

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Two years ago the streets of Salem were swarming with men in uniform. Camp Adair was at its peak of population. Soldiers, sailors and marines were coming and going constantly.

One year ago the number of men in uniform was much smaller. In fact there were very few young men left in Salem. Camp Adair was virtually closed. Our men had really gone to war.

Today the streets are alive with young men. Most of them wear, not the uniforms of the armed services, but discharge buttons in the lapels of their coats. They have come home from the war. The transformation has been like the ebb and flow of the tides. The men were here; they were gone; now they are back. In a swelling current they have returned in recent months.

For many of them the first period of the homecoming has passed. They have luxuriated in the old home, enjoyed mother's cooking and laughed at father's old jokes. They have renewed acquaintances. They have gotten back their land legs after long sea voyages, their civilian habits after living for many months under army and navy discipline and conditions. The welcome over, now the youth are facing the problem of finding employment.

The war interrupted their lives for a period of years, right when they were laying the foundations either in education or in starting their careers. Most of the returning service men feel an urgency to get into something where they may catch up on the time taken out for fighting. It is not with them just a matter of getting a job; it is an eager search.

U.S. to Divert Wheat to Aid Foreign Lands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Darker bread, less tasty pastries, and far less whiskey and beer were decreed for Americans today as President Truman moved to share this country's short wheat supply to avert what he called "mass starvation" abroad.

Further, a reduction in the nation's high level of meat and poultry production was requested as an additional means of making more wheat available for bread for the hungry in other lands.

The president, in a statement declaring the world faces a serious food crisis, called upon storekeepers and other distributors to institute informal rationing of foods that may be scarce for the months immediately ahead.

Borman Reported Hiding in Patagonia

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 6 (AP)—A group of Argentine refugees, calling themselves "the Association de Mayo," said tonight in a broadcast over a Montevideo radio station that a German submarine landed Hitler's chief deputy, Martin Bormann in Patagonia. The broadcast said Bormann was only one of several passengers landed by the submarine.

Animal Crackers



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Mac Orders 'Yama' to Die

Upholds Court's Verdict

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 7 (AP)—General MacArthur today upheld the death sentence imposed in Manila on Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, the Japanese whose soldiers perpetrated the rape of Manila.

He directed the commanding general in the western Pacific to "execute judgment upon the defendant stripped of uniform, decorations and other appurtenances signifying membership in the military profession."

Yamashita, condemned to die on the gallows for condoning widespread atrocities in the Philippines by troops under his command, had lost an appeal to the U.S. supreme court and final authority was in MacArthur's hands.

Date of the execution presumably will be announced by Lt. Gen. Wilhelm D. Styer, commanding army forces in the western Pacific.

"It is not easy for me to pass penal judgment upon a defeated adversary in a major military campaign," MacArthur said, however.

MacArthur said the "Tiger of Malaya" had "proven field merit." But MacArthur was not able to find "some mitigating circumstances on his behalf."

The supreme Allied commander added that it was appropriate to recall that Yamashita was fully forewarned of the personal consequences of such atrocities as his troops committed in the Philippines.

On Oct. 24, four days after Americans landed on Leyte, MacArthur recalled, he had publicly proclaimed that he would hold the Japanese command in the Philippines liable for any harm which might result from failure to give prisoners or internees proper treatment.

Break Looms In Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chief strategist of forces opposing the bill to set up a permanent fair employment practices commission, indicated tonight that a break may be imminent in the long filibuster against the measure.

"We have submitted a plan to the other side," he said after a conference of FEPC opponents, "and they appeared to be satisfied."

Russell indicated that the plan, details of which he said he had promised not to disclose, might bring the matter to a head tomorrow and put the bill "out of the way one way or another within a week." The filibuster has extended over a four-week period.

Plan to Change Board of Control Expected at Next Legislature

Reports circulating around the statehouse Wednesday forecast a 1947 legislature proposal for the reestablishment of a full-time state board of control composed of three men not holding elective state offices.

Such a board, it was said, would handle such state business problems as purchases, construction and supervision of state institutions.

Sponsors of the proposal referred particularly to the Minnesota law under which the board of control operates as a distinct unit of the state government and free from the dictation of regularly elected state officials. Persons who have studied the Minnesota law said it had operated very satisfactorily. Several other states have similar laws.

In Oregon the board of control

Santiam Roads Closed, New Slide on Columbia

Wind velocities dropped and the weather cleared occasionally Wednesday in Salem and vicinity, but the effects of Tuesday's storm throughout the state mounted.

Latest development was the closing of both the North Santiam and South Santiam highways last night, according to a state police report. A dirt slide at Upper Soda closed U.S. route 20 and heavy snow on the summit closed state route 222 there.

