

Critical Period Seen Following Inauguration

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WASHINGTON.—A delicate and urgently important six-month period in the political relationships of the major allies begins this week with President Roosevelt's inauguration for a fourth term as chief executive of the United States.

The ceremony will take place on the south portico of the white house at noon on Saturday, Jan. 20. Roosevelt will leave soon afterward for a secret conference with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

The president probably will be back home by mid-March. Soon thereafter it is expected that the United States will issue invitations for a full dress conference of the United Nations. That conference will undertake to draft a peace-guarantee treaty which—if the schedule can be maintained—will be submitted to the senate before June for ratification. Such a treaty would formally commit post-war security proposals implicit in the Dumbarton Oaks agreement reached here last autumn in conferences between representatives of the soviet union, Great Britain and the United States.

Hurry-up Program

This is a hurry-up program for international agreement and action upon post-war peace machinery. It is designed to avoid the political disagreements which turned former military friends and allies into diplomatic foes after World War I. This time it is hoped to obtain agreement on basic issues before the end of hostilities and while the bonds of military inter-dependency remain secure.

Some of Roosevelt's campaign supporters last autumn urged as a top reason for his re-election his solid personal relationships with Churchill and Stalin which they said would prove of enduring value in working out the difficult problems of the post-war world. Those personal relationships now are about to be put to the test of finding mutually satisfactory adjustments of specific, conflicting questions.

American, Russian and British political frictions in recent months have been in unfortunate contrast

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to the relatively smooth functioning of a substantially coordinated military program of action against the enemy. Events in Poland, Greece and Italy have spotlighted issues on which two or more of the major allies are not agreed. Top men here and in London as well as publications in all three countries have been exchanging charges and counter charges, all implying that something is askew in the United Nations political high command.

Family Party

That is the situation as Roosevelt prepares to take his fourth oath as president in a more or less family party on the white house stoop. Unlike some of the previous conferences between Roosevelt and Churchill or the 1943 big three meeting in Tehran, this one must deal with and seek agreement on certain matters with which the public is familiar and about which it will demand specific information when the conference is over.

A communique in terms of general assurances that the conferees have reached general agreement on the matters before them will not answer the questions that even the most casual readers of newspapers now are competent to ask about the political points of view of Washington, London and Moscow.

Well informed readers of newspapers will want to know whether the big three can find a government of Poland which all three can recognize and what has been agreed upon for Poland's post-war frontiers and system of government. They will want to know how Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin finally decided the proposed world security council shall vote.

Point Agreed On

The Dumbarton Oaks conference was unable to agree on that, Russia holding out for a veto right against collective security for each permanent council member, even if that member were the one charged with aggression.

The war with Germany is sufficiently near its end now for the big three to agree precisely on what shall happen to her in the post-war world—and who shall perform the operations, if any. Those are merely some of the pending questions.

Roosevelt and his advisers have been checking the popular pulse with disturbing results. They have learned that political squabbles among the allies have had an adverse impact on public opinion here. The president will try to obtain from his meeting with Churchill and Stalin news that will be reassuring to the folks back home and bolster their interest in a post-war world security organization backed by the heavy fist of collective force.

County Rollina Stock Insurance To DeBar

Bryant DeBar, Eugene insurance agent, representing the Manufacturers' Casualty and Insurance company, Friday was given the contract by the Lane county court to furnish insurance covering automobile fleet public liability, automobile fleet property damage and automobile hired car damage. The premium to be paid for this insurance is \$703.18.

The insurance covers all county-owned trucks and automobiles for the year 1945. Eight bids were submitted.

In peacetime, Liege was a leading industrial center of Belgium.

Parking Problems In Eugene



East on 11th avenue from Pearl.



North on Lincoln from 10th avenue.



East on 10th avenue from Lawrence street.



South on Oak street from 11th avenue.

ILLUSTRATING the need of off-street parking in Eugene is this series of pictures made for The Register-Guard by Jack Lamb. Mayor Earl McNutt has announced that he is going to get the opinions of merchants, business men, property owners and citizens generally on this problem. Week-end traffic peak in downtown Eugene is estimated at more than 10,000 vehicles. Post-war predictions are that traffic will more than double. (Wiltshire engraving)

Aluminum Production At All-Time High

PITTSBURGH.—(AP)—Even with substantial reduction in production, aluminum is still being made in this country at a rate three times that of peacetime peaks. I. W. Wilson, vice-president, Aluminum Co. of America, said today.

