

Community Initiative Needed, Demos Hear

PORTLAND, May 17.—(AP)—Community initiative is needed to offset growing centralization of government, Robert W. Kenny maintains.

The California attorney general told the annual convention of Oregon Young Democratic clubs Saturday night that local government have failed to keep pace with events in the past decade.

"It will be up to local government to stabilize the gains and implement the achievements now being made in wartime, local committees are the backbone of democracy," he said.

Delegates reelected Neil Peterson, Portland, president. Mrs. Charles E. Wainwright, Portland, was re-appointed secretary, and Mrs. Harland M. Woods, Tillamook, was named treasurer. Vice-presidents include: Miss Wilma Rasnick and William Bartholomew, both Portland; Mrs. Paul Plank, Eugene, and Charles Forrest, Marshfield.

Arab School Children Inspect U. S. Planes

A U. S. ARMY AIR BASE IN TUNISIA, (AP)—Lieut. Col. Graham W. West, of 2364 S. W. Market Street Drive, Portland, Ore., was host to a group of Arab school children recently.

West, commanding officer of a U. S. fighter unit, granted a request of a teacher in a French Arabic school, Hadji Ben Ibrahim, to permit his pupils to inspect American planes.

The 15 boys in the class, from 6 to 12 years old, were perfectly disciplined, waiting patiently to inspect the plane two at a time. The teacher was permitted to climb about the cockpit, inspect radio equipment and try on a parachute.

He took notes on everything, explaining he intended to explain everything to his pupils in a classroom lecture.

"Our soldiers in North Africa used to be the sightseers but now the tables have turned," West said.

Gable Stock Hits Low At High School Auction

PUEBLO, Colo., (AP)—An autograph of Clark Gable, screen idol and captain in the U. S. army air forces, brought 30 cents at a "white elephant" auction at Pueblo's centennial high school, it was disclosed.

A puppy sold for \$5 at the same sale and a young chicken brought in 15 cents more revenue than the Gable autograph.

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NAZIS SURRENDERING TO ALLIES IN TUNISIA—Hands raised in surrender, more Axis soldiers surrender to a British tank crew during mop-up operations near Tunis. The total of German and Italian prisoners in Tunisia may run to 150,000.—Photo radioed Cairo-New York.

Oregon Pilot Tells About Air Battles Over Europe, Africa

PORTLAND, May 17.—(AP)—22-year-old Flying Fortress pilot, was back in Oregon today with tales of the war in Greenland, Iceland, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Sicily and North Africa.

Harding, a Klamath Falls high school graduate, played football at Pacific university for two years and attended the University of Oregon one year. He holds the distinguished flying cross and air medal with three oak leaf clusters. He is on 15-day leave.

He told an interviewer he spent part of last summer in Greenland and Iceland, then went to England for more training.

In October he joined in the raids over Europe. "I took part in 57 combat flights. The first one was over Rotterdam. We met quite a bit of fighter opposition and a lot of flak. I had 25 holes in my plane, 'Jarrin' Jenny, when I got back," he said.

Later switched to the African front, he bombed Genoa, Naples and an airdrome near Rome.

"The most exciting raid I made was the first time I was shot down. It was over Bizerte, and two engines were badly hit and another wasn't much good. I made a crash landing in friendly territory. One man was injured, the rest of us got out okay," he continued.

"My next ship was also a B-17 and I named her Taboo. Taboo was a good ship also, but I lost her over Sicily—shot up badly by flak and fighters. I got back to Africa all right. Set her down with wheels up, too. Several men were injured."

"The Germans are good pilots," he said. "They have a lot of daring. As for their planes, the Messerschmitt 109G is a very good plane. So is the Focke-Wulf 190, but in my opinion the Messerschmitt is the better plane. Our P-38s did a magnificent job against them."

"We were escorted by P-38s after our pilots became seasoned, and they proved to be better ships than the German ones. Our pilots were young, they were green in combat, and yet they fought the German veterans, and did very well. I also had Spitfire coverage several times. The RAF gave us very good support."

"I want to say that the RAF

and the American air forces get along together wonderfully. They respect each other, they think the world of each other."

Harding met his mother, now living here, and his wife, the former Margaret Horton, his sweetheart of high school days, here.

Confederate Veteran Does Part in This War

SEATTLE, (AP)—John C. Cochran fought for the confederates in the civil war, but he's doing his best to help win this one for the union.

Cochran, 91 years old but erect and spry for all his years, is the Boeing Aircraft company's candidate for the title of the nation's oldest war worker.

In the span of one life Cochran has been a Confederate guerrilla as a boy of 12, a cowpuncher, rancher, fisherman and light-house keeper in Alaska—and now, war worker.

He puts in 48 hours each week as a cleanup man in a plant which turns out Flying Fortresses.

"Those planes sure look great to me," he says. "So good I'd like to stow away in one and get a crack at those Japs."

