

Local Rent Control On Trial, Says Gage

Daniel Gage, federal rent administrator for the Portland area, visited Eugene Wednesday looking over the setup for local rent control under city ordinance. He conferred with many people, including Col. J. H. Tierney, chairman of the city rent board.

Although a federal survey has been ordered by the bureau of labor statistics, federal rent control may be averted, if the plan for local control can be made to function. Gage indicated that federal policy has been to give local people every reasonable chance to curb profiteering before stepping in.

He said, however, that the Eugene-Springfield area has undoubtedly become one of the most difficult areas in Oregon, due to the steady increase in industrial development and population and to the failure of housing construction to keep pace with needs.

"Sale prices seem to be even more out of line than rents," said Gage, "and prices are even higher than in the Portland area where rent control has had the effect of preventing too much boom in sale prices."

Action by federal authorities may depend on the course of the war. An end of fighting in Europe might release materials and labor for home construction, but this is still doubtful, especially if the shift of major effort to the Pacific theater creates further congestion on this coast.

U. S. Clamps Curb On Argentine Gold

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Official sources said today that free movement of Argentine gold from this country had been terminated.

Argentina, it was said, heretofore has enjoyed the privilege of exporting the "earmarked" gold it owns in the United States just as freely as other allied and associated nations. Now, it was explained, Argentina has been put on the same restrictive basis applicable to neutral nations such as Sweden, Spain, Portugal, and Elre.

Confirming previous disclosure by the United Press of the move, officials described it as being entirely "logical" since the United States government has classified Argentina as a neutral which is not cooperating with the allied war effort.

The action was disclosed by well-informed persons just three weeks after Secretary of State Hull, in a sharply worded statement, charged that Argentina had violated her pledges for aiding hemispheric defense by giving affirmative assistance to the axis.

Argentina and many other Latin American countries are known to have considerable gold stocks in this country, much of it resulting from favorable trade balances created by heavy wartime buying in their countries by the United States. Most governments, however, have left the gold in United States vaults.

Major Gard Sends Card from Philippines

First word in more than a year from Major Dwight E. Gard, one of the Americans taken off Corregidor, has been received by relatives in Oregon, reports his brother, W. B. Gard, manager of the Eugene branch of the United States National bank.

Major Gard is in the Philippine camp No. 1. He said he was in good health and he acknowledged a radiogram sent him by relatives at Christmas time. The last word received from him was a card a year ago last June.

DEADLINE FOR CAFES

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Today is the deadline for restaurants to post ceiling price lists of 40 common food items. Earl C. Hald, Oregon district price executive, OPA, said these prices must not be higher than those charged for the week of April 4-10, 1943.

Chessman Gets Support

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Merle R. Chessman, republican state senator from Clatsop county, had the support of that county's democratic central committee today against a new democratic move to contest his right to serve on the state highway commission.

Fred Thiel, county chairman, and Harold Haynes, state committee-man, declared they were "thoroughly out of sympathy" with a plan of Henry E. Aiken, state democratic chairman, to force the issue of Sen. Chessman's dual role with the state's attorney general.

Chinese Storming City Of Tengchung

CHUNGKING, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Chinese troops stormed the important city of Tengchung on the Salween front near the Burma-China border Monday and were reported to be fighting in the ruins of the former British consulate, a communique disclosed today.

The communique gave no indication of what the status of the city has been since Monday. "The Chinese reportedly made several large-scale attacks on the walled Japanese-held bastion after having repulsed enemy onslaughts.

As night approached, the tempo of the fighting increased, the communique said.

Chinese also attacked two heavily fortified hill positions dominating Burma road city 30 miles south of Tengchung. Infantrymen made their attack after the Japanese positions had been softened by an intense artillery barrage and bombing by the 14th American air force.

Sankuanpo, one mile from Lungling, was the focal point of another Chinese thrust.

Lack of Nazi-

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ized. Now it seems like shadow boxing. "I heard a general exclaim: 'Everything is lovely.'"

Before we got off the landing vessel, Naval Lt. Joseph Finley of Pontiac, Ill., who'd been in close to shore in an LCI, came up to report that there were no under water obstacles and amazing little opposition ashore.

