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PACIFIC COAST AND THE WAR

Judging by news reports the Atlantic Coast is now experiencing something of the "dither" which we saw on the Pacific Coast immediately following Pearl Harbor. Presence of enemy submarines off the Atlantic Coast has led to frantic demands for protection against enemy warplanes which are expected "any minute."

What is a reasonable appraisal of the actual danger and the actual amount of preparation needed?

Try to put yourself for the moment in the place of the German or the Japanese "High Command". Huh? You don't like to do that even for one minute? Naturally! But try it anyhow, just as a sort of game.

If you were the Nazi General Keitel, wouldn't your use of available men and materials be governed by the following objectives in this order:

- 1. Stop the Russians, and reorganize the eastward push.
2. Parallel drive toward Suez, either through Turkey or through North Africa where things have been bad.

Or if you were the Japanese General Tojo, would your use of available men and materials be directed in the following order:

- 1. Finish conquest of Philippines and Malaya which hold vital oil and rubber supplies.
2. DIVERSION AND DISPERSION raids to scatter enemy fleets and hamper effective concentration of his aggressive forces.

There is NO DANGER AT THIS TIME of any substantial ATTACK IN FORCE either on the Pacific or the Atlantic Coast, but—

There is very real and ever-present danger of "TOKEN RAIDS", mainly by submarines, occasionally by aircraft.

Now then, how serious might such "token raids" be? Is it likely that either Germans or Japanese at this stage in the game would risk a major aircraft carrier? No! Then the danger is limited to such raids as might be carried out by very small suicide squadrons brought close to shore aboard fast cruisers or converted merchantmen.

Sure, there are lots of planes, nowadays big enough and fast enough to cross the Atlantic or some parts of the Pacific but not carrying both crews and bomb load, and not with any chance of return.

This does not mean that preparedness can be neglected, or that the constant vigilance of military and Civilian Defense can be abandoned. Even "token raids" can be extremely damaging and murderous.

But there is no need for "dither" (to which the military has contributed its full share of hysteria); nor is there need to tie up on the home coasts, vast armies of men and quantities of material so badly needed on critical fronts.

The greatest danger to our safety today is that drive in Malaya and the Philippines and tying up of vital supplies and our inability so far to get effective aid to MacArthur or to Singapore.

We and our British pals have made some costly errors.

MIGHT PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH

At the recent newspaper publishers Conference in Eugene, a representative of OPM held forth at some length on the necessity for conserving all essential materials, among them paper. He urged publishers, so far as possible, to put all communications on the cheaper grades of paper such as news print, and to use that as sparingly as possible.

Comes now a Eugene businessman to point out that his morning's mail included 13 POUNDS of mail from government agencies and bureaus (including OPM itself)—and most of it on the best grades of paper obtainable. So he is yelling:

"Why don't they begin to practice what they preach?"

We have never taken time to weigh up this newspaper's daily "take" from government agencies and propaganda bureaus. It would be quite heavy. Possibly gov't hasn't got around to its own people. Possibly they are still using out of large stocks on hand (one reason for paper shortage being tremendous government buying.)

Golly! This subject of government economy is huge. Take the matter of tires and cars—commodities in which civilians are now strictly rationed. The last few weeks have seen a constant parade of government functionaries, each of course in his own individual car. On some occasions, three or four different government representatives have arrived separately, each inquiring into some little special detail when probably the whole matter could have been investigated by one good man, or if necessary by a joint board.

However, we shan't undertake to crusade for reform. War is an urgent business—and a very luxurious business. All we can do is suggest that maybe gov't itself might

set the example of saving a good many tons of paper and rubber and a good many gallons of gas by experimenting with some of the economies which the taxpayer is coming to willy nilly.

The Japs may be only 90 miles from Singapore but the trout season is only 88 days away.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

JAPANESE IN FAR WEST (Pendleton East Oregonian)

Since the start of the war, many an American, particularly we who live on the west coast, has wondered how many Japanese resided in Oregon, Washington and California, and how many of them were U. S. citizens.

The current issue of the Oregon Voter goes into this matter at length. It reports, basing its findings on the 1940 U. S. census, 112,353 Japanese residing in these three states fronting on the Pacific ocean. Of this total, the great majority has American citizenship—especially in California which has the largest Japanese population in the United States.

