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SO—NAZIS WON'T BE BUFFALOED!

From that mythical personage "the spokesman" of the German government comes the statement which confirms the sinking of the American freighter Robin Moor by a Nazi submarine and the wording of that statement is rather remarkable:

"We won't be buffaloed by any American or English discussion concerning the Robin Moor. Whenever any ship with contraband sails for England we'll shoot at it, whether it is the Robin Moor or anything else."

Well—there you have your "incident" to provoke a declaration of war. The Robin Moor was not bound for England but for Cape Town Africa. According to our state department she was not carrying contraband.

The Germans, of course, will argue that South Africa is part of the British Empire (though not officially at war). They can argue that any kind of useable goods nowadays is contraband. And they can contend that our whole rigamarole of "neutrality" has been a sham from the beginning.

This is no time for quibbling. The sinking of the Robin Moor is Germany's answer to President Roosevelt's recent declaration in which he re-affirmed "freedom of the seas." Furthermore it was an act of wanton and deliberate cruelty. The U-boat captain did not keep his promise to wireless for help. He left the survivors of the Robin Moor adrift in the vast South Atlantic. Obviously it was his belief and his hope that they would perish—"spürlos versenkt" (sunk without a trace).

People old enough to remember the incidents leading up to the last war will recall that in the early winter of 1917 we armed our merchantmen and warned Germany that we would defend against submarine attack. The answer was Admiral Von Tirpitz's famous warning of February 1, 1917 that all ships entering war zones would be "sunk without warning."

The sinking of the Robin Moor comes without any exchange of warnings. It exceeds the outrages of 1917 in ferocity. It should make it perfectly clear to everybody that the issue is barbarism. The legalistic technicalities should not matter.

For many, many months we have chosen to say bluntly that the United States is at war with Germany and deplored the political camouflage of our dangerous situation. There can be no peace or pretense of peace for the United States until the power of Hitler is broken.

There should be no more half truths or half measures at Washington!

DAN BEARD'S UNIQUE CHOICE

When a man gives up a distinguished career in the fine arts to become leader of a youth movement, there is material for thought. In his early manhood, Dan Beard was the illustrator of many of Mark Twain's most famous books, and his work is still held in high regard as art. Art connoisseurs say that the drawings reflected a man who understood both humor and pathos.

Had Dan Beard chosen to go in the field of art, he could not have achieved any greater fame than he did as the founder of the American Boy Scouts, but it would have been a different kind of fame. Why did Dan Beard prefer the admiration of boys to the plaudits of the sophisticated "lovers of art"?

The ready explanation is that Dan Beard himself loved the open country. As a boy he had roamed the wooded hills of Ohio and Kentucky (the Daniel Boone country). He had never quite "grown up". He was moved to pity youngsters cooped up on the streets of New York. He was a simple soul who preferred simplicity to the elaborate pretenses of "the artistic life."

Maybe so. A true artist is supposed to be a seeker after truth. Perhaps the main fact of importance is that Dan Beard did the thing he wanted to do, lived the kind of life he wanted to live and made himself the master and not the slave of his craft. He painted his ideal into millions of boyish hearts.

New York police arrested a pigeon for carrying policy game slips, proving it's poor policy for the game to go coo-coo.

The yarn trade has improved greatly—fishing, not cotton.

Elevator in Chicago dropped three stories and the operator was fired. For falling down on the job?

All little kids in cities should be taken

to the country so they'll know that flowers don't grow on hats.

Saving for rainy days is fine unless it makes you fail to enjoy the sunny ones.

The silver lining of most clouds is tarnished from lack of use.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

AIRPORT PROSPECTS
(Salem Statesman)

The benefits—adulterated somewhat by obligations—of the actual establishment of defense training centers as distinguished from the distribution of defense contracts, are already being realized by Portland, Pendleton and the Astoria-Seaside area. Similar benefits are anticipated by Medford and Eugene though there are hints that they may have to share them, if their expectations actually develop, by Grants Pass and Albany, respectively.