The state highway department earlier had reported 12 inches of new snow at Santiam junction, making a total of 105 inches of snow.

Hope to Reopen — Heavy wet snow near the summit also closed the Willamette highway between Eugene and Klamath Falls Wednesday afternoon, but snow removal crews of the state highway department hoped to reopen the road during the night.

Because the coast highway slide at Garibaldi did not cover the entire road as at first feared, one-way traffic was getting through Wednesday. A slide at Manzanita closed the same route but traffic was detouring via the Necanicum and Wolf Creek highways.

The west side Pacific highway was closed by high water at the St. Joe undercrossing near McMinnville. A detour was provided.

The Bellvue-Hopewell highway at Deer Creek and the Kings Valley highway south of Dallas also were closed by high water. Rickreall creek overflowed its banks and went over the Salem-Dallas highway near

Dairy but traffic was going through.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—Heavy snows in the mountain areas of the Pacific northwest tonight snarled railroad schedules and halted highway traffic as high winds moved inland from storm pounded coastal areas.

Trains on the Great Northern, Northern Pacific were running as late as 14 hours behind schedule in the snow bound Idaho, Montana and in North and South Dakota.

The Union Pacific's main line into Portland from Salt Lake City was still blocked by a land slide in the Columbia river gorge. Trains were being rerouted over the Washington state side of the river on Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad tracks.

Another huge rock and earth slide in the Columbia river gorge east of Portland tonight endangered work crews of the Union Pacific railroad struggling to clear 50,000 tons of slide blocking the mainline between Portland and Salt Lake City. A foreman said no workers were injured as tons of rock slid across U.S. highway 30, onto the railroad tracks and tumbled into the river for the second time since the first slide tumbled from the towering gorge walls.

The Liberty ship Henry Austin, which broke loose yesterday while being towed from San Diego to Portland, reported this afternoon that she was 80 miles south of the Columbia river mouth under her own power, with tug escort.

Oregon Traffic Deaths Jump 42% in 1945

Traffic deaths in Oregon jumped 42 per cent in 1945, when 349 persons were killed as compared with 245 killed in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., disclosed here Wednesday.

He estimated that a grand total of 45,000 traffic accidents would be reported for the year when all records are in, compared with the 32,047 accidents in 1944.

Vehicle - pedestrian collisions claimed the heaviest toll of 1945 fatalities, as 119 pedestrians were killed. This is an increase of 58 per cent over the toll of 75 pedestrians in 1944.

Grade crossing accidents took 14 lives in 1945 as against 24 in 1944. Eight bicycle riders were killed in 1945 compared with 10 in 1944. Of the total fatalities, 116 occurred in urban areas and 233 or 67 per cent in rural areas.

ROAD REPAIR DELAYED

County road crews all over the county reported set-backs in their road maintenance schedules due to the heavy rains, said County Judge Grant Murphy, Wednesday. Repairs on the roads necessitated by the recent heavy rains has been slowed down considerably, said Judge Murphy.

Marion-Polk Social Science Teachers to Have Training Class

Social science teachers of junior and senior high schools of Marion and Polk counties will have a two day "in service" training school Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9 at the old high school building, 460 N. Church st., in Salem.

The faculty for the special all day meetings will include Dr. Robert E. Anderson of the state department of education; Dr. J. W. Ellison, history department at Oregon State college; Dr. F. Glen Macomber, educational department at University of Oregon; and Mildred Williams, vice principal of Theodore Roosevelt junior high school in Eugene.

Reds Reiterate UNO Support

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov tonight pledged Russia's unswerving support of the United Nations as the frankly acknowledged means of insuring her own peaceful economic development.

"We need a lengthy period of peace and insured security for our country," Molotov said in an election speech broadcast by the Moscow radio.

"The peace-loving policy of the soviet union," he added, "is not some transient phenomenon." On the premise of a guaranteed peace, he challenged "capitalist" Europe and America to an economic development race which he said communist Russia would not lose.

SUNSPOT VISIBLE

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—A radio-interfering sunspot may be seen through smoked glasses, Robert E. Millar, Portland astronomer, said today. He described it as a dark blob in the sun's northern hemisphere.

WAGE POLICY DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles disclosed today that the administration thus far had been unable to agree on a new wage-price policy and that announcement of the formula might not be possible until late this week.

CLOTHING DRIVE ALA TOKYO

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 7 (AP)—A five-day city-wide search to confiscate stolen Japanese military food and clothing will begin Feb. 12, newspapers reported today.

