

Dr. DeLong To Lead Union Pre-Easter Program Here

Dr. Russell V. DeLong, guest spokesman for the Union Pre-Easter Passion Week series is scheduled to arrive Saturday to direct the community-wide 8-day program. The series is under auspices of the Medford Ministerial association.

According to the Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, president of the association, Dr. DeLong's first appearance will be in the First Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Sunday, March 25.

The first union service of the city will be held in the First Methodist church at 4 p. m. Sunday. From this point on union services will be held as follows: Sunday and Monday nights; First Christian Church at 7:30; Zion Lutheran, Tuesday night; First Presbyterian, Wednesday night; First Methodist, Thursday and Friday nights; Church of the Nazarene, Sunday, April 1, 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The annual Good-Friday program, in the regular rotation order will be held Friday in the Church of the Nazarene, from 12 noon to 3 p. m. During the program ministers of the association and Dr. DeLong will be heard.

Noon-day sessions will be conducted daily by Dr. DeLong in the USO, 12:05 to 12:35 p. m., Monday through Thursday. These services have been arranged for the convenience of business and professional men and women, citizens and church people in general.

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highly commended for this union program. He has gained distinction as an author, educator, and pulpiteer. His name appears in the volume known as Religious Leaders of America. He has successfully established himself in the field of religious education. Recently in Olivet College there were 400 professions of faith during one week's series under his leadership.

John Eby, of Medford, well known for his ability to get people to sing, will direct the musical talent during the program.

INJURED SOLDIER HAS NINE TO ONE SURVIVAL CHANCE

21st Army Group Hqs., Belgium, March 23.—(U.P.)—A wounded soldier's chances of survival on the western front are now nine to one in his favor and his chances of recovery from disease are even better.

Doctors and surgeons have won such a victory against the injuries and diseases that took a huge toll in world war I.

In the last war a soldier suffering a stomach wound had a three-to-one chance of recovering. Today's battlefield surgeons save 70 per cent of such cases. At least one-fourth are able to return to active duty.

By improved techniques allied army doctors are able to save 90 per cent of the lung, head and brain wound cases and 95 per cent of cases where amputation is necessary. The great majority of soldiers suffering flesh wounds now are returned to their units within a month ready for service.

A consulting surgeon at this headquarters disclosed that of the first 50,000 wounded men evacuated from the continent after D-day only 200 had died.

ARDO STOCKS HIT IN HAND AND EYE

Ardo Stocks, technician fifth grade, with the 1st army in Europe, was recently wounded in the right eye and hand, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stocks, route 2, box 112. Stocks was serving with the medical corps near Cologne at the time of being wounded.

The young man, who has been overseas for the past six months was president of the Medford high school student body in his senior year, 1937, and later attended William University and the University of Oregon. In a letter to his parents, Cpl. Stocks stated that he probably would be unable to use his right hand for a considerable period.

Death Takes Wife Of Radio Figure

Hollywood, March 23.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rupert Hughes, wife of the author and radio commentator, died today in Hollywood Receiving Hospital, apparently of an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Officers who answered a call to the Hughes' home in the Hollywood Hills found her alive and rushed her to the hospital, where she died almost immediately. Police said she had been in ill health.

Presbyterians of Phoenix to Hold Sunrise Services

Easter sunrise services under auspices of Phoenix Presbyterian church will be held April 1 at Gemers Hill, just south of Phoenix. Services will start promptly at 6:45 a. m. with Rev. L. H. Mitchell officiating. Music by an accordion duo composed of Marion Bell and Jerold Compher will accompany singing.

At 7:30 o'clock an Easter breakfast will be served in the parlors of the church for the young people of Phoenix area and any others who desire to attend. Those desiring reservations for the breakfast are asked to call Mrs. Caldwell, 6227.

MOVIELAND STARS TO PASS PICKETS

Hollywood, March 23.—(U.P.)—Movieland's glamorous stars today voted overwhelmingly to disregard picket lines set up around Hollywood in an 11-day-old walkout of studio craftsmen.

