

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

For this year of 1946 I should, if I had the power, prescribe as "required reading" for every adult resident of the west...

Consider that a century ago none of the Pacific coast was territory of the United States. The Oregon question was unsettled...

Flood Clean-up Starts, Damage Tallies Roll in

By the Associated Press

Shallow lakes, shattered bridges and hundreds of silt-filled houses remained today as western Oregon began the weary task of cleaning up its flood-soaked valleys.

Four bodies of flood victims still were sought in the upper Willamette valley area. Five had been recovered.

Damage estimates were being prepared. State highway engineer R. H. Ballock said Willamette valley state highway damage would run from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Power companies suffered heavily and Edison Lumber Co., Westfir, closed for repair of \$75,000 damage.

Mount Hood, however, was at West Siskiyou where the Red Cross estimated 90 per cent of the homes destroyed or damaged...

County agents began surveying the farmers' plight and reported that damaged machinery might be the most crippling blow...

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Moorage to Be Named Mott Basin

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Mott Basin will be the name of the Tongue Point moorage where 307 reserve vessels will be berthed.

Capt. L. D. Ard of Astoria naval air station said the navy chose the name in recognition of the work of the late Rep. James W. Mott as ranking member of the house naval affairs committee.

Animal Crackers

By Warren Goodrich



I've been told you have lovely ankles!

STRIKE THREATENS U. S. MEAT SUPPLY

Packers Ask Wage Increase

Reserves Low, Says Secretary Of Agriculture

By the Associated Press

Approximately 200,000 packing house workers were called upon yesterday to strike Jan. 18 and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson at once reported that low reserves of meat make it essential that the contemplated walkout be averted.

The packinghouse strike was called by the CIO United Packing House Workers in support of the union's demand for a 25 cents an hour wage increase.

Anderson, who did not comment on the strike issue, told reporters at Washington: "The government has large commitments for European relief and needs of its own armed services which must be met. Likewise, it is essential that the packing plants be kept operating to supply civilian requirements."

Other labor developments included an electrical union's threat to disrupt service of the nation's communications system by a strike set for today and indications from Washington that the steel industry's dispute may not be settled by any steel price increase the OPA might allow.

382,000 Out

The packing house workers' strike would boost sharply the nation's total of strike idle, kept at around 382,000 by the continuing General Motors strike. Approximately 175,000 workers are involved in the 43-day-old GM walk-out.

The packinghouse union's president, Lewis J. Clark, told a news conference in Chicago that the nation's meat packers could meet the unions demand without increasing meat prices.

The strike, he said, would affect 147 packing plants, including several operated by the four major packers—Swift, Cudahy, Armour and Wilson.

"The only thing that will prevent this strike is a substantial wage increase," Clark said.

Total Holiday Deaths Hit 530

By the Associated Press

The four-day year's end holiday—the first New Year's observation in four years without war time limitations—took a toll of 530 violent deaths, a final tabulation showed.

The toll showed 248 deaths attributed to traffic accidents and 282 caused by miscellaneous accidents. Only six states reported no violent deaths during the period from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Tuesday. They were Delaware, Mississippi, Rhode Island, North and South Dakota and Vermont.

Pennsylvania led the list with 46 deaths. Texas and New York each showed 41 and Illinois had 39.

Housing Committee to Seek Airport Barracks for Veterans

Property and buildings of the Salem air base north and east of McNary field proper would provide approximately 150 dwelling units if they could be secured, members of the new citywide committee on veterans' housing believe.

To study methods of financing, a committee headed by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, with R. L. Elfstrom, David O'Hara, Lawrence Brown and General Committee Chairman W. J. Braun will meet today. City Engineer J. Harold Davis and the planning commission's engineer, C. H. McClure, comprise another committee which is investigating engineering problems which the city would have to solve to provide sewer, water and street service for the area if it is secured.

C. of C. Chief



E. Burr Miller, War Chest campaign manager for Salem in 1944, former president of the Salem Retail Trade bureau, active in Red Cross, Salem Lions club and Boy Scout work, was Wednesday elected president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

E. Burr Miller Elected to Head Salem C. of C.

E. Burr Miller, sales manager for Valley Motor company, is 1946 president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. He was elected to the position at a Wednesday noon meeting of the organization's directors and succeeds Loyal Warner, under whose leadership the chamber gained 197 members last year to reach a new high of 1424.

Both Miller and Warner recently chose to leave large merchandising organizations with which they had worked for a number of years rather than take promotions which would force them to live elsewhere than Salem.

