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Blackouts

Can you turn out every light on your premises within 60 seconds after an air raid alarm is sounded? If there is any doubt in your mind—if you are in doubt as to the possibility of hearing the alarm—turn the questionable light out. This is now on a 60-second basis instead of the old 10-minute basis.

Lumbermen Hit Columbia Power Authority Plan

Committee Named

Williamette Valley Lumbermen at a large gathering in Eugene last night unanimously approved any immediate attempt to effect the Ickes plan for Columbia Power Authority. They voted that the proposed \$100,000,000 expense and political fight seriously impede war production.

A practical alternative they suggested is an immediate interconnection and pooling of power resources for the conservation of energy needed in war production.

Also named G. R. Bleeker, T. V. Larsen, of Noti; Dale Fischer, of Marcola, a committee to work with Robert Evenden, of Oregon State College, of the difficult task of covering the light from all waste burners during air raids.

Problem Not Simple

The sawmill men of this area are cooperative in every way in safety measures during air raids, said H. J. manager of the association. However, the problem is not by any means. Most of the sawmills are under heavy pressure to get lumber needed for war production, and no quick or economical method has yet been devised to check the fires.

Evenden pointed out that to turn streams of water on large sawmills causes heavy damage to costly brick structures. If the fire could be extinguished between warning and attack, which is doubtful. If it is not burned from day to day, soon chokes the operation of the mill and adds a tremendous hazard.

Evenden suggested the answer may be found in the use of chemicals to create a screen around the burners to prevent notice and he plans to conduct experiments to develop a method and determine operating costs.

Problem Worked Out

Lumbermen and the rangers of national forest service are also giving serious attention to proper fire prevention in the forest fires season. They think this has been a problem pretty well worked out, says Mr. Cox.

Resolution

A resolution opposing the Columbia Authority Authority follows: WHEREAS on December 7, 1941, the United States government made an unprovoked attack on our country resulting in the death of our men and navy and our army and navy were engaged on land and sea against that aggressor nation, and

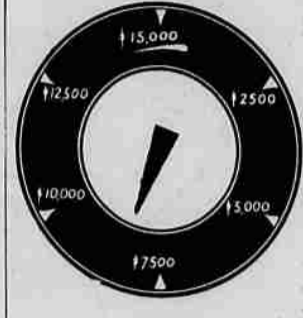
WHEREAS in order to bring about a successful conclusion of our people be united, resources pooled and our government supported, and

WHEREAS there is pending in Congress of the United States bills, each creating a Columbia Power Authority, and

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W. S. Asks U. S. All-Out Action

YORK, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—W. S. Asks U. S. All-Out Action. He called on Americans to "dedicate ourselves to the war effort with simplicity and hard work." He said that "our negligence will cause many American boys to die needlessly." He said that "we should have been prepared, and we spent our substance on frivolous expenditures which have been devoted to empty promises and tanks. Our boys will cause many American boys to die needlessly." He said, "We do not have to wait for the war to begin. We must learn to live on the least that we can get on the most."



Red Cross Has Three More Days

The familiar chant "Three More Shopping Days until Christmas" is being paraphrased by Red Cross workers into "three more days to give to the Red Cross war relief chest, as 150 workers in the city and hundreds throughout the county bend every effort to meet their \$15,000 goal by Christmas Eve.

The war chest was over the half-way mark by Saturday night with the clock standing at \$7,995.94.

The slogan "A day's pay for the Red Cross war relief" seems to be "clicking" throughout the city and county according to the general committee. First of the automobile dealers to report was Siglow-Sawyer with every employee giving his "one day's pay." Other organizations reporting 100 per cent coverage of their employees were General Grocery, J. C. Penney's, the First National and U. S. National banks.

A report was also made that employees in every division of the Southern Pacific company have agreed to give a day's pay on their Dec. 26 pay day. Kenneth Miller, chairman of the payroll division, declared Saturday that much of the work of his committee must wait until the pay days. Some of the

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Street Lights Turned Out

On immediate receipt of the order that city lights must all be out, or be in a position to be put out within 60 seconds of an air raid alarm, Eugene water officials turned out all the street lights in town, both the downtown and commercial ones. Chairman J. W. McArthur said. McArthur said he had no confirmation of the report that city current might be placed on a priority basis in order to leave it wide open for defense use.

Winter Too Early, Goebbels Announces

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(Official broadcast, recorded by United Press in New York)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels told the German people tonight that "winter came too early" for the German army and gave them a message from Adolf Hitler acknowledging a fight "against an enemy superior in men and materials."

