

Pierce Asserts Nippon Problem Acute in State

Gresham, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—The Japanese problem in the north-west is far from being solved and the solution lies with Gov. Earl Snell and the Oregon state legislature, Walter M. Pierce, former governor and ex-congressional representative, told over 1,000 persons last night at a meeting here. Pierce accused Gov. Snell of evading the issue and cited Gov. Mon C. Wallgren's outspoken statement on the Japanese problem recently before the Washington state legislature.

He called attention to the fact that the alien land law of 1923 has not been enforced and suggested that the press and public officials were guilty of coddling the Japanese—even those who are still alien.

Memorial Asked
The former governor pointedly told his sympathetic audience that it was up to Gov. Snell to ask the state legislature to set up an investigation committee for a probe of the Japanese problem in Oregon.

He also suggested—and the group followed through with a resolution—that the legislature pass and send a memorial to the congress asking for the deportation of all alien Japanese as a term in the peace treaty with Japan.

The meeting was called by members of the Oregon Property Owners' Protective league, which formerly was called the Oregon anti-Japanese.

"There is no value in making sacrifices to protect a few thousand Japanese, who are alien in thought and birth," Pierce said. "Americans believe that what happened once can happen again and therefore will be suspicious and hostile. This will bring about a bad situation wherever the Japanese relocate."

Press Blamed
"Coddling by the press and by some groups makes the aliens arrogant. We cannot be at peace with these aliens as long as they dwell among us."

Speaking on behalf of the American Legion post at Hood River, whose several representatives, including G. R. Frey, whose points brought applause, J. B. Edgington, post commander; Kent Shoemaker and Tom Scott also spoke. Frey defended the Legion's stand concerning Japanese on the post's honor roll.

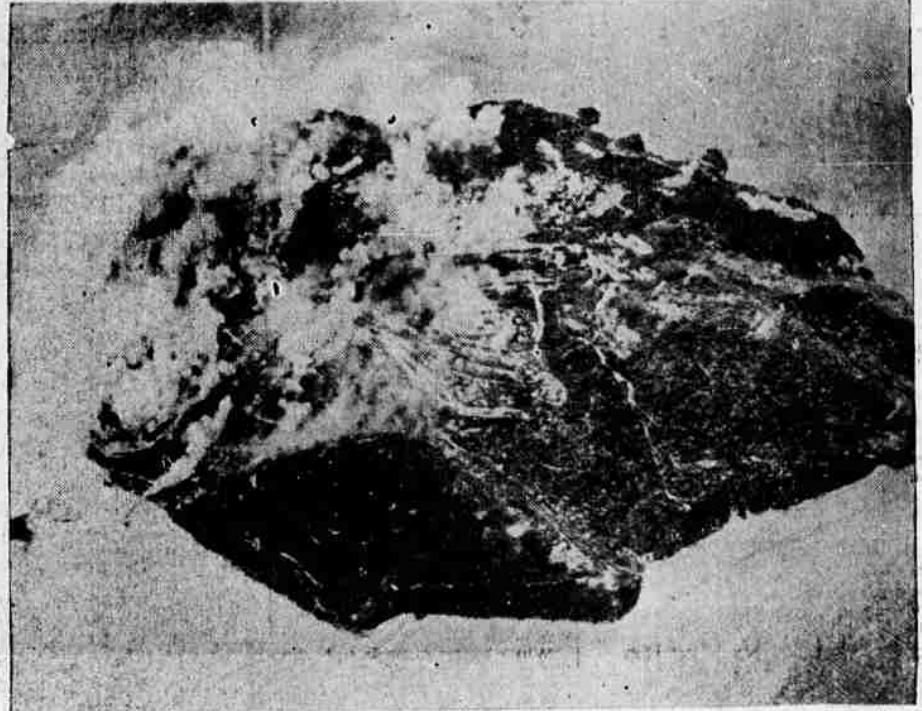
At the close of the meeting, the group had adopted two resolutions, the first, asking for enforcement of the alien land law, and the second, requesting a memorial by the state legislature to congress urging deportation of all aliens.

