

Hannegan Arrives For Chicago Parley

CHICAGO, July 15.—(AP)—New contingents marched onto the democratic convention scene today ready for what their leaders said would be a "wide open" battle for the vice-presidential nomination before a decision is reached next Friday.

Fresh arrivals included democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan. Reservations were made for six cabinet officers tomorrow. But a much-advertised expression of a White House attitude on second place still had not made its appearance.

Dr. Lee Roy Woods To Army Medical School



LEE ROY WOODS

Carrying a military tradition into the third generation, Dr. Lee Roy Woods, 3rd, grandson of Major Lee Roy "Cap" Woods of Eugene and son of Col. Lee Roy Woods, Jr., of Camp Roberts, Calif., recently left for Carlisle Barracks, Pa., army medical field school.

He was graduated in August of 1943 from the Indiana State Medical college, one of a small, selected group which completed three years' work in two years. He took his nine-month internship at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, completing it June 1, and afterward spent a month resting, during which time he visited his grandfather and his aunt, Miss Carolyn Woods, in Eugene.

Colonel Woods, his father, is fiscal director of finance at Camp Roberts, having recently completed an advanced course at finance school in North Carolina. He previously had been at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Colonel Woods spent some time also at Camp Adair, as finance officer, when he first came back to the United States from Porto Rico.

Major Woods, known locally as "Cap" from a long period of service with the national guard, served in the world war, as did his son, the latter remaining in the army after the major had retired to civilian life.

agrees to show it from 10:30 a.m. to 12 m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The place is sold. The new owner tactfully tries to find out when the tenant can move. "Very soon." They "have a place in mind."

Again he sees her and she will know in two weeks. Then he demands a definite date for her to vacate and she tells him "I've never been notified to move."

The new owner goes to OPA and gets one blank for the seller to sign. Another he signs asking her to move in 90 days as he desires the premises for his own home.

At the end of 90 days he serves her with a 30-day state notice. At the end of 30 days he hires a lawyer for \$50 to evict the tenants.

In court the judge says, "You must move as soon as you can find a place."

This is an every-day occurrence in crowded areas. OPA works an equal hardship on the renter. When the house he occupies is sold he has to find a place. If he has children no landlord will consider his family. He is forced to buy.

And the vicious circle goes on—ad infinitum.

If Eugene can have local rent control would anyone want these inequities from Washington. To Washington, Eugene is just a spot on the map. To the citizens of Eugene it is the grandest place on earth.

Wounded Eugene Soldier Writes

A letter from their son, PFC Norman H. Peebles, wounded in action in the invasion of France, June 7, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Peebles of route 4, Eugene.

It stated: "This will be short, as I am still a little weak. I recently returned from a picnic in France, bringing several pieces of Jerry shrapnel along. Getting the best of care, will soon be out and well as ever." The letter was written June 25.

Private Peebles served as a paratrooper in the engagement. Governmental word states that he now has been returned to duty.

Odd Fellows Elect

Spencer Butte lodge of Odd Fellows installed the following officers in the past week: Jack Brenner, noble grand; I. M. Lean, vice-grand; Jack Johnson, right supporter to noble grand; W. I. King, left supporter to noble grand; W. Forster, conductor; Jack Jackson, warden; I. P. Inman, right supporter to vice-grand; Cecil Lyons, left supporter to vice-grand; Aaron Humphrey, right scene supporter; H. Draper, left scene supporter.

Local Control—

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port the railroadmen's needs and OPA rent control, though outnumbered by members of the Eugene Realty Board.

"An opportunist," Jensen claimed, "is a fellow who, finding himself in hot water, decides he needs a bath anyway. This is the exigency in which the realty board finds itself. But, as this is important, they have decided inasmuch as they are no longer able to forestall the inevitable, rent control, they at least are going to see that a form most advantageous to them, irrespective of those whom our government was most interested in protecting, the tenants, is quickly adopted by our city council. And to top it off they are now trying to picture themselves to the public as champions of rent control, hastening to befriend the long-suffering tenant. Let's place the credit where it belongs."

Jensen declared that, in 1943, railroad employes were trying to meet rising living costs with wages frozen by the "little steel" formula, and decided to do something about high rents in Eugene and vicinity. Through their organizations they petitioned the government for federal rent control. But before OPA would interest itself in the problem, evidence had to be produced to show that federal control was necessary. Soon, Jensen opined, the railroad employes produced evidence sufficient to start OPA inquiry.

"The realty board became alarmed," Jensen said. "Hastily they met and hastily petitioned the city council, in February, to appoint a rent committee. This was done. Smugly they went back to their offices. The stop-gap was successful. Business as usual, and why not? The chairman of the rent committee was and is a member of the realty board, and two of the remaining four members were vitally inter-

ested financially in real estate. "The railroad group kept boring away, convinced OPA of the rent committee's antipathy. An official came down from Portland, met with the rent committee and railroad groups, and made a public statement that there was not enough evidence. Now the landlords did feel smug. Rents skyrocketed. Complaints from tenants poured in to railroad organizations and the OPA office. The rent division of OPA sent an official here who made a statement that sufficient evidence had materialized, finally, to warrant an OPA survey.