As a matter of fact, there are only 126,947 Japanese in all the continental U. S. A.—and 112,353 of them live in Oregon, Washington and California. Of this grand total 78,842 are citizens through birth and 47,305 are aliens.

Here are the figures for the three coast states:
State Citizens Aliens Total Japanese
California 60,148 33,569 93,717
Washington 8,882 5,883 14,565
Oregon 2,454 1,617 4,071

Taking Oregon county by county, the Voter finds no Japanese in Benton, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Josephine, Tillamook, Wallowa and Wheeler. There is but one Japanese in Klamath—a citizen, and one in Lane, an alien.

In Umatilla county there are ten Japanese, five citizens and five aliens. Greatest Japanese population is in Multnomah county with 2,390 of whom 1,422 are citizens. Hood River county is next with 464 of whom 300 are citizens. Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion and Washington counties each have more than 100 Japanese—all other counties have less.

Of all the coast cities, Los Angeles has the most—23,321, of whom 8,728 are aliens. Seattle is second with 6,975 of whom 2,978 are aliens, and San Francisco third with 5,286 of whom 2,276 are aliens, and Oakland, Portland, Berkeley, Stock-Torrance range from 1,790 in Oakland to 1,189 in Torrance.

In discussing the situation, the Voter states: "It is the confident belief of many school teachers, high school pupils and other acquaintances of American-born Japanese in Portland that the great majority of them feel strongly American in loyalty. . . . The FBI and other federal authorities as well as our sheriff and local police seem to be handling the situation with intelligence and proper consideration."

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Mayors from the Pacific coast (Portland, Tacoma, Seattle) blinked their eyes when they heard Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, standing before a loud-speaker, declare that the west coast will have to wait before there is a navy to defend that section of the United States. The secretary declared to the 200-odd mayors assembled from all parts of the country that the No. 1 enemy is Herr Schickelgruber; that Hitler must be disposed of first—that it will require a long time, and until that is accomplished the Pacific coast people must wait.

To a major part of the mayors, coming from the Atlantic, southern and mid-west states, came applause; but none from the west coast officials. The country that the United States is at grips with, the active enemy that has given the United States reversals, is Japan and not Germany. The western mayors had a different view of the picture than Secretary Knox. As they expressed themselves after the Knox talk, they recognize that the Pacific fleet has been severely crippled by the Pearl Harbor disaster and that a substantial part of the navy is in Atlantic waters, and that time is required for the building of new cruisers, destroyers and submarines; but they did not appreciate the secretary's statement that the west coast must muddle along until after Herr Hitler had been disposed of.

Anthony J. Dimond, delegate for Alaska, says he is fearful that a repetition of what happened at Pearl Harbor may occur in Alaska and that to all parts of Alaska on the west may be a duplication of the situation at Wake and Manila. The war department treats the territory as an outlying possession and recently the wives and children of all men in the military and naval services were ordered from Alaska to the states, with steamships practically taken over by war and navy departments to get them out. Steamers plying to Alaska have had to increase their freight and passenger rates 45 percent because of the high cost of war insurance.

Already, says Delegate Dimond, the government has appropriated \$140,000,000 for five air bases and a submarine base; the naval bases are at Sitka, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. The late Gen. Billy Mitchell, testifying before the military affairs committee in 1935, declared that whoever holds Alaska will hold the world, as he regarded it as the most strategic place in the world. From Dutch Harbor to Tokyo is 2,500 miles but only 1,730 miles from Attu, the last available place for a take-off for Japan; but Attu is only 635 miles from Japanese territory where there is a substantial naval and air base.

It is assumed that the Japanese submarines which have been operating off the coasts of Washington and Oregon and near Kodiak Island came from the Japanese island of Paramushiro, where the naval and air bases are located, following the great circle route, the traditional and shortest from Columbia river and Puget sound to the orient.

Just as a letter-writing campaign was under way promoting Associate Justice William O. Douglas, formerly of Walla Walla and La Grande, to be the one man to mobilize America's resources and man power, President Roosevelt stopped it in its tracks by naming Donald Nelson to have complete charge of production for war. By selecting Nelson the president also ended criticism due to the fact that neither OPM, SPAB or any other agency had authority. From Bernard Baruch, who was head of the war industries board in the first world war, down to understrappers there was insistence that someone should be vested with power to have things done. Wendell Wilkie, a strong supporter of the president, had sent out advance copies of a speech in which he protested the absence of anyone with authority. An hour before the speech was to be delivered the president announced Nelson's new job and Wilkie had to delete a large portion of his prepared address.

