

MAJOR JOHNSON, NOTED ENGINEER EX-MEDFORD BOY

Very few Medford people are aware that Major William Martin Johnson, one of America's outstanding military consulting engineers, was formerly a Medford boy and received his early education in the Roosevelt school of this city. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson, the elder Mr. Johnson coming here from Phoenix, Ariz., in 1911, to accept the foremanship of the Mail Tribune job department. He and A. F. Stennett were old friends in Phoenix and it was through Mr. Stennett's solicitation that Mr. Johnson's services were engaged by the Mail Tribune, a position he held for several years before finally returning to his old home in Lynchburg, Va.

After returning to Virginia young Martin completed his education in the Lynchburg schools and in 1928 graduated from Virginia Tech.

Many Big Jobs

His first big engineering job for the government was the building of Camp Pickett, then Camp Lee. He did four million dollars worth of work at Camp Richey, Md., and when he enlisted in armed service in May, 1943, had a four-million-dollar housing project surveyed and blue printed for another job. From October, 1940, till he went into service he had completed fifty-eight million dollars worth of work, and had done it all under government estimates and ahead of schedule without the least labor trouble, graft or scandal.

Among other jobs young Martin Johnson has done was the engineering work for the Williamsburg restoration for John D. Rockefeller at a cost of forty-five million.

To Mexico City

Now for the second time the government has deferred Major Johnson's active army service to become chief engineer of the division of health and sanitation of the office of coordinator of inter-American affairs at Mexico City, a project costing millions of dollars. Jointly financed by the United States and the Mexican government. He will also have charge of the sanitation, water supply and sewerage for the Pan-American highway from Mexico City to Guatemala. Major Johnson is now in Mexico City in charge of the work.

Watson Johnson, a brother, who also attended Roosevelt

Yanks Pour It On Nazis Below Vanafro



After capture of the vital Vanafro Ridge during bloody fighting in Italy, an American soldier kneels at his high vantage point and watches Yank guns soften up enemy positions at Conca Casale in the valley below. Picture by Acme Newspaper Photographer Bert Brandt for the War Picture Pool.

American Diplomacy Faces Biggest Job: Winning Peace

By John A. Reichmann
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington (U.P.)—Japanese bombs two years ago drove American diplomacy to face the greatest task of history, that of winning the peace and making future wars impossible.

The task received its first implementation in the recent four-power pact of Moscow, which is expected to provide the framework for future diplomatic planning.

Since Secretary of State Cordell Hull angrily denounced the two Japanese envoys who called on him an hour after bombs had already fallen on Pearl Harbor, he has kept in mind a single purpose—to win the war.

All his diplomacy has been directed to aiding the military forces to whip the axis with the smallest expenditure of manpower. No criticism of "appeasement" or lack of policy has veered him from his first principle—that the lives of American soldiers must not be wasted.

That criticism was most acute in this country's dealings with Vichy, before total German occupation of France, and with Admiral Jean Darlan in Africa. Hull firmly believes, however, that his policy not only saved the lives of soldiers in Africa, where diplomatic spadework by Consul Robert D. Murphy prepared the way for invasion, but that it also kept the French fleet from axis hands.

Since Pearl Harbor, the United Nations have also begun to reap the fruits of his "Good Neighbor" policy. The resources of the 20 American Republics have served the Allied war effort in greater or less degree. Only one Latin-American country—Argentina—has failed to break relations with the axis, and 12 Latin-American powers are at war against the axis.

Only recently has Hull been willing to talk of postwar plans, and then only in general terms. But substantial progress has been made in seeking to reduce broad policies to concrete terms.

Postwar discussions are generally regarded as having started at the Quebec conference between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in which Hull and British External Affairs Secretary Anthony Eden subsequently participated.

While their presence was primarily for discussing some form of arrangements with the Soviet Union for closer contacts among the major European war leaders. The discussions finally resulted in the Moscow meeting of foreign ministers.

The resulting four-power pact, bringing China into the agreement, pledged these powers to prosecution of the war to unconditional surrender, a common policy of surrender and disarmament to the enemy, the

creation of a world organization to maintain peace and to bring about a general agreement on disarmament after the war.

Hull's hand was believed greatly strengthened by the pledges of Moscow, but equally significant was the action of the senate in passing a resolution endorsing postwar collaboration into which was written whole sections of the Moscow agreement.

The senate, which failed to give a needed two-thirds vote to the League of Nations after World War I, produced only five dissenting votes against a majority of 85. Earlier the house had passed a less important postwar resolution by a vote of 360 to 29.

Prior to Moscow, the state department had been under violent attack for its asserted failure to develop a foreign policy. Numerous demands were made for a reorganization of the department.

The attacks were heightened with the resignation of Sumner Wells, who had been Hull's under-secretary ever since he assumed office in 1933. No thorough explanation of Wells' action was given. Some critics asserted that it was caused by a breach over foreign policy, particularly toward Russia. Some blamed it on differences of personality.

Wells was succeeded by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who previously had been lend-lease administrator, after the reorganization had placed lend-lease in a single agency together with the Office of Economic Warfare and the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation. These agencies continued under state department policy directives but became co-ordinated by Leo T. Crowley, previously head of OEW.

