

### Warsaw City of Desolate Ruins

(Editor's note: Henry Shapiro, chief of the United Press bureau in Moscow, has just returned to Lublin from Warsaw, apparently the first American correspondent to visit the city in at least three years. In the following dispatch, he tells of the frightful devastation wrought upon that prewar capital in five years of war and of the approaching Red army offensive which will complete its liberation.)

**By Henry Shapiro**  
(United Press War Correspondent)  
Lublin, Poland, Jan. 5 (UP)—Warsaw is a city of desolate ruins, stretching mile upon mile in every direction, but in its eastern districts are poised several mighty Soviet and Polish armies ready to strike across the frozen Vistula in what may be the decisive winter offensive of the eastern front.

I have just returned from Warsaw, where I saw those armies and the rubble of what once was one of the greatest capitals in Europe. Soldiers under the Soviet and Polish banners were massed in Praga, on the east bank of the Vistula and as much an integral part of Warsaw as Brooklyn is of New York city.

**Wreckage Viewed**  
From the east side of the Vistula, just below one of Warsaw's four bridges and only 300 yards from the German lines, I looked across the wreckage left by Germans, then Soviet bombs and shells since that fateful Sept. 1, 1939.

The naked frame of a 15-story building dominated the skyline like a macabre skeleton. For miles behind the long lines of German trenches, pillboxes and artillery emplacements, there was no sign of any living thing. Even powerful binoculars failed to reveal signs of life.

But invisible Germans were entrenched underground and behind the vestiges of tenements broke the monotony of the winter day with bullets and artillery shells, which screamed overhead.

There was a little cemetery at almost every corner. Victims of the war were buried immediately almost where they fell.

### Benefit Claims In State Low

Salem, Jan. 6—During 1944 unemployment compensation in Oregon operated on the smallest scale since benefits first became payable. Of the 5,088 persons who filed initial claims, only 2,131 actually drew benefits and most of them for only brief periods between jobs. Payments totaled \$157,843, a reduction of 50 per cent from 1943 and 97 per cent from 1938.

Average weekly benefits were about \$13.60 the commission point-averaged only about 8 payments. Who drew their maximum amount out and even the 399 workers Others averaged about five weeks of unemployment during the year. Most of the unemployed were women and many were past the retirement age.

More than half of the payments were made in four employment

### Selective Service Delinquents Turn Up With Unique Excuses

**By Norman Montiller**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
San Francisco, Jan. 6 (UP)—Sabotage and major crimes are meat for the agents of the federal bureau of investigation but some of their dessert comes with freak cases of selective service delinquency which add to the worry of hard-working G-men but also enliven some dull moments.

Nat Pieper, special agent in charge of the FBI in San Francisco, today reviewed some of the more classic "excuses" presented by draft delinquents who hope to talk their way out of the FBI nets—mostly in vain.

One of the "old reliables" offered frequently by delinquents is that they thought "somebody else would keep the board informed of their whereabouts," Pieper said. One of them, however—Deamie Lee Chadwick—went on better. He claimed he was a human sending set and had a direct contact with God; that God always knew where he was and would notify the draft board. Deamie is now using his powers in the navy.

Illiteracy or ignorance is another excuse defendants often offer. One Gee, a Chinese, was found to have never registered and claimed—through an interpreter—that he did not speak English and did not know he had to register.

offices areas—Astoria, Portland, Salem and Coos Bay. Seasonal unemployment in the fish packing industry was largely responsible for the \$37,785 paid out in Astoria. Delayed payments to 241 Montgomery Ward workers thrown out of jobs during the close-down in 1944 helped put Portland in second place with \$19,099, while Salem had \$12,667 and Coos Bay \$12,506.

### War Briefs --

**Pacific** — Planes of third fleet destroy or damage 95 Japanese ships and 331 aircraft in a 48 hour assault against Formosa and Okinawa.

**Western Front** — Tanks and infantry battles rage around Ardennes salient before counter-offensive in north and lash back at American third army on south flank.

**Eastern Front** — Russian tanks and infantry attack flank of German relief army marching on Budapest, roll up armored spearheads and seal doom of axis garrison-trapped in capital.

**Air War** — More than 1,000 British bombers strike twice at Berlin and Hannover and RAF task force follows with pre-dawn attack on Nazi troops in Ardennes.

**Italy** — Canadian troops clear southern shore of Valli Di Comacchio and occupy San Alberto.

**ELM GETS A BOOST**  
Cambridge, Mass. (UP)—The tallest tree in Harvard university's north quadrangle is 50 feet from the ground, but only 30 inches tall. Since 1928, the elm tree has been growing out of a chimney top on the Cruft laboratory.

