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Looking forward to the time when the U. S. will have a modern and adequate merchant marine, designers are going to town on conceptions of the "ships of tomorrow." The one sketched above, a jet-turbine propelled floating platform of aluminum, plastics, glass, automatic navigation and electronics, with 60 to 70-knot speed, is said to be a possibility within the next 10 years.

Burglars Make Second Foray

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printed checks of the association, numbers 886 to 1000, were taken. The blank checks, seal and the \$25 check were found later by John Reeder, employe of the Eugene Planning Mill, near Third Ave. and Lawrence St.

Two weeks ago the same offices were entered and petty cash in the amount of seven or eight dollars stolen.

The Eugene Sign Shop, 90 E. Broadway, was entered between 9 a. m. and noon Sunday, according to a report to police by E. C. Volkstorf, proprietor. Police said entry was gained by removing glass from the door in the same manner as when the Keystone Printing Co. on Willamette St. was burglarized.

Allan gives this description of the suspects: No. 1, 5 feet 10 inches, 165-70 pounds, slightly build, weak chin, wearing red-checked shirt and no coat. About 26 years old; No. 2, 5 feet, medium build, 28 to 30 years old, weight 185 pounds, wearing army type uniform with tan jacket.

He said his office was burglarized about 10 days ago but nothing was taken. The Gredvig Beauty Salon was entered the same night.

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In The Editor's Mailbag

MR. WALDORF'S VIEW

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Do you always have to jump on to the McKenzie with both calked feet? One would think that you are a Corvallisite, or someone else who had it in for Eugene, instead of someone who is supposed to support it.

There has been a pretty persistent story around town for years that you and Ed Turnbull traded the McKenzie down the river in the University removal deal. You both have certainly blocked every effort ever since to allow anything to be done for the McKenzie highway, or to maintain the good reputation the river had had for years. The people up there have felt for years that Eugene did not support them.

For years, the alibi of the State Highway Commission for not removing the snow from the McKenzie was that it was not paved. It finally, just before the war, and 15 years after the roadway up the east side to the summit had been paved, they did get around to paving this side.

People here are not asking for a McKenzie super highway, but only that it be kept open to the summit, where skiing at Hand Lake and the Sand Hills would be available.

You are all wet on the mileage comparisons and relative advantages of these two spots, and the Willamette.

I have practically quit skiing myself, but I would like to see the young people of this community who do want to ski, have a place that could be as accessible as the Sand Hills and Hand Lake, and which are far superior to the Willamette in natural open areas and terrain. It would take much more to justify building and maintaining a winter road into Diamond Peak. And it is a hard day's trip over to Hoodoo and return.

You are in the dog house with the skiers and outdoor people of this community (your old friends) as well as the people of the McKenzie, and will be until you take a different attitude.

Yours Sincerely,
LOUIS W. WALDORF.

OLD TIMER

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—If the smart men in Washington will ask the old haysed farmers, why meat, milk and poultry are so scarce, they can learn the cause of it. The OPA prices are so low that we cannot get cost for our farm products and therefore cannot raise livestock and were forced to sell our breeding stock. And now, if they should raise the ceiling price on them, or take it off altogether, it will take two years to get back to full production and it is impossible to get enough meat for every one next year, regardless of the price. Now if the people do not want to go hungry, better get rid of the OPA.

It has often been said that figures do not lie, but there certainly are some liars in Washington who do not figure. I have never believed that inflation caused the depression of the early thirties, as every one was doing fine in the late twenties and most of them had money in the bank. But some morning they went to the bank to draw some of their deposits, to find a card on the door saying the bank is closed. Then the big business closed down, and the real estate sharks began to close their mortgages

and take the homes, the farms and the small business from the people. Not deflation, but just a concocted scheme between the bankers, the real estate brokers and the big business, was the cause of the depression, so be careful for something like that coming.

This is how it looks to old man,
E. F. VAN CLEAVE.

SOLDIER PROTEST

OKINAWA—(To the Editor)—Recently I had the opportunity to read an article on soldiers demonstrations written by a Mr. Wayne Harbert of your paper.

It is indeed unfortunate that you are unable to employ a man for the position he holds who has more information and understanding on the subjects which he writes about.

