

Reds Threaten Canton Zone Rail Lifeline

CANTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—Chinese communist troops today slashed to within 30 miles of the Canton-Hankow railway, lifeline for the main nationalist defense forces for all south China.

The reds overran Jucheng, 170 miles north of Canton and 40 miles east of the railway. They then sped on 10 miles west and attacked Litin, press reports said.

Should the communists reach the railway, supplies no longer will be able to move from Canton by rail to the armies of Gen. Pai Chungshi. His headquarters are at Hengyang, 265 miles north of Canton.

Pai's 200,000-man armies then would have little choice but to retire southwestward into Kwangsi province, west of Canton.

It seemed to be communist strategy to force Pai into Kwangsi and leave Canton to its fate.

As the reds approached, civilians began fleeing Kucheng, south of Jucheng and 125 miles north of Canton on the railway. Kucheng is considered the gateway to Canton.

Fresh nationalist troops from Hainan Island, off the south coast, were reported arriving in Canton for movement to the front. The reds also were moving reinforcements down from the northeast.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek still was in Chungking. He is reported trying to settle differences between western warlords and Gen. Chang Chun, his commander in southwest China. His long stay suggests he has run into great difficulties.

Administration Agrees to Cut Arms Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—Administration forces in the senate have agreed to the \$200,000,000 cut proposed by Republican Senators Vandenberg and Dulles in President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program, informed senators said tonight.

The senators, who did not want to be quoted by name, said arms aid for European members of the Atlantic alliance will be cut from \$1,160,000,000 to an even \$1,000,000,000 under a proposal agreed upon by a bi-partisan senate subcommittee this afternoon.

The subcommittee will report to the combined committees on foreign relations and armed services tomorrow.

Besides the funds for Atlantic pact nations, the bill contains money to Greece, Korea, the Philippines and other nations.

Some senators said that all differences had been settled except those concerning arms aid to China. Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) is demanding that arms for non-communist China be added to the president's program. The administration has offered to accept a fund to be used in the far east at Mr. Truman's discretion, but Knowland is not satisfied with this.

Flying Farmer Group to Attend Fair Tuesday

Top flight farmers are promised on the state fairgrounds for the annual farm organization day set for Tuesday, September 6. A total of 180 Oregon Flying Farmers have registered from the morning flight from McMinnville to the state fairgrounds, to light on a 20-acre patch of the fair's huge parking area.

Those scheduled to fly to the fair include: W. R. McDonald, Frances MacDonald, Ralph Scroggin, Grace Scroggin, Bert Sellinger and Goldia Sellinger, all of Lebanon; F. A. Harris, Eugene King, David Horne and Eileen Horne, all of Pendleton; James A. Chamberlin and Evelyn Chamberlin, both of Bend; Colly Reed from Rancho in Aviation, Vancouver, Wash.; Milton Morgan and Lloyd Rice, both of Jones; John D. Fry of Tulare, Calif.; Ernie Lettler of Gaston; R. D. Lettler, S. M. Whitney and Claire, all of Newberg; C. R. Morrison and Ann Morrison, both of Wasco; Worth Wiley, Art Wiley, Allen May, Zane May, Emory Tresham, Lois Tresham, Jack Edwards, Harry Gray and James Richardson, all from Dayton; Art Whitaker, L. S. White and Stuart White, Portland; Floyd Johnson, Troutdale; Roger Leanning and Alice Leanning, both of Haines; Wally Trimm of Boeing Field, Seattle; Merton Basse, Chas. Covey, La. Hara Covey and Mrs. Chas. Covey, all of Powell Butte; Ed Russell, Sweet Home; Lee and Lucille Foster, both of Halsey; Bill and Charlotte Perry of Hood River; Robert Earl and Mrs. Robt. Earl of McMinnville; Jay McKay, Phoebe McKay, Wynona Wilson, Geo. Wilson, John and Marquette Decker, all of Kent; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Torvond; John Teutich and Ed Presidential, Hillsboro; Jack Forsythe, Orville Cutsforth, O. W. Cutsforth, Vernon Munkers and Herman Wallace, all of Lexington; W. L. Teutich and Earl Ashahr, both of Corvallis; Claude Williams, Mrs. Claude Williams, Puddy Brothers and Miles Puddy, Prineville; John H. Rea, Walla Walla, Wash.; Harold Steen, Milton, Charles and Donna Curtis, John Curtis, Dean Curtis and Grace Curtis; Lars Frederickson of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Edwidge Pilot Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Merton Wins of Helix; Don Massey from Amity; Mr. and Mrs. James S. Rothrock, Adams; Richard Davis, Union; John Struett, Umatilla; Arthur Leppin, Jr. of Rickreall; Archie Mubbers and Conley Lanham, Hepburn; John Ballantyne, Paris, Idaho; Archie Riekkelo from Lewis & Clark Seed Co., Astoria; Virgil Meyer, Tigard.

