

Vast Allied Air Fleet Soften Path for Russian Advance

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SIMPSON URGES FREE LEADERSHIP IN BANQUET TALK

Lincoln Club Told Hope of
Civilization Lies in U. S.;
Carter New President.

"If there is any hope for civilization in the world today, it lies in the leadership of American, and we must keep that leadership free," declared David B. Simpson, Portland, who spoke at the 31st annual banquet and meeting of the Jackson County Lincoln club held last night in the Holland Hotel. Simpson spoke to about 110 Republicans and friends in the blue room of the hotel following the banquet and was introduced by the retiring president, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini. George R. Carter, county clerk, succeeded to the presidency and Mrs. D'Albini was named to the newly created office of historian during the annual elections.

Abraham Lincoln not only believed in principles of freedom and the rights of individuals, Simpson declared, but he practiced these principles himself and worked and fought to see that they were not denied to others.

Warns of Fallacies
"The four men throughout history whose teachings have attracted the largest number of followers were Moham med, Buddha, Confucius and Jesus Christ," Simpson reminded his audience. "These four men all taught a principle which guided Lincoln's life: 'treat your fellow man as you would yourself be treated.' As you, the president, could speak to us today, I believe that is what he would have us do."

Simpson urged his listeners not to be misled by the fallacies of class hatreds, which he charged the present administration with fostering, and stated that such class hatreds led to totalitarian governments.

Reviewing Lincoln's life, the speaker said that he was a humble man, that he thought of himself as unequal to the great tasks of his administration and often prayed for wisdom in moments of stress.

Rights Upheld
"Lincoln believed in a government of laws, and not a government of people," Simpson said. "He upheld state's rights and individual's rights." Declaring that up to 1932 both the Republican and Democratic parties had been pledged to certain fundamental points, such as a balanced budget, Simpson said this was no longer true and that we now have a third party, the "new deal" party, which fostered many alarming practices leading to an increasing centralization of government.

"Communities should stop asking Washington for federal funds," the speaker declared. "Since the federal government insists on controlling these funds thereby increasing the central governmental power." He cited the proposed federal education bill and said it should be defeated. "We should never forget that federal funds still come from our pockets," he said.

No Compromise
In closing Simpson said the real principles of Lincoln and Republicanism should be carried to every person in the country that people should live what they believe and that there should be "no compromise between principle and personal gain."

Accepting the speaker the Rev. L. C. Kirby delivered the invocation, the assemblage gave the flag salute and Henry Enders of Ashland led group singing.

Aged Oregonian Given Clemency On Old Murder

Fairmont, W. Va., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Judge Charles E. Miller of the Marion county circuit court, at noon today suspended the one to five-year prison sentence imposed upon Benjamin Franklin Male, 74, on his conviction for a 40-year-old murder charge.

Defense attorneys told of Male's struggle with his conscience over the 40-year period since the crime was committed, and submitted a petition and more than 100 letters from citizens in the Ranier section in Oregon, where Male spent the last 38 years, testifying to the man's upright character, and asked mercy for him.

FRIENDS TO BUILD CHURCH ON NORTH EDGE OF MEDFORD

Construction of a church edifice for the Medford Friends congregation began yesterday, the pastor, Milo C. Ross, stated today. The building is being erected on the Old Pacific highway at the junction of DeBarr avenue and the Midway road.

First unit will be a chapel, constructed entirely of brick, which will cost about \$6,000, Ross stated. Priorities have been secured from the War Production board for this first unit and later additions will be made when conditions permit, the pastor said.

The pastor pointed out that this area is not now served by any church, and this fact was taken into consideration when the location was selected for the church. Beginning next Sunday, the church will hold services in the Howard school, he said. The Friends church is more commonly known as the Quaker church.

WAR BULLETINS

Paris, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Troops of the Canadian 1st army beat off four German counterattacks today and in advances of more than a mile tightened an assault arc on the approaches of the Rhineland rail and highway hub of Goch.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—American submarines have sunk 31 more Japanese ships to push their toll of enemy vessels destroyed well above the thousand mark. Three combat ships were in the latest haul—a converted light cruiser, a converted gunboat and an escort vessel. The rest of the bag included 21 cargo vessels, four transports and three tankers.

Allen, state committee chairman; Palmer Hoyt and Quincy Scott, former speakers; Claude Ingalls, publisher of the Corvallis Gazette Times; State Senator Earl Newbury, Representative O. H. Bengtson and Ralph Calkins, prominent Oregon Republican.