Because one man has seen and been in the ETO he has no reason to believe that he can write on a global war or situation. I bitterly resent being called a drunkard and a whore monger and suggest that Mr. Harbert confine himself to the theaters and things with which he is familiar. In order to write so ably on soldiers' night life and deplorable habits it is my opinion that a man has had a good deal of that sort of experience himself.

Personally I've been in the Pacific for 15 months and came to Okinawa with the invasion. I've seen little of drunken spree or women with which your writer claims we are so familiar. I have seen plenty of Japs, dead Americans, coral rock and inefficient war department management and I'm glad that some of the better and more popular correspondents in the States can see this side of the picture too.

My, what a small opinion the people in the States must have of us after reading such an article. I also wonder if yours isn't the type of paper which carries on another page a nice story on how much the citizens of Eugene are helping the returned veteran, and then sabotage their efforts with an article like that.

I hope that in the very near future you will have the decency to present the other side of this picture by a competent authority, and don't go calling me and other service men you do not know, untrue names. Most sincerely,
S-Sgt. HOWARD R. GOODHEW.

VERNAL RHAPSODY

The frogs are hollerin' in the swale,
The Whingwhang calls to his mate,
The Dizzy-Daff whips the ruffled dale
With fuzzy, dingbat' bait.
There's nothing to this whimsical lay—
The laureate's crown I disclaim;
But, warbles come out on the first bright day—
And so, these are the bugs to blame!
Terrible—didn't know it was in me—glad its out.
OTTO

RUMOR SCARES NAZIS

LIVERPOOL, Eng., April 8—(AP)—Nearly 100 German prisoners of war became violently ill today after eating soap and drinking diesel oil. Authorities said the men had heard rumors that they would be assigned to work in the coal mines. All recovered.

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Living Cost Rise Said But 3.4% Over '43

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman today released a report showing that consumer prices have increased "only 3.4 per cent" since the government's hold-the-line order was issued three years ago.

The report was based on figures compiled by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It showed an over-all increase of 31 per cent in prices of consumer goods between August, 1939, and February, 1946, as compared with a 108 per cent increase during World War I inflation.

The report said, however, that all but 3.4 per cent of the present increase occurred before the hold-the-line order was issued. It conceded the entire figure might be higher if there were accurate ways to measure deterioration in quality of goods.

League Meets For Last Time

GENEVA, April 8—(UP)—The League of Nations opened its final meeting today with avaledictory by President C. J. Hambro in which he bequeathed all its enduring assets to the United Nations.

Five hundred delegates gathered to close the books on the organization set up after the first world war and dedicated to the proposition that another global conflict must never occur.

Hambro of Norway, the last president of the league assembly quickly was re-elected. In a brief speech he set the tenor for the session expected to last two weeks or so.

"We meet not to terminate what activities were carried out from this center," Hambro said, "but to transfuse into a new body all our enduring assets, moral and material, accumulated by the imperishable experience of 25 years."

Eugene Police Nab Convict

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an abandoned building where he stayed until he hopped a freight train and came to Eugene, arriving early Friday morning.

Wilson denied he was the man at whom Officer M. J. Redfearn of Eugene shot Thursday night when the culprit in a stolen car refused to stop. The car was stolen from Wallace Bonesteel, Salem garage owner. When the wound on Wilson's leg was examined by Pittinger, the chief said it did not look like a bullet wound. Nevertheless, Pittinger is convinced that Wilson was the man whom Redfearn chased.

Dyson was the last to escape, Wilson said. Wilson claimed he has not seen Dyson or the other trio of escapees since the break.

Wilson was wearing a blue shirt, dark pants, hat and overcoat stolen from parked cars, he said. He had only a bottle of milk to eat before leaving Salem, he stated. Pittinger believes a market robbery here may have furnished Wilson with other food.

Dyson's term was raised to life after he was convicted of a charge of assault with intent to kill on another prisoner, Wilson said. Wilson is serving 11½ years for two counts of statutory rape and one of car theft. He said if another conviction is added to these, he may automatically get life himself.

