

Planes Beat Burma Road

AN AMERICAN AIR BASE IN NORTHEAST INDIA, Jan. 5.—The 800-mile "hump air line" into China is freighting as much gasoline, bombs and fighting materials across the mountains by four-engined transports as ever passed over the old Burma road at its peak, it can be revealed today.

It is a hazardous undertaking, and the job is not very glamorous. Occasionally the Japanese strike back and knock down a few transports, or a plane gives way from the strain of flying heavy loads at high altitudes and goes plunging into the jungle. But natives have developed such an efficient rescue service that crews forced to bail out over Burma have better than a 3 to 1 chance of returning. In November 92 per cent were rescued.

Aluminum Plant Closure Protested

SALEM, Jan. 5.—A protest against closure of Pacific northwest aluminum plants was sent by Governor Snell today to Philip Wilson, chief of the aluminum magnesium branch of the war production board in Washington.

The governor urged that the plants at Troutdale and Vancouver, Wash., remain in operation, asserting the manpower requirements of the plants do not take manpower away from war industries in the Portland area.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—The Defense Plants corporation has acquired a 100-acre site a half-mile north of Salem to construct an alumina-from-clay pilot plant, Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) wired Gov. Snell today.

Death Rained—

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which ushered in 1944. No plane was lost.

Flying Fortresses of the 15th U. S. air force struck a rail bridge and yards at Dupnitsa, 50 miles south of the Bulgarian capital of Sofia. The German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau said Sofia also was raided and that heavy damage and loss of life resulted.

Medium American bombers hit rail yards at Doboj, 55 miles from Sarajevo in Yugoslavia and attacked barracks and troop concentrations at Travnik.

Bad weather curtailed flying in Italy, although fighter-bombers were able to strike at a gasoline dump near Chieti and a rail bridge at Balsorano.

Hog Support Price Order to Continue

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—The once-glutted Portland hog market has so improved under the

Wheat Purchased For Livestock Feed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The war food administration reported today that it had arranged for the purchase of more than 100,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat for use as livestock feed.

Part of the wheat already has been brought into eastern Great Lake ports by boat, and railroad cars will be sent into the interior of Canada for additional large quantities this winter.

ONE-CENT PAYCHECK

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—A. B. Simons, shipyard worker, turned up at the bank with his weekly paycheck. It was for one cent. He explained he's missed a couple days work because of illness. Bond and tax deductions took the rest.

Double-Pronged—

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Vatutin had decided to consolidate his positions around the northwest arc of his bulge west of Kiev and make the German positions in the Dnieper bend untenable before undertaking a full scale push across the 1939 frontier into old Poland.

A synchronized spurt from captured Belaya Tserkov, southwest of Kiev, was designed to throw an iron ring around the nazis still holding bridgeheads on the west bank of the Dnieper toward Cherkasi.

Other elements of Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian army hammered their way on a broad front toward the Odessa-Lwow railroad, last practical escape route for the remainder of the Germans in the Ukraine, and slashed deeper into the strategic network of highways and railways on the approaches to pre-war Poland, with gains ranging up to eight miles.

Foreign reports that Vatutin already had crossed the old frontier appeared premature, but there was every indication that such a crossing was imminent.

(The London News-Chronicle placed the red army six miles beyond the border.)

Ration Board—

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board, 6,731 under Cottage Grove, 2,905 under Florence. A steady stream of housewives, businessmen, drivers, loggers, farmers, and other citizens keeps the clerks busy.

What the clerks do is regulated, first, by national regulations of OPA; and second, by decisions of the local rationing board of 26 members—all of whom are citizens at large who serve without pay. They are divided into four panels: mileage rationing, price, food, and miscellaneous.

Bolstering their work, also behind scenes, are J. Ed Turnbull, district manager; Harry Hearne, executive secretary; and Mrs. Mary R. Miles, head of community services. All of them receive support from local service clubs, women's clubs, churches, schools, including Eugene vocational school, and members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

The staff which meets the public and answers its questions includes 16 paid clerks and about 25 regular volunteer workers.

The second year of OPA was notable for inception of rationing of processed foods, meats and fats, and shoes; suspension of coffee rationing; tighter mileage and tire rationing due to increased shortages of gasoline, oil, and rubber.