Douglas McKay, who last month exchanged his army captain's uniform for civilian garb, was elected first vice president to succeed W. L. Phillips. Reynolds Allen, also recently out of the army, succeeds Linn C. Smith as second vice president. Lester Barr was re-elected secretary, and Linn Smith was named treasurer to succeed Guy H. Hickok.

Flight Limited To Vet Pilots

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Seeking to reduce aircraft accidents caused by bad winter weather, the fourth air force will permit only the most experienced army pilots to fly cross-country.

Only command pilots, senior pilots, and pilots with 1500 hours and a green instrument card, will be permitted to make such flights, the fourth air force announced today.

All flight plans into the Pacific northwest must include alternate landing fields having appropriate weather conditions, and aircraft must be equipped for icing conditions.

Armstrong, O'Hara, Clay Cochran, Braun and Aiken are on a liaison committee to work with city council, federal agencies and the main committee.

Unemployment Office Lines Lengthen



Applicants for unemployment compensation filled the Salem office of the U. S. employment service Wednesday and lined up on the sidewalk outside, sometimes forming a compact queue on the office door on Ferry street (left in picture) around the corner an equal distance on Cottage street.

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Nip-Based Soldiers Praised

MacArthur Calls GIs 'Exemplary' In East Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur reported tonight that the conduct of U.S. troops in Japan "has been exemplary" and that their presence "may be a decisive factor in shaping the future" of that country.

"If democracy cannot yet be imposed directly, it is at least being demonstrated," he wrote.

The report, released by the war department, covered in detail the first two months of the occupation—September and October. It made no reference to current matters or to relations with allied powers.

Groundwork Laid

It said that "positive steps have been taken to lay the groundwork for a democratic structure in Japan." But it added that "the Japanese government has suggested little during the two months of occupation pointing toward fundamental democratic reform."

"Political activity is hampered by the concentration of the people on the paramount problems of food, clothing and shelter," the report continued. "Even if the essentials of life were adequate in Japan, it would be unrealistic to expect spontaneous and widespread participation of the people in politics. They would willingly punish the policy-makers and bureaucrats for losing the war, and that is about all."

Not Individualists

"For democracy, they have had no experience with it in any way. Dignity of the individual is completely foreign to their background of feudalism and totalitarianism. The millions of peasants and the women in general are politically ignorant. Add to this the fact that real leaders are afraid to speak out, not knowing how long United States troops will be here to protect them against the dreaded secret police, and it will be readily understood why as yet there have been no significant political developments in Japan."

Filipino Faces Murder Charge

A first degree murder charge was filed Wednesday afternoon by Marion county District Attorney Miller B. Hayden against Bernard Borja Jucutan, 45, Filipino, for the shooting and killing of Lucan Galvez, another Filipino with a 22 calibre rifle early New Year's day in a Lake Labish farmhouse.

Jucutan, in a signed statement to police, admitted that he also stabbed Marcelino Ducusin who later died while being taken to the Salem General hospital by three other members of the Filipino party.

The two killings followed an evening of card-playing, arguments and drinking.

President Ends 5-Day Cruise



WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Truman waves from the gangplank as he leaves the presidential yacht Williamsburg at the navy yard here this morning as he ended five-day cruise on Potomac. Presidential naval aide, Commodore James K. Yardman is behind him. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 2).

Navy Brass Condemns Hospital Hand-Holding

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—"Constant embracing of Waves" and similar "absurd" conduct in the hidden nooks of the U.S. naval hospital in St. Albans, Queens, has got to stop, says the navy.

An official memorandum posted on all bulletin boards revealed—there's been kissing in "passageways, phone booths and corners."

Furthermore, there's been hand-holding. Embracing. Worst of all—"lollygagging."

Signed by Capt. C. F. Behrens of the navy medical corps, and approved by Capt. E. D. McMories, medical officer in charge, the memorandum said sternly: "It has been noted by this command that personnel are conducting themselves in an absurd manner in the passageways, phone booths and corners about the hospital."

"2. The holding of hands, osculation and constant embracing of Waves, corpsmen or civilians and sailors or any combination of male and female personnel is a violation of naval discipline constituted by the charge: 'Conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.'"

"3. Male and female personnel should only be together when conducting hospital business and this should be done in an orderly manner. Love-making and lollygagging are hereby strictly forbidden."

"4. All violations will be subject to disciplinary action."

A lollygagger is defined in the American thesaurus of slang as "a young man who lingers to spon in the hallway after bringing his inamorata home."

Income Tax Forms To Be Mailed Soon

The work of sending out state income tax blanks on which to file 1946 returns, based on 1945 incomes, will get under way early next week, the state tax commission announced Wednesday.