He had seen only one machine-gun nest from one of the many blockhouses open fire. That was an obstinate one which defied sniper fire from ground troops and which was only silenced when rocket bombs and then a destroyer opened up on it.

He had seen a few tanks blown up by land mines but otherwise no damage. Through glasses he saw German soldiers coming out of a big hotel waving a white flag.

How can one explain the failure of the Germans to use their defenses? The shore batteries were there but they weren't fired. The pill boxes were there and we expected murderous enfilading fire but it didn't materialize.

Everybody's simply flabbergasted but very happy. It literally couldn't be better.

Machinists-

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the overtime schedule calling for opening at one half hour earlier."

Link Belt company: "Last night the welders, but not the machinists, worked to the scheduled closing time on an overtime basis. This morning none of the machinists appeared at the scheduled opening hour on the overtime basis."

Main San Francisco plant of Enterprise Engine and Foundry company: "Only 28 out of a total of 280 showed up at the overtime opening hour." South San Francisco plant: "All employees went to work on overtime."

Federal Mogul Bearing corporation: "As of this morning, 29 strikers in addition to the 17 already there, were back at work out of a total of 111 strikers."

Clarence Hines Is Speaker For Lions

Some of the changes in education within the past quarter century, and further developments to be expected in the post-war period, were highlighted briefly Wednesday by Clarence Hines, new assistant superintendent of city schools in Eugene, before the weekly Lions club meeting.

The very great spread in ability, and along with it a greater spread in achievement, made up one point mentioned by the speaker in discussing changes that have been going on in education, a situation that has found the schools' program being adapted to meet all such spread. The greater attention to individual needs was another phase Hines mentioned as developing within the past 20 years or so. Emphasis on vocational education was another point listed as a noticeable change in education.

Turning to future events, Hines said considerable study and discussion are being held over the country regarding probabilities of service courses, or work which would equip students to be of service to the country should another emergency arise, resulting in the country being better prepared to meet an emergency with more skilled and trained workers; also on the top is a required military training program and what form it may take.

Also looking at the future, the speaker said he believed it would become more evident that the purely academic point of view in education—pure learning for pure learning's sake—is passing out, more emphasis being placed now to prepare young people to become better equipped, all-around citizens.

With this change in program, vocational education will come more and more into the limelight, also, because of the training that will go on to prepare thousands and thousands of young men returning from the war to take new jobs, the school executive said. Percy W. Brown introduced the speaker.

Rollin Calkin sang two solos as a special feature. State Senator Angus Gibson, Lions member from Junction City, was a guest. Elmer Oberg, a recent new member, was introduced again to the club membership.

Announcement was made that Edgar W. Smith, democratic nominee for the long term in the United States senate, will be speaker at next week's meeting.

Article By Kehrl Reprinted In East

In the August issue of the American Municipal association "State League Notes" published in Chicago is the reprint of an article entitled "The Investment of Municipal Financial Reserves and Sinking Funds" published first in the June 17 issue of the League of Oregon Cities news letter. The foreword was written by Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the league, and director of the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

Kehrl writes that "the creation of various types of financial reserves and the inability of cities to buy on a favorable basis their own outstanding bonds which have definite maturity dates has led to the accumulation of large cash balances for the retirement of outstanding debt or for cash financing of future projects in many cities. The proper management of these reserves becomes a problem which has not previously been faced by most cities."

He concludes that the unavailability of the type of investments which has ordinarily been bought by cities for investment of sinking fund moneys has acted as a deterrent to some cities in making any investments at all, and that despite the low interest rates available, principles of good management dictate that reserve funds should be invested rather than allowed to lie idle.

Since the field of investment is pretty largely limited to securities of the federal government, it is suggested that the following rules should be observed by a city in determining what type of government issue to buy: (1) do not purchase long-term bonds for short term needs; (2) do not purchase bonds that must be sold in the open market at the close of the war. Slight changes in the value of the bonds may cause large losses; and (3) if funds are needed for immediate post-war use, consider carefully the feasibility of purchasing shorter-term investments such as 7 1/2 per cent certificates of indebtedness, 1 1/4 per cent treasury notes, treasury savings notes, series C. However, Kehrl concludes, the type or security a city should buy in the last analysis depends upon the local situation.

Easing Of Censorship Voted By House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The senate-approved amendments to the soldier vote law, which would relax censorship restrictions on reading material for the armed forces, were passed by unanimous consent by the house today and sent to the White House.

