

# Admiral Barbey Doubts Area Strategic as Target

Those of us who live in the northwest think of it as an important area, but it is a question whether an enemy would think it important enough to bomb.

That thought was expressed by the commander of the 13th naval district and the commander of the northwest sector of the western sea frontier, Rear Adm. Daniel Edward Barbey, in a visit to Salem Wednesday.

Admiral Barbey, a native Portlander, pointed out that militarily thinking the northwest is not highly enough industrialized to make it a good A-bomb target.

Reminding that A-bombs could still be considered a scarce item, Barbey said he believed the enemy would not want to waste one on the northwest, especially considering the effort

# Coast Gains in Employment

San Francisco, Dec. 6 (AP)—Pacific coast industrial and commercial employment in October continued at the all-time record of 4,539,000 established the previous month.

Max D. Kossoris, western regional director of the U.S. department of labor's bureau of labor statistics, reported that today.

He said employment in all three states was above October of a year ago; up 5 percent in Oregon and 7 percent in California and Washington.

October gains ranged from apple picking in Washington to airplane building in southern California. The big employment gain of the month was in government. Some 10,000 people went on federal payrolls in California, most as employees of the army and navy.

Contract construction employment failed to show its usual autumn drop on the coast as a whole. Seasonal decreases in Oregon and Washington were offset by a 6,400 man increase in California as builders rushed to beat the new credit restrictions. The boom established an all-time record in the state, 5 percent above the previous peak of August, 1948.

Food processing employment in Washington showed an October increase just the opposite of the usual season trend. California decreases in canning were less than usual.

# Keizer-Chemeketa Road Drain Protest

The Marion county court Wednesday received another letter from a Keizer resident protesting the plan to lay a tile at Keizer and Chemeketa roads.

Latest persons to protest against the proposed tile is A. B. Peterson, proprietor of the Cupboard Drive-In, located near the Keizer-Chemeketa intersection.

Peterson's letter was the seventh on this subject received by the county court in the last few days.

Peterson claims that there is no drainage problem in the neighborhood, and that he sees no reason why any money should be spent to lay a drainage tile when there is apparently no reason for it.

# Farrell Officer in National Association

W. J. P. Farrell, savings and loan supervisor in the office of the state corporation commissioner, has been elected second vice president of the National Association of State Savings, Building and Loan Supervisors.

He was elected by delegates from 21 states who met in Columbus, Ohio. Farrell attended the convention.

As president the convention elected L. K. Elnore of Hartford, Conn. He is deputy bank commissioner of Connecticut.

Executive committee members named at the conclusion of the 11th annual convention included A. O. Kent of Olympia.

Mr. Angel—The Rural Fire district held an election in the Firemen's quarters, on Monday evening and re-elected Fred J. Schwab as director for a term of five years. No further business was conducted because of the absence of a director.

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# Excess Profits Tax in Senate

Washington, Dec. 6 (AP)—A huge excess profits tax bill bearing 378-20 house approval faced the prospect today of major operations in the senate.

Senator George (D., Ga.), chairman of the tax-writing senate finance committee, predicted some drastic changes for the measure in the senate, but he voiced confidence that congress still will send the measure to President Truman before the new year.

Lopsided house passage came late yesterday. The real test came on a republican effort to substitute a GOP-drafted tax bill for that being pushed by the administration. Voting on party lines, the house beat down resistance in Alaska and Canada in taking that route.

He said Siberia also would be a considerable distance from the area where an A-bomb probably would be kept in Russia, and that a considerable crew is required at any base to keep a plane in the air.

Still using the globe as a prop, Adm. Barbey pointed to the industrial area of the eastern United States and Canada and traced the route that could be followed from Russia to the east coast, noting its shortness compared to one leading to the northwest.

What about an amphibious landing in the northwest?

For that to be accomplished he noted a considerable fleet would be required to make a landing, also a submarine could only land a token force for raiding purposes on the coast of Oregon or Washington.

Any enemy, Adm. Barbey believes, would look at the northwest in a rather detached manner, if approaching an attack from its military importance.

For Civilian Defense

Civilian defense, the admiral thinks, is important and it is imperative that it be well organized for anything that might happen. He noted that at present efforts are centered on defense against the atomic bomb. That preparation also could be used to combat any new type of warfare he said, and added, that it was not easy to foresee what type of warfare might enter into the picture.

He recalled the fine defense that the British people had organized against bombing in World War II and suggested that such a program could be used as a pattern in organizing in this country.

