stockholders and salvaging some equities for the first preferred stockholders. If Peppo can be dissolved and PGE's stock be distributed then PGE can go forward without the incubus of a holding company bankruptcy around its neck. This is highly desirable if the company is to grow and expand and discharge its obligation in serving the public of its area.

Rejection of the plan by bondholders does not alter the situation. It merely throws back into the lap of the trustees and of the court the problem of either reviewing the present plan or devising a new one that may be approved. The trustees have shown great resourcefulness in overcoming obstacles of which there have been many during their tenure. They will undoubtedly review the matter and come up with new proposals—without, it is to be hoped, too much concession to the moneybags of Boston and New York.

Dental Clinic Open for Vets

Veterans with dental troubles traceable to their service may now obtain free examination and treatment at a new dental clinic opened at 190 S. Liberty st. by the veterans administration, according to Dr. H. Bouchet, VA dental officer for Oregon.

First VA dental clinic in the state outside Portland and Roseburg, the Salem office is now in full operation, except for the X-ray machine. A few parts lacking when the machine arrived from an army surplus depot are expected soon.

Dr. A. R. Schoenberg, who has had 30 years experience in dentistry, will manage the clinic here.

Minden Mill Changes Hands

SILVERTON — Sale of the A. M. Minden mill on Salem road to BPS Lumber Co. was announced Monday on completion of the transaction. Terms of the sale were not announced.

The BPS mill is operated by Willard Benson and Christian Leterson of Silverton and Lawrence Stoddard, West Salem. The mill has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day.

50-Year Resident Of State Passes

Ira Hamlet Compton, 76, an Oregon resident for 50 years, died Sunday at his home, 775 N. 17th st. He was a native of Cloud county, Kans., and had lived in Salem for the past seven years.

Surviving are two sons, Theodore V. Compton of Baker and Ivan W. Compton of Hanford, Calif.; a brother and a sister, Charles Compton and Ressie Sturgill, both of Baker; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Clough-Barrick company.

Obituary

CADY
At Pasadena, California, April 2, Hattie B. Busick Cady, formerly of Salem and a late resident of Pasadena. Mother of Edwin Busick with U.S. army in Germany. She was a member of Chadwick chapter No. 37, O.E.S., Willamette shrine No. 2, W.S. of J. Hanna Room court No. 8, O. of A., and Rebekah lodge, Salem No. 1. Services will be held Tuesday, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the W. T. Rigdon chapel with concluding services in the IOOF cemetery.

SAMAIN
Mrs. Katie Samain, at her home at 36 Fairview ave., Sunday, April 27. Survived by her husband, Charles O. Samain of Salem; a niece, Alma Huber of St. Paul, Minn.; and two nephews, Wayne Huber of New Mexico and Roy Huber of Lyons, Oregon. Services will be held Wednesday, May 7, at 2 p.m., at the Clough-Barrick chapel in interment in Belmont Memorial park. Dr. Joseph M. Adams will officiate.

HANSON
In this city May 2, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson of 1205 N. 18th st. Sister of Joyce Hanson of Salem and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanson of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kasburg of Salem. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the City View cemetery under the direction of W. T. Rigdon company. The Rev. F. W. Erikson will officiate.

YOAKUM
Horseman Maynard Yoakum, late resident of 850 Locust st., at a local hospital Monday, March 5, at the age of 72 years. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Charles Bratcher of Phoenix, Ariz. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick company.

COMPTON
Ira Hamlet Compton, at his home, 775 N. 17th st., Sunday, May 4. Survived by two sons, Theodore V. Compton of Baker and Ivan W. Compton, of Hanford, Calif.; a brother and a sister, Charles Compton and Ressie Sturgill, both of Baker; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Services will be announced by the Clough-Barrick company.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichy WU Students Write Numbers For Tonight's Band Concert



"That doctor says the nicest things!—he says mine will be a 'delicate' operation!"

Willamette university will present its student band in concert at 8:15 tonight in Waller hall, as a part of the university observance of national music week.

An original march and two are included in the concert, to be performed under the direction of Director Maurice Brennen.