Santa Claus and City Firemen Both Supply Toys to Children

There really isn't much about a city fireman that would remind you of Santa Claus. Well, maybe one thing: they both make toys for Christmas to surprise children.

Old St. Claus has a snug rosy room up around the north pole, however, and the cheery little Mrs. Claus brings him hot tea to sip while he hammers and paints.

The Eugene firemen, on the other hand, work in a chilly upstairs room in the city hall. For some time now a complete shift of 8 or 10 men has worked each day remodeling toys brought in by the Lions club. Every now and then an alarm sounds and the firemen have to leave the toy business to fight a fire.

But what if a fireman doesn't know anything about toys? "Pshaw!" scoffs Fire Chief William Nusbbaum. "All the firemen are handy with toys!" Each year from the piles of

Reds Register New Victories Over Germans

Russians Recapture Volokolamsk, Plavsk On Moscow Front

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The Red army tonight claimed new victories over the retreating German army, including the recapture of the key towns of Volokolamsk and Plavsk on the Moscow front, of Volbokalo, important rail junction east of Leningrad and of 200 or more towns and villages, many of them in the Donet industrial area.

Knife-like Red army slashes on the central Moscow front appeared to have unhinged the Nazi defenses and made a new firm stand unlikely east of the Bryansk-Vyazma-Valdai hills line.

The recapture of Volbokalo, 40 miles east of Leningrad on the south shore of Lake Ladoga and an important station on the rail line to Tohkviv and Volgoda, seemed likely to presage reopening of more or less normal rail communications between Leningrad and the Moscow area.

The recapture of Volbokalo was announced by Moscow in a special communique broadcast by radio Moscow and heard here by the United Press listening post.

Donahue Heads Medical Unit

Dr. Charles D. Donahue will be major commanding the new medical unit of the wartime Oregon National Guard, it is announced by Col. A. O. Waller, who was asked to organize the company here. Other medical officers will be Dr. Tom H. Dunham, of Eugene and Dr. Melville S. Jones, of Springfield, who will both hold rank as captains. Clarence E. Lombard, U. S. National Bank will be administrative officer.

Recruits are being enrolled by Col. Waller from men above age for regular military duty, but all must pass physical examinations and preference is being given to those with first aid experience or training. A mustering-in ceremony has been tentatively set for the coming week, and it is hoped to have General Baker, the new commander of the national guard at this event. Major Harry Powell, of Eugene has been assigned to headquarters of the new guard.

An issue of regulation army uniforms and equipment is expected in the near future. Major Powell has organized a skeleton headquarters rifle company of 10 men. There have been numerous calls for a larger rifle company here, but Major Powell says all plans are still indefinite.

SCOUTS TO SING

The Girl Scouts will sing Christmas carols every day at 2:30 in the afternoon from now until Christmas at the Dorothy Duree shop. The public is invited to come hear them.

Union of Anti-Axis Nations Is Expected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The United States and Britain, now discussing formation of an inter-allied war council, plan an early extension of the "unity of action" program to the Soviet union, China and The Netherlands, the White House disclosed tonight. A White House statement said that "steps toward this objective"—bringing all anti-axis nations into a body to devise cooperative strategy for destruction of the war might of Germany, Japan and Italy—"are under way."

Lights Out! In 60 Seconds

City police and police reserves, now placed on 24 hour guard duty, have been instructed to put out all lights left burning in the downtown area.

If a store owner can come and offer proof that his shop lights can be put out within 60 seconds after the emergency alarm is sounded, he will be allowed to leave them on. Otherwise, in event of real necessity, police may have to go so far as to break windows to be sure all lights are out.

Police received army orders Saturday night to have all outside lights extinguished throughout the city, leaving only those burning which could be taken care of within 60 seconds of an alarm. Police said Saturday that they did not want to have to do any damage in insuring a blackout, but they intended to make certain that if a blackout was called it would be complete.

Putnam Speaks To Teachers

Above all, school authorities must not become hysterical over the war situation, said Rex Putnam, Oregon superintendent of public instruction, in an address to the teachers' conference Saturday at the Lane courthouse.

If gossip makes itself heard, teachers and other school authorities should check with civilian and army headquarters before making announcements, Putnam recommended.

Between 50 and 60 school district officers from different parts of Lane county attended the school officers' conference at the courthouse Saturday to listen to a program of addresses and discussions on topics of interest to members of school boards, teachers and the people in general interested in education. The meeting, the first one of the kind to be held in this county, was called by L. C. Moffitt, county superintendent.

