

Oregon General Eager For Battle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea fought in the last war, came to the southwest Pacific with the first complete combat division in this one, fought at Buna and still hasn't had enough.

The jovial Oregonian, who resembles a banker more than the tough fighting man that he is, has been given command of an important base in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's far-flung command. The post is important and has its advantages over the jungle as a place to live but soft living seems not to appeal to Gen. Rilea.

Like every fighting man he secretly yearns to get back to the front. On his last trip there during the bitter fighting around Buna, the general was cited for outstanding service. He got malaria, and suffered all of the hardships of front line warfare with his men.

Brig. Gen. Rilea, whose mother, Mrs. Mary E. Rilea, lives in Oswego, Ore., where the general has made his home, came up the hard way in the army. He enlisted as a private in 1914.

He served on the Mexican border and spent two years overseas in the first World War, including two years in the army of occupation in Germany. In 1918 he was personally commended and decorated for conspicuous service by Gen. John J. Pershing.

The affable Brig. Gen. Rilea was born in Chicago on May 5, 1895. He was graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. A former president of the National Guard association, he took a strong stand urging the country to prepare to defend itself when the present conflict was brewing.

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Dedication of the Assembly of God tabernacle, at 710 Thirteenth Avenue west, took place Tuesday evening, as a part of the eighth annual district council of the Assemblies of God, Oregon district, now being held in Eugene.

Speaker at the dedication service was Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, assistant general superintendent and home missionary and educational secretary of the Assemblies of God, for the nation. His topic was: "The Operation of Faith." Rev. and Mrs. Roy K. Reed, local pastor and his wife, sang, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Atwood Foster of Salem, district superintendent.

Conference meetings, which continue daily through Friday, will feature addresses by Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, and by Miss Mollie E. Baird, missionary from India, who spent many years near Lucknow in northern India. Many ministers and delegates from all parts of the state are taking part in the conference, which is open to the public.

Houses To Be Sold

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A block of real estate including 2811 houses and 5817 apartments has been placed on the market by the defense housing corporation in the first move to dispose of federally-owned war housing projects.

The properties, representing an investment of more than \$71,000,000, are located in 13 states.

DFC said offers to purchase must include guarantees that occupancy will be restricted to essential workers during the war.

Projects of the corporation available for purchase include Bremerton Gardens, Bremerton, Wash., 180 apartment units.

back heart out with his boys to back up what he said. His men swear by him.

Along with the late Maj. Gen. George A. White, Brig. Gen. Rilea reorganized the 41st division after World War I and helped to effect its present high standard of training.

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Collapse of Balkan Regimes Forecast

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst
The brightening allied prospects in Italy are bound to be heavily reflected in the neighboring Balkans which already are flaming fiercely from their efforts to escape Hitler's bloody clutches and from internal political struggles which are in process of determining the nature of future governments.

Four royal crowns—representing Greece, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania—are undergoing the acid test. I quote Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovic, native of Yugoslavia and former holder of numerous positions under his government until he broke with the Yugoslav government in exile three months ago because of his views on this issue:

"The present governments of Balkan states are on their way out, and you can be certain no one will be sorry about it," he told me the other day. "In every case they have been dictatorships, and the people are determined on establishing popular rule. These dictatorships have existed under the monarchies, and that means it's highly probable, though not yet absolutely certain that the Balkans are through with kings."

So far as concerns Yugoslavia, the liberal nationalist elements (their opponents call them reds) have formed a provisional government known as the national council of liberation.

Marshal Tito (Josip Broz), leader of the partisan army which is receiving allied support, is chairman of the committee of national defense in this government. Tito is a communist, but his followers represent all brands of liberals.

Neighboring Greece is torn between two political groups, each of which has an army in the field.

Bulgaria has been racked with political crisis since the mysterious death of King Boris, the dictator, last summer. Here, too, there is a swing toward popular rule, and many of the people lean toward Russia.

While it would be rash to try to predict the forms of government likely to be chosen by these Balkan states, it would be equally rash not to expect that Russia would play a dominant role on the peninsula after the war.

Nazis Stiffen—

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Leningrad area.