Memorials Read
Report of the resolutions and memorials committee was given by George W. Neilson, including a memorial for the late W. R. Coleman and B. F. Van Dyke and extending sympathy in the illnesses of Judge Coleman and Judge Herbert K. Hanna. A resolution pledged the club to give all possible aid to returning veterans. Mr. Neilson read a "Mother's Prayer" and at the suggestion of the committee the assemblage stood in silent prayer to honor those who have died in the war cause.

Accepting the report of the nominating committee, given by Kenneth Denman, all officers were advanced. Henry G. Enders of Ashland succeeded Carter as first vice-president; Robert F. Kyle, Medford, advanced to second vice-president, and Robert Dodge, Ashland, secretary-treasurer, to third vice-president. William Perry was named secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

Harold Colvig of Ashland delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg address, a traditional feature of the banquet, and Harry A. Young sang three solos, accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Marsh.

Decorations were in red, white and blue and a large portrait of Lincoln hung in the banquet room.

MORGENTHAU FOR POSTWAR TAX CUT TO AID BUSINESS

Sec. of Treasury Tells Congress Public Debt Must Be Paid as Soon as Possible.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., today told congress that a strong postwar tax system must be maintained "for postwar expenditures will be far higher than prewar expenditures." The public debt, he added, must be reduced as rapidly as possible.

Morgenthau proposed these policies in his report to congress on the fiscal year 1944, which ended last June 30. And for the first time, he went on record as favoring postwar tax reductions to encourage expansion of private enterprise.

"Such measures are essential to the realization of full employment in a peacetime economy of free enterprise and competition," he said.

Must Wait Peace
He added that "little if any" tax reduction could be expected until major hostilities cease. Premature tax relaxation, he said, might tend to defeat the aims of the stabilization program.

He assured congress that there was no question of the ability of the country to pay off its huge public debt.

Morgenthau poured cold water on reports in financial centers that the government was about to offer higher interest rates on its securities offerings.

POLICE CAPTURE PRISON ESCAPEE

Salem, Ore., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Byron Neil Dyson, 19, who made a spectacular escape from solitary confinement in the state penitentiary late last night, was back in the "bullpen" at the prison today after only a few hours of freedom.

Dyson, classed by prison officials as a "bad" prisoner, and by state police as "extremely dangerous," escaped from the solitary confinement cells while other prisoners were at a moving picture show, climbed the wall with the aid of a rope and overpowered and bound Tower Guard T. G. Donnal, taking his rifle and pistol. He then stole a state police car, which was nearby having its radio repaired.

Within 20 minutes all roads were blocked by state police, and a few hours later they apprehended Dyson walking along the state highway between Woodburn and Hubbard. He did not put up a fight when captured.

WORLD TRAVELER SPEAKS THURSDAY

Jackson county home economics extension committee will sponsor Mrs. Helen Carlton Smith, world traveler and speaker on international affairs at a public meeting in the courthouse auditorium Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Smith will discuss the timely problem, "When the Guns Cease Firing."

For the past eight years Helen Carlton Smith has been on the continent and in England, traveling and lecturing.

According to Miss Marian Farrell, Jackson county home demonstration agent, the public is invited to hear the discussion. Mrs. Smith promises that she will allow time for questions from the audience.

Nazi Spies Guilty, Sentenced to Hang

New York, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—William C. Colepaugh and Eric Gimpel were found guilty today on three counts of espionage and sabotage and were sentenced to hang.

A seven man military commission at Governor's island handed down the verdict.

VETERANS BILLS HAVE COMMITTEE 'DO PASS' MARK

Education Aid, Employment, Loan Preference Among Proposed Laws Favored.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Six veterans and postwar bills were before the House with "do pass" recommendations from the military affairs and postwar planning committee today. Among them was the measure which arose from the November election, providing for aid to veterans in obtaining an education in the colleges of the state.

The bill differs from the one which was approved by the people chiefly in the amount of money payable monthly to veterans who take advantage of the act—a straight \$35 monthly instead of a sliding scale starting at 75.

Favor Armories
Also the Army bill, which levies a tax for the construction of buildings and is a referendum measure, was approved by the committee.