Oregon Dam Plan Approved

State officials here were elated Wednesday by word from Washington, D. C., that many Oregon projects are included in the list of northwest flood control and harbor developments for which the house appropriations committee has approved allocation of \$276,614,250.

The largest projects in the list called for \$2,018,000 for Dorena reservoir and \$1,500,000 for Detroit reservoir.

The committee-approved bill is for army engineer work scheduled for the year beginning July 1. Besides Dorena and Detroit, these projects were listed:

Rivers and harbors — Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville, \$39,000; Columbia river at Bonneville, \$805,800.

Rivers and harbors advance planning — Depot Bay, Ore., \$100; Snake river, Ore., Wash. and Idaho, \$500,000; Columbia river, Ore. and Wash., Umatilla (McNary) dam, \$600,000.

Flood control planning — Quartz creek reservoir, Ore., \$130,000; Sweet Home reservoir, Ore., \$100,000; Coquille river basin, Ore., \$12,000; Nehalem river basin, Ore., \$2500; Arlington, Ore., Alkali canyon, \$4000.

Captain Avers Safford Wrong On 'Wind' Code

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Navy Capt. A. D. Kramer said today he saw only one "apparent" Japanese "winds" code message before Pearl Harbor and it implied only a Japanese break with England.

In a dramatic moment of the hearings by a senate-house committee investigating Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack, Kramer disputed point by point testimony of Capt. L. F. Safford that an intercepted message in Japan's "winds" code gave Washington 72 hours advance notice that Japan intended war with this country.

Kramer said it was not true, as Safford testified, that such a message was intercepted Dec. 4 and that Kramer wrote on it a translation: "War with U.S., war with England, peace with Russia."

There was an "apparent" winds message on Dec. 5, Kramer said, but it involved only Japanese-British relations.

Atom Droppers Due For Repeat Performance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The 500th composite group of the U.S. army air forces which dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki will repeat the performance on the target warships at Bikini atoll next May. The group, with about half the personnel of its wartime organization, is undergoing special training for the test at Roswell Field, New Mexico, a wartime base used for training B-29 crews.

Fir Given Top Priority On Building Schedule

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—A federal housing agency action granting "top priority" to the Douglas fir industry production schedule and perhaps a wage and price adjustment to prevent any disruption of operations was reported by Mayor Earl Riley today.

Mayor Riley said a letter from Wilson Wyatt, national housing administrator, had advised him of the recommended policy by the agency in an effort to spur building of homes.

NAZI PUPPET SUICIDE

BELGRADE, Feb. 6 (AP)—Gen. Milan Nedlic, Serbia's premier during the Nazi occupation, committed suicide by hurling himself from a third floor window of the prison in which he was held as a war criminal, the ministry of interior said tonight.

World Judge



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Green H. Hackworth, U.S. jurist, elected to the international court of justice by the UNO assembly and security council.

Technicality Halts Vote on Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The house tentatively approved a broad new strike control bill late today but adjourned without final action on the measure.

A technicality raised by Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) blocked a conclusive roll call vote on the far-reaching legislation offered by Rep. Case (R-SD).

Hoffman demanded that the bill, with all its numerous amendments, be read to the members before they voted.

The case bill would set up a national mediation board with power to step into major labor disputes and forbid strikes or lockouts for 30 days.

It would permit wide use of court injunctions in enforcing the cooling-off period or in preventing violence. It would outlaw violence in picketing, ban boycotts and provide for civil suits against either side breaking a contract.

Sherwood Mayor J. E. Morback Dies

SHERWOOD, Feb. 6 (AP)—J. E. Morback, 78, mayor of Sherwood for 30 years, died at his home here last night.

He came to Sherwood nearly 60 years ago. He first was in the mercantile business, later handled insurance and aided in organization of the Citizens' bank. Funeral services have been set tentatively for Friday. Survivors include the widow and three daughters.

Premium Flax, Growers' Aim At Santiam Annual Meeting

By MARGUERITE GLEESON
Valley Editor, The Statesman
JEFFERSON, Feb. 6 (Special)—Grow premium flax and forget about the state buyers. This was the consensus of opinion among the between 30 and 40 growers at the third annual meeting of the Santiam Flax Growers here tonight.

Arthur C. Page, president, reported the board of directors had been notified this week that the state would not buy in the territory this year. But whether the state would or would not buy did not seem to be bothering any of the growers, or at least it was not evident in any expressions of opinion, which seemed to revolve around the quality of the flax grown.

It was informally decided to seek a sign-up of at least 1000 acres of flax before attempting to operate this year and 377 was signed among the few members present. The most pessimistic expressed confidence that far more than the 1000 acres would be signed in plenty of time.