Glen Williams, local dance orchestra leader and president of the Willamette band, composed a march for tonight's program and made a concert band arrangement of the popular song, "Temptation." Don Stoudenmeyer, son of the late city band director, H. N. Stoudenmeyer, has scored the accompaniment for the French horn solo by Alan Robertson, consisting of two movements of Mozart's French horn concerto no. 3.

Stoudenmeyer also will appear as soloist in Weinberger's concerto for timpani. Conductor Brennen has arranged two selections, a Shostakovich prelude and Ravel's Pavane.

The program: Springtime Overture — Leiden Concerto No. 3 for French Horn (K 447) — Romanza — London — Alan Robertson, soloist — March — Prelude in E flat minor — Shostakovich — Love Scene — Coronation Scene from "Boris Godunov" — Moussorgsky — Intermission — Polka from "Schwanda the Bag-piper" — Weinberger — Concerto for Timpani — Weinberger — Don Stoudenmeyer, soloist — Temptation — Brown — Pavane — Huldigungsmarsch — Wagner

WAA Slates Vehicle Sale

Two hundred sixteen used vehicles in 13 classifications, are being offered for sale to Oregon and southern Washington veterans on May 19, 20 and 21 by the war assets administration at Oakland, Calif. Portland WAA office announces.

Interested veterans are asked to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, marked with a number to show in which group of vehicles interested, to WAA, P. O. box 4062, Portland. A drawing May 12 will determine which veterans receive tickets to the sale.

Automotive units obtainable, ranging in price from \$50 for one type of trailer to \$2,000 for a bus, are staff cars, jeeps, motorcycles, pickups, 1/2 ton trucks, buses, 1 1/2 ton cargo trucks, 1 1/2 ton stake trucks, 2 1/2 ton cargo trucks, dump trucks, truck-tractors, 3-ton combination stake-platform trucks, trailers.

Gilbert Anderson Rites Wednesday

SILVERTON — Funeral services will be in Ekman memorial chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday for Gilbert Anderson, 225 Phelps st.,

SHS Elects R. Middleton

Roger Middleton, son of Mrs. Dorothy G. Middleton, 3120 Garden rd., was elected president of the Salem high school student body in a runoff ballot over Jack Miller Monday morning. Middleton is active in speech and a member of the school band.

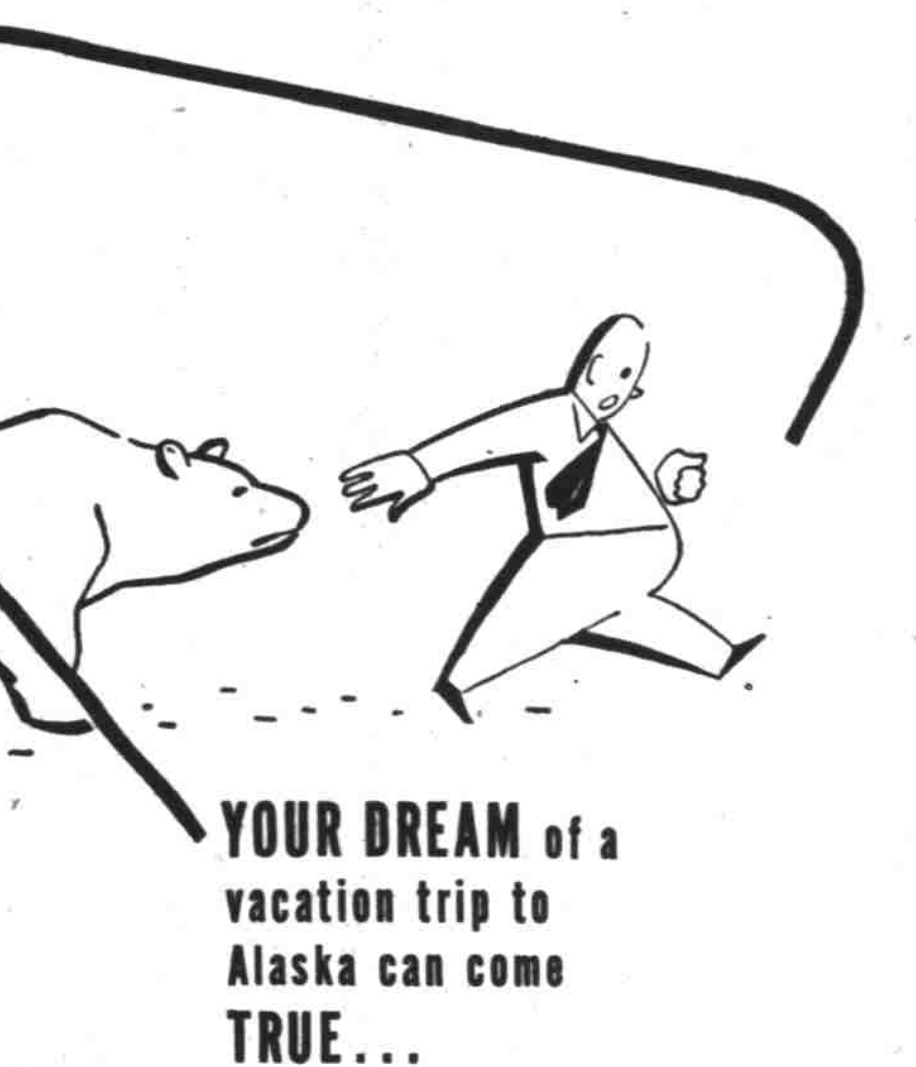
Jackie Johnson won over Mariann Carson for the office of first vice president. Virginia Lewis won over Crystal Huntington for secretary.