Salem may expect to be similarly favored only from one direction—defense aviation. Because Salem had the foresight to provide a commodious airport, the wisdom of which was in doubt for most of a decade, there are prospects, no one may say how substantial, that some of the functions of the army aviation training program may be allocated here.

Observing the experiences of these other cities, one may conclude that the community's attitude and activity may have important bearing upon whether or not this possibility becomes an actuality. The city has already expended a reasonable sum upon expansion of the airport, and is reaping the benefit in a large federal expenditure. From this point on the outlook is based principally on conjecture.

Having made such an investment, the government might be expected to make some practical use of it. There are strong hints that it so plans and that the city would profit from obtaining ownership of still more land in the airport vicinity in the furtherance of those plans. One could wish for something more substantial, but that apparently is not the army's way of doing things.

This matter will be before the city council Monday night. The proposed expenditure is not great; neither is it inconsiderable. There are some fine points relative to the degree of probability that the rumored program will develop, on which we are not yet adequately informed. If the prospects are well substantiated the city should take whatever steps are necessary to cooperate. A defense aviation development of reasonable proportions would be more nearly an unmixed blessing than a large military cantonment.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—While the war department plans activities inland in Oregon, the navy is arranging to strengthen its coast positions. From San Diego to Alaska the navy will establish sectional bases in the coming year, preparing nests for small craft from where they can dart to sea, scout and return to these shelters. There is more than the sectional bases in the program; there is an extensive plan for the construction of small craft to use the bases. Unless the information is incorrect, some of these small boats will be built on the Columbia river.

Starting at San Diego, there will be a base at San Pedro, San Francisco, Morro bay, Eureka (just south of the Oregon line), Coos bay, Astoria, Seattle, Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Neah bay. Then a jump to Alaska, with sectional bases at Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Juneau and Seward. Such is the set-up, but later there is a prospect of other bases being located at Crescent City, Gold Beach, Yaquina and Gray's Harbor. First estimate is for \$50,000,000 and if this isn't sufficient a deficiency bill will be introduced next year. This money is for the stations—not for the small craft. Cost of each station will be a trifle less than \$1,000,000, with a few stations in excess of that amount depending on the complement of boats, the housing facilities required, etc.

FROM end to end the Pacific coast will be pockmarked with these small facilities and at long last the admirals have come to realize Oregon and Washington—the Pacific northwest—are worth protecting. Heretofore naval activities have been concentrated at the bathing beaches of southern California, and attempts to arouse their interest in the Columbia river region have met with a fishy eye. The navy is now going to town in the northwest and from Eureka (practically in Oregon and belonging to Oregon geographically) to the straits of Juan de Fuca there will be a navy patrol.

With approximately 60 sectional bases (they will be scattered from Portland, Maine, to Trinidad, to Cuba, the canal zone) a substantial fleet of small craft will be required. A few of these boats will be built on the Great Lakes and worked down the Atlantic coast, or reach the gulf via the Mississippi, but on the Pacific coast there will be work for more shipyards; new shipyards.

Some of these boats will be the swift mosquito type, built for high speed (60 m.p.h.) and carrying torpedoes. Others the 160-footers. Both of these types can be constructed of wood. All of the mosquito boats have hulls of wood. These and the larger boats can be made on the Columbia river, the engines for the speed boats being put together in the east. A yard at Coos bay, where one sectional base is to be located, has tentative orders for eight boats, larger than the small torpedo craft.

Before July 1 the navy should have its appropriation for the bases and thereafter let contracts on a cost-plus fixed-fee, the fee not to exceed six per cent. It is understood that the navy already has its eye on the sites required and no landowner will be able to upset the national defense program.

