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It is not often that an ambassador resigns and accompanies his resignation with a statement that blisters the state department. That is what General Pat Hurley did when he threw up his job as ambassador to China and blew some of the career diplomats into the air. Pat Hurley is a Republican, but his work and his reports have not been partisan.

Patrick Hurley was an orphan boy in the Indian territory and he was clever enough to accumulate a fortune before interested in politics. His wife was the most beautiful woman in the official set in the national capital. Pat isn't bad looking himself. When Herbert Hoover was in the White House Hurley was his secretary of war. After Hoover's retirement Hurley settled down to the practice of law in the District of Columbia and his clients were numerous and influential. He once collected a very large fee for asking an investigating committee to permit his client to make a statement. Anyone may appear and make a statement, but the client was nervous and employed Hurley to arrange for his appearance.

As a side issue Hurley bought a farm not far from Ball's Bluff, where one of Oregon's early senators—Edward Baker—was killed in battle in the war between the states. The farm's stables were famous for all the members of Hurley's family and their friends rode.

Came the war, and President Roosevelt selected Hurley for a mission to Moscow and later sent him as ambassador to China. In his statement Hurley says he endeavored to follow the American policies as enunciated by the high command and he floated between the Chinese nationalists and the Chinese red army in trying to bring them together. In his work in China, Hurley declares, the understrappers in the state department were not playing the game for the United States but were favoring imperialists and communists, swinging one way and the other and making a mess of affairs.

Hurley leveled his criticism principally at the career diplomats. A career diplomat is one who lards a job in the state department when young and hangs to it through changes in administration. In other words, a career diplomat is a federal officeholder who manages to keep himself on the payroll. Mr Hurley's outburst has caused something of a sensation, but President Truman lost no time in appointing a new ambassador to China—General George Marshall.

Anthony Eden, a member of the British house of commons, made a statement a few days ago in that body to the effect that the United States should abandon its sovereignty. Several other Europeans, and a few Americans, have made a similar plea and now congress is taking cognizance of the remarks. What the Europeans is urging is a United Nations federation, in which all participants should abandon their national flag and their own conceptions of government. A few years ago it was known as "Union Now," but that was before the war.

Congressional speakers are declaring that the United States shall never become a province of the British empire nor a subsidiary of the soviet republics, nor even an outlying territory of some super-world government. There is a difference, explain these congressmen, between an association of countries each maintaining its

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Council Talks About Improving City Socially

Moro's city council debated until the late hours Tuesday night on civic matters, chief of which was consideration of some plans to make the city a recreational center instead of a recreational desert. Whether to use the old Legion hall, a building stout and straight, as a start toward giving the community a place to find enjoyment or to tear it down as a public eye-sore was the question.

And when the debate had waxed and waned the council, though generally favorable, decided to find out what others thought of it and wait until they had heard from the voters.

In the meantime the hall was rented for Monday and Thursday nights to B. W. Taylor, who will operate a roller skating rink those nights. The charges for construction of the new sidewalk were read and bills will soon be sent to property owners.

AAA Groups Will Inventory Soils

Twelve hundred AAA farmers committeemen are going to have a new job during the next three months says R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state committee. This job will be to make an inventory of the conservation needs of the farm lands in each community. This inventory is intended to show the extent and type of farm practices needed to check erosion, repair damage already done, restore fertility and improve soil and water resources.

The study will also help determine to what extent AAA practice payments are necessary to obtain the needed volume of conservation. The results of the survey will be used in planning the programs and allocating funds to counties for practice payments. The first counties to make test surveys are Marion and Morrow.

Klondike Women Hold Club Meeting

Mr and Mrs Guy Weedman came up from Portland to spend Thanks giving with Mrs Weedman's parents, Mr and Mrs A. B. Potter. They returned home Friday.

The Klondike Community club met with Mrs H. H. White Nov. 29 with eleven members and Mrs Chester Coats, a guest. A quilt was made for the Christmas donation to the Children's Farm Home.

Mr and Mrs D. Laughlin spent the week end in Portland with Mr and Mrs Farrell Fisch.

