

### Yanks Run Observation Post In Temple Near Tibet Border

By WALTER G. RUNDLE  
HEADQUARTERS 14TH AIR FORCE, China.—(AP)—In an ancient Buddhist temple in a mountain-rimmed valley near the Tibetan border, seven ingenious Yanks are operating a U. S. army observation station which is one of the most isolated posts of duty in this war.

The story of this rugged crew and their life among aloof tribesmen of mixed Chinese and Tibetan blood who had not heard of the war was told me by 1st Lt. Dean R. Love, Ventura, Calif., who recently arrived here foraging for equipment.

His duties at the remote post are shared by Sgts. Joe W. McGahen of Halleville, Okla., Albert W. Schaufier, Ithaca, N. Y., Dayton A. Johnson, South Miami, Fla., Herbert L. Stone, New York City, and Corps. Kenton L. Ludiker, Tulsa, Okla., and Charles H. Ruller, Herkimer, N. Y.

They have been on their own since early last November when they were dropped off with clothing, a few rations, and some Chinese money.

The group is cloistered effectively by 25,000-foot peaks that rise around their valley. The tortuous pack trails winding through these peaks are braved infrequently by outsiders. Occasionally an army plane brings in certain supplies.

"We found only one other white man there—a British missionary," Love told me. "None of us knew Chinese and anyhow we discovered that the natives spoke the Nashi dialect which even the Chinese find difficult."

"We had to learn to speak Nashi—pronto."

Love said they negotiated through gestures with the local elders for shelter in an abandoned temple on the first day.

"At first we found it difficult to sleep or work comfortably with half a dozen leering, grinning life-sized idols gazing at us from niches in the temple walls," Love said.

The idols were removed after long consultation with village chiefs, but other, even longer, discussions were necessary after the natives became suspicious of the group's activities and refused to permit them to begin work.

After they explained that they were not missionaries, that there was a war and that they were soldiers, friendly relations and work were commenced.

"We hit the real snag," Love said, "when our supply of Chinese money gave out and the natives were scornful and unimpressed by our American dollars."

"At last we hit on the brilliant idea of trying to sell our empty tin ration cans in town 10 miles away. The results were amazing. We were almost mobbed and we disposed of our entire supply of cans at 15 Chinese dollars apiece, netting 1700 Chinese dollars in two hours."

Love said the next time they returned to town they discovered their cans, to which rude handles had been soldered, selling briskly at 30 Chinese dollars apiece.

The natives have become extremely friendly, Love said, and were vastly entertained when he and his crew tried out their makeshift "Chic Sales."

"I wouldn't want an argument with any native woman," Love asserted. "They're the most powerful I've ever seen and they really wear the pants in those mountain tribes."

### Senators Doubt Post-War Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Chairman Walter F. George, (D., Ga.), of the senate finance committee, said tonight it would be "holding out false hopes to the American people to talk now about drastically reduced taxes" as soon as the war ends.

Predicting that the federal budget will continue to be of considerable size for some time after the war, he added:

"We just can't cut these taxes as drastically as some people think. It would be poor economy. Instead, there will be a gradual reduction in individual tax rates until our income is stabilized."

George and Sen. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), held out some hope, however, for early reduction of corporation taxes after the war, and the house ways and means committee promised action this year to make individual income tax forms "as simple and understandable as possible."

Meanwhile, congress waited to see what President Roosevelt will do with the new \$2,315,200,000 tax bill which was sent to the White House on Thursday. Having asked for \$10,500,000,000 in new revenue the president is known to consider the bill "unrealistic."

### Hoyt Warns—

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and won election to the senate on the republican ticket, called for a coalition campaign against the administration.

Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R., Neb.) speaking at Huntington, W. Va., called for lifting of "regimentation" and business restrictions the moment the war is over.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Vice-President Wallace said today that the nation must not return to "hunger and despair," but must provide now for the future through public works, which would allow employment for all.