The Screen Actors guild said a preliminary count of the 6,500 ballots sent to its members showed 491 stars voting to keep on the job and only eight voting to strike. Featured players voted 1,884 to 65 not to strike.

Movie producers, cheered by the ballot, reported film production virtually back to normal, while strike headquarters called more workers than ever to the picket lines.

FATHER SUICIDES IN EFFORT HALT WEDDING

Rock Island, Ill., March 23.—(U.P.)—A father took his life in vain today in an attempt to prevent his son's marriage.

The son, a discharged serviceman, said he was determined to marry his 18-year-old sweetheart on schedule only eight hours after his father's death.

Before taking his own life, the father had knifed the youth in his sleep, injuring him slightly.

CHURCH OF GOD MEETS LINCOLN SCHOOL GYM

Due to the recent fire in the Church of God, corner Haven and Holly streets, the congregation will hold services Sunday in the gymnasium of the Lincoln school, near the armory. Children desiring transportation to the school may gather at the regular church building or call 4224.

RAPIST EXECUTED

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—(U.P.)—Sgt. Joseph T. MacAvoy, Brooklyn, N. Y., was executed in the electric chair at the Nebraska penitentiary today for the rape-murder of Anna Milroy, 16-year-old Sutton, Neb. high school girl.

WILLIAMS CHOICE AS HEAD OF REA REJECTED 52-36

Senate Holds F. D. R. Nominee Unqualified to Administer Electrification.

Washington, March 23.—(U.P.)—The Senate today rejected the nomination of Aubrey Williams, a left-of-center New Dealer, to be Rural Electrification Administrator.

The vote against Williams was 52 to 36.

Williams is the first major Roosevelt nominee to be rejected by the Senate since June, 1939, when it turned down the nomination of William S. Boyle to be U. S. attorney for Nevada.

A coalition of 33 Republicans and 19 Conservative Democrats defeated Williams. Oregon senators split, Sen. Morse voting for, and Sen. Condon against.

The rejection was no surprise. It had been foreshadowed two weeks ago when the Senate Agriculture Committee voted 12 to 8 against the nomination.

Williams' supporters in the Senate futilely devoted most of the week to speeches urging his confirmation. They denounced charges that Williams leans toward a Communist philosophy.

They cited his record as deputy director of the Works Projects Administration and Director of the National Youth Administration as evidence of his ability. Opponents of Williams, confident of their strength, talked but little.

In the closing hours of debate Sen. Olin D. Johnston, D., S. C., made support of Williams the subject of his maiden speech.

"Williams is being tried in the Senate on Communist and religious charges, but his opponents do not have the evidence to prove their case," Johnston protested.

Loan Cited The religious question had been injected by Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., who told the Senate that Williams obtained a loan from the Presbyterian church to study for the ministry. Williams did not become a preacher, however, and Bilbo called it taking money under false pretenses.

Other last-minute speakers for Williams included Sen. George D. Aiken, R., Vt., Chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of the Agriculture Committee and Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

CANADA ENJOYS LIFE OF PLENTY

Ottawa, March 23.—(U.P.)—War-time Canada is enjoying a life of comparative plenty, Canadian officials said today, and they congratulated themselves on their management.

They said there were enough steaks and cigarettes to go around, and whenever there was a run on supplies, extra amounts were released "to restore public confidence."

Only butter and gasoline still are under rationing control, and only a few articles of clothing—one of which is women's stockings—are in the shortage group.

Officials said it should always be remembered that at no time has Canada accepted lend-lease either directly or indirectly from the United States.

TACOMA MAN HELD FOR TRANSPORTING LIQUOR

George Alavicki, 29, of Tacoma was arrested by state police near Roseburg this morning for transporting 28 cases of liquor in his coupe without a permit, according to Medford state police headquarters.

Alavicki, who was accompanied by his wife, was said to be transporting the liquor from California to Washington.

WCTU WILL ENLIST HELP OF MASCULINE WORKERS

Evanston, Ill., March 23.—(U.P.)—The Women's Christian Temperance Union is going masculine. In a new program announced today, Miss Lily Grace Matheson, secretary, said the union plans to enroll 400,000 men as members in the next five years. Prior to this, men have been admitted only as honorary or associate members.