Birthday Party for Stricken Youngster



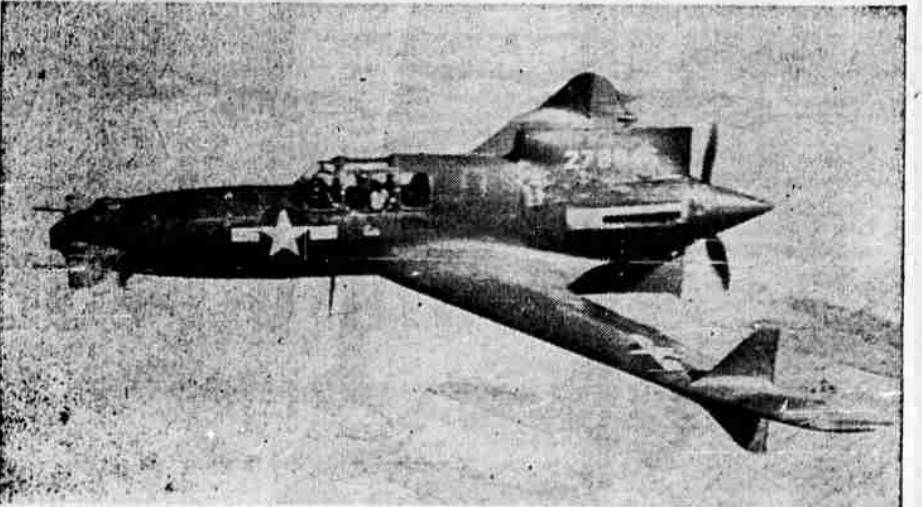
(NEA Telephoto) with all the birthday eagerness of any 8-year-old, Ronnie Vidalin (right), dark, curly-haired youngster who doesn't know that he is slowly dying of an incurable disease, celebrates his eighth—and possibly last—birthday in confines of Santa Rosa, Calif., hospital room with little Joan Sorensen, a fellow ward patient. On his bed is his prize present, a model airplane, given him because he "wants to be an airplane pilot when he grows up."

Air Force Opens Attack on Corregidor



(NEA Telephoto) Corregidor Island, symbol of heroic U. S. resistance before Philippines fell to Japanese, rocks with American bombs for the first time as 13th Army Air Force Liberators open the attack on the fortress guarding sea approach to Manila harbor. Air Force photo.

'The Ascender' Looks Like She's Flying Backwards



(NEA Telephoto) This new Curtiss-Wright "Ascender" isn't flying backwards. The power plant and the pusher propeller are behind the pilot, the wings are near the rear and the rudders are mounted near the sharply-angled wing tips. The elevators are forward, enabling them to bite cleanly into the wind instead of into the wake of the wings and making the fast fighter ship nighly maneuverable. The pilot is able to jettison the propeller in emergencies to avoid risk of being struck by blades as he jumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parker and daughter spent Sunday at the R. J. Walker home in Terrebonne. Visiting at the Lloyd Parker home are Mrs. Parker's aunt, Miss Edwidge LeBrun of Portland, and here sister-in-law, Mrs. Donald Gross of Lewiston, Idaho.

Pine Forest
Pine Forest, Feb. 10 (Special)—The Pine Forest grange met in regular session Tuesday with a favorable vote on the application of Jack and Gene Watson. Paul Reidel, chairman of the agriculture committee, gave a report on the goals expected of the farmers by the government this year. Mrs. Vic Iler gave a talk on seed growing in Oregon. Several special committees were chosen to draw up resolutions for the blanket primary, and also the Oregon power bill.

The Home Economics club will meet Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. Lucille Smead with Mrs. Clarence Iler assisting. Mrs. Betty Huettl received word Friday that her husband, George W. Huettl, M.M. 2/c, is in the hospital in San Diego, suffering from a badly injured knee.

