

ROW LOOMS OVER COMMISSIONING OF COMMUNISTS

Washington, Feb. 20—(U.P.)—The war department and the house military affairs committee are headed for a showdown on the question of giving army commissions to American communists.

A published report here said the department had instructed all commands that persons should not be denied advancement because they were communists. The order was described as saying that the vital question was whether the person concerned was or was not loyal to this country.

Committee Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) said he had asked for a report from the department.

"If they are going on with it," he added, "I propose to have them come before the committee and explain it. I am against communists holding commissions in the army. It seems to me that we have enough good red-blooded Americans to run our army."

Sen. A. B. Chandler, (D., Ky.) implied that such an order would be in violation of laws which forbid employment of communists by the government.

Letter Received From Lt. Taylor After Month Wait

Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Taylor, South Columbus avenue, have received word from their son, Lt. (jg) O. P. Taylor, for the first time in over a month. Lt. Taylor said he was unable to write during January because he was working along the coast of French Indo-China and near Hongkong sinking Jap ships. He speaks of the climate being good the year around where he is now located.

Lt. Taylor is a graduate of Medford high school and of University of Oregon. His wife and daughter, Janice, are making their home in Eugene. He received word of his daughter's birth on Christmas eve while he was singing Christmas carols with the ship's crew, he wrote.

MEDFORD SAILOR TIRED OF SHOOTING AT JAPS

Writing that he "would like to shoot at something besides Japs for a change," Donald Foose, S-1/c in the navy, described some of his activities in the Pacific war theater in recent letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Foose, 706 Newtown street. Foose participated in the landing on Luzon island.

Seaman Foose, gunner on an escort destroyer with a task force, entered the navy in March of 1944 and has been on sea duty in the Pacific since last October.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy night and Wednesday with little change in temperature.

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight, cloudy Wednesday with rain in northwest portions and on the coast. Little change in temperature.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 54 degrees, lowest 24.

Total monthly precipitation 3.91 inches. Excess for the month 2.50 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 11.77 inches. Excess for the season 7.0 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 42%, 4:30 today 96%.

Tomorrow: Sunrise 7:50 a. m., sunset 6:51 p. m.

Past 24 hours: High 42, Low 30, Precip. 0.

Boise 42, 30, Trace

Chicago 34, 29, Trace

Denver 42, 29, Trace

Eureka 52, 25, 8

Havre 52, 8, 8

Los Angeles 60, 38, .03

Medford 52, 24, .01

New York 51, 20, .01

Omaha 52, 27, .01

Portland 46, 38, Trace

Reno 41, 17, .01

Roseburg 54, 35, .02

Salt Lake 57, 28, .02

San Francisco 57, 46, .01

Seattle 47, 33, .01

Spokane 57, 29, Trace

Washington, D. C. 52, 21, .01

Yakima 53, 17, Trace

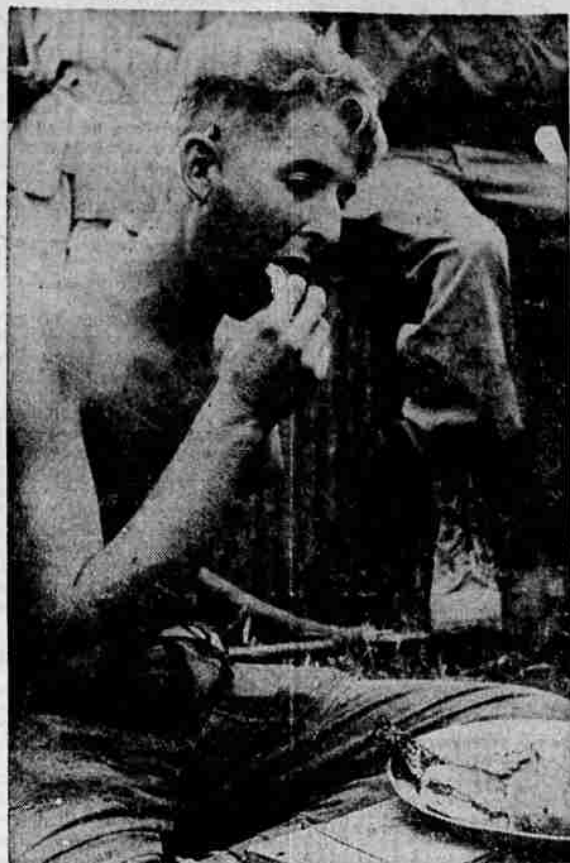
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Enjoys First Real Meal



Pvt. Alfred Jolly, San Francisco, enjoys his first real meal in three years at Luzon hospital after his rescue from Cabanatuan prison camp. His left arm is missing but it doesn't slow up his eating speed. This was the first portion—three more followed rapidly.

