

Magnuson Describes Take-Off From Carrier

Seattle, April 21 (AP)—The only congressman to witness the takeoff of Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's air raiders from the aircraft carrier Hornet, just 800 miles off the Japanese coast, said he had no inkling of the history-making nature of the adventure when he went aboard ship with the U. S. task force last April.

"We thought we would make contact with a Japanese task force," said Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), who participated in the daring sea venture as the highlight of his seven months of active duty as a lieutenant commander in the navy.

"It was hinted about that the Japs were planning action against the Aleutians. Then, dramatically, two days out at sea Halsey (Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.), had it announced over loudspeakers that the mission was an air raid against Tokyo. Everyone broke into cheers, especially the fliers."

The 38-year-old congressman was aboard Admiral Halsey's ship in the task force. He said it was only a few hundred feet away, in the rough water, when General Doolittle led the way for his raiders with the first takeoff "like a bird" from the carrier.

"After we thought we had been spotted and reported by patrol vessels," Magnuson said in an interview, "I recall how Admiral Halsey wig-wagged signals to Doolittle on the aircraft carrier Hornet on the possibility of taking off ahead of schedule."

Moment Was Exciting
"Doolittle sent back a message something like this: 'If we have to go now, our chances are 5 to 1. If we run another half hour, our chances are 4 to 1. If we run an hour and a half, our chances are 3 to 1.'"

"So Halsey replied: 'We'll go another hour and a half.'"

"So the force headed straight for Tokyo."

Magnuson described the spectacle of the Doolittle takeoff as "a great experience, the most exciting moment I ever spent."

Home Tragedy Is Revealed

Oakland, Calif., April 21 (AP)—Police pieced together today the story of Mrs. Helen Robertson, 47, who collapsed in church with a bullet wound and told authorities that her mother, a former mental patient, had wounded her, killed her brother and committed suicide.

Police, investigating Mrs. Robertson's story, found the bodies of her brother and mother in their home at Napa, Calif., 40 miles north. The mother, Mrs. Walter B. Griffith, 68, had taken a fatal dose of sleeping powder.

Police said Mrs. Robertson, apparently reluctant to report the deaths, had gone without medical attention possibly 12 hours. Mrs. Robertson told authorities she came here by bus yesterday several hours after the shooting to pray for her family at Bethany chapel.

The deaths occurred, she said, at 6 a.m. yesterday, but police did not learn of them until she collapsed in the chapel, a bullet wound in her chest, almost 12 hours later. She apparently had hidden in flight for several hours in the garage of her mother's home at Napa, authorities said.



NATTY—Here's the uniform selected by girl war workers in the RCA plant at Camden, N. J., modeled by one of their number, Emma Spencer. In radio blue, it has a three-button jacket, pleated skirt, shirt with convertible collar, and overseas cap.

Fund Extension Given Approval

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The house today passed the senate-approved bill extending for two years the president's authority over a \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, but added an amendment which its author said would prevent use of the money in the proposed joint \$5,000,000,000 international banking fund.

The measure extends the authority of the president over the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund but withdraws his power to devalue the dollar.

The house on a voice vote first approved the amendment offered by Representative Reed (R., Ill.) to prevent use of the fund in the proposed international stabilization fund and then quickly passed the measure on a voice vote, sending it for adjustment of the senate and house versions to a conference committee.

The coinage committee inserted Reed's amendment and the house approved it within a matter of minutes.

In so specifying, the committee said it had in mind possible post-war international stabilization efforts, perhaps including establishment of an international bank into which the stabilization fund might go, whereby direct control of it by the president might be lost.

The restricting amendment, offered by Rep. Reed (R., Ill.), provides control and custody thereof passes the president and the secretary of the treasury.

No effort was made by the committee in its action to include in the bill extension authority June 30 of the president's authority to devalue the dollar. This provision was eliminated from the senate bill.

Three Ships Launched In Three Days

Portland, Ore., April 21 (AP)—With the launching of the tanker Fallen Timbers today, Kaiser shipyards here brought to three the number of ships launched in as many days.

Monday the aircraft escort carrier HMS Ameer went down the ways, and Tuesday the Liberty ship Gilbert Stewart. In addition the U. S. sub chaser Hell Hwiler, PC-815 was commissioned at the Albina Engine & Machine works Tuesday.

100-Mile Gales Cross Aleutians

Santa Ana, Calif., April 21 (AP)—A load of beer once a month would do much to maintain morale in the Aleutians, Lieut. Col. John Chennault said in describing his 14-month "lifetime" in the Aleutians.

Visiting his 22-year-old brother, now a training cadet here, the 29-year-old son of Brig. Gen. Claire Chennault, head of United Nations air forces in China, told how he piloted a squadron of newly commissioned pilots to Alaska a little more than a year ago.

That was three weeks after Pearl Harbor, he said, and he and his fledglings embarked immediately upon combat duty—and have been at it ever since.

A year in the Aleutians is a lifetime, he said.

Kiska is whipped by 100-mile-an-hour gales. Flyers landing in Aleutian waters die of cold in less than an hour.

Steady bombing prevents Jap establishment of formidable passes, Chennault said, adding the Japs do most of their work at night—with picks and shovels.

Sale Grows For Benefit

On the eve of the big benefit dance to be given at the V.F.W. hall, Hood and Church streets, Thursday night, April 22, to aid the Salem civil air patrol in the purchase of equipment and meet the expense of maneuvers, Sea M Squirrel (commander) Frank L. Prince of the Military Order of the Cootie, the sponsor organization, states that the advance sale of tickets by members of both organizations is growing and the indications are that the attendance at the function will surpass all previous records. Captain Lee U. Eyerly, commanding the air patrol and in charge of the arrangements for that organization, reports similar encouraging progress.