Approximately 400,000 blanks, including the new short forms approved by the 1945 legislature, will be required. These are now being printed. Of the total number of blanks, nearly 100,000 will go to corporations, partnerships and fiduciaries.

The 1946 returns must be filed by April 15 to escape penalty and interest.

Stark Contends 'Fair Warning' Sent to Kimmel

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Adm. Harold R. Stark said today that he had given "fair warning" before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

The 1941 chief of naval operations told a senate-house investigating committee Kimmel did not undertake aerial reconnaissance in compliance with the Nov. 27 message instructing him to execute a "defensive deployment."

Stark made the assertion under questioning from Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.). He and Kimmel were close friends and it came hesitantly, and obviously reluctantly.

Had Hawaii's defenses been alert, Stark said, the damage inflicted by the Japanese would at least have been "considerably lessened."

"I think they (the American forces) might have given a right good account of themselves," he added.

Stark had related earlier that 30 fighter planes were taken from Hawaii in the 10 days before the attack. Twelve were sent to Wake Island and 18 to Midway Island.

He contended this shift had not weakened Pearl Harbor's defenses because the outlying islands formed part of the defense chain around Oahu.

He said he agreed with President Roosevelt's view in 1940 that keeping the fleet at Pearl Harbor was a "deterrent" to Japanese aggression. Adm. J. O. Richardson, predecessor of Kimmel as fleet commander, had urged that it be based on the west coast.

It was Stark's second day as a witness. During a mid-day break in his testimony, the committee met in executive session and selected Seth Richardson, Washington attorney, as its new chief counsel.

Train, Cars in Freak Wreck, Trainman Hurt

Two cars and a logging train figured in a freak accident at the intersection of Perry and 12th streets late Wednesday night resulting in the injury to the brake man of the train.

Cars driven by Cole Stevens, 1135 N. Capitol st., and Virgil Gregory, 400 S. 19th st., collided at the intersection. The impact of the accident threw the Stevens car, on to the tracks of the Southern Pacific railroad. Before the car could be removed from the right of way it was struck by a south bound log train. There were no occupants in the car at the time of the second crash.

In bringing the train to a stop, H. W. Friesen, Dallas, brakeman on the train was thrown to the floor of the caboose, receiving chest injuries. Friesen was taken to Salem General in a first aid car. He was dismissed several hours later the hospital reported. None of the occupants of the cars were injured.

TO AID GM STRIKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—The committee to aid families of General Motors strikers announced today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former treasury secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and other prominent citizens had become affiliated with it.

Gen. Chennault Making 'Secret' China Mission

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, retired from active duty but still wearing the uniform of the U.S. army air forces, left by air today for China on what was described as a "secret" mission. The former "Flying Tiger" leader made no statement.

222,000 Applications in For 1946 Auto Licenses

Approximately 222,000 applications for 1946 automobile licenses had been received at the state department here Wednesday as against 198,500 at the same time a year ago. Officials estimated that 435,000 cars would be licensed in 1946.

Car owners not having 1946 plates now are subject to arrest under the state motor vehicle laws.

Weather

Table with columns: Max., Min., Rain. Rows: Salem, Eugene, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Willamette river.

FORECAST from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary field, Salem. Occasional light rains today, wind shifting from S to SE, 20 miles per hour. Maximum temperature 22 degrees.

Congressional Delegation Tells Of Year's Accomplishments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Major benefits are foreseen for Oregon by the state's congressional delegation, stemming from legislative accomplishments in the year just past.

Nearly \$5,000,000 in reclamation bureau work is scheduled for Oregon in 1946, but the principal legislative plum of 1945 was approval of the \$200,000,000 program for development of the Columbia and Snake rivers.

A waterway from Idaho to the Pacific will result from the river program, sought by the congressional delegation for years. The major item in the plan, the Umatilla dam, will be augmented by four dams on the Snake river.

The Oregon congressmen pointed to these 1945 accomplishments: Operation of the wood waste alcohol plant at Springfield and the

alumina from clay plant at Salem; expansion of veterans' hospitals at Portland and Roseburg and approval of a new 200-bed hospital at Klamath Falls; and plans for permanent use of Camp White at Medford if peacetime size of the army warrants its use.

Michael W. Straus, reclamation commissioner, in an announcement of 1946 plans, outlined for Oregon: Deschutes project, \$3,035,580; \$1,795,341 on the Klamath project; \$249,145 on the Owyhee project; and \$3000 on the Vale project, with an additional 50,000 acres being brought under irrigation in the Madras vicinity under the Deschutes project and making water available to 9300 public lands acres on the Coppeck buy area of the Klamath project.