POSTAL REVENUES FAR OVER OUTLAY

Washington, Feb. 20—(U.P.)—Postal revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30 will exceed expenditures by \$117,643,897, the House Appropriations committee reported today.

The surplus revenue, the committee said in recommending the 1946 appropriations for the post-office and the treasury departments, was "brought about by the abnormal amount of mail incident to wartime civilian activity as well as mailings to members of the armed forces."

Postal revenues for 1944 exceeded expenditures by \$37,768,028. Estimates for 1946 indicate a possible revenue surplus of as much as \$265,214,280, the committee report said.

The 1946 estimate, however, does not take into consideration overtime pay for postal employees which amounts to approximately \$110,000,000 annually. The overtime pay act expires June 30, and is expected to be re-enacted.

Prospect

Prospect, Feb. 20—A surprise house-warming and miscellaneous shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dalton Feb. 16. Games and an old-fashioned spelling match, won by Miss Dorothy Fairchild, were the diversions.

Potluck supper was served. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. Jantzer, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shafer and son, Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Broomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKillop, Frank Doty, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gregory and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy, Miss Dorothy Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Loos and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy and children, Lewis Larry, and Barbara Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Beddingfield at Selma Feb. 11 and 12.

Pvt. Charles Dalley returned to his California army base, after spending several days here, visiting his wife, Marie Dalley, and mother, Mrs. Leonard Gaines.

Mrs. Price Shafer and children of Medford are spending a couple of weeks visiting her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shafer. Mrs. Shafer's husband is taking his boot training in the U. S. naval reserve.

Mrs. Frank Doty and little daughter, Betty Fae, spent most of last week in Medford with Mrs. Doty's mother, Mrs. M. E. Fox, while Betty was receiving medical attention for a throat ailment.

Charles Hazzard, former Prospect resident, who is now running the M & H Saw Filing Shop

FIREMAN PENSION VOTED BY HOUSE

Salem, Ore., Feb. 20—(U.P.)—The Oregon house of representatives Monday passed, 47 to 21, and sent to the senate house bill 207, which would set up a pension system for paid and volunteer firemen of the state.

The bill, which has been brought before the legislature five times during the last 20 years and been defeated each time, drew little opposition discussion.

Benefits under the bill would be paid for from insurance premium fees and beneficiaries' contributions and would be set up by local boards for paid firemen. The bill would establish also a volunteer pension fund.

A bill (S. B. 73) to establish a state opticians board received "do not pass" recommendation of the senate medicine, pharmacy and dentistry committee and was set as a special order of business tomorrow afternoon.

Descriptions Of Alien Patents Are Offered For Sale

Publication of two sets of abstracts, or short descriptions of 45,000 alien owned United States patents seized by the Alien Property Custodian of the federal government has just been announced. According to a release just received by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the abstract sets are now on sale at the Office of Alien Property Custodian, 311 Field building, Chicago, 3, Ill.

The patents were developed by the enemy and contain many items which may be of value in prosecuting the war and for post-war use, the release states. They cover practically every field of manufacture. Licenses to most of the patents are available at a nominal fee, it is said. The abstracts have been classified and indexed for easy use, the report states, and if complete sets are not desired, portions may be obtained at proportional cost.

Fleet Planes Raid Tokyo!



(Acme Telephone) More than 1300 American planes from a huge navy armada only 300 miles off the Japanese coast smashed at the Tokyo area for at least nine hours in the heaviest raid ever made on the enemy capital. Tokyo radio said the attack and the bombardment of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 150 miles south of Tokyo, "may be prelude to an American landing on Iwo," a constant threat to B-29 Super-Fortresses operating from the Marianas.

PARTY CLAUSE IS BACKED BY HOUSE

Salem, Ore., Feb. 20—(U.P.)—The house today refused to concur in senate amendments to house bill 145, which would eliminate the requirement that county courts fill legislative vacancies with members of the same political party to which the member creating the vacancy belonged.

A conference committee was appointed. The same party clause was passed originally in 1937 by a Democratic majority in the legis-

lature. Proponents argued that the new bill would permit judges to pick the best man for a vacancy, regardless of party label.

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INSURANCE ON STUDENT ATHLETES IS FAVORED

Salem, Ore., Feb. 20—(U.P.)—A bill permitting school districts to take out liability insurance for student athletes was sent to the floor of the senate today with "do pass" approval of the Senate Education committee. The house-approved bill

(HB268 Manley Wilson) was sought by Clackamas and Clatsop county authorities to extend present liability insurance scope to include athletics. An opinion of the attorney general held that such insurance exceeded authority of the district.

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