An Important Message to Mail Tribune Readers and Advertisers

Due to the fact that The Mail Tribune's first-quarter quota of newsprint has been almost exhausted, the size of this newspaper must be restricted to four pages each day, beginning Sunday, March 25, and continuing throughout the week.

As the primary mission of every newspaper is to print the news, the major portion of the four pages daily will be devoted to local, state, national and world news, together with favorite Tribune features. Every effort will be made to serve classified advertisers to a limited degree, as interruption in this service at this time would prove a hardship on many citizens of this community.

It will be necessary, of course, to withhold all display advertising until Sunday, April 1, when a new quarterly quota becomes effective. Advertisers here at home and manufacturers and distributors throughout the country, who use the columns of this newspaper to stimulate sales, will then be served "as usual."

Advertisers of this community and elsewhere have accepted this necessary "advertising holiday" with understanding and a fine spirit of cooperation. For this we are most grateful. We hope that they will not be thus inconvenienced again. We hope that the critical shortage of newsprint will be relieved soon and that the "freeze" on Mail Tribune subscriptions can be lifted.

We hope, too, that early victory will put an end to shortages of newsprint and other commodities. The people of this community will then have a larger and better Mail Tribune than ever before!

3 JAP DIVISIONS OPEN OFFENSIVE ON LOHOKOW BASE

Chungking, March 23.—(U.P.)—Three Japanese divisions have opened a new offensive from bases on the Peiping-Hankow railroad against the air base town of Lohokow, 230 miles northwest of Hankow, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

The attack was reported to have originated Wednesday from a series of Jap-held cities in southern Honan province and northern Hupei province.

Military observers here believed the new offensive was an attempt to consolidate Japanese hold on the Asiatic continent in view of the precarious position of the homeland.

A Chinese army spokesman said the new offensive, following closely the break-through to the Canton-Hankow railway and occupation of air bases in Kiangsi province in southern China by the Japs in January, was launched with three motives.

First, to reduce the air base there—fighters and bombers from Lohokow have been harassing Jap railroad communications in north China—and, secondly, to remove Chinese armies there which constitute a threat to the Peiping-Hankow railway. Third motive foreseen was to reduce Lohokow as a traffic center through which materials from occupied China flow to free China.

CHECK FORGER HELD UNDER BAIL OF \$1000

James Alton Weathers, Rt. 4, Medford, was arrested by city police yesterday charged with forgery of two \$15 checks on Fred Powers, Rt. 4. Weathers is being held under \$1000 bail after a preliminary hearing in justice court yesterday.

DeMILLE TO APPEAL

Hollywood, March 23.—(U.P.)—Cecil B. DeMille today prepared an appeal to a superior court ruling which permitted the American Federation of Radio Artists to suspend him for refusing to pay a \$1 fee. He filed a notice yesterday that he will ask the supreme state court to make AFRA reinstate him.

20 Per Cent Of Tokyo's Industry Knocked Out By Superfort Raids

Washington, March 23.—(U.P.)—The Superfortress fire raid on Tokyo March 9 knocked out 20 per cent of the enemy capital's industry for three months, an air force officer said today.

Brig. Gen. Lauris Norstad, chief of staff of the 20th Air Force, added that more than five per cent of Tokyo's industrial capacity was knocked out for a year in the same raid.

Norstad said estimates based on photographs showed 1,200,000 Tokyo factory workers were rendered homeless and between 200,000 and 250,000 home and industrial buildings were destroyed.

Tokyo industry represents about 20 per cent of Japan's total

NEW INLAND SEA BOMBING TARGETS SOUGHT BY B-29'S

Japs Report Five Fortresses in Recon Visit; Nips Suffer More Pacific Setbacks

By United Press Five American Superfortresses ranged over Japan's inland sea today apparently photographing the destruction inflicted by carrier planes of the Fifth fleet last week and mapping new targets, Tokyo reported.

The report, which said that no bombs were dropped, came as Japanese imperial headquarters admitted the loss of 150 planes in attacks on the fifth fleet.

New Setbacks Meanwhile, enemy forces suffered new setbacks throughout the Pacific.

