

Servicemen Tour Salem Alumina Plant

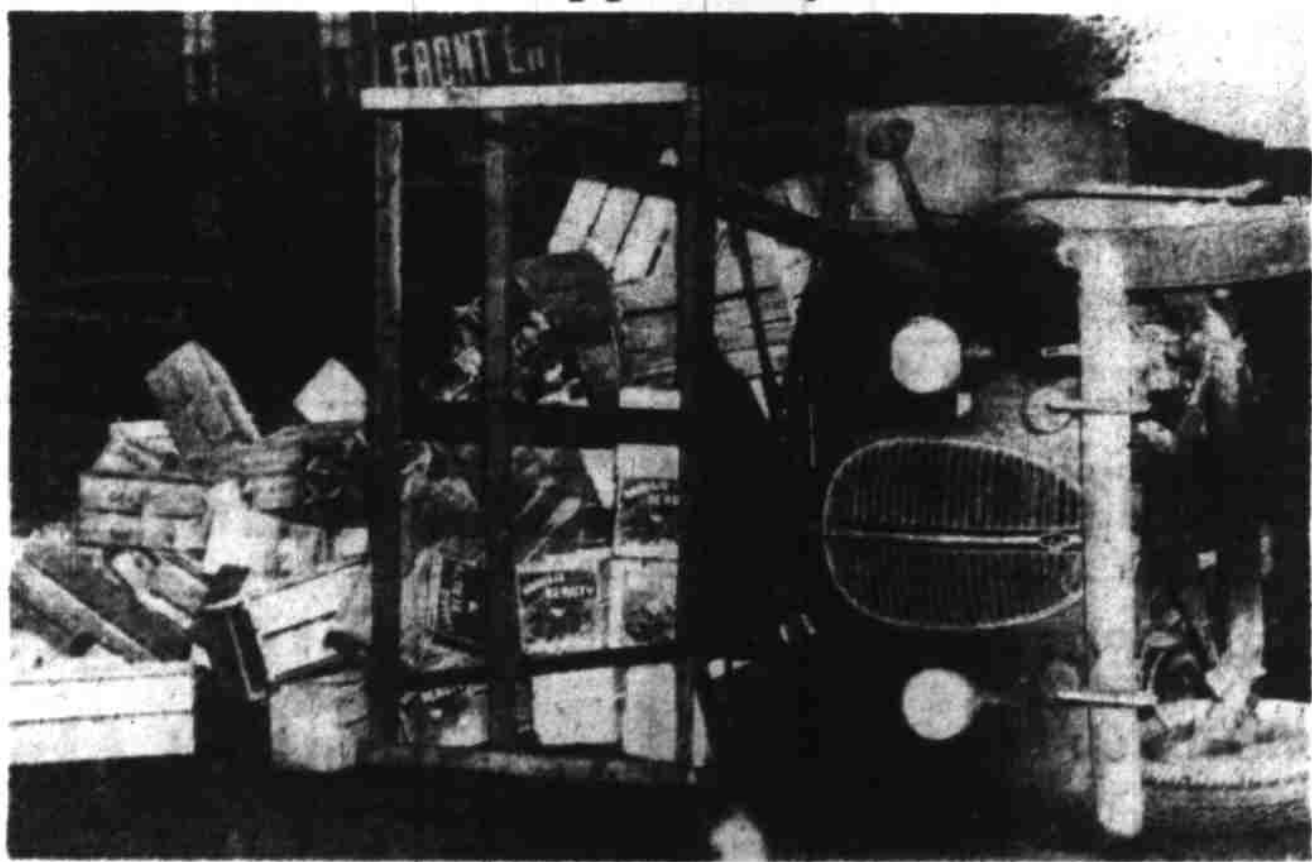
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Men in service uniforms from which the insignia had been removed were much in evidence at the Salem alumina plant Thursday when representatives of various veterans' organizations were taken on a tour through the big new factory.