The two men who caused the president to make this decision were Winston Churchill, British prime minister, and Lord Beaverbrook, minister of supply. In their days at the White House these visitors stressed the importance of establishing a responsible head. Churchill declared a war cannot be won by commissions, and Beaverbrook outlined to the president what the job requires. Selection of Nelson is the first step in the organization of a super supply service which will work in close agreement with Beaverbrook and he is reportedly slated to be the head man of this international group inasmuch as the United States has the role of providing most of the airplanes, tanks, guns, ships and ammunition. It will be Nelson who will tell the various industries what he wants them to produce and see that production is made; he will designate priorities and allotments—he will be "the boss."

YMCA Favors 'Chest' Drive

The boards of directors of the city and university YMCA's in a combined session at YMCA house Tuesday evening voted favorably on a proposal to organize a community chest for Eugene in 1943. The two boards held that it would be highly desirable if all welfare agencies would participate in the chest because of the need for increased community cooperation during a time of war. The meeting also expressed a hope that it might be possible for the annual Red Cross roll call to be conducted parallel with the chest campaign although it was recognized that the Red Cross effort would necessarily have to be a separate campaign from that of the chest. It was pointed out that this gesture of "all out" community cooperation would be a valuable asset for the city of Eugene.

Nathan Rubenstein and Karl Kossack, co-chairmen of the combined YMCA finance committee, presented plans for the annual campaign for operating funds for the two "Y" units for the current year. A committee, composed of Roy E. Morse, Nathan Rubenstein, Karl Onthank and Victor P. Morris, was named to initiate the necessary campaign organization.

The cooperative plan of the two YMCA's, particularly with reference to the YMCA house project was given a unanimous vote of approval. Also approved by the city YMCA board was a plan for YMCA membership in Eugene which had been recommended to the board by the program committee of which J. F. Cramer is the chairman.

Co-ops Head U-O High-Grade List

Two women's cooperative houses at the University again topped the list of grade averages for campus living organizations, according to figures for fall term released Tuesday by C. L. Constance, assistant registrar.

The houses are Hilyard co-op, a consistent scholarship leader on the campus, and Highland house, another top ranking house. They were followed by Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, highest among the sorority-fraternity group. University cooperative women's house, Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta sorority ranked fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Highest on the list of men's living organizations again was Sigma Hall which, however, ranked only seventh in the entire campus list, falling below the aforementioned women's houses.

Other houses above the University average in order of ranking are—Hendricks hall, women's dorm, Delta Delta Delta sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Alpha hall, men's dorm, Gamma hall, men's dorm, Campbell cooperative house, Susan Campbell hall, women's dorm, Orides, independent women; Kappa Alpha Theta, sorority; Kirkwood cooperative men's house; Yeomen, independent men; Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta sororities.

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs Honor Founder

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Following the regular session of the Rebekah lodge Monday evening, Jan. 19, the ladies of the lodge joined with the Odd Fellows for a program honoring the birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of the two lodges. Features of this event were speeches by Elmer Pyne, grand master of Oregon, and Oswald Olson, grand high priest of the grand encampment of Oregon. Mr. Pyne spoke on the origin of Odd Fellowship. Other portions of the program included a reading by Abbie Levee, "The Beautiful Things in Life," histories of four patriotic songs by June Korf, Audrey McPherson, and Glenn Stone. Accompanied by Dolores Chellis, Gloria Green offered a clarinet solo. Refreshments were served following the program by Leona Geopford, Sarah Johns, Cora Inman, and Sylvia Jones.

During the regular Rebekah meeting the following new committees were appointed: Finance committee, Alice Doane, Florence Martin, and Leona Geopford; ways and means committee, Juanita Mathis, Stella LaJole, Laura Denning; good of order committee, Naomi Putman, Marjorie Bartholomew, and JoLana Martin; pub-

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licity, Lavelle Paris; cards, Helene Richmond; flowers, Cora Inman.