Other bills would provide for permission for savings and loan associations to make loans to veterans; grant preference for veterans in public employment; provide for meeting places for veterans organizations, and provide for the orderly disposition of surplus war materials in the state.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Legislation setting up a forest products laboratory at Oregon State College under the State Board of Forestry was passed by the Senate today and sent to the House.

The Senate also passed a bill (WB63) to remove employees of real estate brokers and suburban newspaper carriers, both groups working on commissions, from the unemployment compensation law.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The Oregon House Committee on taxation and revenue today held under advisement related bills designed to alleviate acute financial problems of Oregon school districts, headed by HB-123 to appropriate an additional \$5,000,000 from surplus tax funds.

Witnesses last night told committee members that hundreds of teachers are leaving Oregon for higher salaries elsewhere, and that an exorbitant increase in property taxes, and the swollen income tax is the best source for emergency funds, although a long-term program is essential if the schools are to be financed on a sound plan.

ENVOY RESIGNS

Canberra, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Nelson T. Johnson, American minister to Australia and dean of the diplomatic corps at Canberra, confirmed today that he has resigned and said he hoped to return to the United States in April.

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The Big Three and Their Chiefs of Staff



(Acme Radio-Telephone)
The Big Three—Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin (left to right, seated)—pose with their chiefs of staff outside palace at Yalta in Soviet Crimea after conclusion of momentous eight-day conference at Yalta in Soviet Crimea. Standing (left to right) are Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, General Sir Hastings Ismay, Admiral Ernest King, Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Admiral William Leahy, General George C. Marshall and Russian delegates. British official radiophoto.

JAP SUBVERSIVE RECORDS SEIZED IN NEWELL RAID

Newell, Calif., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Security officers of the War Relocation Authority have raided headquarters of two allegedly operated Japanese political clubs at the Tule Lake segregation center and have seized "subversive" records, Project Director Ray Best announced today.

A hand-made Japanese flag also was seized in the raid yesterday on the Sojuki Dan and the Hoshi Dan offices in two camp buildings, Best declared.

The raids were made under search and seizure orders of the U. S. Department of Justice. They followed by two days removal of 850 Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans who had renounced their U. S. citizenship to an unnamed camp operated by the Department of Justice.

Most of the internees transferred were members of one of the political organizations which reportedly had been urging inmates to renounce their citizenship, the WRA said in announcing the transfer.

TO BERLIN

By United Press
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today:
Eastern front—31 miles (from Zaerckerick).
Western front—295 miles (from north of Kleve).
Italy—530 miles (from north of Ravenna).

1000TH SUPERFORT

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The Boeing-Wichita plant sent its 1,000th B-29 Superfortress bomber out to fight the Japanese today, the company announced with war department approval.

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Twenty Registered Nurses of County Join Army Corps

Twenty registered nurses who formerly resided in Jackson county are now in the army nurse corps according to a survey and list made by the Graduate Nurses association, District Four. Due to the fact that much publicity is currently being given to the drive to enlist nurses in the services, it was thought the complete list would be of special interest at this time.

On the list are First Lt. Bernice Gill, First Lt. Margaret Wells, First Lt. Jean Graden, First Lt. Corinne D'Albini, Second Lt. Owetice Neal, Second Lt. Alice Rosstetter, Second Lt. Mary Hensler, Second Lt. Pearl Howard, Second Lt. Martha Logan, Second Lt. Velma Argotsinger, Second Lt. Mary Roach, Second Lt. Charlotte Walker, Second Lt. Florence Weiser, Second Lt. Sibyl Walker, Second Lt. Patricia Clendenning, Second Lt. Mae Rawlings, Second Lt. Josephine Beers, Second Lt. Bertha Morgan, Second Lt. Mildred Ann Willetts and Second Lt. Florence Pye.

CARRIER SUNK IN PACIFIC THEATER

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The USS Ommaney Bay, a 10,000-ton aircraft carrier of the world's fleet, has gone to a watery grave on the bottom of the Pacific after a short but violent career. She was the 10th U. S. carrier sunk in World War II.

The navy told her story last night in announcing the loss of both the Ommaney Bay and the fast mine sweeper Long. It did not say exactly how they met their end, only that it was through "enemy action."

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MANILA BATTLE NEARS WINDUP; FORMOSA RAIDED

By United Press
The end of the battle for Manila appeared in sight today, with the U. S. navy's former base at Cavite and Nichols field again in American hands.