Only during the past few months has the price panel made itself felt on any wide scale. It investigates overcharges, finds that complaints on trucks and refrigerator predominate. Usually the transactions are a "case of ignorance" with both buyer and seller; meaning, the transactors did not realize the price paid was above accepted ceiling. Since this regulation has been in effect, not a single case has had to go to law for enforcement. All cases have been settled amicably by volunteer adjustments over the conference table.

Anyone who feels he has been overcharged on an article is urged to report his problem to the panel, and the problem will be investigated. Number of complaints here is not large, in view of the fact that this part of the Willamette

valley is the second most heavily populated area in the state.

Everybody, from the White House down to the public, agrees that rationing and price control are headaches. Mistakes have been made, and Washington makes no promise that there will not be more.

But the job has its rewards. A few weeks ago, for example, the local board was notified unofficially that success of gas conservation in this area had been responsible, in no small measure, for fleet victories off the Pacific coast. The public is reluctant to believe such statements, largely refusing to try to understand how their savings of vital materials can aid in the battle zones. But the people at OPA know that conservation of gasoline and rubber in Lane's huge lumber industry alone can be tremendously helpful if handled correctly. They're not satisfied with every part of their set-up, but know that the public will agree with them that there have been improvements.

They point to the saying of the contemporary sage who said: "Remember, if you're not satisfied with what your rationing board is doing for you, you are always welcome to help out."

Building Prospects—

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ed and the country heads back toward a peacetime economy, there will be new demands for lumber and other products in large-scale federal, state, and community projects.

Government and private capital again, probably, will become offered widely for financing building, through agencies and other groups such as the FHA. A public deprived of "new buildings" during the war likely will take advantage of their help.

Today, building in this area is "practically at an all-time low—it couldn't be any worse." Some even have to wait for weeks to get shingles and roofing. Many buildings, especially the homes of the small wage-earner, are not being kept in adequate repair according to peacetime standards.

During 1943, building in Eugene was lower than during any other year of the last 11. The city engineer's office issued permits for work totalling only \$139,568.55. Of this amount only about \$20,000 or one-seventh was for new buildings, usually small projects, while the remaining six-sevenths went into repairs. The year 1943 compares as follows with the past 10:

Year	Bldg. Valuation
1933	\$ 161,887
1934	203,078
1935	217,472
1936	417,751
1937	530,110
1938	555,799
1939	803,479
1940	1,099,322
1941	1,330,504
1942	191,318
1943	139,569

During 1943, local building was slowing to a virtual standstill. As in an average year, most construction was done in the good-weather months, while winter showed low totals:

Month	Bldg. Valuation
January	\$ 4,495
February	5,425
March	10,238
April	3,994
May	11,058
June	18,323
July	12,342
August	25,939
September	15,636
October	10,468
November	16,388
December	4,859
TOTAL	\$139,569

During this slump, most active firms are doing what they can despite restrictions, taking advantage of opportunities for government contracts. They hope that their own rosy predictions for post-victory days will come true.

Successor—

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father was minority leader many years ago.

In Portland, Senator Holman, up for re-election this year, took note of Morse's local statement, to the effect that Oregon republicans should line up behind some suitable opponent to Senator Holman.

"If there's anyone who can do a better job for the nation and the state than I have done, I'll vote for him myself," said Holman, declaring that he holds powerful committee positions in the senate, which would take years for any successor to acquire, and that "up to the last two years I have held more committee appointments having to do with progress of the war than any other senator west of the Rocky mountains."

Morse, who is in Portland in connection with WLB business, when contacted by the Register-Guard in a long distance call Wednesday said:

"I am continuing to give serious consideration to the request from increasing numbers of people who are urging me to become a candidate for the U. S. senate. It will be several days before I make up my mind as to whether or not I will make the run."

"However, it is gratifying to know that so many people have confidence in my qualifications."

Morse received added "boost" for his possible candidacy in an article and picture of him in the last issue of Time magazine.

SMOKING FURNACE

Installation around a furnace, which caused smoke to blow upstairs, brought a call for city firemen to 30 Twenty-third Avenue west Wednesday at 11:10 a. m. There was no damage.

The average city dweller consumes 175 pounds of fresh vegetables a year.

Final Markdowns!

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3.95

FELT HATS

Casuals, rollers, berets in new Spring shades . . . cyclamen, cerise, aqua, brown.

2.95

Speaking of New Year's Resolutions

We'll bet a dollar to one of those new "dime" pennies that some of you haven't resolved to check up on your insurance program.

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