Mrs George A. Potter shopped in The Dalles Saturday.

Auto Licenses Up For Year

October motor vehicle registration in Oregon totaled 419,513, compared to 416,882 for the same period of 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., disclosed today. This is an increase of 3,631 vehicles.

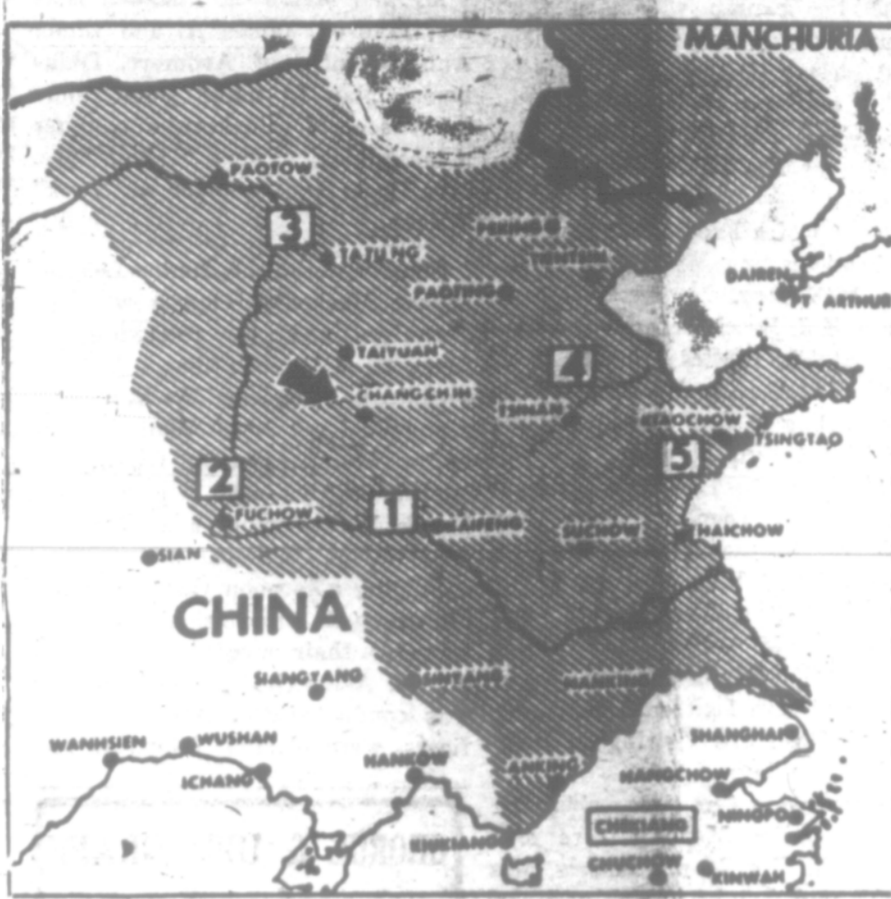
Since there were fewer private passenger vehicles registered this year, the increase is accounted for by greater numbers of busses and trucks, Farrell said.

Private passenger vehicles totaled 329,263, compared to 330,460 a year ago. Busses totaled 1,200 compared to 1,187 a year ago, while trucks totaled 48,132 compared to 45,739 a year ago.

Registration fees to date this year amounted to \$3,576,504.11 compared to \$3,461,097.62 a year ago.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Moro Monday, December 10, 1945 and will be on duty at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Where Civil War Flared in China



The above map shows the area where civil war flared in China involving almost a million central government and Chinese Communist troops, fighting for control of some 11 provinces. Conflict zones are: (1) the Kailfeng section; (2) Fuchow, where the railroad is the prize; (3) Faeow Shansi; (4) Tainan, rail center; and (5) Kiaoehow, where fighting is spreading.

Crested Wheat Now Popular With Farmers

Eastern Oregon farmers are for the most part making profitable use of the vastly increased acreage of crested wheat grass, although they are finding that some adjustments in livestock management are desirable, according to the first comprehensive study of production and use of this grass made in this state.

