

Chinese Battles Rage Despite Truce

CHUNGKING, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Fighting between Nationalist and communist troops still is continuing in seven zones along five railway lines in north China despite a week-old cease-fire order, dispatches from Peiping said today. American observers aboard U. S. army planes took off yesterday for an inspection tour of the dis-

puted areas, but it was emphasized that the cease-fire commissions carry no authority to order a halt in the fighting. Three investigating teams already are in the field and five others are preparing to take off shortly. It was learned authoritatively that Manchuria, with the exception of Jehol province, is considered by the commissioners as being outside the scope of the cease-fire orders because of the presence there of Russian troops.

Red Cross Issues '45 Report; 5,000 Aided It In Lane County

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first of two articles relating to the annual report of the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross for 1945.

Making every effort to assist the Red Cross in their constantly growing peace-time demands, more than 5,000 persons assisted voluntarily with the Red Cross program in 1945, records for the year show. Records also reveal that some Red Cross activities, concerned mainly with the war, have fallen off, but that peace-time activities, concerned mainly with the veteran, his family, and his needs, have grown and are still growing rapidly.

Many of these 5,000 workers were associated with a stable Red Cross committee, and many others assisted in capacities not listed.

The production committee, of which Mrs. Royal Glick is chairman, reported 11,124 garments sewed, 1,009 garments knitted, and a total of 65,000 work hours given by workers. A total of 350 women or more worked in production each month in 1945.

10,000 Articles For Soldiers
Mrs. Kenneth Moore, chairman of the Junior Red Cross committee, reported 100 per cent enrollment in 111 Lane county schools.

Oregon Trail Council Elects New Officers

The election of district officers featured the meeting of the Lane district committee of the Oregon Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, Friday at the Eugene hotel. The Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson was named district chairman.

Other officers and members of the district committee elected were: district vice-chairman, Dr. N. H. Comish; district commissioner, Ralph A. Kindler; and district members-at-large, Harry Aldrich, Robert Cross, George Hall, Clarence Hines, C. A. Huntington, E. E. Martin, Dr. W. E. Moxley, Julio Silva, Dr. Warren D. Smith, the Rev. Ellsworth Tilton, and J. L. Woodworth.

Other members of the district committee are representatives of institutions using the Boy Scout program and council members-at-large.

The district committee heard reports from operating committees and reports on Boy Scout week, the scout-sponsored Eugene Gleemen concert, World Friendship week, and the Lane-South Lane section of the Oregon Trail council annual meeting to be held Feb. 9 at the Baptist church.

NAZI ESCAPE FAILS

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—(U.P.)—Fifteen German prisoners of war surrendered today at Kinsdale, County Cork, exhausted and famished by a four-day voyage in a stolen fishing boat after breaking from a French prison camp at St. Nazaire last Wednesday.

School pupils completed over 10,000 articles for service men, children in foreign countries and local children, and completed work on a Junior Red Cross workshop. Three adult volunteers, three senior high school girls, and two junior high school girls assisted Mrs. Moore in the office.

The blood donor program operated eight months, and a total of 1,800 pints of blood were given by Lane county residents. Mrs. Maylon Scott and Mrs. Clarence Hyde were co-chairmen.

The course for Gray Ladies was organized in June of 1945, reports show, and 16 women completed it. Members of the group work at the Corvallis naval hospital each Tuesday. Since their organization they have given 296 hours of work. The chairman is Mrs. R. W. Bridges.

3,000,000 Dressings Made
The surgical dressing program, headed by Mrs. J. H. Jackson, wound up its activities when the war ended. From 1941 to 1945 more than three million dressings were made for the army and for foreign and civilian relief. Hours given were 9,080, and work was done in 22 units in the county.

An arts and skills corps of eight women has been making weekly trips to the Corvallis naval hospital, with seven hours work given for each trip. Men at the hospital are instructed in all types of handicraft by members of the corps. Mrs. Lynn McCready heads this committee.

Mrs. David B. Evans, chairman of the home service committee, reported that 10 certificated and four uncertificated members of the corps have been active in 1945. An average of six workers gave time each month, making a total of 1,230 hours during the year.

Canteen Workers Active
A staff assistants corps has been functioning in the Red Cross offices, and all members are graduates of a class taught by Mrs. Cora Pirtle, executive secretary of the Lane county Red Cross. There are 55 regular members of the corps, and 15 have been working regularly since July 1, giving 1,101 hours of service. Mrs. V. C. Engwall is chairman.

Canteen workers also had an active year, with 14 members working a total of 717 hours. During the recent flood alone, the canteen served 1,350 meals to evacuees. During the year 3,240 cups of coffee and 4,080 doughnuts were served to blood donors, and a supper was served to 40 members of the Junior Red Cross high school council.

Several Red Cross services assisted in serving 1,025 wounded servicemen with ice cream, milk, doughnuts and cokes as they passed through Eugene on hospital trains.

Mrs. Ed Davis, head of the Red Cross emergency closet, reported that three workers served a total of 849 hours during the year. Garments checked in numbered 1,518, and garments given out, 843. Three baby layettes were completed. (To Be Continued.)

Invasion Saved Europe From Total Slavery—Hertzog

NUERNBERG, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Nazi Germany plotted the enslavement of all men between 16 and 60 and all women between 18 and 45 years of age in occupied countries and early in 1944 set a quota of 4,000,000 additional slave laborers from occupied countries above those already furnished, French prosecutors asserted today.

French Prosecutor Jacques Bernard Hertzog, who already has charged that Germany planned the permanent enslavement of forced labor, said that the Nazi reich intended to press all able-bodied men and women into forced labor battalions.

He accused Nazi slave labor czar, Fritz Sauckel, of being the prime mover in the proposed expansion of the labor program, outlined at a meeting at Hitler's headquarters in January, 1944. There, he said, Sauckel and Nazi leaders worked out additional quotas of 1,500,000 for Italy; France, 1,000,000; Belgium, 250,000, and The Netherlands, 250,000. He did not break down the quotas for Eastern Europe.

Sauckel, he said, told Adolf Hitler that acceptance of the quota by the French government—the Vichy regime—meant "great pro-

Soldier Confesses Seattle Killing

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—Detective Capt. Richard Mahoney announced this afternoon that a soldier had confessed to last night's slaying of comely Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, 30.

The soldier, found at his mother's home, told detectives he could give no reason for the crime. His identity was not immediately revealed. Mrs. Johnson's nude body, strangled and stabbed, was found on the living room floor of her West Seattle home early today.

POOL PUZZLE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19.—(U.P.)—The shocking mystery at the YMCA swimming pool has been solved.

Swimmers touching a brass guard rail received mild electric shocks. Power company experts discovered overdosing of chlorine gas and soda ash to reduce pool bacteria count caused an acid condition that made the tank a virtual wet battery.

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gress," and pointed out that French officials who sabotaged the labor laws could be sentenced to death. Only the allied landings in Europe halted Sauckel's plans for mass deportations of slave labor, Hertzog said.

Very Little Theater Plans Tryouts Monday

Casting for the Very Little Theatre's revival performance of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room", which is scheduled to open Saturday night, Feb. 23, is complete except for two parts. It is announced by George Hedges will direct the play. Parts not filled, for which outs will be held Monday night at the VLT playhouse, are the drunkard.

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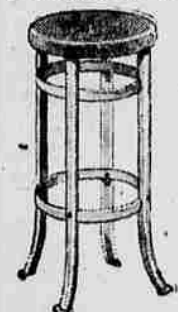
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