During 1944, ever-increasing quantities of the metal poured

into new military applications, he added. "Because of its availability, aluminum was not only returned to those military uses for which other materials had been substituted, but was, itself, substituted in many cases for other materials less plentiful in supply.

The new year should see growing amounts of aluminum going into the semi-military and civilian uses which must be expanded as rapidly as manpower may be safely diverted to their development.

"Prime examples of this first classification are airplane landing mats weighing about half as much as the older steel type, aluminum gasoline drums weighing 21 pounds each as compared with 32

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Delayed Fort Lands After Hope Given Up

By VERN HAUGLAND
B-29 BASE, Saipan, Jan. 4—(Delayed)—A "ghost ship" with an Oregon co-pilot made it home from Japan tonight, an hour and a half after the first B-29s had returned from their strike at Nagoya, their red and green lights forming a great arc in the sky.

Half an hour ago ground crews began giving up hope. After all, the missing plane had a new pilot and navigator. It was the first mission to Japan for the airplane commander, First Lt. Robert E. Engle of Price, Utah, a replacement from the states. And a new man was substituting for the regular navigator, who had been hospitalized for a minor knee injury. Second Lt. Emanuel Pavey, Salem, Ore., was co-pilot.

"The plane's been gone 15 hours and a half—that means she's down somewhere," someone said. On the operations board they chalked her up as "ditched."

Most of the men waiting at the field went back to their camps. Only the single searchlight reserved for tardy planes—the sad beacon that shines for hours for planes that may never get back—played hopefully into an empty sky.

Then came the ghostly sound of engines that logically should have been out of fuel. A B-29 all but given up for lost was coming home.

Engle landed the plane with one of its four propellers missing. Before he could taxi to the end of the strip, the three good engines coughed, spluttered and died of lack of gasoline. The plane had been aloft for 15 hours and 35 minutes.

One minute from the coast of Japan, an engine became disabled and the propeller started "windmilling." To feather the propeller would be to invite Japanese fighters to pick on a crippled Superfortress. Engle chose to continue his bombing run with the propeller turning wildly.

After bombing his Nagoya target and leaving Japan, Engle discovered the windmilling propeller could not be feathered. Throttling down to an airspeed barely above stalling tempo, Engle quickly fell behind his formation. The element leader radioed, "Am sending plane back to stay with you," but the Utaher replied, "What's the use of endangering two planes? If we must ditch we can ditch alone."

Engle flew four hours just above stalling speed, then notified his base he was preparing to ditch, giving an estimate of the time his fuel supply would last.

Halfway between Japan and Saipan the windmilling propeller flew off into space. Relieved of its strain and drag, the pilot flew onward on borrowed time as the flight engineer, Staff Sgt. Donley Harry Rogers of Ireland, Texas, sweated out the dangerously low supply of gasoline. The plane landed here with all its fuel gauges showing empty.

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Fine and Jail Term For Drunk Driver

George Henry Bender, 31, of Dorena was fined \$150 and sentenced to 30 days in jail in the local justice court Friday after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Justice Brownell, who pronounced the sentence, also requested that his driver's license be revoked for a year.

The arrest was made by Claire P. Williams and Harvey Chapman, state police officers, near Walker Thursday evening.

Speaker Declares No Soviet Menace

Americans need have no fear of Russia as an aggressor nation, according to Jack Friel, student of Russian policies and coach at Washington state college, who spoke to members and guests of the Active club in Eugene Thursday.

Friel says Russian-American cooperation is imperative for a world peace, and that any ideas of colonial expansion England may have will not develop.

As a former instructor of history in Spokane, Wash. high school, and as a student of history and business administration at WSC, Friel has made an intensive study of Russian policies

and conditions. Joining the WSC basketball coach, he won the northern championships in 1937 and the same squad also won the coast title and the championship in 1940. Eugene for the two-year ball series to be played at University of Oregon Saturday night.

Hood River Storm Bar Japanese Trade

HOOD RIVER, Ore., (AP)—Hood River today is a second community in which merchants have posted "No Jap Trade" their stores.

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