The list of 40 essential industries to date includes:

Production of the following: aircraft and parts; ships, boats and parts; ordnance and accessories; ammunition; metal shapes and forgings; industrial and agricultural equipment, machinery; chemicals and allied products; rubber products; leather products; textiles; apparel; stone, clay, and glass products; petroleum, natural gas and petroleum and coal products; finished labor products; transportation equipment; materials for packing and shipping products; communication equipment.

Agriculture; processing of food; forestry, logging, and lumbering; construction; coal mining; metal mining; nonmetallic mining and processing and quarrying; smelting, refining, and rolling of metals; finishing of metal products; transportation services; communication services; heating, power, and illuminating services; repair

Restaurant—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

manpower commission has been promoting voluntary control over the transfer of workers through what is known as employment stabilization plans. The basic purpose of these plans is to see that workers are placed in positions which will fully utilize their skills to the best interest of the war effort.

"The plans just adopted for Lane county spell out those conditions of transfer which are in the best interest of the war effort. In general, they say specifically that workers cannot transfer from one essential activity to another except with availability certificates issued either by the employer or local USES officials representing the war manpower commission in this county."

"The exception to this rule," Mr. Bagan said, "is that farm workers may transfer from one agricultural activity to another without the need for a clearance slip or a certificate of availability."

However, should a worker presently employed in agriculture desire to transfer to another type of war production work, he cannot do so without a clearance slip or a certificate of availability.

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Maintenance and repair of autos, trucks, trailers, tractors, farm machinery, and the wholesale distribution of parts for same; activities primarily engaged in the preparation and serving of meals; hotels; laundries and dry-cleaning services.

INJURIES MINOR

Betty Jean Fisher, 18, and Quentin Marvin Cole, 18, were treated for minor cuts and bruises Monday at Sacred Heart hospital, following an automobile accident at the corner of Alder and Fifteenth.

Aleutian Front Said Healthiest in World

By EUGENE BURNS
WITH THE U. S. ARMY IN THE ALEUTIANS.—(AP)—An army doctor who has seen service in China and the Philippines, observed today that the Aleutian war zone, despite its drab weather, "is perhaps the healthiest front in the world."

The doctor, Col. Dwight M. Young of Orlando, Fla., explained that the sick rate is less than one per cent.

His assistant, Capt. Edward K. Mills, 28, of Dallas, Texas, added that the sickness rate in the states, excluding epidemics, is double Alaska's.

Medical officers cite a number of reasons why this land of hard winter blows, drenching rains and all-pervading fogs is healthful.

No body lice

The most important is that there are no body lice, hence no typhus. Many a first World War veteran remembers how he spent long-candle-lighted hours rolling his thumb nails together. There are no sources for the spreading diseases in the Aleutians. It is the world's most womanless-war zone. At bases nearer inhabited districts, however, some cases are reported, but they are few.

Lockjaw is almost unknown in Alaska. The soil has not been contaminated with the organism as yet. In Europe or Asia, medical men say, any cut invited lockjaw.

There are no bed bugs. There is no malaria. Soldiers transferred to Alaska from the malarial swamps of the Solomons report themselves fit and healthy in this sharp climate.

Little Frost Bite

Despite the stories of blizzards and below zero weather during the past winter, which was a bad one, few soldiers got so much as a frost bite. Their wool clothing was ample protection. Even the navy men prefer army issue and wear it.

Contrasting with the have-nots of the health front, there is a greater percentage of colds than on the mainland. Colds become more prevalent, Dr. Young says, as men move from tents into crowded quonset huts where the aid is not so fresh.

There have been slight epidemics of mumps and measles, without a death.

A few deaths have occurred from overstrain among men above 50.

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Capt. Good Leads Raid Which Catches Japanese by Surprise

By MURLIN SPENCER

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, May 17.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Pilots of A-20 attack bombers, hard-flying youths who have seen more enemy positions from just above the tree tops than any other of General Douglas MacArthur's airmen, rejoiced in their jungle camps tonight.

The had realized an ambition of long standing.

It had happened at Lae in northern New Guinea shortly after noon when the hard-hitting attack planes swept in on the airdrome, catching the Japanese completely by surprise. Their blazing machine-guns poured streams of bullets into 10 Zeros and twin-engine bombers.

Capt. Donald Good, Eugene, Ore., was flight leader.

"These fliers and others like them have been going in on Lae, Salamaua, Finschhafen, Madang, and—before the Papuan campaign drove out the Nipponese—on Buna to find Japanese anti-aircraft fire waiting for them. If they strayed from 50 feet or 1000 feet they were under attack from the ground."

But today was different. "We caught the Nips by surprise," said Capt. Good. "We came on one truck and the surprised Japs fled into the woods."

"When we hit the airdrome there were two Zeros on the runway with their engines warming up and they didn't get a chance to leave the ground."

The pilots reported four Zeros were on the ground with either six or seven bombers, but said some of the bombers might have been unserviceable. Good estimated at

least three serviceable ships were knocked out. As for anti-aircraft fire, there wasn't a trace. Even the machine gun positions were silent.

Italian Rumors—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

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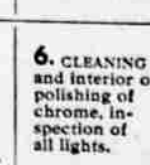
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