House members approved the measures without comment, after Rep. Eugene Worley (D-Tex) introduced the legislation which yesterday gained senate approval. "This is merely a qualifying amendment," Worley explained.

Virginia Educator Is Guest in Eugene

Dr. Annetta MacDonald, Lynchburg, Va., who teaches psychology at Randolph-Macon, is the house guest of Dr. Leona Tyler, assistant professor of psychology, University of Oregon, for several days. Dr. MacDonald, who was a classmate of Dr. Tyler at the University of Minnesota, has been teaching at the Portland extension center this summer as a professor of clinical and adolescent psychology.

She arrived in Eugene Tuesday after a short visit with her brother in San Francisco. She spent several weeks with Dr. Tyler earlier this summer.

Yanks 40 Miles-

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to Paris meant that the Americans had advanced 80 miles eastward from Argentan and Alencon. Dreux is 40 miles due west of Paris and Chartres 43 miles southwest.

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's headquarters announced that

ROME, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The allied invasion forces in southern France, including the United States 7th army, are commanded by Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch, it was announced today.

Gen. Patch is well known in the northwest, particularly for his command of the IV corps army maneuvers in the Bend area, starting last September and lasting two months. The maneuver was the largest ever held in the northwest. The general commanded army forces on Guadalcanal, then came back to the west coast a year ago June as corps commander.

the invasion of southern France was proceeding "according to plan."

Allied headquarters in Rome announced that all initial objectives on the southern coast of France had been taken and that the troops had firmly established positions, with some penetrations eight miles deep. Air-borne troops blocked enemy reinforcements.

A front dispatch described a landing at a central beach as successful "beyond the widest hopes." Assault boats went ashore flying U. S. flags as if on parade. American troop carriers shuttled supplies and reinforcements by glider and parachute into the bridgehead.

Surrender Leaflets

In northwestern France allied planes showered down two million safe conduct surrender leaflets upon Germans attempting to run a gauntlet of fire through the eight-mile wide Falaise corridor. Upwards of 40,000 Germans had been reported caught in the Normandy pocket which was being steadily reduced by converging allied armies.

A dispatch from the Mediterranean front said allied ships were rushing reinforcements ashore at three different harbors between Cannes and Marseille.

It was disclosed that the Frejus area, 33 miles southwest of Nice, and Cap Negre, 28 miles east of Toulon, were two of the points where invasion forces landed. Frejus would serve as a rail base for a thrust westward to the mouth of the Rhone. The announced goal of the invasion is a sweep northward, possibly up the Rhone valley, to effect a junction with allied forces in Normandy.

Front dispatches from western France said it was estimated that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American third army inflicted nearly 100,000 casualties on the Germans in two weeks, taking 39,000 prisoners, wounding 46,000 and killing 11,000. The Canadians were said to have taken an additional 2,000 prisoners in the past three days. German casualties since June 6 were estimated at from 250,000 to 300,000.

A British staff officer conceded that Field Marshal von Kluge has been able to pull out virtually all his armor from the trap.

The allied communique said organized enemy resistance has ceased at Dinard in Brittany but that the suicide garrison in St. Malo still held out. It added, "there are no changes to report from Brest or Lorient."

Eugene Man 'Closest to Japan' Seeks Navy Post

Petitioning to the university for the waiver of certain graduation requirements so that he may obtain a commission in the navy and thereafter apply for an assignment in the civil affairs administration of occupied areas, Don G. Brooke, Eugene, writes he is closer to Japan than any other Eugene man.

"I've just seen my bit of action, and just as soon as I can I will join my wife and two little girls back in Eugene, where we will go into business. I think I'll go to law school and practice law. It's still pretty rugged out here, but not more so than in other places."

"I'll wager no petition has ever been presented to our staid old university on stationery of this type (decorated with a hula dancing girl), but it's all I have and out here we're very lucky to have any."

Brooke has been with the seabees. He attended the university and has completed all the required hours, except that he lacks certain courses in social science.

MIRALOVIC WIFE DIES

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(P)—The wife of Gen. Draja Mihailovic, Yugoslav Chetnik leader, has died in a German concentration camp, the Polish London government was informed today by the Polish underground.

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