The three other convicts already recaptured are Wayne LeRoy Long, 21, serving eight years on assault with a dangerous weapon, from Baker County; Henry Floyd Brown, 18, serving 10 years for a similar offense in Clackamas County; and Gordon Donald Jones, 18, serving 11 years for assault while armed.

Cottage Grove Man Found Dead in Pond

The body of Walter Lackey, 50, employed as a pond worker by the Northern Lumber Co. in Cottage Grove was found Monday morning in the mill pond.

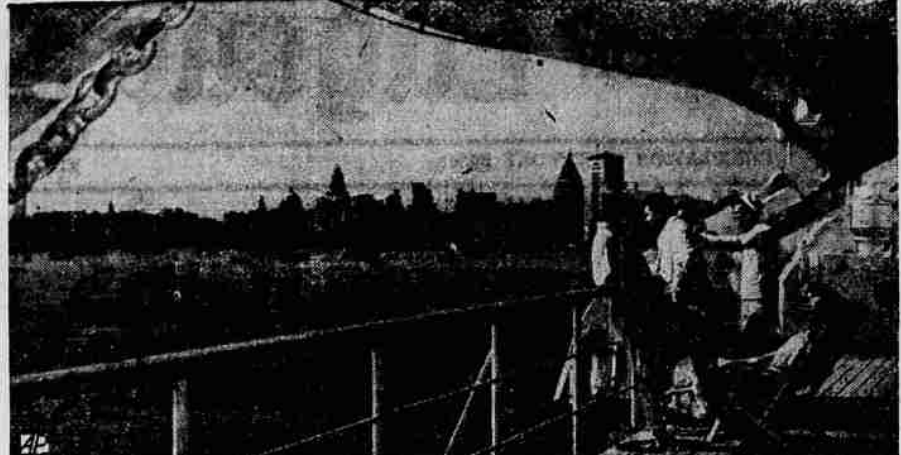
The cause and exact time of death have not been established pending investigation by County Coroner Phil Bartholomew. Karl K. Mills, of Mills Chapel, Cottage Grove, said the man is an old resident, and that he is survived by his wife and one son.

Dow-Jones

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10 industrials, 106.25, up 0.07.

BRIDGE WINS APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, April 8—(AP)—The Senate Commerce Committee today approved a bill authorizing the state of Washington to construct a free bridge across the Columbia River at Northport, Wash.



HOSPITAL SHIP IN CHINA—Convalescents view the skyline of Shanghai, China, and the Whanpoo river from the deck of the hospital ship USS Repose. They are: Marine J. H. Enoch (seated), Pittsburg; and (L and R) Sailors C. H. Langdon, Long Island, N. Y.; A. J. Sitors, Pittsburgh; W. J. Harrison, Galveston, Tex., and R. G. O'Neill, Arlington, N. Y.

Injunction Suit Hearing Opens

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as to have permitted American ammunition to be delivered to the Japs, Jim McKay, business agent of the defending union maintained on the stand.

Picketing "Unauthorized" Only other highlight of the morning session was the contention of Plywood Manager Frank H. Morris that the picketing action was "wildcat" and unauthorized.

He answered the defense, represented by Harry George, Jr., who questioned how the plants had remained in operation during the current dispute when they had closed during the AFL picketing last year, by pointing to government approval of the previous action.

The trial opened with George's contention that wording of the suit naming the plaintiffs would enjoin every member of the CIO in the U. S. from placing pickets on the two roads leading to the pond.

Suit Against Local He was answered by the attorney for the plaintiff, Richard Morris, who claimed the suit was only against the local union, unless members of the local influenced outsiders to take up the picketing, thereby being exposed to contempt.

Completing the witnesses called Monday was Lincoln Thomas, in charge of labor relations of the two plaintiff plants. He was called up to familiarize the counsel with the layout of the pond, plants and roads and to supply detailed data on conversation preceding and following posting of the pickets.

Attorney George, in arguing the defense, denied the pickets were intended to close the plywood plant, claiming however, it the CIO's right to advertise its continued use of CIO logs was unfair.

Springfield-Eugene Hi Musicians Score

Eugene High School's band and orchestra, directed by Douglas Orme, placed in the first division of Class A school's at the Willamette Valley District Music Contest held in Salem High School, Saturday afternoon.