The importance of crested wheat grass in the eastern Oregon farming system now is indicated by the fact that its acreage jumped from less than 2500 acres prior to 1936 to more than 180,000 in 1942. Some of this acreage has since gone back to wheat in the recent drive for wartime high production just as the AAA sponsored downward adjustment of wheat acreage in previous years stimulated the rapid increase of wheat grass plantings.

The recent study shows that the carrying capacity of crested wheat grass varies from a fraction of one animal unit months per acre to more than four A.U.M. per acre. The latter figure is so exceptional, however, that the average is only slightly more than one animal unit per acre. At this rate, four acres of grass are required to pasture an animal unit from March until July.

Farmers find that crested wheat grass "greens up" about the first of March or even earlier in some locations, which is one to three weeks earlier than native grasses while it stays green two or three weeks longer in the summer. It also starts regrowth in the fall whereas native grass usually remains dormant. Farmers stated that crested wheat grass will carry two or four times as many animals as reasonably good native pasture although it is recognized that wheat grass usually occupies better soil.

Most Bonds Still Held By First Owners

The treasury reports (1) United States Saving Bonds (Defense and War) Series E, F, and G were first issued on May 1, 1941. Since that date through October 31, 1945 amount issued totaled \$52,549 million.

Redemption through October 31, 1945 totalled \$9,874 million or 17.72 percent of amount issued.

Therefore 82.28 percent of the funds invested in Series E, F, and G bonds since they were first offered is still invested in these bonds.

(2) United States Saving bonds (Defense and War) Series E amount issued through October 31, 1945 aggregated \$38,448 million.

Redemptions through October 31, 1945 totalled \$8,604 million or 22.38 percent of total issued.

As of October 31, 1945, 77.62 percent of the \$38,448 million series E Saving Bonds sold remain outstanding in the hands of the original purchasers.

New Barber Here

M. R. Rymal and wife came up from Sandy Friday night to open the Hotel barber shop. He is a three year veteran of this war, having been out of service but three months. Previous to this service he had operated shops in Portland and Sandy. They expect to have an apartment in the hotel at the court house Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

American Troops Attend School in Germany



Text books in hand, American soldiers serving an occupation program enter the school opened for them under the U. S. Army Education Troops in Regensburg, Germany. Education and trade training are two of the inducements offered to those who enlist in the Regular Army. Qualified civilians 18 to 24 years of age, inclusive, now can enlist at any U. S. Army Recruiting Station.

Court Buys New Gravel Loader For Crushing Job

The county bought a shovel gravel loader at its meeting Wednesday and listened to a plea from residents of the district east of Moro for betterment of their road.

In the group were Mrs Frances Henrichs, Lloyd Henrichs, Tom Douma and Orlov Martin. It was reported that Rogers Construction company would begin immediately on the job of crushing rock for the county as the outfit is setting up on the Albert Kaesberg farm west of Wasco where some 10 or 12 thousand yards will be crushed for use in that section. Later the outfit will move to the Crites farm east of Moro to crush 15,000 yards and later it will go to the Bourbon district for another 15,000 yards.

Womans Club To Give Party For Christmas

The Moro Women's club will hold its Christmas party Friday, December 14, at the club house. The Bible committee will furnish the program. Each member is requested to bring one or more guests.

Toys for the Doerbeck hospital and a silver offering for the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis will be collected that day.

Moro Girl Married In The Dalles

Miss Helen Jean May, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. R. May of Moro, was married Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal church in The Dalles to Mr. Verne Rolfe, son of Mr and Mrs V. E. Rolfe.

The couple left for Spokane to visit his sister and grandparents and will thereafter remain in The Dalles until the groom returns to the army air corps at Camp Kearns, Utah. He is to remain in the army for a year. Both were members of the last years graduation class of The Dalles high school.

Andy May Dies Suddenly Here

The funeral for Andy May was held at the Moro Community church Tuesday afternoon with Rev James Moberg giving the sermon. Interment was in the cemetery at Wasco.