The subject of forming a school officers' organization was discussed but no definite action looking to that end was taken at this meeting. However, another similar conference will be held early next year, the time to be decided later, and it is probable that the subject may be taken up again. A committee was authorized to assist Superintendent Moffitt in making up the program for the next conference.

Speakers at the conference were Rex Putnam, whose topic was "Education—A Challenge to School Officers"; Miss Florence Bearders, of the state department of education, who spoke on "School Standards, Courses, Equipment, Supplies, etc."; L. A. Wilcox of the state department, whose topic was "Recent Laws Affecting School Districts." At the noon luncheon at the Cafe Del Rey, Dr. Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon spoke on "Problems Emerging From Our War in the Pacific."

In the discussion of the question of the formation of a county organization of school officers, Putnam spoke in favor of it and predicted that if such groups are formed in different counties they would eventually develop into a state-wide organization. Superintendent Moffitt said California has such a state-wide group and he attended a meeting of that body at Sacramento last September.

Farmers' Creamery Aids U. S. Defense

The board of directors of the Eugene Farmers' Creamery, in their meeting Saturday, authorized the purchase of two new 10,000-pound cheese vats and other equipment for making of milk solids for national defense requirements.

An application has been made by the association for lease-lend money for the new equipment. G. A. Harnden, manager, says he has full confidence in farmers' willingness to cooperate in the national program of defense and the United States department of agriculture's request for increased production and cooperation in dairy products. Mr. Harnden states that another 25,000-pound shipment of cheese was made last week to fill government orders.

Power Rationing Expected for Pacific Coast

Eugene Utility Not Yet Affected by Conservation Order

J. W. McArthur, superintendent of the Eugene water and electric utilities, announced Saturday night that no requests had been made for Eugene's participation in a power pool. However, Paul J. Raver, Bonneville superintendent, is expected to arrive in Eugene this week for conferences on the proposed pool.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Electrical power rationing and pooling is scheduled for the southwest, southwest, Pacific coast and part of the middle west during the next two years, the office for emergency management disclosed today.

War demands are expected to cause a serious power shortage in all defense industry areas, unless abnormal rainfall relieves the situation.

The country's power producing facilities under the victory program must be increased by more than 7,000,000 kilowatts before 1943, OEM said. Civilian consumption must be curtailed to provide for war industry needs in excess of the increase in generating capacity.

The extensive power rationing and pooling instituted in the southeast last summer and fall probably will be repeated there and also in such important industrial

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Junction Boy Dies Of Accident Injury

Eleven-year-old Gary Hughes of Junction City died of internal injuries at the Sacred Heart hospital about 9 o'clock Saturday night as the result of an accident at a grade crossing near Junction City. The bicycle which he and his sister Phyllis, 8, were riding was struck by a wood truck driven by Melvin Sylvester Clark, Junction City, state police reported.

Gary was rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital where he died shortly after. Phyllis was taken home after a preliminary check-up. The boy is survived by his mother, Mrs. Gladys Sinclair, Junction City. Funeral arrangements will be announced later from the Miller Sherman chapel. State police said Saturday night that they were investigating the accident, but no charges had been preferred against the truck driver.

American Airmen Get 4 Jap Planes

CHUNKING, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—American airmen blazed into action in defense of the vital Burma road today and downed four Japanese bombers, giving China her first big air victory in more than two years.

China, striving valiantly to strike a blow against Japan when it would count most heavily in behalf of her British and American allies, sent her forces into the offensive, particularly in the Kowloon-Canton area where operations were pushed in an attempt to relieve the hard-pressed British garrison at Hongkong.

Admiral Ernest J. King Named Commander-in-Chief of Fleet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Admiral Ernest J. King late today was appointed commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, with "supreme command" over all this nation's naval forces.

King's promotion from commander of the Atlantic fleet was the latest move in President Roosevelt's shakeup of the high commands of the nation's armed forces for all-out war. King was named commander-in-chief under provisions of an executive order issued by President Roosevelt Thursday. The order gives the commander-in-chief "supreme command of the operating forces comprising the several fleets of the United States navy and the operating forces of the naval coastal frontier commands" making him "directly responsible" to the president. The order was interpreted to mean King outranks in power and authority Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations,

Enemy Submarines Operate Off Pacific Coast; Area Bolsters All Defenses

Blackout of Signs Ordered In Oregon and Washington

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Washington and Oregon state defense councils put into immediate effect today a request from Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commander the 2nd interceptor command, that all outdoor illuminated signs in western Washington and Oregon be "turned off and kept off" until further notice.