Eighty four of the 195 persons employed in operations are veterans of the recent war, the visitors were told. A large percentage of the 161 employed in construction also are veterans, it was said.

Largest in West
The organization representatives were taken from the great electrically-heated tank, largest in the west and one of the largest in the world, which produces 150,000 pounds of steam pressure per hour, along an assembly-line type of chemical operation. They saw how the clay is mashed in a hammer-mill, baked in a huge kiln, stored in a 500-ton concrete silo, thence moved in smaller batches into an ammonium sulphate solution, spun in centrifuges, baked and washed and washed some more and finally the alumina residue is dried in the great kiln, raised by vacuum into another silo and is ready for shipment. They saw the biggest crystallizer in the world, where ammonium sulphate is manufactured for the alumina process and for fertilizer.

Tour Conductors
Stanley Banyra and Ted Werneke, chemical engineers at the plant which was built to test on a large scale the formulas for reduction of alumina from clay, conducted the tour. In the group were Major Blakely of state selective service offices; Mrs. A. L. Strayer, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars; W. H. Baillie of the U. S. employment service; Jim Harris of the veterans' administration; Don Goode, state veterans' affairs office and commander of Salem post No. 136, American Legion.

Truck Toppled By Wind



BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 14.—A whole gale, which swept western New York today, upset this truck in a downtown Buffalo street, scattering its cargo of about 500 empty orange crates. No one was injured in the accident, but the gale, which hit 66 miles an hour in gusts, caused one death and thousands of dollars in property damage. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Archie Brewster, Disabled American Veterans; Comdr. I. N. Bacon and Brazier Small of Capital post No. 9, American Legion; J. H. Hopkins of Salem board No. 1, selective service office; Bill Scott, American Veterans' committee; and representatives of the press. A. W. Metzger, the plant's public relations director, arranged the tour.

Board to Scan Hicswa Record

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A military board will "carefully examine" the record of the trial of PFC. Joseph E. Hicswa, sentenced to death in Japan for the slaying of two Japanese civilians, the war department announced today.

The trial record has been reviewed by the army judge advocate general. After the review board has completed its study its recommendation will be submitted to President Truman for final action. Hicswa, of Wallington, N. J., was convicted of murder by a general court-martial.

Congressmen Contend Military Destroying, Hoarding Goods

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The house expenditures committee heard assertions today that the army and navy are destroying or hoarding many surplus war goods.

Several committee members advanced this contention at a hearing on legislation to overhaul the surplus property disposal act.

The accusations were denied immediately by Maj. Glen E. Edgerton, vice chairman of the war assets corporation, which handles excess items after they are declared surplus.

He said the army, navy and his organization all are "doing as good a job as possible" in speeding disposal of surpluses.

Reps. Gossett (D-Tex) and Whittington (D-Miss) took particularly sharp issue with him. Both declared that "surplus autos by the acre and the mile" are being junked by the army and navy on Pacific ocean island bases. They did not name any places.

Edgerton replied that no such instances had been called to his attention.

"That's just the trouble," Whittington responded. "You aren't doing your job. Congressmen are informing you of this situation and you aren't demanding that the army and navy make these goods available to consumers."

"The army and navy have declared goods surplus in all the quantities they can stand," Edgerton answered. "I think they have been successful."

"I don't want to be harsh," Whittington continued. "But I beg to differ with you. The army and navy are acting to keep material from being declared surplus. They are hoarding it, or destroying it in many instances. And the administration of the surplus property disposal act has been unparadigmatic and in disrepute for some time."

Stolz, Joyce Biff Tonight

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Two of the nation's ranking lightweights — Allie Stolz and Willie Joyce — headline Madison Square Garden's weekly bank-busting bank night tomorrow, and as usual Mr. Fight Fan will see to it that the banking will be done mostly by Promoter Mike Jacobs. Observers predicted 15,000 of the clout customers would show up to chip in to a gate of more than \$60,000. Stolz, outpointed Joyce last Nov. 12, but the baffling bookmakers are making the Gary Negro a 5 to 6 favorite to get even.