"While the air patrol, composed of both men and women volunteers devoting their services to assistance to the army air corps in emergencies, is under government supervision and control," said Commander Prince, "it receives no financial support from the government and all expenses for uniforms and equipment must be borne by the membership. It is a meritorious, patriotic movement and deserves the hearty support of the public."

Hungry Nit (adjutant) David Furlough, chairman of the Cootie general committee on arrangements, states that the dance program plans are complete and the Cooties are prepared to serve the refreshments and that "we are rarin' to go." Music will be by the Oregonian orchestra.



PINAFLORE—Songstress Trudy Erwin, looking like a breath of spring, wears the latest in cotton pinafores with a wide border of flowers and leaves for color. The neat jumper effect can be varied by wearing different colored blouses.

West Salem Legion Post Drops Annual Egg Hunt

West Salem, April 21—Kingwood post of the American Legion has announced plans to this year dispense with the annual Easter egg hunt. This decision was reached after it was found that war conditions would make it impossible to purchase candy eggs in the quantity necessary to sponsor the hunt. The Legion's announcement brings to mind a few interesting facts concerning the origin of the hunt, which has been for many years an annual event, looked forward to by the youngsters of West Salem and surrounding community. Some eight years ago Angelo Grosso, wounded veteran of the Italian army of World War No. 1, instigated the hunt and personally financed the purchase of the eggs. The event was so thoroughly enjoyed by the children, it was again sponsored the following year but this time Jim Mitchell, then commander of Kingwood Post, joined Grosso in sharing the expenses. By the third year the Kingwood Post of the American Legion took over the responsibility, establishing it as an annual event with always 1,500 or more eggs each year to keep the youngsters amused for a few hours each Easter afternoon. The auxiliary have assisted the post in the project for the past few years.

Dear Warns Against Subsidy

New York, April 21 (AP)—Walter M. Dear, president of the American Newspaper Publishers association, told the ANPA convention today that a proposed congressional appropriation of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 for war bond advertising in newspapers "smacks of subsidy."

Dear, publisher of the Jersey City (N. J.) Jersey Journal, said, however, that "the basic principle of advertising is just as applicable and will be equally as effective for the government as experience has proven it to be."

"However," he added, "government advertising must be safeguarded from political influence and directed by independent advertising experts who have demonstrated their ability and the confidence in which they are held by the newspapers. This confidence has been built up by the honorable and businesslike handling of the trust imposed in the expenditure of private funds."

He urged newspapers "learn to regard government advertising as falling in the same category as a commercial advertising campaign."

In a discussion of newsprint supplies, Dear said that "with government on one hand imposing restrictive measures in the use of paper because of scarcity and prior demands of war necessities, and with our acquiescence in increased price, it strains the limits of patience to note that the government itself is the principal offender in wasteful practices in the use of paper."

Newsboys have sold a total of \$70,000,000 in war savings stamps, the ANPA committee on the newspaper boy reported.

More Protection For Forests Asked

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Asserting that forest protection funds in the department of agriculture appropriation bill are too limited, Rep. Ford Norman of Washington will go before the senate committee to ask for additional funds.

Forest fire money now is \$6,000,000 short of last year's appropriations, Norman said. He maintains the west coast forests would be unduly imperilled with that allotment.

Germans Again Repulsed in Assault in Kuban Delta

Moscow, April 21 (AP)—A violent struggle for an important height marked the mounting battle in the Kuban delta above Novorossisk today as the Germans threw in more troops in an attempt to regain lost positions, but nowhere did they succeed in gaining any ground, the Russians reported today.

A dispatch to Red Star, the army newspaper, said that artillery action has increased and there are more and more bombings by the German air force operating in strength from the waters of the Black sea northward to the Sea of Azov.

Pravda, communist party newspaper, printed a front line dispatch which said Rumanian troops were in the fight but that war prisoners complained the Germans had abandoned them.

The Germans, using more tanks to flank their increased infantry forces, smashed at the Russian lines in one sector in a series of 10 attacks moving in groups of from 25 to 30 which were turned back almost immediately, it was said.

The nazis then shoved in two more fresh infantry regiments, 40 more tanks and new plane

units but after a two-hour battle they retreated, leaving 1400 dead and nearly a score of tanks destroyed.

Four hours later they tried to attack again and lost 25 planes shot down and eight damaged, the Russians said.

It was too early in the developing battle to decide here if the Germans were attempting a new spring offensive.

On other fronts there was heavy artillery duelling along the Donets north of Chuguev, in the Sevsk district, and on the Volkhov front southeast of Leningrad.

Courses Extended

Boise, Idaho, April 21 (AP)—Lewiston and Albion state normal schools, two-year institutions since their establishment will offer four-year courses leading to a degree of bachelor of arts in education beginning in the fall of 1943.

Idaho Flood Status Easier

Boise, Idaho, April 21 (AP)—A drop of 2000 second feet in the Boise river flow today caused a general easement in flood precautions through the lower valley. The drop, however, was yet to be felt in the Caldwell, Notus and Parma areas where late yesterday the stream got out of hand and flooded thousands of acres of rich farm land. Stream recession there will not be noted until tomorrow morning.

A threatened break in a dike above the Plantation golf course, four miles west of the city, was eased by the decreased flow at Boise and the all-night work of army engineers and civilian workmen and equipment.

A dike at the Plantation broke yesterday, isolating the golf course and partly covering it with water.

The river was at its worst point at Middleton where a sheet of water stretched for nearly a mile across the valley. Much of the land flooded, however, was waste land.

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