The fortress was believed to be the last formidable stronghold in the Leningrad system of fortifications anchoring the German defense line running down to Lake Ilmen.

A Russian break-through west of Novgorod was effected by the hard-driving columns of Gen. Kyril A. Meretskov, battering 10 miles forward to the Chudovo-Tosno sector at the collapsing center of the 100-mile German defense line south of Leningrad.

The Russian advance deepened the gap through the enemy's fortified line to 25 miles—believed to be the actual depth of the line—and indicated a break-through that promised to crumple the entire German salient below Leningrad and send the Germans reeling back to the Baltic states.

Some 90 miles south of Leningrad, a Russian column driving down the western shore of Lake Ilmen overran Menyshi, 23 miles southwest of Novgorod, in preparation for an assault on Shinak junction, nine miles farther south, and Staraya Russa, another 13 miles beyond.

200,000 Jobs for Waves

The U. S. navy has 200,000 jobs waiting for Waves, with 91,000 of them to be filled by June of this year, which substantially increases the openings in this women's service for many more young women of Oregon, announces Chief W. E. Bell, in charge of the Eugene navy recruiting station, which handles Waves applications in this area.

Recent surveys show that the 47,000 Waves on duty are not nearly enough to handle the thousands of jobs which can be taken over by women in the navy. Waves are in demand for practically every navy activity because of their record for efficiency.

Oregon has increased quotas for Waves in 1944 to help meet the growing need for more Waves to release men for fighting duty with the fleet as naval action in the Pacific becomes more intense.

A strong new appeal in the WAVES for many women came recently with the prediction by high-ranking naval men that many of the jobs in the navy will be handled by WAVES indefinitely with women a permanent part of the navy.

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Pine Need Urgent

SPOKANE.—(AP)—The northwest's pine has become the nation's No. 1 critical war material, Director J. Philip Boyd of the lumber products division of the war production board, said here.

Addressing the Spokane chamber of commerce, Boyd said "The nearer we come to victory the greater will be the demand for lumber."

"The Pacific northwest is asked to contribute half the nation's war supply both at home and in the theaters of war."

"Enemy installations which the guns are destroying today must be rebuilt when the rehabilitation of the world begins."

"It took 2000 cars of lumber to rebuild the port of Naples after the invasion of Italy."

Dazzlers at Holland

The Savoy Dancers, "a dazzling array of beauties in motion," are currently featured nightly through Sunday in an all new floor show at the Holland.

The quartet appears locally direct from smashing successes at the Rhumba Casino club, in Chicago, and the French Casino club, in New Orleans. They are well known in the movie world also, having appeared in numerous pictures, including "Get Hep to Love."

The quartet is composed of Betty Rand, Ginny Hines, Sally Martin and Teddy Ryan. They are presenting versatile acts including tap and toe dancing and hilarious comedy.

Also appearing for the thirteenth consecutive week at The Holland are Elaine Dennis, diminutive singer, and Rusty Colman, comedy singing and dancing master of ceremonies.

New Fighter Big, Fast

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—In a brief news release cleared for publication by the war department, the Northrop Aircraft Co. has claimed its new night fighter, the P-61 Black Widow to be the largest and most powerful pursuit airplane ever built.

Developed in utmost secrecy, the plane was termed a literal flying gun platform although details of its fire power were restricted.

The company said the new fighter is equipped with two Pratt Whitney engines and develops pursuit speed while retaining easy flying characteristics and low landing speed necessary for night operations.

Mu Phi Epsilon Concert

Miss Betty Jane Bennett, second year music student, will present the following selections from her record library Sunday at 4 p. m. in the university library browsing room: "Fugue in G Minor," "Arioso," and "Prelude in E Flat Minor" by Bach, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart, and "Song of the Plains" and "Lé-ginka" sung by the Don Cossack choir.

Hostesses for the concert will be Mrs. Blaine Hovey, Mrs. Phil Nordling, Miss June Wilson, of the patronesses, alumnae, and actives, respectively, of Mu Phi Epsilon; Miss Marian Byrington, house librarian, and Miss Pauline Walton of the library staff.