Oregon fruit and vegetable canners will have a better chance to do business with the army if the Walsh-Healy act is abrogated. Under this law, which has been a handicap to the army and navy since its inception, any concern filling an order for either branch of the armed service in an amount more than \$10,000 must comply with the wages and hours set by Secretary of Labor Perkins. The canneries, which have seasonal operation, are exempt from the wages and hours act and none of them have taken contracts direct with the army and navy, which might place them under the jurisdiction of Madam Perkins. Army is discovering that in purchasing canned fruit and vegetables it is running up against speculators and has decided that if the Walsh-Healy act can be suspended it can deal directly with the canners. Labor unions (who wanted the law to apply to orders as low as \$2,000) are preparing to resist any weakening of the Walsh-Healy act. It is no secret, however, that the army (and navy, too) is fed up with union demands with excessive cost of army camps and the constant handicap of strikes.

Starfish being the sworn enemy of the oyster, congress wishes to save the oyster and make the starfish contribute something to humanity other than being used to decorate the radiators of cars returning from the beaches. The starfish wraps itself around the oyster and rips it open. Congressmen wish to preserve them from the starfish and has voted \$10,000 to have the starfish studied. There is a hint that it might contain vitamins and if so scientists may discover a way to use these commercially. Best oyster beds on the Oregon coast are at Yaquina.



PLANE STRIKE ENDS AS MASS MEETING VOTES "BACK TO WORK"—"Back to work" was the vote of the C. I. O.-U. A. W. strikers at the North American Aviation Company's Inglewood, Calif., plant at a mass meeting held after the U. S. army took over the factory. Principal speakers at the meeting were these nine strike leaders, deposed by the national C. I. O. for leading the "outlaw" strike in defiance of C. I. O. orders. From left: Elmer Freitag, William Goodman, Walt Wiitanen, Robert Mallory, Wyndham Mortimer, Lew Michener, C. I. O. regional director; William Blackman, David Simpson and William Pupos.

Friday Radio

KORE, Eugene—1450 Kilocycles

(Mutual-Dan Lee Network)

5:00 p. m.—Front Page Drama

5:15—Passing Parade

5:30—Captain Midnight

6:00—Raymond Gram Swing

6:15—Singing Strings

6:30—News

6:45—Howard and Shelton

7:00—United Press on the Air

7:15—Lightning's Fishing News

7:30—News

8:00—Serenade in Waltz Time

8:15—Williams' Bakery Interviews

8:30—A. County Band

9:00—News, Hardy

9:15—Griff Williams' Orch.

9:30—Pulmon Lewis Jr.

9:45—Jimmy Joy Orch.

10:00—Jim Lawson's Lumberjacks

10:30—News

10:45—Henry King Orch.

11:00—Jan Savitt Orch.

11:30—Duke Ellington Orch.

12:00—News

12:15—Night Owl Bandwagon

KGW Portland—620 Kilocycles

(NBC Red Network)

5:30—Under Walter's Doghouse

6:00—Wings of Destiny

6:30—Something to Think About

6:55—Melodie Moods

7:00—Pleasure Time

7:15—Lum and Abner

7:30—Death Valley Days

7:45—Studebaker Champions

8:00—Port Lewis Notes

8:45—Palladium Ballroom Orch.

8:55—Musical Interlude

9:00—Your Mayor Speaks

9:15—Palace Hotel Orch.

9:30—Frontiers of Industry

10:00—News Flash

10:15—Brick Holton, Songs

10:30—St. Francis Orch.

11:00—News

11:15—Bal Tabarin Cafe Orch.

11:30—Fountain Gardens Orch.

11:55—News Bulletin

KOAC, Corvallis—550 Kilocycles

5:00 p. m.—Music

6:00—Dinner Concert

6:15—News

6:30—Farm Hour

6:45—Markets, Weather

7:00—Fourth Club Summer School

7:30—Fourth Club Radio Revue

8:30—Oregon on Parade

9:30—Music

KEX Portland—1100 Kilocycles

(NBC Blue Network)

5:00 p. m.—Buster Brown Quiz

5:45—Musical Interlude

5:50—Baldwin Varieties

6:00—The Nickel Man

6:30—First Piano Quartet

6:45—Romance and Rhythm

6:55—News Headlines and Highlights

7:00—Defense Today

7:25—Musical Interlude

7:30—Ben Bernie's Army Game

7:45—Grandpa and His Pals

8:00—Portland Baseball Games

10:15—Biltmore Orch.

