

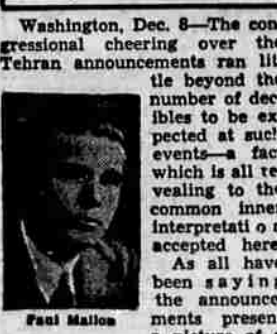
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**News Behind
The News**
By Paul Mallon



Washington, Dec. 8.—The congressional cheering over the Tehran announcements ran little beyond the number of decibels to be expected at such events—a fact which is all revealing to the common inner interpretation accepted here. As all have been saying the announcements present a picture of a friendly family agreement on all questions between Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill, which marks great progress and raises great hopes. True, also, a number of question marks in the Hull Moscow agreements were erased.

Mr. Roosevelt got in a mention of freedom from fear and want, which previously had been missing, and heavier emphasis was laid at last upon the Atlantic Charter ideals of democracy with free choice of governments by all peoples.

ALL the principles, therefore, are now agreed in words, at least. But, as the congressmen and all studious, unprejudiced observers of diplomacy here could see, not even the slightest mention of how these principles are going to be obtained in action was evident in the announcements. Skepticism remains.

There are some who believe Mr. Roosevelt has really worked out a common understanding on the most troublesome questions such as Poland, Finland, conflicts of ideology, and that he will return to run for a fourth term on that platform. No congressional authorities had any private information to substantiate this conclusion—or any to disprove it either.

Consequently, the common interpretation merely hopefully accepted the promises as excellent allied propaganda to strike

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**EAGLE PT. SAILOR
AMONG MISSING IN
LOSS OF CARRIER**

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Tiede of Eagle Point received a wire from the navy department yesterday stating that their only son, Clarence L. Tiede, commonly known as "Tommy," is missing in action. Young Tiede was an aviation metallurgist, second class, aboard the aircraft carrier, Liscome Bay, reported sunk by a Japanese submarine in the battle of Tarawa Island Nov. 24.

Graduating from the Eagle Point high school in 1940, Tiede then enrolled in an aeronautics school in Los Angeles and later was employed by the Vultee Aircraft corporation of Downey, Calif. He enlisted in the naval reserves in June, 1942.

The Liscome Bay was the first escort carrier lost by the navy in this war and the first carrier of any type lost since the Hornet was sunk in the South Pacific in October of 1942.

**FARM LABOR TO
CONTINUE SCARCE**

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—J. R. Beck, state supervisor of the emergency farm labor service, told the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society in session here today that no easing for the Oregon farm labor situation can be seen for 1944.

Beck said there would be a greater need than ever in 1944 for the farm help of women and children in their local farm communities and need again for the aid of Mexican laborers to harvest area prunes, hops, apples and potatoes.

Seventeen of the state's 38 counties used Mexican labor on their farms during the 1943 harvest season and thereby saved an estimated 30 per cent of their crop that would have rotted with the limited number of Oregon farm laborers available, Beck said.

**SIX JAP VESSELS SUNK
IN FIGHT OFF GILBERTS**

**OVER 72 PLANES
ALSO DESTROYED
BY U. S. SQUADRON**

Details Of Saturday's Battle
Given By Fleet Headquarters; U. S. Losses Minor.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Six Japanese vessels, including two cruisers, were sunk, four others damaged and more than 72 enemy planes destroyed in last Saturday's U. S. carrier task force raid on the enemy-held Marshall Islands, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today.

Only one of our ships suffered damage and it was minor. U. S. aircraft losses were described as light in the Pacific fleet communiqué released here and at Pearl Harbor.

Announcement of the raid was made previously, but details were made available today.

**JAPS COMPLAIN
U. S. AIR POWER
OVERWHELMING**

By Walter L. Briggs
United Press Staff Correspondent
Chungking, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—A Tokyo broadcast, presenting what it said was a "true state of affairs in the Pacific," today admitted a series of Japanese defeats and allied successes there and complained that overwhelming American and Australian air power had succeeded in cutting Japanese supply lines, "one after another."

The broadcast, apparently intended for home consumption, contained a series of apologies and allusions for the gradual Japanese withdrawal in the Solomons. It said there was "reason to regret" Japanese strategy in the south Pacific as "we have made it possible for the enemy to extend his bases."

"The allied air strength is so great that our troops fighting in the south Pacific, after having been subjected to enemy air bombings, look about and say in surprise 'where have the Japanese planes gone?'"

The commentator pointed out that the allies used the "group attack principle in south Pacific fighting, and used superior air power to make successive attacks on Japanese positions."