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Marija Udris, Latvian Displaced Person, to Arrive Here Today

A Latvian displaced person who lived under rule of both communists and nazis before liberation by American armies in 1945 is due to arrive in Salem today.

She is Marija Udris, 44, who docked in Boston Saturday on a ship from Germany and will stay in Salem with Dr. and Mrs. Teodor Staprans in their home on the state hospital grounds. Mrs. Staprans and Miss Udris are cousins.

Miss Udris is a graduate of the University of Latvia at Riga and taught high school 20 years in Latvia before the outbreak of World War II. She lived under Soviet rule early in the war and in 1944 was evacuated to a German concentration camp where she was held until Americans arrived in May of 1945.

Her trip to America was sponsored by the National Lutheran council, and her sponsor in Salem is Dr. Staprans.

Salem's newest resident was active many years with the YWCA and National Council of Latvian Women and taught the past two years in German displaced persons camps.

She speaks four languages — Russian, German, Latvian and English — and hopes to teach in Salem and to continue her work with youth groups.

Her sponsor, Dr. Teodor Staprans, is a nephew of Dr. Paul Staprans who has lived in Salem 46 years since emigrating from Latvia.

The younger Dr. Staprans came to this country in May of 1947 with Mrs. Staprans and their two sons, Raymond and Armand. He and his family also were held in displaced persons camps in Germany but came to America under regular emigration laws.

Since arriving in Salem, Dr. Staprans has served with the medical staff at the state hospital. He is a graduate of the University of Latvia medical school.

Both his sons have proved how well Europeans can adjust to life in this country. Raymond, 22, is an art student at the University of Washington, and Armand, 19, was graduated in June from Salem high school and Wednesday was accepted for entrance at Willamette university.

James Cooke Off To Enroll in USC

James Cooke, Salem high school graduate of last spring, left here Tuesday for Los Angeles to enroll in the University of Southern California as a navy reserve officer training corps cadet.

Cooke, former Statesman school reporter, spent part of this summer on a tour of the nation, during which he reported his reactions in news articles for The Statesman. He represented Oregon Hi-Y in a Washington, D. C., conference.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooke, Mill City, he plans to take a full undergraduate course at USC, including some naval subjects. He will make extended summer cruises as a NROTC cadet during his summers.

McKay Calls V-J Day Observance, Prayer

Governor McKay called on Oregon today to observe V-J day Friday with "prayer, simple ceremony and appreciative memory."

He said 4000 Oregonians lost their lives in World War II and advised the state to remember that so that "prudent guidance along the dangerously twisted road of the future will result."

Big Demand For Rye Grass Seed Reported

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

That common rye grass seed has been "selling like hotcakes" is the report of the officers of the Oregon Seed Growers league. The report was released to members of the league this week.

The rye grass crop acreage is even less than the short acreage in 1948, the report continues. In recent years between 85,000 and 90,000 acres have been grown. In 1948 this dropped to 74,000 and this year the freeze took it down to around 60,000. However lots of nitrogen fertilizer helped and growers are getting excellent yields, the report shows.

Volunteer rye grasses from frozen-out vetch fields did pretty well. The crop is increasing in popularity in the south and it would be difficult to determine where the acreage should stop now, the league officers stated. Prices to growers started at 8 cents and are now 10 cents per pound and higher, without much left to sell. Due to volunteer and the heavy nitrogen program, total crop will be over 40 million pounds. Two years ago Oregon produced more than 50 million pounds. Very little carry-over from the 1948 crop has been noted anywhere in the United States.

The perennial rye grass crop, with acreage of 17,400 this year, is 25 per cent less than last year. Blind seed was reported as "not so bad as last year."