10:30—Behind the Headlines

10:45—Musical Interlude

11:00—Your Happy Birthday

11:30—Portland Police Reports

11:55—Musical Interlude

12:00—This Moving World

12:15—Bill Sabransky, Organist

12:30—News Roundup

Saturday Radio

KORE, Eugene—1450 Kilocycles

(Mutual-Dan Lee Network)

6:00 a. m.—News

6:15—Early Bird

7:00—News

7:15—Singing Varieties

7:45—Morning Devotional

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Saturday Night—

Art Holman's Band

8:00—Musical Interlude

8:05—Alvino Rey Orch.

8:30—Sunshine Almanac

8:45—Let's Waltz

9:00—U. S. Army Band

9:30—Hits of the Day

9:45—Bill Find My Way

10:00—News

10:15—Concert Half Hour

10:45—George Delf Orch.

11:00—From the Kentucky Mountains

11:30—Claude Knight Orch.

11:45—First Day, 1941

12:00—News

12:15 p. m.—What Lane County Thinks

12:30—The Early Birds

12:45—Hits of the Day

1:00—From Timber to Plywood

1:30—At Your Command

3:00—News

3:15—Salon Melodies

3:30—Morton Gould's Orch.

4:00—Green Hornet

4:30—Hawaii Calls

KGW Portland—620 Kilocycles

(NBC Red Network)

6:00 a. m.—Sunrise Serenade

6:30—The Early Birds

7:00—News Headlines and Highlights

7:15—Music of Vienna

7:30—Week-End Whimsy

8:00—Sam Hayes

8:15—From New England to You

8:30—Call to Youth

8:45—Matinee in Rhythm

9:00—Lincoln Highway

9:30—Hotel Taft Orch.

9:45—News

9:50—Hotel Taft Orch.

10:00—Paul Laval Orch.

10:30—Gordon Jenkins Orch.

11:00—State of Tomorrow

12:00—News

12:05 p. m.—Campus Capers

12:30—Boy, Girl, Band

1:00—The World is Yours

1:30—Nat. Fed. Music Clubs

2:00—Readily Help Orch.

2:30—News

2:30—Art of Living

2:45—News

3:00—Message of Israel

3:30—Essex House Hotel Orch.

3:45—H. V. Kaltenborn

4:00—Latitude Zero

4:30—Palladium Ballroom Orch.

KEX Portland—1100 Kilocycles

(NBC Blue Network)

6:00 a. m.—Musical Clock

7:00—Rex Maupin Orch.

7:15—Breakfast Club

8:00—Amen Corner Program

8:30—Farm and Home

9:30—Cleveland Calling

10:00—News

10:15—Indiana Indigo

10:30—Charmingly We Live

10:45—Hotel Lexington Orch.

11:00—Al and Lee Reiser, Pianists

11:15—Talk, O. M. Plummer

11:30—Music of the Americas

12:00—Club Matinee

12:30—p. m.—New Headlines and High

12:45—Markets

12:50—Household Hints

1:25—Lost and Found Items

12:55—Musical Interlude

1:00—Circus Quiz

1:15—Sing Before Supper

1:30—Carl Kalaish Orch.

2:00—El Chico Spanish Revue

2:30—News

2:30—Portland Baseball

4:30—St. Francis Hotel Orch.

KOIN Portland—870 Kilocycles

(CBS Network)

6:00 a. m.—Northwest Farm Reporter

6:15—Breakfast Bulletin

6:30—KOIN Clock

7:15—Headlines

7:30—Bob Garwood Reporting

7:45—Consumer News

8:00—Country Journal

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