"Once, twice, three times and even four or five times he has attacked us. At first, our planes rose to intercept, but our gasoline supplies soon gave out and our ammunition also ran out. Our planes had to land and then the enemy came and kept attacking us. Therefore, our troops experienced great difficulties and were at a disadvantage."

The commentator complained that the allies established beachheads "at places where Japanese defenses are weak" after first softening up invasion points with aircraft carrier task forces and naval bombardment. He mentioned specifically Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Rendova and New Georgia.

"Because of jungles and mud, the Japanese could not retaliate soon enough . . . although our navy has scored successes, it has failed to dislodge the enemy after his surprise landings."

Plane In Pieces But It Did Get Back



Even though his plane was shot up and had one wheel facing the wrong way and it broke in half in landing on its aircraft carrier deck, Lt. Charles L. Mounts, of Edgewater, N. J., did manage to get back to his ship. The vessel's crew gathered around the plane, shown here, after the crack-up. The action took place during the recent Tarawa Island invasion.

War Bulletins

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The British destroyer Dulverton has been lost, the Admiralty announced today. No details were given.

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Some "thousands" of Canadian troops have arrived in Britain, including several units of army auxiliary nurses, it was disclosed today.

**TWO MEDFORDITES
UNDER ARREST IN
TRAFFIC FATALITY**

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The Hale brothers of Medford, Ore.—Ray, 25, and Orvie, 30—were in the Clark county jail here today charged with involuntary manslaughter as result of a traffic fatality near here.

Pvt. John E. Beck of the Le Moore Flying school at Le Moore, Cal., died Monday from internal injuries suffered last Thursday. He was struck by an automobile in which the Hales were riding, the brothers telling police a third person was driving.

Beck had stepped from his own car to assist another motorist on the Pacific highway three miles north of here.

Available directories here do not list a Ray or Orvie Hale, but the local selective service board said they had record of a Ray Hale who formerly lived at 708 South Peach street and was registered on the Redding, Cal., board and had worked in Kingman, Ariz., and Los Angeles. There was no selective service record here of Orvie Hale.

**Bond Advertising
Proposals Killed**

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee today killed further consideration of proposals for federal advertising of war bonds in newspapers. One member reported the vote to table the measure was 11 to 10.

One of the bills tabled, which had already received senate approval, provided for "equitable" expenditure of between \$12,500,000 and \$15,000,000 for advertising in all papers in towns of 10,000 or less, and weeklies, semi-weeklies and tri-weeklies in larger cities.

**War's End in 1944 Expected
By Foreign Correspondents**

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The Chicago Daily News in a four column spread under a banner line asking "When will the war end?" carried the following predictions today from its foreign correspondents:

Paul Ghail, Bern, Switzerland—"Should one throw all discretion to the winds, he might give the autumn of 1944 as the likeliest time for the war to end in Europe."

Helen Kirkpatrick, London—"Such knowledge as I have of Germany leads me to believe the European war will not end before the spring of 1944."

Richard Mowrer, Cairo—"The war in Europe will end in the early part of next summer, I believe."

David M. Nichol, Moscow—"I feel we often overlook or underestimate the fact that the war cannot end until the German army is smashed. . . . I should guess that the war in Europe might end at the earliest late in 1944, about a year from now."

**McNary's Possible Retirement Is
Discussed In View of Ill Health**

By Jerry Hannifin
United Press Staff Correspondent
Salem, Ore., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Oregon's veteran Sen. Charles L. McNary is convalescing in Florida following an operation for removal of a brain tumor, and capital strategists are considering whether he may retire from his duties as senate minority leader.

The senator suffered an attack of pneumonia at his Salem home, Fir Cone, two years ago, and has continued to work steadily and hard, despite advice of his physicians to slow down. Oregon politicians recognize his ability to recuperate, but a suggestion that his doctors may force him to retire has presented itself.

Snell Mentioned
In event of McNary's retirement, Gov. Earl Snell would appoint his successor. The Oregon legislature has given the executive power to make temporary appointments to the senate until the succeeding election, as the legislature may direct.

Possible candidates for McNary's seat in the senate include Gov. Earl Snell. His name has been mentioned in connection with the 1944 general election when Sen. Rufus C. Holman will be up for reelection.

Other possible candidates would include former Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Salem; Merle Chessman, Astoria news-

**Turkey Mobilizes
As Showdown With
Germany Seen Near**

(By United Press)

Turkey mobilized her armies and moved closer to a showdown that might bring war with Germany today, while Anglo-American troops breached the main Nazi mountain defenses in western Italy and fought toward the broad invasion valleys leading to Rome.

In Russia, a massive battle of tanks and infantry swirled across the frozen terrain west of Kiev, where powerful German forces resumed their counteroffensive in an effort to hurl the Russians back across the Dnieper river.