Other officers, elected in balloting Friday were Ruth Holtzman, second vice president; Janice Baker, song queen, and her assistants, Dolly Davidson, Evelyn Bishop and Sue Heffrin; Jim Houck, yell king, and Bob Sharp, assistant.

Large Crowd Attends Champcoo Anniversary

CHAMPOEG, May 5 — More than 1200 attended the 104th anniversary of important gathering which in May, 1943, voted its allegiance to the United States.

Dr. Burt Brown Barker, president of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, was the principal speaker Sunday, and told of how Hall J. Kelley attempted to sell the northwest to the pioneers on the basis of the journals of Lewis and Clark.



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City Briefs

EARL VENZ TREATED
Salem first aid men removed a large wood splitter from the arm of Earl Venz, 3685 Mahrt st., who went to the aid headquarters at the East Salem fire station Monday evening.

LOG PERMIT GRANTED
Henry J. Hatfield, Turner, was granted a permit Monday by the Marion county court to haul logs over certain county and market roads.

VICTORY CLUB CALLED
Townsend Victory club 17 will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in Deaconess hall on Oak street, west of Salem Deaconess hospital.

EAGLES ELECT
Fraternal Order of Eagles, Willamette aerie, will hold annual election of officers in the lodge rooms at 8 o'clock tonight.

MRS. IRONS, BABY HOME
Mrs. Clarence Irons of Idanha was dismissed from Salem Deaconess hospital Sunday with her infant daughter.

CO-OP FORMS
Articles of association of Silverton Co-op Lockers, a cold storage plant in Silverton, were filed with the Marion county

clerk Monday by Victor J. Hadley, Oscar H. Loe, E. A. Finley, Tom Martin and Walter Von Flue.

MOTHERS LEAVE GENERAL
Mothers dismissed Monday from Salem General hospital were Mrs. Dean R. Smith, Independence, with her son; Mrs. Edward J. Dunckel of Independence and daughter; Mrs. R. W. Hemsath of Monmouth and daughter, and Mrs. Wilbur W. Wymore, route 2, Salem, and son. Dismissed Sunday were Mrs. William Trindle, Jr., of Gervais and Mrs. R. C. Cutler of 425 Wayne dr., each with a son, and Mrs. Earl F. Griepentrog, 2420 Hazel ave., and Mrs. H. J. Rice, 3560 Portland rd., each with a daughter.

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A U. S. GOVERNMENT BUREAU REPORT announces the discovery of a new tannic acid treatment for ivy, oak and sumac poisoning. The treatment has been found excellent; it is gentle and safe, dries up the blisters in a surprisingly short time—often within 24 hours. These government findings are incorporated in the new product—**IVY-DRY**
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