### Seven Up



Thank the press agent of screen actress Toni Seven for the flash that she's the favorite pin-up of G. I. editors. His recent survey of service publications indicated that her photo, usually the one above, appeared three times as often as pictures of other top pin-ups, including such barrack-wall flowers as Lana Turner, Betty Grable and Carole Landis.

spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. S. J. Frazes and family near Tumalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gilbert and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pierce, Mrs. N. H. Gilbert and Kathryn Iler were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Iler in Blakley Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker and children spent the holidays in Prineville at the William Kroeg home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gugle of Shelvin were New Year's guests at the L. C. Kramer home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Calhoun and children, Neil and Lee, spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Calhoun's mother, Mrs. Felix Springstube, in Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gless Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Everest Donahue and sons spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Donahue's parents in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fox were New Year's dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wanichek.

The Thursday Book club met Dec. 27 at the home of Mrs. Mave Iler in Blakley Heights. The club held a Christmas party with a gift exchange, the singing of carols and each guest told a Christmas story.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gless and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Taylor in Redmond on New Year's.

The Home Economics club of the Pine Forest grange met Jan. 2 at the home of Mrs. Stella Nelson, with Mrs. Grace Kramer assisting. Fifteen ladies were present and the afternoon was spent in settling all the work of the old year, so the new officers could take over. The meeting date has been changed from the first Wednesday of the month to the third Wednesday. The next meeting will be Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. Lucille Smead. Luncheon was served.

Mrs. Eva Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Holman and daughter, Donna Jean, spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. H. Tilden in Washington.

**Members Added To Grange Group**  
Tumalo, Jan. 6 — Appointment of members to two additional committees for the Tumalo grange were announced today by James Chamberlin, master. Selection of the committee members was made at a meeting of the grange last night. The members are:

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### Jan. 15 Deadline For Tax Filings

J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue, has reminded taxpayers in this district that January 15 is the deadline for filing original or amended 1944 declarations of estimated tax and for paying installments on previously-filed declarations for 1944.

Nearly all farmers are required to file original 1944 declarations by January 15. Most other taxpayers who were required to file 1944 declarations did so last April but those who underestimated their tax by more than 20 per cent should file amended declarations to avoid the penalty for substantial underestimates. January 15, likewise, is the last day for paying all installments due on 1944 declarations.

Maloney also called attention to the new provision of law which permits a taxpayer to file his annual income tax return for 1944 and pay the tax due on the return by January 15, instead of filing or paying "estimated tax" otherwise due at that time. Taxpayers availing themselves of this special provision will be saved the double duty of filing and paying "estimated tax" on January 15 and filing and paying on the annual return March 15. March 15 remains the regular deadline for filing 1944 annual returns and 1945 declarations of estimated tax.

For detailed information and forms, Maloney invited taxpayers to call at the office of the nearest deputy collector.

### Mobilization

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the wake of battle—we must not this time lose the hope of establishing an international order which will be more perfect justice between nations.

"Most important of all," said Roosevelt, summing up postwar political hopes, "1945 can and must see the substantial beginning of the organization of world peace" — an obvious hint that some part of the proposed machinery is to be submitted to the senate this year in treaty form.

Roosevelt frankly admitted concern about the Greek and Polish situations. He said there were many troubling matters. But he reminded that they are not dealt with simply and that we do have obligations, not necessarily legal, to the exiled governments, to the underground leaders and to "our major allies who came much nearer the shadows than we did."

**Mentions Charter**  
He pleaded that he do not exploit nor exaggerate the differences between ourselves and our allies. The principles of the Atlantic charter have been written into the declaration of the United Nations, he recalled, and this country will use its influence to see that those principles are fulfilled "so far as is humanly possible."

The army and navy have 40,000 nurses. They need 20,000 more at once and the situation is tragic, the president said. There are 280,000 registered nurses in the United States. He said it was estimated that 27,000 could be made available to the armed services without "interfering too seriously" with civilian needs. The president proposed that they be drafted, and at once by amendment of the selective service act.

**Asks Cooperation**  
He urged men and women in war jobs to stay in them. He summoned those in unessential occupations to get into the war effort now.

"This is no time to quit or to change to less essential jobs," he said. "There is an old and true saying that the lord hates a quitter."

Airplane production goals are going up. The army needs artillery, ammunition, cotton duck, bombs, tires, tanks, heavy trucks and more airplanes, including the B-29 model that is pasting Japan.

### Bend Sergeant Crosses 'Hump' Of Himalaya in Hitting Japs

A Twentieth Bomber Command Base, Somewhere in India—Technical Sergeant Robert H. Fox, Jr., of Bend, Oregon, has been awarded the oak leaf cluster to the air medal, in lieu of a second air medal, by Major General Curtis E. Le May, commanding general of the XX Bomber Command.