Mr May died last Friday night, when he came in to the house from milking. He sat down by the stove and was dead when his wife tried to arouse him a few moments later. William Andrew May was born in Indiana November 5, 1872 and came to Oregon about the turn of the century after living in mid-western states. Surviving are his widow, Josephine, four sons, Clifford of Oregon City, Clayton of The Dalles, Frank of Portland and Louis of Hermiston, now on furlough from service and a sister in Iowa and several grandchildren.

USDA Board Now USDA Council

The state USDA War Board has gone out of existence to be replaced by the state USDA council, the change having been officially made in Portland recently at a meeting attended by representatives of state and federal agencies in the agricultural field.

Robert B. Taylor, Adams farmer and chairman of the state AAA committee, was chosen chairman of the new council as he was head of the war board. Jack Horton, assistant regional director of the U. S. Forest service, is secretary.

County councils will now be formed throughout the state, the purpose of both state and county groups being to coordinate the activities of all federal and state agencies serving agriculture. While the councils are formed under authority of the U. S. department of agriculture, other related agency representatives will be invited to join the Oregon councils, such as the grazing and reclamation service and Smith-Hughes instructors, it was decided at the Portland meeting.

Tax Figures Show Large per- cent of Collection

Schools Get Major Share of
Taxes As Big Districts

Raise Huge Sums

Collection of 1945-46 taxes up to 95.25 percent of the roll was announced by Sheriff C. C. Wilson at the end of the major taxpaying period. Total of the roll was \$175,066.77 and taxpayers have paid \$165,742.69 of that amount, from which must be deducted \$4,964.62 in rebates. In addition to this \$996.02 in delinquent taxes and interest were collected during the same period.

This means that the treasurer will distribute \$161,744.09 to the taxing units of the county.

The distribution is odd. Greatest sum goes to the road fund which gets \$30,100.58. Next largest recipient is the Kent school district which gets \$28,564.33. Third largest participant in the turnover is the county general fund which gets \$21,508.64. Next comes the Rufus school district with \$20,972.07. Thus we have two school districts spending about as much money as the county for general purposes.

The Moro school district receives \$15,726.69 and after the five big taxing units are taken care of there isn't much left as \$116,865 of the \$161,774 has been delivered.

However, the non-high school board will get \$9,285 to spend, the county school fund will have \$6,544 to distribute, the Grass Valley school district will get \$5,019, Buckley \$3585, Rutledge \$3569, Wasco \$4154 and other school districts some less than \$3000.

The cities will get a large part of their levies, Wasco getting the most with \$3,976, Moro gets \$2621 and Grass Valley \$1304. A part of the road tax accrues to cities and of this amount Wasco will get \$718, Moro \$634 and Grass Valley \$491.

School district 3A, a part of the Rufus district, will get \$2831.78, Locust Grove will get \$2,588.25, Gordon Ridge gets \$1,202.55, Harmony \$979.61, Boardman \$1,184.84, Klondike \$2,170.34, and Rosebush \$993.07.

Delinquent taxes have been well collected in Sherman county as less than a thousand dollars was paid in on that account. No large payments are to be made on that account.

VFW Initiation Scheduled

The newly established post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sherman County Post, will hold an installation of officers at the Moro school house December 19, Wednesday, according to Frank Sayers, who will become commander. Herb Mattieu of The Dalles will act as installing officer. The public is invited to attend.

Curtailment Program About Done

Discontinuance or curtailment of programs through which AAA committees assisted farmers in obtaining materials and equipment needed for production was announced this week by Wallace May, chairman of the Sherman county AAA committee.

He said that the action follows WPA policy of discontinuing controls and priorities assistance as reduced military procurement results in generally improved supplies of materials for civilian use.

The farm lumber program is now on a curtailed basis, and will be discontinued entirely on October 1. Until that date, county committees will issue farmers' lumber certificates for only maintenance, repair and operating purposes, or in emergency cases.

Also discontinued is the issuance of preference rating certificates for farm engines.

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GREETINGS
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