"Put them out and keep them out until the owners of the signs come to you and offer proof that the signs can be switched off manually immediately upon an air raid alarm and that a 24-hour guard is standing by to do exactly that thing," Wash told council members.

He said the order included outdoor illuminations of all kinds and the army will not permit any timeclock installations to remain in operation. He said that also included any installation where a complete blackout could not be accomplished within a few seconds of an alarm.

By United Press

Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon today ordered state police to see that all outside display lights in counties west of the Cascades were extinguished immediately. Sprague said he acted upon a request from Maj. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commander of the 2nd interceptor command in Seattle.

The order covered all neon signs, floodlights, advertising display lights, theater marquees, roadside signs and illuminated billboards.

Japanese Menace Hongkong, Widen Philippine Hold

(Pacific War Fronts Summarized Here)

By The Associated Press

Two weeks of war in the Pacific today found the Japanese strangling a sacrificial band of British imperial troops on Hongkong island, fighting fiercely to widen a new foothold in the Philippines, and gathering strength for a new leap in Malaya, while Dutch airmen and United States submarines ripped more holes in the Japanese fleet.

The new Japanese landing in the Philippines at dawn yesterday was at Davao, on Mindano island, and defense forces immediately flung themselves on the invaders. The fighting continued all day, and at 2:15 a. m. today Manila time the U. S. army headquarters was reported out of communication with the city, 600 miles south of Manila, since Saturday afternoon.

Japan, still was carrying the ball for the Axis in the world struggle, because the Germans, Italians and their hangers-on were taking a terrific beating on Russia's snow-swept plains and in the Libya area.

Hongkong's fall was regarded as inevitable. But the British tommies, Canadians and Indian Sikhs who have no hope of reinforcements fought on from atop Victoria peak. Below them big fires raged and Victoria city was strewn with wreckage of a week-long artillery and air bombardment.

Governor Sir Mark Young, who twice rejected Japanese surrender demands messaged London that "operations are proceeding." That was all. Tokyo predicted the gar-

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All Out' to Defend Britain's Singapore

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—British authorities rushed all out preparations tonight for defense against a Japanese "grand assault" on Singapore.

Guerrilla troops, specially trained in night-time jungle attacks, began slashing at the Japanese rear lines in Kedah, along the northwest Malaya coast. All able-bodied men were mobilized to aid in the defense of Singapore and trenches were dug in open spaces.

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Two American Vessels Report Sub Activities

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Enemy submarines, presumably Japanese, attacked two U. S. ships off the California coast today, torpedoing and disabling one of them.

The disabled craft was the freighter Emidio which flashed an SOS off Cape Mendocino, 200 miles north of San Francisco, saying it had "sustained a torpedo attack by a submarine." The coast guard reported the Emidio was later sighted proceeding past table bluff, nine miles north of Cape Mendocino, riding "low in the water."

Shortly afterward the tanker Agwi World, 6,771 tons, arrived at Santa Cruz, 75 miles south of San Francisco, with a report a submarine attacked it with gunfire 20 miles off Cypress Point, Monterey.

Without Warning

The Agwi World's crew said the undersea craft was 30 feet long, came to the surface half a mile away and began firing with a five-inch deck gun. The attack was without warning. It started at 2 p. m.

The submarine fired eight shots. None hit the tanker.

After the attack the submersible disappeared beneath the waves. "If I had had a slingshot," a crewman said, "could have hit the damned thing."

The two attacks came after presence of enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast was disclosed by the navy department.

Enemy's Presence Confirmed

Earlier in the day rear Admiral John W. Greenslade, commandant of the 12th naval district, headquarters San Francisco, had announced "it has been confirmed that there are enemy submarines off the California coast, destroying American shipping."

Informed of the attacks, Greenslade said the navy would not deny they had occurred. He authorized the press to use any information obtained independently.

Last Wednesday Maj. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of the second air force command, headquarters Spokane, disclosed that U. S. planes engaged in seaward reconnaissance had "attacked an enemy submarine."

Near Puget Sound

Harmon did not disclose location of the attack but it was believed to have been off the entrance to Puget Sound.

The Agwi World was en route from Los Angeles to San Francisco when it encountered the submarine. Under heavy fire, the tanker turned around and fled full speed toward Santa Cruz, 40 miles to the northeast.

"I would have given anything for a gun," the tanker's captain was quoted as saying. "The submarine would have made a good

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