Sergeant Fox is a member of a combat crew on one of the air force's newest weapons, the B-29 "Superfortress," which, since last June 1944, has been striking powerful blows at the Japanese mainland and enemy held territories from the Netherland East Indies in the south to the puppet state of Manchuria far to the north.

The citation concludes with the statement: "Undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously he performed his duties in such a manner as to reflect great credit to this command to the army air force."

Sergeant Fox is the son of Robert H. Fox, Sr., of 155 Irving street, Bend, Oregon. He is a graduate of Bend high school of the class of 1933. He entered the service on February 10, 1942, at Fort Lewis, Washington. Before entering and coming to this theater he served in the Caribbean area where he won his first air medal for participation in flights over the sea approaches to the Panama canal.

Prior to entering the armed forces he was employed by the United States postoffice as a postal clerk, at Bend, Oregon.

The navy is hampered by ammunition shortages and the production of "huge rockets" lags. Labor shortages have delayed cruiser and carrier programs and production of some aircraft.

The president outlined all of that and then presented to congress his request for all-out national service legislation backed by the demand of the army and navy heads themselves that congress make good on the promise it made in joint resolutions declaring that a state of war existed with Japan and Germany. The promise was that "to bring the conflict to a successful conclusion, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States."

There were no conditions this time to his national service request as there were a year ago when the president made it part of a five-point program that he wanted kept together.

**Calls On Congress**  
Recalling that his 1944 recommendation was not adopted, Roosevelt said:

"I now again call upon congress to enact this measure for the total mobilization of all our human resources for the prosecution of the war. I urge this to be done at the earliest possible moment. It is not too late in the war."

"In fact, bitter experience has shown that in this kind of mechanized war a fare where new weapons are constantly being created by our enemies and by ourselves, the closer we come to the end of the war, the more pressing becomes the need for sustained war production with which to deliver the final blow to the enemy."

**WAR STRIKES COUNTY**  
Huntington, Ind. (UP)—Three Huntington county soldiers who went overseas together and were in the same major engagement, but not the same unit, were war casualties on the same day. Wounded were Pvt. Hugh Barber and Pvt. Harold Becker, while Pvt. Maurice Barnes was placed on the missing-in-action list.

**OLD WEST RETURNS**  
Topeka, Kan. (UP)—Cattle-rustling days have returned to the plains of Kansas. R. E. Adams of Maplehill, Kan., has offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to conviction of rustlers who herded 81 head of cattle from his Meady county ranch recently. Of the cattle, 40 cows have been recovered from a canyon where they were hidden. The 41 missing head are calves weighing about 475 pounds each.

### Farm Machinery Being Repaired

Tumalo, Jan. 6 (Special) — A farm machinery repair school is being conducted in the irrigation company shop at Tumalo under the guidance of Borden F. Beck, instructor of vocational agriculture in the Redmond union high school.

Claude Jackson is the mechanic in charge of the school which is being held five hours each day, having commenced last Monday. The school will continue for 36 hours but if the work justifies it, more schools will be offered.

Farmers should check with Jackson as to when to bring in work so as to permit best use of available space and equipment.

Farmers wishing to build potato sacklers, manure loaders, sack elevators or something else, or who wish to overhaul tractors, trucks, or other farm equipment should avail themselves of this opportunity, those in charge say.

This is a continuation of the program conducted last year to aid in the war effort by helping in construction and repair of farm equipment.

**GRAVESTONE COLLATERAL**  
Abington, Mass. (UP)—When John Coleman sought security for a \$10 loan to a friend, the man entrusted him with a gravestone inscribed, "Matthew Reed, Died Dec. 28, 1860."

### Bend Men Apply For War Work

The mere threat of action to force 4-F's and other deferred young men into war industries apparently has achieved at least part of the objective sought, J. C. Branaman, manager of the Bend area office of the U. S. employment service said today.

A temporary rush of 4-F's, farm workers and holders of non-essential jobs started Tuesday, Branaman said, after war mobilization Director James F. Byrnes stated he would ask congress for legislation to permit closer control of 4-F's. It had shown no signs of tapering off by noon today, according to Branaman.

The Merchant marine took the spotlight locally, Branaman said, with a heavy interest in information displayed. As the maritime commission does not maintain a local office all information concerning the merchant marine is given out locally by the U. S. employment service, he added.

A national survey conducted by United Press showed increases ranging from five to 55 per cent over the number of persons normally seeking referral to war jobs. The report showed that thousands already have been channeled into plants making munitions, tires, guns and other war-essential items.

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