A survey showed that in the first 22 days of this month planes and warships of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur destroyed or damaged at least 789 Japanese planes, 264 merchant vessels and 47 warships.

In admitting their plane losses to the fifth fleet, the Japanese said they broke off attacks with the American naval force Wednesday night. An earlier Tokyo report had placed the fleet off the Okinawa Islands, 300 miles southwest of Japan, Wednesday night.

Close In On Baguio In the Philippines, American troops and Filipino guerrillas closed in from two sides on the northern Luzon city of Baguio, Japanese headquarters for the islands. One force reached within 10 miles north of the city, while another moved to less than six miles from the south.

Other American troops seized control of Guimaras island, off southern Panay, to secure the southern approaches to the important Iloilo anchorage. It was the 27th island in the Philippines invaded by American forces.

Putnam sold his interest in the printing company in 1919 to enter the publishing field in Salem and Smith sold his interest to the Southern Oregon Publishing company in 1931.

PHENAGLING IN SURPLUS SALES

Washington, March 23.—(U.P.)—The senate war investigating committee today sharply criticized the Defense Plant Corp. and certain unnamed "persons in government office" in connection with surplus property sales by two New York concerns.

But it had only praise for New York's Mayor F. H. La Guardia for his "invaluable aid" in its inquiry into Jacob Goldberger's Surplus Liquidators, Inc., and into the Worldwide Mercantile Corp., with which the "notorious racketeer Irving (Waxy Gordon) Wexler was connected."

The committee held extended hearings earlier this year on the auction sales of surplus property by Goldberger's concern. During the hearings the white-haired auctioneer admitted permitting the use of secret signals at auction sales to help certain customers. He could not explain a \$5,000 discrepancy in his accounts.

ROLLER COASTER FAN IS PUNISHED

Compton, Calif., March 23.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ruby Bishop, who can't stay away from the roller coasters, today was on 180 days probation on conviction of child neglect.

Judge H. Leonard Kaufman ordered Mrs. Bishop to return to her former farm home near Albuquerque, N. M., and stay away from roller coasters.

"I'm just a farm girl at heart, but I couldn't stay away from the roller coasters," Mrs. Bishop explained when confronted with a probation report that her house had no hot water since Christmas, that it had not been cleaned in several months, and there was no food for her four children, Lucille, 10, Ruby, 11, Kenneth, 4 and Betty, 2.

Ashland, March 23.—Pau Fennell, manager of the local J. C. Penney company store, was elected a member of the local school board Thursday night to replace R. I. Flaherty, who recently resigned.

Allies Line Up For Last Heave Together To End Europe War

By United Press British skirmishers crossed the Rhine in the Arnhem area today amid signs that allied armies lined up on its western bank were on the verge of starting their all-out offensive to end the war.

The German high command said American troops in the Ludwigshafen area in the south had attempted a crossing there, but had been repulsed.

Thousands of allied war planes shuttled across the river throughout the day, smashing railway and other targets in the path of the invaders. The strategic and tactical air forces struck blows not even exceeded in D-day in Normandy.

GERMANS CLAIM CROSSINGS MADE

The Paris radio reported hearing a German broadcast to the effect that the British 2nd, Canadian 1st, and American 9th armies under Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery had made the first crossings on a 65-mile front between Arnhem and Duesseldorf. The report was not confirmed by any other source.

On the eastern front, three Russian armies were reported on the move toward Austria in Silesia, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. The soviet newspaper Izvestia said the 1st Ukrainian army had gained control of the Sudeten roads leading to Moravia-Ostrava, controlling point of German communications in Bohemia. The 2nd White Russian army in the north tightened its 25-mile siege arc around the Baltic ports of Gdynia and Danzig.

The German radio reported that the Russians had driven six miles westward from the Oder river fortress of Kuestrin to the village of Golzow, 32 miles east of Berlin.