In a Lincoln day address Wallace said, "We have come out of the dark cellars of unemployment and doles and we must never go back."

"The people have a right to ask 'Why can we not work and get enough to eat and wear in peace as we have in war?'" he added. "The answer is, 'We can and we must.' With full employment the people of the United States can have the things they have always wanted, better homes, better schools, better household furnishings and more time to spend with their children."

### Bond Quota—

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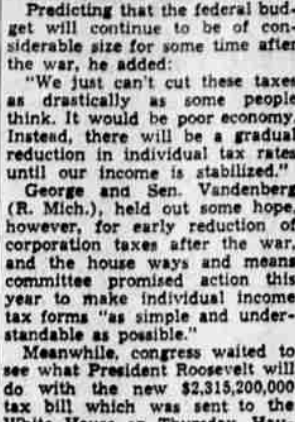
believe they will answer the call adequately.

More than \$140,000 worth of bonds, 80 per cent of them E, have been sold in Junction City, reports Charles R. Nelson, bond organizer there. Junction has to sell \$25,000 more to reach its quota.

Star sales person in Lane county, according to Dr. Comish, is Mrs. Marie Stonefield, a woman more than 70 years old, who lives at Big Creek in western Lane, Jack Pons-

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### Boy Unable to Get Into Hospital Dies

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Fourteen-year-old William Heebrie, who lay seriously burned for nearly an hour before a hospital could be found that would admit him, died here today.

The youth, burned while fleeing from roaring flames that razed a small frame house within 15 minutes, was turned down by six hospitals, which said they had no vacant beds, attendants said.

Dr. Donald W. Nickelsen, who treated the boy in Portland General hospital, said the delay might have been partially responsible for his death. "That boy's chances of recovery depended to a great extent upon the rapidity with which treatment was given," he said. "We have saved patients before when burned that badly if quickly treated."

John W. Green, 14, cousin of the dead boy, also was burned seriously. His father, Melvin E. Green, and a 5-year-old stepson suffered minor burns.

Cause of the fire, which broke out while the family was sleeping, was not immediately determined.

### Red Tip to Japs Held Possible

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Army and Navy Journal said today that in view of the progress of American arms in the Pacific "it may be that Moscow would deem it expedient as an act of friendship to warn the Tokyo government that its interests demand that it seek peace" with the United States and Great Britain.

The unofficial service publication mentioned the idea in a discussion of Secretary of State Hull's recent caution to Finland to withdraw from the war. (Finland, co-belligerent with Germany, is at war with Russia but not with the United States. Russia is a neutral in the Anglo-American war with Japan.)

"Now that the Tokyo war lords are being impressed with inevitability of their defeat," The Journal said, "the practical among the Japanese possibly would welcome a friendly caution from their slavish neighbor."

### HOPKINS SON KILLED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight notified Harry L. Hopkins that his son, Stephen, 18, had been killed in action in the Marshall Islands and buried at sea.

### Lane County—

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alone in trade and industry in a secure world.

Whether back of Willkie or not as a possible presidential nominee, all were impressed with his sincerity, and with his direct and friendly manner in meeting and talking to the various groups during the day. Showing effects of a strenuous schedule with its numerous meetings and continual barrage of questions, Willkie was always cordial, insisting he be considered just one of the group.

In his two major press sessions—the official conference in the morning and the "strictly off the record" luncheon, attended by a large gathering of upstate and Portland press, Willkie stood out because of his frankness and courtesy.

Mrs. Willkie, guest at a special women's gathering, charmed with her graciousness and sparkle.

The Willkie visit was the drawing card to get republicans from all over the state for other purposes, party leaders kinda hinting the time has come for business—preparing organization for the coming elections. Most interesting too, was "on-the-side" chatter about several offices open in the election—national committee; the senatorship race between Wayne L. Morse and the incumbent, Rufus Holman; congressmen; the state legislature, etc.