Portlanders Bid Farewell to Hoyt

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Hundreds of his friends gathered at a testimonial dinner tonight to say goodbye to Palmer Hoyt, who resigned as publisher of the Oregonian to become editor and publisher of the Denver Post. Prominent guests included Henry Luce, executive of the company publishing Time, Life and Fortune magazines, and James A. Linen, publisher of Time. E. C. Sammons, president of the U. S. National bank here, was toastmaster.

MINIMUM PAY BILL OKED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A bill estimated to raise the pay of 4,000,000 to 8,000,000 persons was approved today by the senate labor committee. It would raise the minimum wage required by law from 40 to 65 cents an hour.

HOLLYWOOD
Robert Lowery and Phyllis Brooks in "Dangerous Passage"
Co-Feature Hopalong Cassidy in "False Colors"
Plus "Donald Duck" Cartoon — Opens 6:45 P.M.

Nation's State Department Held Impotent

Joseph K. Carson, former Portland mayor and more recently a U.S. army colonel in occupied Germany, told the Columbia Empire Industries last night that "it's time the people of America awoke to the fact that our state department is utterly impotent."

"Twice within little more than a generation, American manpower, material and money have gone abroad, all for a principle," he declared, in emphasizing "the need to state clearly a policy for peace and accord among all nations."

Twenty-five members and guests of Columbia Empire Industries attended the dinner and informal discussion at the Marion hotel. Presiding was Lloyd Riches of Salem, president, to whom high tribute was paid by the retiring president, Thomas C. Young of Portland.

Robert R. McKean of Portland, manager of the organization outlined the group's program of publicizing this area's products, keeping informed of employer and employ relations, and continuing a close study of state and national legislation.

Among major topics discussed was unemployment compensation. A number of abuses of the law was cited. Several members raised questions of procedure and policy.

Carson, in addition to his comments on foreign policy, told the group that less than 25 per cent of the national energy could be utilized in providing a sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter, and declared that "the things we don't actually have to have are the basis of our prosperity." He also decried what he termed "a lack of pride among those who work, in doing a good job."

Others attending the session, most of them taking part in the discussions, included Douglas McKay, Ralph Campbell, William Paulus, Fred Starrett, Clyde Everett, C. Kenneth White, K. W. Heinlein, W. R. Seyfried, Robert Patton, Fred Pellitier, Frank Rosebraugh, H. Pearson, Harold Robertson, M. E. Walters, and Steve Stone, all of Salem; G. M. Brown of Stayton; Charles E. Cassel, Phil E. Hodel, John Y. Lansing, all of Portland.

Last night's session was the first of 30 now on the schedule.

WSC Team Revamped

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 14.—(AP)—A hastily rebuilt Washington State college swimming team will invade Oregon this week to meet Oregon State college Friday and the University of Oregon Saturday.

ENGLISH BANK SOCIALIZED

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A bill to bring the 250-year-old Bank of England under public ownership became law tonight with the granting of the royal assent. It was the first major measure of the labor government's campaign-planned program of socialization.

Bethells of Salem Visit Relatives

NORTH SANTIAM, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bethell of Selma, Calif., have been a recent visitor of his mother Mrs. Amanda Bethell. James Bethell drove to Yocolt, Wash., to visit Ben Bethell's sister, Mrs. Nannie Graham.

MONGOLIA RECOGNIZED

CHUNGKING, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Mongolian peoples republic — formerly Outer Mongolia — and China have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, a spokesman for the Mongolian delegation announced today.

PLAY AT LIBERTY

Salem Civic Players will present their spring comedy production, the three-act "Excuse My Dust," in the Liberty grange hall tonight under sponsorship of the Liberty Community club.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

FOUR CORNERS, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Members of the fourth grade at Auburn school helped George Krasch celebrate his 10th birthday recently when his mother, Mrs. Roy Krasch, entertained.