Arriving in Salem Wednesday morning by auto, the admiral visited Willamette university and the Salem naval and marine corps training center in the morning. He made a talk at the Salem Rotary club at noon and left for a visit to Oregon State college in the afternoon.

Regarding his visit to Willamette and the possibility of its having a naval training program, the admiral did not foresee that in the immediate future. He did note, however, that Willamette had had a very successful training program for the navy in World War II and that he was looking over schools in this area with an eye to their use in the future if they were needed.

# Ban on Shipment Of Slots Urged

Washington, Dec. 6 (AP)—Attorney General McGrath renewed an urgent plea today that congress prohibit interstate shipment of slot machines.

He told Chairman Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), of the senate interstate commerce committee, in a letter McGrath made public today that "with each passing day" the need for a law banning shipment of the one-armed bandits "becomes more apparent."

Both the house and senate have passed such a bill, but in different forms. A compromise measure has been blocked by Senator Malone (R., Nev.), who talked against it for 11 hours just before congress recessed last September.

The ban was originally proposed by the attorney general's crime conference here last February.

# Child Injured When Sled Hits Automobile

Bend, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Barbara Noble, 10, was in critical condition in a local hospital today with injuries suffered when her sled rammed into a stopped automobile.

The girl has been unconscious since the accident last Friday. Investigating officers said her speeding sled went under a car driven by William V. Dietz and she apparently struck her head on its undercarriage.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Noble of Bend.

# Synthetic Rubber Prices Increased

Washington, Dec. 6 (AP)—The government announced today it is increasing prices of synthetic rubber it produces by 1 1/4 to six cents a pound. The raise is effective tomorrow.

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An announcement by the reconstruction finance corporation, which handles the government's rubber program, attributed the boost to higher production costs.

The increases will lift the price of GR-S synthetic, a general purpose rubber used in tire making, from 18 1/2 cents to 24 1/2 cents a pound. The price of GR-I, a specialty type used mainly in making innertubes, will go up from 18 1/2 cents to 20 1/2 cents.

# Police Break Up Labor Riot

Pittsburgh, Dec. 6 (AP)—Steel city police said they rescued seven women and three men employees in a Gimbel's department store warehouse here last night after the employees were mobbed by some 500 strikers and strike sympathizers.

The police reported that no one was hurt. The two dozen police rescuers escorted the employees to trolleys while the mob hooded derision.

It was the latest in a series of violent episodes in the 17-day old strike of 650 AFL Teamsters local 249 truck drivers against three major Pittsburgh department stores. The drivers demand social insurance and pensions. Labor and management representatives were called to a meeting at 10 a.m. (EST) today with Federal Mediator George Woomer.

The other two department stores involved are Horne's and Kaufman's.

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# Mrs. Rosenberg Clears Herself

Washington, Dec. 6 (AP)—Repeated denials by Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defense, that she had ever been a member of or sympathizer with communist-front organizations became public today.

They came from Senator Cain (R., Wash.) after the senate armed services committee voted late yesterday to hear unidentified witnesses Thursday in connection with her appointment.

The committee last Wednesday unanimously recommended senate confirmation of Mrs. Rosenberg to the \$15,000 a year post. She now is serving under a temporary appointment.

After that closed hearing, Chairman Tydings (D., Md.) told reporters Mrs. Rosenberg had "cleared herself of any taint of disloyalty."

Senator Russell (D., Ga.), who acted as chairman yesterday, said committee approval still stands but the additional testimony will be taken "in justice to Mrs. Rosenberg and in view of the very delicate situation existing today."

To one of the complaints about

# Robert Lee Hass of Dallas Wounded

Oregon's naval personnel wounded in Korea and listed on the department of defense release for December 6, contained the name of a Dallas, Ore., man, Seaman Robert Lee Hass.

Hass, son of William B. Hass of 120 Ash street, Dallas, was wounded in September, the release stated, but had not previously been reported.

# Ex-Editor of Farm Journal, 100, Passes

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 6 (AP)—T. George Hislop, for 30 years publisher of a Chicago farm journal, died yesterday at the age of 100.

Hislop published the journal, The Farmers' Voice, until he retired at 65. He then purchased an apple orchard in Idaho and operated it for eight years. He came here 11 years ago.

Born at Stafford, England, Hislop celebrated his 100th birthday July 14. He is survived by his wife, Nettie, a daughter, a son and two grandchildren.

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