POLICE RESERVE

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 21.—(Special)—The fifteen newly-appointed members of the permanent Springfield police reserve will meet with Chief Ted Finucane Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30. This will be the first meeting of the organization, and will be largely concerned with the election of officers and appointments to committees. Chief Finucane has promised an additional attraction, however. The original "Terrible" four corporals. These officers will entertain the corps with demonstrations of his bone-crushing abilities.

Monday evening, Jan. 26, the reserve will have another meeting, this for the appointment of the corps captain, two lieutenants, and for corporals. These officers will then be in charge of the auxiliary police force.

NEW PATROLMAN

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Lee Martinson, for several years a resident and property owner in this community, will take over the duties of night patrolman on the regular police force beginning Wednesday night, January 21. Martinson will temporarily fill the vacancy left by the resignation of W. J. Backman until the mayor has opportunity to confirm his appointment at the next council meeting.

Lane Manufacturers Wait OPM Opening

Lane county manufacturers can now begin making definite "pooling" plans for the securing of national defense contracts through the branch office of the OPM which will be set up in Eugene within the next ten days, announces O. A. Hougum, chairman of the chamber of commerce industries committee.

Fred Brenne, secretary of the Eugene chamber, conferred Monday with John G. Barnett, Portland director of OPM's division of contract distribution there. Named by the Portland office to be head of Eugene's contract set-up are George R. Moscrip and V. A. McNeil. Moscrip has been district representative of the McCormick Steamship company of Spokane and an associate contract specialist in the Portland OPM office. McNeil, formerly with the Portland and Eugene chambers of commerce, has been an associate industrial specialist at Portland headquarters. They will begin making a survey of Eugene's metal, shop, and woodworking industries immediately. The Eugene office will secure contracts for all the lower Willamette valley.

Masonic Dinner Scheduled For 6:30

A dinner meeting is to be held at 6:30 Wednesday evening by Eugene lodge No. 11, A. F. and A. M. at the Masonic temple. Col. R. M. Lyon, head of the military science department at the University of Oregon, will speak on "The Situation in the Pacific." During the dinner Fred McKinney, pianist and Stewart Lay, accordionist will play. The two men are members of Hal Hardin's band which will play later in the evening for the war relief benefit dance at the Wintergarden dance hall.

Mason District Meeting Set

Another attempt will be made to hold a district meeting of the Masonic lodges in this district, according to Dan W. Stewart, district deputy grand master, of Eugene.

The meeting will be held at the Masonic temple of Liberty lodge in Springfield, Friday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p. m. This meeting was originally scheduled for Nov. 15, 1941, but the flood conditions prevailing at that time caused Arthur D. Hay, of Lakeview, most worshipful grand master, to cancel it. On his way back to Eugene from Springfield, the grand master was caught in the flood near the Ferry street bridge for two hours.

The nine lodges in this district are: Florence No. 106, Siuslaw No. 192 at Mapleton, Thurston No. 28 at Harrisburg, Junction City No. 128, Eugene No. 11, and McKenzie River No. 195 in Eugene, Creswell No. 112, Cottage Grove No. 51 and Liberty No. 171 in Springfield.

All Master Masons in this vicinity are invited to be present for this important meeting. A program has been arranged and light refreshments will follow the meeting.

Tree Farm Topic At Chamber Meeting

Walker Tilley, manager of the first cooperative tree farm project in the United States, the "Willamette Valley Tree Farms, Inc.," will discuss the organization for Eugene chamber of commerce members when he appears as featured speaker at the public affairs luncheon Friday.

Five local lumber firms are members of the cooperative, which was formed for the purpose of promoting sustained yield and conservation of trees.

Dr. Charles E. Hunt is luncheon chairman. It will be Friday at 12 noon at the Osburn.

Hospital Staff Holds Annual Meet

The annual meeting and elections of the medical and surgical staffs of the Sacred Heart general hospital were held this week.

Following are the officers chosen: Dr. Glenn S. Morgan, chief of staff; Dr. Gilson Ross, vice-president; Dr. N. Paul E. Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. A. F. Barnett, member of the governing board. Dr. H. M. Peery, retiring chief of staff, presided at the meeting.

The staff membership is reported at 28 regulars, five courtesy ones, 15 associate members, and nine members absent on military duty.