Petition Circulating South of Salem Seeks Fire Department

Petitions for the establishment of a fire district in the Red Hills area south of Salem are now in circulation and sentiment among property holders of the district favors maintenance of their own fire department, it was reported Thursday by Lewis Judson, secretary of the Liberty Farmers Union committee in charge.

Nearly 1000 signatures will be required, it was said, as 25 per cent of all real property holders must sign before the county court will receive such a petition. Getting the signatures is slowed considerably because many of the actual property owners are not residents, Judson stated.

Police Continue Investigation of Reported Shots

Investigation of reports of gunfire and gun threatening Wednesday night was continued Thursday by city police, who have tentatively appraised the local incidents as the work of "hoodlums showing off."

Two incidents following the alleged shooting at Dean Ray L. Smith of Willamette university law school shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday were reported later. N. M. Hickok, 1285 N. 21st st., said he was fired at twice from a darkened car a block north of his home at 9:25 p.m. and that the car immediately turned west into D street and disappeared.

Both Dr. Smith and Hickok said they noticed a bright flash from the weapon, leading police to believe blanks were fired. A second investigation at the Smith home Thursday failed to disclose any sign of bullet marks or empty shells.

The third incident was reported by Mrs. Helen McLaren, 540 1/2 Gaines st., who said she was accosted at the Division and High streets corner shortly after 9 p.m. by a slender young man on foot who told her "If you don't stop I'll shoot" several times, but did not fire when she ran across the street to the safety of a house. She said it appeared he might have held a small automatic weapon in his hand.

POLICE BALL SUCCESS

City police believed their annual Policeman's ball, held Thursday night at Crystal Gardens, a success, but early this morning had not totaled the ticket sales. Money from the dance is to go into their athletic fund.

CAR, TRUCK COLLIDE

A car operated by Dorothy Jain, 825 Madison st., and a truck operated by Thomas W. Eubanks, route 4, Salem, collided at the intersection of Court and North 14th streets at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. The front end of the sedan was crushed but no one was injured, city police said.

Greenberg Signed

DETROIT, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Hank Greenberg, slated for the job of first baseman with the world champion Detroit Tigers this season, today agreed to his 1946 contract and will report for spring training within a few days.

Montana vs. Whitman

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Montana State university's fast-breaking Grizzlies, back from a two-game series with Idaho, will entertain Whitman here Friday and Saturday.

Bratton Avers No Tip-off in Nip Messages

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Col. Rufus S. Bratton told Pearl Harbor investigators today there was nothing in decoded Japanese messages to give a tip of intended attack until the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

When Tokyo's instructions arrived then for her ambassadors to present at 1 p.m. a note breaking off peace negotiations, that meant to him an attack, the army officer said.

Bratton was chief of the far eastern section, military intelligence, in 1941. In that post, he was one of the first to see intercepted and decoded Japanese messages, known as "magic."

He told a senate-house investigating committee he never saw a pre-Pearl Harbor "winds" code message signifying Japan's intention to break with the United States. If the war department ever had one, he believed he would have seen it, Bratton added.

Reversing earlier testimony to an army inquiry board, Bratton also testified it was possible he did not deliver to any high military officers on the evening of Dec. 6, the first 13 parts of Japan's note. The 14th and final part, and instructions to Japan's "peace" negotiators to deliver it at 1 p.m. Dec. 7, were not then available.

Charles Sprague Reelected to Head Churches Council

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Charles A. Sprague, Salem, was re-elected to his fourth term today as president of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Six new vice presidents were named: A. C. Caswell, Eugene; Rev. Elton E. Smith, McMinnville; Rev. Robert Prentice, Bend; Rev. Lael Westberg, Corvallis; Prof. H. C. Seymour, Corvallis; Rev. Roy A. Fedje, Salem.

Rev. William R. Lindsay of Lake Grove was re-elected secretary and Guy E. Jaques, Portland, treasurer.

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