"Anyone who reads the Register-Guard knows the rest," Jensen continued. "The realty board, rudely jarred out of their complacency, hastily passed a resolution to ask for a city ordinance to forestall FEDERAL rent control. Their continued use of the word, forestall, as if the U. S. government were something to be feared and abhorred, should be resented by all good Americans.

"Many people not associated with our leading businessmen, have with the railroad, including some expressed opinion that rent control by city ordinance would not adequately solve the problem in view of all the circumstances. It will help, yes, and I believe prevent further increase in rents. But I sincerely believe those whom it is meant to help—those for whom rent regulation for housing was included under OPA—will be more adequately served by federal rent control, and they will look with suspicion and distrust upon a city ordinance.

"Without a doubt city rent control will be in effect soon," Jensen concluded. "It will be rushed through the city council, before the federal government can make a thorough survey. And the real reason for its passage? To forestall federal rent control, and not because of any concern for those who rent property. A nice kettle of fish!"

Train Control—

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the Lane area, Mercier pointed out and he revealed that S. P. officials are watching with keen interest and expect great developments out of the establishment of the wood chemical plant at Springfield.

Eugene is an important cog in the Southern Pacific system, the S. P. head said, and emphasized that it is one of the most important blocking stations on the coast, freight trains being assembled here for through traffic to southern lines.

Mercier pooh-poohed the idea that any future developments in air cargo transportation would prove a serious competitor to surface transportation. "At least not in my lifetime or yours," he told the interviewer.

Railroads of the future will aim to please their customers, offering them the best in services and developments and at reasonable costs, the S. P. president stated.

Mercier is accompanied on his present trip by H. V. Rossetti, director of the Southern Pacific company, and president of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Los Angeles, and Frank Powell, president of the South Western Portland Cement company, Los Angeles.

New Red—

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34 miles south of Kaunas. The city of Alytus, one of the most important rail junctions in southern Lithuania, was captured, and at that town Soviet troops were 50 miles from East Prussia proper.

Capture of Alytus outflanked Kaunas, former seat of the Lithuanian government, to the south, while other troops, smashing northwest from Wilno, advanced

to within 20 miles southeast of Kaunas by the capture of Kaisiadorys.

German reports said the new assault was launched on a 78-mile front between Tarnopol and Luck with typical Russian ferocity. The Nazi DNB military commen-

tator, Ernst von Hammer, said the main center of the Russian attack was Tarnopol where the front has been more or less stable since mid-April. The second center of gravity, he said, was around Luck in the sector immediately south of the Kowel sector which the Ger-

mans recently admitted capturing. The twin attacks, it would constitute a grave threat to Lwow and its Polish fortress, Przemysl, and positions protecting the approaches to southern Poland.

Guam Raiders—

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began July 4 already has exceeded the pre-invasion attack against Saipan.

CHUNGKING, July 15.—(AP)—A strong Japanese force battered its way into the southern suburbs of bomb-scarred Hengyang and seized Sinkai (new) street, a main thoroughfare of that pivotal-Hunan province city, a Chinese communique said today, but a desperate Chinese garrison, led personally by its commander, threw it back in bloody hand-to-hand fighting.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, July 16.—(AP)—Boston bombers struck in force against the great petroleum center of Boela, Ceram in the Dutch East Indies, Friday, and burning oil from ruptured storage tanks flowed through the streets of the town and enveloped the entire target in flames, it was announced today.

Boela, one of the richest prizes seized by the Japanese early in 1942, has been raided several times.

Waste Paper—

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Springfield and other outlying districts impossible Sunday. There will be drives for these areas soon, however, and residents are urged to save their paper until further announcements are made.

The paper is collected on a non-profit basis, with the small margin made over the handling and trucking fees going to some worthy local organization. The scrap paper is shipped directly to mills in the Pacific northwest for processing into vital war material.

Newspapers, magazines and other clean forms of waste paper, including cartons, are wanted. Wastebasket paper is not wanted, for sanitary reasons.

Those living outside the city limits or unable to collect their bundles in time may take them to the collecting depot at the Lane county fairground any day of the week, including Sunday, between 1 and 7 p. m.

Induction—

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icated that existing pools of men in the 18-25 age group are dwindling fast, and in such areas the call of men 26 and over is anticipated. But what will actually vice, is that quotas will be readjusted in order to exhaust first the supplies of men under 26, who are preferred by the armed forces. This has been selective service policy and will continue, officials said.

Federal Control—

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apartment had seven children and four adults. The owner raised the rent to \$30. The tenants brought her before OPA and she was required to reduce the rent to \$19 and to refund all she had collected above \$19. Justice?

In crowded defense areas no one wants to rent to children. Frozen rents make the owner decide to sell. Accordingly he lists his house with a realtor.

The realtor attempts to show the property. The tenant refuses to show it.

Then the owner sends a registered letter telling the tenant it is for sale and in 30 days will please allow the realtor to show it.

After 30 days the realtor again attempts to show it, but the tenant refuses as she has company. She does not know when she can. Not in the forenoon as she goes to market mornings. Not in the afternoon as her children are sleeping. Not in the evening as the baby is in bed. Never on a Sunday for religious scruples.

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