KRONSTEINER ARRAIGNED

Carl Kronsteiner, alias Harry F. King, was arraigned in circuit court before Judge G. F. Skipworth, Wednesday afternoon, and he will enter his plea Thursday morning at 9:30. He had waived grand jury action.

GENERAL ELECTRIC TABLE MODELS CONSOLES AND RADIO-PHONOGRAPHS COMBINATION LIGHTNING'S 1151 Willamette

Hi-Y Council Will Plan For Conference

The Lane County Hi-Y council, composed of the officers of Hi-Y clubs in Eugene and other Lane County communities will meet in Eugene Sunday afternoon, February 1.

Plans for the annual upper Willamette Valley Hi-Y conference to be held in the new high school building at Creswell sometime this spring, will be worked out at the meeting. Bill Cramer and Elliott Wirt of Eugene high school are serving as president and secretary of the council respectively.

The University Hi-Y club will hold their regular weekly meeting at YMCA house Wednesday evening.

Gleemen To Give Silverton Concert Thursday Evening

The Eugene Gleemen sing their first concert of the 1942 season Thursday evening at Silverton. The program there is being given under the auspices of the Silverton Rotary club for the benefit of the community youth fund.

Featured on the program will be numbers by Verne Sellin, violinist, guest artist; songs by the Gleemen quartet from the membership of the chorus; numbers by the brass quartet from the University school of music instrumental department, John Stark Evans, chorus conductor, and Cora Moore Frey, accompanist, will also direct and accompany for all solos and quartet numbers as well as the chorus songs.

The Gleemen give their mid-winter home concert February 2. George H. Miller, executive secretary, in discussing the Gleemen's annual associate membership campaign, asks that all persons not personally contacted to renew or take out associate memberships, call either him at 366 or Percy W. Brown at 91 and the memberships will be accepted.

Soldiers Invited To Friday Social

Next Friday evening will occur the second of a series of weekly Friday night social events at YMCA house for students of the Eugene Vocational school's "personality class" and the local N. Y. A. Directly in charge of these events are Mrs. C. H. Conrad of the Vocational school faculty, Linn Hutcheson of the N. Y. A. and A. F. Holmer of the YMCA house staff. Assisting from time to time in making these events even more attractive to young people will be the hospitality committee of YMCA house of which Mrs. Harry G. Talbot is the chairman. Other guests, including soldiers quartered in the Eugene area, will, from time to time be invited to participate.

DIES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Rose France died Wednesday at 10 a. m. Funeral announcements will be made later from the Veatch-Hollingsworth chapel.

Hotpoint ELECTRIC RANGE Three Decades of Leadership LYONS & PETERS

Mrs. Emma Jacobs Dies Suddenly

Emma Jacobs died suddenly Tuesday evening, 708 Tenth street, wife of Joseph J. Jacobs, Feb. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have celebrated their fifty-third anniversary. She had her home here for the past years.

She is survived by her son and the following children: Mrs. Jacobs, Harrisburg; Mrs. Egger, and Mrs. W. B. Jacobs, both of Portland; Dr. F. E. and Leo Jacobs, both of Eugene; Harry Jacobs, Mrs. J. Duyn, Mrs. John Wright, Marcin March, Raymond, all of Eugene.

Funeral service will be held Friday at 9 a. m. at the St. Catholic church, with the Rev. Francis P. Leipzig officiating. Burial will be in the Westlawn cemetery at 11:30 a. m. in the Rest Haven mausoleum.

Former Eugene Teacher Dies

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Murrow last week for Mrs. McMicken Murrow, who was formerly a teacher at Eugene school.

Mrs. Murrow was born from the University of Oregon in 1914 and taught for the years at the high school. She was a member of Gamma Phi sorority.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Murrow, who is now a student of the University campus and a daughter of the Gamma Phi sorority house.

WANTS HOME FOR

A 7-month-old fox terrier wire haired terrier pup no longer be cared for by its owner at 1944 Friendly. The pup is used to children, will be away. Any one interested call from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

TALK BOND PURCHASE

Employees of the Spine Plywood Corporation met day evening with George G. of Portland, Walter Bush of John Snelstrom of Eugene, discuss increased participation defense bond campaign.

MASONS TO MEET

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Attention all Masons!—There will be a district meeting January 21, in Liberty's temple 7:30 p. m.

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