MASSIVE AIR ASSAULT PAVES WAY

The massive air assault on Germany in preparation for the big Rhine offensive was carried on today by swarms of American and British planes. RAF Lancasters dropped 11-ton Volcano bombs on a railway bridge at Bremen, main communications link between northwestern Germany and the front. Hundreds of square miles of the Ruhr and northwestern Germany were in smoking ruins after the obliteration attacks of Wednesday and Thursday.

The only official announcement overnight of land activities at the northern end of the front said large-scale skirmishing began yesterday in the Nijmegen area of Holland.

Now the Ruhr



(Acme Telephoto) U. S. First Army troops open battle for Ruhr on broad front east of Rhine as the American Third and Seventh Armies to the south closed with a rush against last 30-odd miles of Rhine's west bank held by Nazis between Ludwigshafen and the Karlsruhe corner.

PURUCKERS OPEN NEW PIANO SHOP

The public is invited to the opening Saturday of the new Purucker Piano House located at 111 North Central avenue.

After a two-year vacation Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Purucker are back in the music business with a fine new shop built to conform to the modern plan of merchandizing and with a window style which allows almost the complete store to be seen from the outside.

The interior, decorated in cream and aqua, is divided into two distinct sections, one featuring pianos, organs, solovoxes, radios, and radio combinations. The other, named "Melody Lane" has been prepared for a self service for records, sheet music and band instruments and is equipped with two sound proof listening booths. The counters are covered with carpet to aid in handling merchandise.

Saturday at 7 p. m., a program featuring local artists will be presented from the stage in the piano department.

MORE L. A. HOUSING

Washington, March 23.—(U.P.)—Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, R., Calif., said today the National Housing Agency has authorized private construction of 2,000 family units in the Los Angeles harbor area. Priorities will be made available to private builders under the new program.

BUS DROPS 100 FEET

Richmond, Calif., March 23.—(U.P.)—Twelve persons were under treatment at Richmond and Mare Island navy yard hospitals today for injuries received when a Greyhound left the road and plunged over a 100-foot embankment last night.

Yanks On Move The American 1st army already across the Rhine struck out from the northern and southern ends of its Remagen bridgehead. The Americans crossed the Wied river on the south and captured Neuwied and 20 other towns. The American broadcasting station in Europe said the northern wing broke across the Sieg river and captured Sieburg, at the southern edge of the Ruhr.

The American 3rd and 7th armies in the Saar-Palatinate proceeded with the extermination of the German survivors pressed into a pocket of 80 square miles along the Rhine. Barely 4,000 Germans were reported still fighting the Americans, and total enemy casualties were well over the 100,000 mark.

The big Rhine city of Mainz was captured after more than 48 hours of savage resistance by Nazi SS troops and city police and firemen. Ludwigshafen was being cleared rapidly of a few hundred die-hard troops.

Nazis Change Chiefs As the world waited expectantly for news of the big offensive in the north, it was disclosed that Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been replaced as German commander-in-chief on the western front by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, who had been in command in Italy. There was speculation that Von Rundstedt might have been killed or wounded in a recent allied air raid on the supposed German headquarters for the western front.

Another factor is likely to be the number of Rhine crossings the allies make. The nine armies at his disposal, Eisenhower has a wide range of choice along the entire length of the river from its estuary in Holland to the Swiss border.

Many Doors Open Eisenhower is in position to strike in the Arnhem-Wesel area to flank the Ruhr from the north and reach the open Westphalian plain. A frontal assault on the battered industrial district also is possible somewhere between Wesel and Duesseldorf.

Far to the south, it is reasonable to suppose that the American 3rd and 7th armies and the French 1st are capable of smashing through the weakened east bank defenses at selected points anywhere to above Strasbourg.

The Germans do not have the manpower to cope with separate major attacks on such a long front. They have no reserves to rush to danger points, even if the aerial disruption of their transportation system made such movements possible.

PRODUCERS SAY FILM WORK NEARLY NORMAL

Hollywood, March 23.—(U.P.)—Major movie producers said film production was virtually back to normal today despite an 11-day walkout of studio craftsmen, while strike headquarters reported more workers than ever participating.

Eight thousand screen actors Guild members last night completed voting on whether to join the walkout, with results to be announced next week. Ten plasterers quit work at Columbia studio in sympathy with the strikers.