The Japanese reported, meanwhile, that nearly 100 American planes raided southern Formosa again Monday and Tuesday. Units of the 11th Airborne division captured Nichols airfield yesterday and then pushed along the shores of Manila bay to take the Cavite Naval Base, where they seized 10 enemy seaplanes and a battery of three-inch guns intact.

Close In on Japs
At the same time the First Cavalry division and the 37th Infantry division continued to close in on the Japanese.

While the troops were cleaning up Manila, American bombers and fighters struck to the north of the Philippines and raided the Takao and Tainan sectors of Formosa for two days, according to the Japanese Do-nei agency.

BULLDOG KILLS CHILD PLAYMATE

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Jealous of his mistress' affection for her 21-month-old daughter, a pet bulldog last night turned on the child that had been his playmate and killed her.

The dog, Wolf, grabbed little Marguerite Theresa Denderger by the neck and crushed her spine before the mother, Mrs. Drusilla Denderger, could loosen the grip of his teeth.

The child was rushed across the street to a physician, but was dead when he examined her.

Mrs. Denderger said she had had the dog for five years and that he had been a playmate and guardian to the child since its birth.

WEBER SENTENCE CUT TO 5 YEARS

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The sentence of Pvt. Henry Weber, Camp Roberts, Calif., has been reduced from death to five years' imprisonment for disobeying orders of an officer.

Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, judge advocate general, revealed this today in a letter to Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D. Utah, of the Senate Military Affairs committee.

Cramer said he personally had recommended to the review authority at Camp Roberts a reduction of the sentence to five years' confinement "to equalize the sentence in accordance with war department policy."

DRESDEN SUFFERS BRUNT OF HEAVY BOMBING ATTACKS

Saxony Capital Becomes
Torch for Advancing Russians; Chemnitz Blasted.

London, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The red army hammered to within 70 miles of Dresden today as the Saxony capital and other points in the path of the soviet advance rocked under air bombardment by nearly 4,000 American and British war planes.

For the first time in the war the powerful land offensive of the Russian armies was directly supported by coordinated air blows from both the American and British strategic bombardment fleets.

RAF Lands First

The attack was opened by night when some 1,400 RAF planes blasted Germany, nearly 800 of them concentrating on Dresden where they lighted vast fires visible to the advancing red army less than 70 miles distant at the Quers river.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators took up the assault by day, sending some 2,350 planes over Germany, including 1,350 heavy bombers. One large U. S. formation dropped a new bomb load on Dresden, while others hit Chemnitz, 38 miles to the southwest and Magdeburg, 70 miles southwest of Berlin.

Dresden Flames

It was the first time in the war that the elements of all three of the major allies had been coordinated in a blow at Germany. Whether the Anglo-American air support for the red army was a fruit of the Yalta conference was not known.

Returning RAF crews said they set fires in Dresden, easily visible 200 miles away. The big conflagrations set a beacon for the red army forces slashing at the Quers river line, less than 70 miles to the east.

Today allied air forces were over Germany in great strength. The Nazi radio echoed with warnings of raiders over Dresden and Zwickau, 60 miles to the southwest, while German radio transmissions in the north were suspended, a usual indication of allied air activity.

Arteries Hit
The Dresden assault struck the network of rail and highway arteries and depots upon which the wehrmacht is dependent to supply its front line forces now rapidly falling back upon the Saxony capital.

The RAF sent out a record-breaking total of 1,400 heavy bombers over Germany with the bulk of them concentrated in support of the red army.

AUGUST BEBERNISS KILLED IN WRECK

August Bebernis, 238 South Holly street, was killed early this afternoon when a logging truck he was driving left the highway at Cascade Gorge and rolled over a cliff, according to George Davis who brought the body to Medford in the Perl ambulance. Cascade Gorge is about 42 miles from Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Bebernis was said to be heading toward Medford with an empty truck when the accident occurred. He was employed by O. W. Panter.

Mrs. Mary Bebernis, wife of the dead man, is ill in Sacred Heart hospital.

Further details of the accident were unavailable at press time.

Vandenberg Denies Bid to Conference

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), said today he had received no invitation to be a member of the American delegation to the United Nations conference at San Francisco. He refused to say whether he would accept if invited.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bob Kyle referring to the Lincoln club banquet program to find out what kind of a vice-president he was.

Democrat Ralph Sweeney having a fine time at a Republican meeting.

Vern and Marguerite Brophy joyful over the news of the arrival of their first grandchild and Grandpa Vern already making plans to buy his granddaughter a pony.