Labor Bill Assailed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Farm labor plans for the Pacific northwest will be upset completely if the U. S. senate passes the current farm labor recruiting bill, R. T. Magleby, head of the regional war food administration labor office, said here Tuesday.

The bill, which increases the amount of money for labor recruiting, proposes abolition of the office in Portland. Magleby said the abolition would interfere with plans to import from 10,000 to 15,000 Mexicans, Japanese-Americans and other workers for this year's harvest.

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city rent control ordinances at Bend and Salem. He said that he was satisfied that enough property owners in the city were abusing the voluntary rent control system established by the realty board last fall to justify action. Complaints come to him continually, he stated, from renters who are afraid to "squawk" against their landlords.

At a meeting Tuesday afternoon, in which Cuthbert sought to clarify the housing problem in Eugene, he told a group of realtors, lumbermen, and others that the national housing agency had given the 145 units to the Eugene area because a survey of the area had shown a 90-per cent occupancy and because war manpower commission statistics showed that an influx of 247 in-migrant workers would be without housing in the Eugene vicinity.

Cuthbert also stressed the fact that anyone is eligible to build these FHA houses. The FHA simply provides the priorities. A war worker can build a house for himself if he so desires, Cuthbert pointed out. The national housing agency believes, private enterprise can do the job, but if it doesn't then someone else must do the job, he said. The government must see to it, Cuthbert stressed, that war workers in a community have a roof over their heads.

It was also brought out at the meeting that in-migrant war workers who have come to Eugene since January, 1941, are eligible for such housing. Other war workers if they can demonstrate a housing "hardship" are also eligible. If no war workers apply to rent a house, the owner can rent it after 90 days to any renter.

Cuthbert recognized the acute lumber shortage, but explained that the fact the government is diverting this lumber to housing units shows just how serious the housing situation is considered.

Suggestions that railroad workers in Eugene are being hard pressed by the housing situation came from J. R. Chapman, local chairman for SP yardmen. Chapman stated that railroad men are being raised in Eugene and that some men have used their seniority to be transferred from the city. However, the men sent to replace the men who leave, find the same vicious housing situation, he pointed out.

James Rodman, Eugene realtor who has protested the housing situation as "bureaucratic," stated that if the "die was cast" and Eugene was to get the housing program, he "wouldn't protest in vain." He did ask Cuthbert the question "Will these in-migrant workers leave immediately after the war is over?" Cuthbert, a Eugene man, responded, "That probably would depend upon what Eugene offered these newcomers."

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Plea for Data About War Brides Refused

MELBOURNE, Australia.—(AP)—

The Australian Red Cross has rejected an American Red Cross request for information about the family and background of Australian girls wishing to marry American soldiers.

The Australian society pointed out there was no means of reciprocity as it was impossible to ascertain conditions of family life of the American soldiers wishing to marry Australian girls. Anyway, the society said, such matters were outside its charter.

American Red Cross representatives said they would continue to interview prospective brides and bridegrooms, and attempt to discourage marriages they considered inadvisable.

Broderick—

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man of 1943 was probably based upon his activities in attempting to solve the juvenile delinquency problem in Eugene. He is general chairman of the Junior chamber's delinquency program and he was in a large measure responsible for the change in the curfew from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock on weekdays and to midnight on Friday and Saturdays.

He has been active in organizing the Friday night teen-age dances at the Eugene hotel and is a leading figure in the movement to establish a teen-age center in downtown Eugene where youngsters with time on their hands can find an outlet for wholesome recreation.

Young Eugene men who have been selected in past years as first junior citizen include Hale Thompson, Nelson Paris and Merle Nash.

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the aft end of the carrier. "We took all they had to give us, and stayed with 'em," was his comment on the battle. When the big flat-top had sunk, the enemy "strafed" the wounded in the water, and it is this which Passman can never forget.

Emergency treatment was received at Pearl Harbor, after being picked up. He spent only about an hour in the water. He was discharged from the naval hospital in San Diego about a year ago, and spent the first three months of last year selling war bonds, visiting high schools and colleges in many part of the United States.

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