In Friday's instrumental soloist and vocal contest held there Springfield Union High School's Mixed Chorus and Girls' Chorus, were given No. 1 ratings. The Junior High chorus also was awarded top place in its division.

E. L. Welch, trombone soloist, received a superior rating from the judges. Pat Thompson and Beverly Knapp, vocal soloists, were rated in No. 2 places.

The Springfield groups were directed by Mrs. Hazel Cranston and Marilyn Ridout of the school's music department.

Navy V-5 Training Program to Reopen

Re-opening of enlistments for the Navy's V-5 pilot training program has been announced by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Seattle.

Young men between 17 and 20½ years of age who are high school seniors or graduates or have had up to two years of college are eligible.

An important new feature of the program will permit an enlistee to attend, in civilian clothes, any accredited university, college or junior college of his own choice. The responsibility of obtaining entrance to school will rest with the enlistee.

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Reclamation Group Queried

WASHINGTON, April 8—(AP)—The National Reclamation Assn. was asked today by the House Irrigation and Reclamation Committee for a list of its financial contributors.

The request was made by Rep. Savage (D-Wash) at the end of open hearings on a bill to fix rates on power developed at reclamation projects. Savage said that he could not understand the association's position with respect to some provisions of the bill.

F. O. Hagie, association secretary-manager, had testified that the organization was opposed to applying interest charges on power costs of projects toward paying off costs of irrigation features.

Savage contended that if the interest fund—collected in the form of power rates—is not used to pay off project costs, it will mean higher charges to farmers for irrigation water.

Under questioning, Hagie testified seven railroads contribute money to the association, but asserted that such contributions are "limited." None of the association's funds are contributed by power companies, he added.

Hagie said the association felt the interest money should be turned back into the federal treasury as a matter of "sound policy."

Savage said he felt the association is getting "too much money" from private corporations.

The committee announced that it will next meet in closed-door sessions to study the bill.

VLT Puts Nidiver in Command Post

Bruce Nidiver succeeds Mrs. Marvin Krenk as president of the Very Little Theatre, following election held at the annual meeting of the theater group Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Titus.

Other officers: Mrs. Kermit Scott, vice-president; Mrs. Krenk, secretary; Virgil A. Parker, Jr., treasurer.

Executive heads of departments for the year will be: Set designs, Mrs. Kaye Loomis; production manager, Dwight Newman; assistant to production manager, Mrs. Bruce Nidiver; house manager, J. Leslie Whitehouse; lighting, Kenneth Griffith sound, Bob Eubanks.

New members voted into the VLT at this meeting include Miss Margaret Curtis, George Herbert, Ward Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gruber, Gene Hurlocker, Lyle Tannehill, Percy W. Bentley, Miss Nina Stafford and Bob Eubanks. A special honorary rating was voted to Strauss, the Dachsund of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffith, who has successfully completed three stage appearances, his greatest success in "The Manhunt" of "Ten Nights."

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Bus Strike May Affect Bus Fare

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tain the increase and, he asserted, their only gain was in being allowed a bonus on a basis of number of passengers hauled. This bonus, the spokesman stated, amounted to from 3 to 5 cents an hour, figured on a monthly basis. Beguin declared that the present contract negotiations present the union's first opportunity of "correcting the injustice done in 1941."

Pointing to other operations in this part of the country, Beguin declared that drivers for the smaller Astoria Transit Co. are receiving \$1.20 an hour, due to a voluntarily given wage increase. The Vancouver Bus Co., of comparable size, he said, is paying its drivers \$1.20 plus time and one-half for overtime over eight hours per day or 48 hours per week.

"We are determined to equalize our wages so they compare with those for similar jobs in the United States," Beguin declared.

The union is seeking a 30 per

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cent increase for city drivers, the 95-cents-an hour, plus the present rate. For highway drivers they ask \$1.40 an hour, as compared with present \$1.05 and 10¢ rates, and for machinists, the increase sought is to \$1.50.

Monday reports indicated business in Eugene had been affected very little by the strike date. Taxicab companies continued their land-office business, neighbors and workers stood up on transportation.

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