Reports from the middle east pointed to an imminent showdown between Turkey and Germany in the wake of the conference held in Cairo by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Turkish President Ismet Inonu.

Call Million Men

United Press Correspondent Eleanor Packard reported from Ankara that Turkey had begun the mobilization of 1,000,000 reserves to fill out her existing army of 800,000-900,000 men. The new call was expected to be completed this month, and her dispatch predicted a declaration of war on the reich within the next two months.

Cairo reports indicated the showdown might come sooner than that, particularly if the plainly-alarmed Nazis should attempt to move first to protect their exposed flank in the Balkans. Powerful German land and air forces were said to be massing on the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier and along the Black sea, and large detachments of Nazi elite guards were reported moving through Salonika en route to the island of Lemnos, which commands the Aegean entrance to the Dardanelles.

Actions Not Detailed
The brief communique issued at the close of the Anglo-American-Turkish conference in Cairo gave no details on what action Turkey contemplated, stating cryptically that the three countries had reached the "closest unity" on their mutual problems.

Turkish sources in Cairo said, however, that their country was ready to enter the conflict as soon as the Allies could help protect it against German attack, and one report said sealed orders already had been issued to Turkish officers. Berlin said Inonu would hold a special session with his cabinet on his return to Ankara today, and it was believed possible the situation might then be clarified.

Meanwhile, there was no let-up in the furious battle action in Italy and Russia and the German armed forces everywhere maintained a determined resistance, counter attacking at every opportunity.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Anglo-American Fifth army in western Italy won firm control of the Camino-Maggiore mountain masses after days of the bitter fighting of the campaign, and pushed on down the slopes toward the Via Cassiana, the main highway to Rome.

Official reports said the Nazis still held part of the northern and western mountain slopes which run down into the Liri and Garigliano valleys, and an Allied communique said "hard fighting" still was in progress around these pockets of resistance.

On the Russian front, the heaviest fighting again raged along the now-frozen Soviet Salient west of Kiev. Nazi Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein, after resting and regrouping his exhausted troops for almost a week, hurled tanks and infantry against the Red army lines in a desperate gamble to break through to the Dnieper river.

Such a maneuver is discussed generally as political fantasy, for its reaction upon the Oregon electorate might be disastrous.

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:
\$36,306.83
Quota is \$43,718.40.

Tarawa Wounded



More Marine wounded are shown in photograph removing them from embattled Tarawa Island's bloody beaches. They are being taken aboard a transport for evacuation to medical center. (Official Marine Corps photo from Acme.)

**COUNCIL VOTES
SIX ORDINANCES,
BEER LICENSES**

Adoption of six ordinances and the granting of beer license renewals to 13 Medford establishments was included in business transacted at the semi-monthly meeting of the city council last night.

Ordinances passed provided: (1) For a fund to be known as the state tax street fund to take care of monies to be paid Medford as its proportionate share from the state highway fund, the sum being estimated at \$15,000 and to be used for the maintenance of streets.

(2) For the execution of a supplemental agreement with the government to provide for the payment to Medford of \$4,140, the cost of operating, maintaining and repairing the municipal airport from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943, under terms of the lease between the city and the government.

(3) For the transfer of custody of the revolving fund, not to exceed \$250, from custody of the city superintendent to the city treasurer, the latter to make emergency payments from the fund between council meetings on written direction of the former.

(4) For the purchase of a new Dodge sedan for the police department to replace the Ford sedan recently wrecked in an accident, the Ford to be sold.

(5) For the sale of lot 6, block 10, Queen Ann addition to D. L. Flynn for \$450.

(6) For the sale of lot 7, block 3, Page addition to W. B. Hickman for \$450.

Granted renewals of various types of beer licenses were The Spot, Valentine's, Franklin's, Brown's, the Fourth Wheel, Hawley's Grocery store, Hi-Way club, Jackson hotel, The Shack, The Beverage Shop, Otto's club, the Natarium confectionary and the Eagles lodge.

The request of Camp White army officials that the council write a letter pledging the response of the city fire department to any possible serious conflagration at the camp, the Medford Army Air Field or the motor repair shops at the fairgrounds was tabled until it could be determined whether Medford firemen were covered by state accident insurance.

Report of City Police Judge Ralph Woodford showed fines and bail collected in November totaled \$184.50.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Humphrey doing an extra special neat job of chauffeuring for wife Greta.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Grenbender chewing on the traditional black cigar and warily declining to make professional comment to Selective Service Board Chairman Guy Applewhite in the presence of a reporter.

Charley Clay lending a helping hand to his successor by switching off an electric sign the latter had forgotten.

American battle losses in World War I were 80,280 killed and 208,680 wounded.