Red clover seed was expected to "have a good price again." The Malheur rye was hurt by the winter and the Willamette valley crop by the dry summer. Prospects are for 2,000 acres of Kenland in Jefferson county. Dry weather in the east and failure of pastures were expected to reduce the national crop.

The support of \$1.25 on blue tag certified may be needed pretty badly, in reference to ladino seed, the league officials stated. Very little of California's crop is certified. There will be another million pound crop this season. Oregon's crop has been running around 400,000 pounds but this year it is likely to be one and a half million pounds because of the big increase in Jefferson county. The large increase and the lower price is expected to curtail imports this year which were about 400,000 last year.

Navy Quits Rescue Attempt

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 30 (AP)—The navy abandoned today because of rough seas an attempt to land a flying boat and pick up an injured seaman aboard the patrol ship PCE 900.

The seaman, whose name was not announced, severed an artery Sunday night while the patrol vessel was 900 miles from Midway. The ship is proceeding to Midway.

Loans for farmstead facilities include land leveling, distribution systems, construction and installation of irrigation structures such as syphons, headgates and drops and the repair or improvement of existing systems.

Loans for farmstead facilities are made for drilling of wells for domestic and livestock use, installation of pumps and distribution systems, and the repair of existing farmstead facilities.

Water facilities loans bear 3 per cent interest and are made payable according to the earning ability of the farm, but not to exceed 20 years period. Farmers Home administration also makes production and subsistence 5 per cent loans to eligible farmers who are unable to acquire adequate credit from commercial credit sources on long-time payment plans. Loan funds are used to buy livestock, farm and home equipment, feed, seed, fertilizer and building repairs.

Open Safety Pin Removed from Tummy of Tot

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—A delicate operation removed an open safety pin from the esophagus of a 21-month-old Cushman, Ore., boy here last night.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Getchell was brought to Doernbecher hospital when an X-ray indicated two safety pins were lodged in his throat.

In the operation the pin had to be extracted through the mouth without making any punctures enroute. The surgeon found only one pin. The boy was in good condition today, but was to be held several days for observation.

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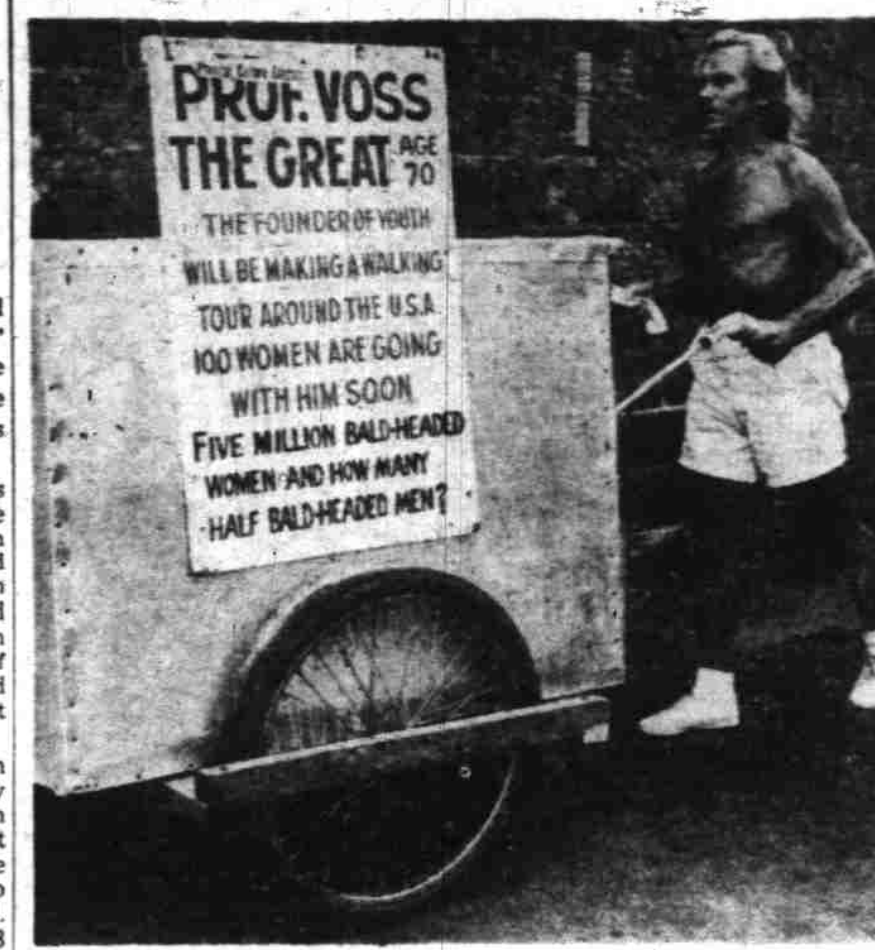
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A Lot of Muscle at 70