Russians Give In To Britain

Soviet Backs Up on Major Conflict Points

By John A. Parris
LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The United Nations security council tonight ended the critical Soviet-British dispute over the presence of British troops in Greece after Russia yielded on every major charge made against British policy in Greece.

Soviet Vice Commissar Andrei Vishinsky declared in a statement to the council that he would not insist on a declaration that British troops in Greece were a menace to world peace, as he had originally charged, nor that those troops should be withdrawn immediately.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin then announced Britain would accept a formula for settling the dispute which was drafted originally by the United States and introduced tonight by Russia. It provided for having the council drop the case with a statement by President Norman J. O. Makin of Australia, and pass on to the next business.

Bevin and Vishinsky immediately shook hands amidst applause from members of the council and the audience. The Russian and British leaders, who had battled through many tense hours of four council debates on Greece, stood up, their hands clasped for all to see.

Solons Delay Pauley Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Democratic members of the senate naval committee decided late today to delay until next week any further hearings on the disputed appointment of Edwin W. Pauley as undersecretary of the navy.

Senator Tobey (R-NH) outspoken opponent of the nomination, understood that the hearings would be resumed next week, but the democratic majority was divided on that issue.

Some of the democrats made it clear they believed President Truman should be requested to withdraw the nomination. Others were not convinced a retreat was indicated in the face of the criticism directed against Pauley, California oil man and former treasurer of the democratic national committee.

TAKEN TO CLEANERS

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—The Portland Heights cleaners announced today the firm was going out of business because an OPA order reduced its prices below a profitable margin, but the OPA answered that the prices were too high and if hardship is occasioned, application for adjustment may be made.

465 Off Stricken Vessel

Hope Still Held Survivors May Be Located

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Feb. 6 (AP)—The coast guard said tonight 32 persons were not accounted for when survivors of the wreck of the liner Yukon were landed at Seward.

The report said rescue vessels had brought 465 people off the grounded and broken Yukon to Seward and that no more rescue effort was expected, but that hope was held out that some small boats might arrive with some or all of those not yet accounted for. No bodies had been found, the coast guard said.

The passenger and crew lists were being rechecked at Seward in an attempt to determine if all who had been listed actually had been aboard when the Yukon sailed from Seward Sunday night on its tragic last voyage.

The pilot of an army airplane which flew the first disaster pluck to Seattle said it was "10 degrees below zero when we left Anchorage today and must have been close to zero off Seward."

The pilot, Lt. Roy C. Britten of Honolulu, said the "beach" upon which many of the Yukon's people took refuge "is only a 10 to 20 foot area" at the foot of a 500-foot cliff.

"The waves beat up on it," he said. "How anyone could survive long in that water I don't know."

Two Killed in Illinois Strikes, Tugboats Tied

By the Associated Press
Two fatal shootings in an Illinois railroad strike fracas and a call from the office of defense transportation for army and navy authorities to man New York harbor's strikebound tugboats marked the nation's postwar labor picture yesterday.

Lawrence C. Turner, federal manager of the struck tugboat facilities, sent out a request for army and navy help to restore shipping after representatives of 3500 striking AFL longshoremen voted against returning to work on government-seized boats.

Two men were killed and three others were wounded in a burst of gunfire at Gridley, Ill., after the strike-bound Toledo Peoria and Western railroad moved a coal train out of its strikebound Peoria, Ill., yards.

Sheriff Earl Richards of Bloomington, Ill., said he had been informed the shooting followed throwing of rocks at trainmen when the train stopped at a crossing.

At Peoria, W. C. Kessler, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, asserted "our strikers were shot down in cold blood by employed gunmen of the railroad."

Russians Urge Arabs to Action

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—A Moscow broadcast quoting the magazine New Times today declared that the war had brought "the changes necessary for the Arab countries to obtain national sovereignty," and in soviet Armenia, a high official said Armenians wanted "the return of soviet Armenia, forcibly occupied by Turkey."

The Moscow broadcast quoting the New Times said "important changes have also occurred in the relations of forces between the great powers who consider themselves involved in a solution of the middle east problems."

It said Arab countries were striving for independence, and that the United States was becoming active in the middle east, particularly in "economic penetration."

PALACES ENDANGERED

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Occupants of Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House, where Dowager Queen Mary is in residence, were warned today to move to the back rooms while engineers attempt to remove the fuse from the first of three unexploded German bombs in St. James park.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	47	40	36
Eugene	48	39	36
Portland	48	39	36
San Francisco	55	40	36
Seattle	46	38	35

Willamette river 5.5 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today, occasional light showers. Little temperature change. Highest today 48 degrees.