Among Lane county people here—some to attend the Willkie meetings, others to take in party organization sessions, others the Lincoln day banquet in the evening with Willkie as a 10-minute speaker before leaving Portland, and Palmer Hoyt, Oregonian publisher, as the main speaker, others "just observing," were State Senator Angus Gibson of Junction City; Kenneth Nielsen, state central committee secretary; Mrs. Janie Thompson, district vice-president in the Oregon Republican clubs group; Ed. G. Boehnke, James A. Rodman, Ben F. Dorris, Clarence E. Lombard, Robert M. Fischer, Jr., Arthur Prialux.

### Worth Named—

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The Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, was unable to be here and his address on "Elementary Teacher Training" was given by Professor Ivan Milhouse of that college.

"Are We Meeting the Problems of Wandering Juveniles?" was the subject of an address by George V. Sheviakov, superintendent of the schools of Vanport City. Discussion group meetings followed his address, given at the forenoon session and a forum discussion was led by him during the luncheon hour.

### VETERAN REACHES 99

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—C. H. Stranahan, one of Oregon's oldest Civil War veterans, was 99 years old today. Stranahan, one-time legislator from Hood River county, helped to make Feb. 12—Lincoln's birthday and also Stranahan's—a legal holiday in Oregon.

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### War In Brief

Italy—Allies now down waves of Germans as first big Nazi assault on beachhead below Rome believed stopped; huge reinforcement convoy arrives.

Russia—Red troops smash into outskirts of Luga, major German base on Leningrad-Pskov railroad, and capture rail junction of Betskaysa, 18 miles to the east.

Western Europe—Liberators hurl fifth straight attack on Pas de Calais targets, without loss.

Pacific—Allies step up air offensive against Rabaul, destroying 42 Jap planes there and at Kavieng, New Ireland.

### Planning—

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contacting service men and integrating them and their problems into Lane's post-war planning.

Service contacts is in the process of formation, Stickels said, and the council is working with representatives of the veteran's organizations in the community—the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish American War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans and Marine Corps League.

The selection of a chairman for this department will be announced shortly as will the other remaining chairmen Stickels promised.

President Stickels stated that the chairmen of each of these departments together with himself, the three vice-presidents, W. B. Gard, William Fort, Dr. A. O. Wallace, Secretary R. S. Woodruff and Treasurer H. H. Myers, of the council, will constitute the executive board of the Central Lane County Planning council.

Secretary Roy S. Woodruff in collaboration with the department chairmen will complete the formation of department committees as provided in the charter.

Other departments will be added to the planning council if their need in post-war planning is demonstrated, President Stickels said.

### HOME COMING SET

CORVALLIS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—First homecoming ever held at Oregon State college during the basketball season was scheduled today for Feb. 19.

### Americans To Be Taken From Vicksburg

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The state department announced tonight that interned officers and others will be repatriated aboard the motorship Gripsholm.

Included among those to be repatriated will be American consular officers in the former German-occupied zone of France, workers, and officials of other American republics.

The Gripsholm is expected to leave New York on or about Feb. 15 and to arrive at Lisbon on about Feb. 24, the state department said.

The repatriation will involve return to Germany and France of "certain" German officials interned in North Africa and some French officials, the announcement disclosed.

### Nineteen Men Killed In Three-Plane Crash

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Nineteen men were killed today when three B-24 bomber planes collided during a formation flying, the Greenville air base commander reported tonight.

Two of the planes burst into flames while still in the air, the wreckage of all three strewn over a wide area, but no damage to the base installations, army officers said.

Those killed included Capt. Thur W. Martin Jr., 24, of Fresno, Calif.

### SUMMER SEASON SET

FOREST GROVE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Pacific university today announced its 1944 summer session June 12-July 14 and July 17-Aug. 18.

### TIMBER SALES UP

MEDFORD, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Ber sale receipts from Bogal national forest totaled \$200,000 in 1943—largest returns of any Oregon national forest. Superior timber sales brought in \$2,200,000 plus an additional \$400,000 grazing fees, land use, and miscellaneous sources.