The state department also has been active in preparing plans for relief and rehabilitation—culminating in the 44-power Atlantic City conference—postwar food distribution plans, and with co-ordinating postwar planning for international aviation and shipping.

WEATHER

Northern California—Cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday with light rain beginning on coast this afternoon and spreading over interior tonight; occasional showers Tuesday morning; warmer interior tonight; little change in temperature elsewhere.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

HOLIDAY CRIME AT LOWEST EBB IN LOCAL AREA

The Christmas week-end, so far as the police were concerned, was one of the quietest and most peaceful in years, state, county and city authorities said today.

City police reported only one case of drunkenness and no serious motor accidents, state police made but three citations, all for minor traffic violations and the sheriff's office said the usual holiday disturbances were entirely missing throughout the county this year.

About the only activity engaged in by the sheriff's office was to round up some horses which were reported trampling lawns in the Siskiyou Heights district. The sheriff's office said numerous complaints of horses loose in the district had been received night and day the past week and that when the owners were known they were told to keep the nags from roaming.

FLU EBBING HERE SAYS DR. MERKEL

It is believed that the influenza epidemic declined somewhat in intensity this past week according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer. Although the cases formally reported to the department were almost the same as the preceding week, 48 as compared to 52, Dr. Merkel states indications are that the disease is on the decline.

The week's report of communicable diseases shows seven new cases of scarlet fever, two of which are in Medford and five at Camp White and there was a marked increase of chicken pox, 21 cases, in all parts of the county, being reported. But seven cases were reported the preceding week.

Other diseases listed are one case of measles, seven cases of pneumonia, two of mumps, one of infantile paralysis, seven cases of recurrent malaria and two of gonorrhea.

CAPT. JACK M. ROUTH FUNERAL TOMORROW

Salem, Ore., Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Funeral services for Capt. Jack M. Routh, Oregon Selective Service staff member will be held tomorrow.

Routh died suddenly of a heart attack Friday at his home. He was a native of Salem and was a reporter on the staff of the Astorian Budget at Astoria before joining the state military department six years ago.

GRAND JURY CALL IS PLANNED NEXT WEEK

District Attorney George W. Neilson said the grand jury, Earl C. Gaddis, Medford foreman, would be called next week, to make its report and consider any criminal matters coming before it. The grand jury recessed several weeks ago. The district attorney said the criminal matters in the county were well cleaned up.

SENATE CANDIDATE

Idaho Falls, Ida., Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Hoyt Ray, Idaho Falls, former U. S. district attorney for Idaho, predicted today that Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen would be Idaho's next republican candidate for the U. S. senate.

More than 10,000 covered wagons came to California over the Emigrant trail in the gold rush year of 1849.

President's Son Home Again



Lt. Col. James Roosevelt, U. S. Marine Corps, visited Camp San Luis Obispo this week as guest of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller, commanding general, 81st Infantry Division, which is stationed here. During his brief stay, Colonel Roosevelt recounted some of his experiences in the South Pacific.

AUTOS AND FIRE LEAD DEATH LIST DURING HOLIDAYS

By United Press

Accidents and violence claimed at least 268 lives during the long Christmas holiday week-end, the nation's first full holiday since the war began, a United Press survey showed today.

New York led all states in the total number of deaths with 39. California was next with 30.

Traffic accidents accounted for 147 deaths.

California headed the list of states with 22 traffic fatalities. Ohio was next with 14. Illinois and Michigan each had 13, and New York recorded 11 deaths in automobile accidents.

Fire took 52 lives including 18 killed in a New York rooming house and three in a Minneapolis rooming house.

Miscellaneous accidents accounted for 67 deaths. In California seven army fliers were killed in airplane crashes.

BIRTHS

STONEHOCKER—To Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Art. 2, Box 406, Medford, Dec. 25, a girl, eight pounds, at Community hospital.

HYDE—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, 730 West 14th, Medford, Dec. 25, a boy, eight pounds, at Community hospital.

DODGE—To Mr. and Mrs. Thayer, 505 Edwards, Medford, Dec. 27, a girl, 4½ pounds, at Community hospital.

P-38 PILOT KILLED

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—2nd Lt. Eldin R. Alvin, 20, of Rockford, Ill., was killed when his P-38 fighter plane crashed in a lemon grove two miles north of Camarillo, Calif., the Los Angeles fighter wing headquarters announced today. Lt. Alvin's next of kin was listed as Mrs. Loretta B. Eicholtz of Rockford.

FREEZING RAIN COATS EAST COAST HIGHWAYS

(By United Press)

A freezing rain which coated eastern highways with ice last night and early today resulted in hundreds of automobile accidents, disrupted bus service and added to the burden of railroads already taxed with heavy holiday travel.

As sections of Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and southern New England counted hundreds of injured from accidents and falls. The weather bureau warned that the freezing rain would make travel hazardous today.

WESTERN THRIFT

GLENN JACKSON NOW LT. COLONEL

Glenn L. Jackson, who is in England with the Eighth Army Air Force, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. The news of his advancement was received by Mrs. Jackson in a cablegram delivered over the week-end.

Lt. Col. Jackson, who before going into the army was vice-president of the California-Oregon Power company, has been in the army since September of 1942 and was sent to England last August. The exact nature of his work with the air force is not divulged.

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