Farmer Draft Draws Criticism Of State Solons

By Eric W. Allen, Jr. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Salem, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—The Oregon legislature was looking forward to a quiet day today, last of the fifth week of the 43rd session, after the house yesterday brought back to life a memorial that takes a slap at the selective service system.

The memorial (HJM6) is a protest against "any selective service directives which might supersede the Tydings amendment to the selective service act."

(The Tydings amendment protects farm workers who are essential to food production from being drafted. A recent selective service directive ordered induction of farm workers.)

The measure was defeated on Monday, but yesterday Rep. Ralph Moore moved to reconsider the killing vote because of "subsequent events" and because several house members were absent at the time of the close vote.

Motion Passed
Moore's motion passed, 35 to 21, with three absent, after debate during which Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, said that "it's a question of whether the government wants food or men."

Rep. W. T. Johnson, a member of the state appeal board, defended the selective service system and said that the appeal provisions of the regulations were protection for essential farm workers.

News of the action of Colorado's governor in ordering Colorado selective service officers to observe the Tydings act had not been received here prior to the debate.

Rep. H. H. Chindgren, Clackamas, co-sponsor with J. O. Johnson, Washington, of the measure, did not concur with a suggestion made by Rep. Alex Barry that language in the memorial referring to selective service directive be deleted. He said he considered the reference essential to the meaning of the memorial, which also calls for an investigation of the farm labor situation in the state.

Memorial Passed
The memorial complains that Oregon is "facing a critical shortage of efficient farm labor which will drastically affect the vital contribution of Oregon to the food production industry."

The measure was referred to the agriculture committee for further study. It had previously received a "do pass" recommendation from the group.

Yesterday the senate gave a new lease on life to the present wartime measure allowing larger trucks on the state's highways, when it voted a two-year extension to the law. It also voted down a proposed four-year extension.

Arguments in favor of the longer term included citation of highway commission statements that the trucks had not harmed the highways, and that satisfactory war-time experience justified a longer term.

Sergeant Killed By Passing Car

Fort Lewis, Wash., Feb. 10 (AP)—Sgt. Norris E. Farnham, engineer construction battalion soldier, has succumbed to injuries received when he was struck by a car and dragged more than 100 feet near Fort Lewis, post officials revealed today.

Farnham, hit while he was flagging traffic around an army truck stalled on the Tacoma-Olympia highway yesterday, died a few hours later at Madigan general hospital. The sergeant's parents, who live in Portland, N. Y., have been notified.

Air Ace to Wed Wisconsin Girl

Superior, Wis., Feb. 10 (AP)—This is Dick Bong's wedding day. The 24-year-old army air forces major who has shot down 40 Japanese planes, weds Marjorie Ann Vattendahl, 21, tonight, climaxing a romance that started nearly a year and a half ago when she crowned him king at the homecoming ceremonies at Wisconsin State Teachers college.

The ceremony will take place at Concordia Lutheran church and the largest crowd ever to attend a wedding in Superior is expected to turn out to see the nation's ace of aces wed the pretty girl whose picture adorned the side of his P-38 when he fought in the Pacific.

Bong, who has won nearly every medal the U. S. awards its heroes, including the congressional medal of honor, admitted he was a "trifle nervous" as the time for the nuptials drew near, but Marge insisted the was "not a bit upset."

Bong and his bride will spend their honeymoon "somewhere on the west coast."

Courthouse, Banks To Close Monday

Only the county courthouse, state highway department, and the city's banks will be closed on Monday in observance of Lincoln's birthday, it was reported today. The city hall, postoffice, schools and federal agencies will function as usual, it was announced.

Downtown business establishments were expected to display the flag along the streets; and special programs in the grade and high schools were planned to honor the Emancipator.

One Physician Serves County

John Day, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—John Day and its neighboring city, Canyon City, today had reached the end of the trail in the shortage of physicians.

The last doctor left in either of the two cities, Dr. Bernard Pehr is ill and unable to practice. The only city in Grant county that has a doctor is Prairie City in the eastern section, 15 miles from John Day.