He says it's a lot of fun, Prof. L. V. Voss does. But to spectators it looks like a lot of work pushing this 250-pound cart all over Oregon. Anyway, the former mental hygiene instructor at night classes in San Francisco state college finally arrived in Salem and says he'll stay 'til after the fair. He eats no meat, bathes only in cold water, sleeps on the ground, hasn't had a hair cut for a year and attributes his vigor at 70 to "living as nature meant us to live." (Statesman photo.)

Naval Air Equipment Delayed For Clearance of Local Fliers

No airplanes, no flight orders and no maintenance equipment — these are the major but temporary troubles at Salem's new naval air facility.

Eight planes marked for the local base are in Seattle and will be shipped when Salem's pilots are cleared for flying.

About 10 of the approximately 50 local NAF pilots recently passed flight physicals in Seattle. Physicals for remaining airmen may be speeded soon by recent discovery of a flight surgeon in this area who may be authorized to give physicals in Salem.

When physicals are completed, flight orders are expected almost immediately from the chief of naval air reserve at Glenview, Ill. Inaction of congress on the national budget for this fiscal year may be holding up aircraft maintenance equipment which is expected from Seattle. All defense allotments have been placed on a temporary basis which ends September 15.

Chief Yeoman James E. Brown of the local NAF has been in Seattle this week aiding in clearance of transfer orders for expected equipment.

Comdr. D. A. MacInasc, executive officer of district naval air reserve headquarters in Seattle, inspected local facilities last week and expressed approval of recent progress in readying the field for future flying.

The cost of striping and re-striping 100,000 miles of highway each year is estimated at \$2,800,000 or \$28 a mile.

'Home Rule' Rent Control Tester Filed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—A new court test of the validity of the "home rule" provisions of the federal rent control act was filed here today.

The CIO's national housing committee, acting in behalf of a Wisconsin tenant, challenged a provision of the act which permits any state to substitute its own rent control laws for the federal regulations.

The Wisconsin legislature passed such a state act and has asked Tighe E. Woods, federal housing expediter, to turn over federal rent records to state authorities.

Meanwhile, housing officials lifted controls today in various areas of nine states — Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

And one official said that Woods, the rent control boss, will begin studying broad surveys next week to determine how far his agency will go in a cutback of controls.

Woods, who is out of town on vacation, said recently that a reduction of funds for his agency by congress would necessitate lifting of controls in one third of the nation's areas now covered.

One official told a reporter there has been no change in Woods' prediction that controls will have to be lifted over wide areas. But he said, such a cutback will be taken in orderly fashion "by streamlining controls operations and effecting every possible economy."

He said surveys now are being made by the housing staff to determine where housing needs have been met and controls can be lifted.

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Mutual Officials Inspect Capitol Shopping Center

Visiting Salem Tuesday to inspect progress on the Capitol Shopping center on North Capitol street were Howard S. Dudley, vice president of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company and Thomas L. Lowe, manager of its real estate division which is financing the development. Both expressed themselves as very well pleased with progress at the center.

Two units have been completed and are in service, Berg's market and Sears. Other units will be completed and occupied this fall.

Payette Fire Flares Again

McCALL, Idaho, Aug. 30 (AP)—The Payette national forest's south fork fire flared up today and crossed fire lines in the Bear Creek area.

John T. Mathews, forest supervisor, said the fire blazed up inside the fire lines and that a spot fire broke out when winds arose.

There was a small run, Mathews said, but he expected that it "would be picked up."

There were no requests for additional men. Other spots in the 15,000-acre blaze on the south fork of the Salmon river were quiet, Mathews said.

In the Boise national forest, the fire situation was also quiet. Fire Dispatcher Lynn Knight said. Most of the men fighting a 18-acre blaze near Cascade are being released tonight. The fire is nearly out, Knight added.

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