England and France were first connected by a telegraphic cable in 1850.

and Mrs. L. C. Kramer and girls attended the Presbyterian dinner Wednesday night.

Mrs. Frank Bockman entertained several Church of Christ ladies and their friends at a sewing club Tuesday. Present were: Mrs. W. M. Underwood, Mrs. Cora Jeppe, Mrs. Denton Scott, Mrs. Pearl Deathridge and the hostess. Luncheon was served.

Travel Priorities To Receive Study In Washington

Washington, Feb. 10 (AP)—The officer who assigned the "A" priority for Blaise's transcontinental airplane jaunt was Col. Ray W. Ireland, assistant chief of staff of the army's air transport command.

This was disclosed today in an army report made public by an inquiring senate committee.

By Lee Nichols (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, Feb. 10 (AP)—That dog is here again. No, not Fala. Blaise. Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H., is firmly convinced that a full-dress senate investigation into the whole question of travel priorities is definitely in order today.

What's more, he thinks it may be ordered. Bridges' conviction stems from a hearing held yesterday by a senate military affairs subcommittee appointed to inquire into such priority questions as how Blaise, Col. Elliott Roosevelt's bull mastiff, got an "A" priority that let him ride in a plane while three service-men had to get off.

Officials Heard
The subcommittee heard from Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, war department legislative and liaison officer, Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, top priorities man for the war department, and Col. James H. Douglas of the air transport command.

None of the subcommittee members would talk after the meeting but chairman Tom Stewart, D., Tenn., said there was general agreement that reporters would be told about what took place sometime today.

Bridges, however, said that he was satisfied that what had been told at yesterday's session was enough to warrant asking the senate for a more exhaustive inquiry.

"I think it entirely possible that we shall ask the senate for a full committee and an appropriation to make a full-dress investigation of this whole matter of priorities," he said. "I feel it needs investigating."

Name Presented
The subcommittee's meeting, its first since its creation, came only three days before Col. Roosevelt's nomination to be temporary brigadier general comes up for senate approval.

The full military affairs committee okayed young Roosevelt's name along with those of 77 other officers up for promotion last week but the senate agreed to postpone final consideration until next Monday after republicans sought in vain to have Roosevelt's name taken from the list for separate consideration.

Stewart revealed that his subcommittee during its investigation had contacted "persons overseas," presumably including young Roosevelt who is in London. Stewart said nothing in yesterday's testimony indicated Col. Roosevelt personally had asked for anything in the way of priorities.

The White House has termed Blaise's "A" priority a "mistake," but names of officials responsible for granting it have never been revealed.

If dogs could only talk. Modern small-grain harvesting with the combine, instead of the binder, may ruin the hequen growing business of Cuba; one of the principal uses of hequen fiber is in making twine for use in binders.

Grange Hall

Grange Hall, Feb. 10 (Special)—The home extension unit met Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. L. Smith. Project leaders Mrs. Hamby and Mrs. Paul presented a demonstration on "main dish meals." Those attending were Mrs. Alex Walters, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. E. P. Bigelow, Mrs. B. T. Hamby, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mrs. E. W. Paul, Miss Lois Irvin, Mrs. Ole Olansen, Mrs. J. L. Irvin, Mrs. Chester Johnson, Mrs. Del Matson, Mrs. D. F. Carlin, Mrs. M. H. Quinn, Mrs. Merle Clark, Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. L. L. Frazier. Next meeting will be March 1, with Mrs. Walter Pritchard.

The "march of dimes" card party was held at the hall Monday night and proceeds amounted to \$9.86.

T/Sgt. Don Peterson has reported back to duty at Newark, N. J., after a two weeks' furlough spent visiting his mother and brothers.

Mrs. D. F. Carlin fell Friday night and broke her shoulder. She is a patient at the St. Charles hospital.

Del Matson, bus driver for Pacific Trailways, will take six months' leave from his work to farm his ranch this year.

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