



TANKS TAKE OVER—An Egyptian Army tank leads a column of tanks through the streets of Cairo following seizure of the city and ouster of Premier Naguib El Hihaly Pasha. The troops moved into the city at dawn and took over. They also took control of Alexandria, the summer capital, where King Farouk and Government leaders are staying.



OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens

The Railroad Bear

Riding high in an airplane on a sunny day, up the Willamette valley and over the hills of old-growth Douglas fir between Eugene and Medford, I was told again the story of the railroad bear. It was recited by a grizzled seat mate. He was a retired railroad worker who made no bones about liking to fly and to make railroad talk while doing it.

"This here bear had growed up along the railroad pass through the Siskiyou," said the old timer. "Well, sir, Mr. John Dewey, a railroad worker who was a mighty bear hunter, found himself chased by the railroad bear one day right up to the Ashland yards. John came to a switch. Knowing it was the railroad bear, he threw the switch behind him.

"Sure enough, the bear heeded the signal, and took off down a 'Y' lead. John slowed up on his track to catch his breath. Then the bear struck the tail of the Y, swung up the other leg, and John had to hit the grit again, to keep from being headed off. Only thing saved him, finally, was that John panted up to a telegraph shanty, and just in the nick of time pulled the train order board up against the bear. Sure enough, again, that bear, being a born and bred railroad bear, stopped dead and John panted on through his clear signal to the safety of the shanty. Close shave, yes, sir."

Ur Skogen

In the seat behind me was Mr. Larson—I've lost track of his first name—who was on the last flight of an 8,000-mile round trip to Sweden and back to his Medford pear orchard. The long journey was an outcome of many

years of hard work, careful saving and then more hard work to make a modest investment pay.

"I've made the trip twice before in six years," said Mr. Larson. "It's just the (he said it 'yust') to visit my parents, who are very old. I have nobody else. The wages I saved stand alive in good pear trees that have made me more money than I need until this year. The late freeze brought me my only poor crop. I have only myself, and travel by air to see the old folks in Sweden is my one pleasure in life outside growing pears."

Mr. Larson and the retired railroad worker, who was full of apologies and explanations for making the trip by plane, fell into an argument on air versus railroad travel. I looked down at the country, a land of history and hope, a region alive with tales of trees and men, the great forest.

The Two Forests

Fly over the lower Cascade slope and Puget Sound plain from Canada south to Seattle, then on the Columbia hills and up the Willamette, and the persistence of the young forest growth on old burns and cutovers is the sight that amazes and delights the viewer who knew the land 40 years and more ago.

The vast extent of old growth Douglas fir and companion species on the mountains that roll away, and in the canyons that dip away, ridge after ridge, slope after slope, is the well-nigh incredible scene to behold from the high air between Eugene and Medford.

Within a few hours on a clear day one who knows the history and the portents of the transition from old forests to new can visualize it in miles of moving pictures on the forest land itself, passing, changing, appearing as the plane flies on. It was an education to me, it was heartening and inspiring, that Medford flight.

Heard some entertaining stories, too. Travel today is as broadening as it ever was.

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Commendation Given Nation's Skywachers

A commendation and report on the results of the first week of activity for the "Operation Skywatch" in 27 states that began July 14 has been received in Jackson county's civilian defense office, according to CD Director Col. Charles E. Stafford.

The report from the air defense filter center at Portland says, in part, "Ground Observation corps aircraft reporting and tracking during its first week of 24-hour duty has proved of value to the nation's air defense system. . . . Hundreds of tracks representing low-flying aircraft and not previously picked up by ADC's radar net, have been fed into the air detection system from the filter centers.

High Accuracy

Although operations reports at week-end (July 19) showed the GOC operating with only 50 per cent of the required number of observer posts, and not all these posts sufficiently manned to permit continuous 24-hour operation, reporting and tracking activities were said to be faster and more efficient than at any previous time. Correlation between tracks reported by

the GOC and tracks reported by ADC's radar network indicated a high degree of accuracy in the GOC reported tracks.

"As of late Saturday night, civilian air defense offices estimated there were between 70,000 and 80,000 volunteers active in individual posts and filter centers in the area covered by the skywatch.

"Thousands of additional volunteers are needed to strengthen the system. The GOC has been in organization and training for over two years and is based on a similar system established by the British Royal Observer corps during World War II, and is designed to supplement the functions of the radar net by providing for detection of low altitude flights frequently missed by radar.

Voluntary Basis

"Although working as an integral part of the ADC's air detection, the GOC has been organized on a completely voluntary basis by the civilian defense organization of individual states. In recent months, GOC organization and training have been accelerated sharply in light

GETS OKINAWA DEGREE

East Lansing, Mich. —(U.P.)—President John A. Hannah of Michigan State College has been awarded the first honorary degree granted by the University of the Ryukus on Okinawa. The university is run by a group of faculty members on leave from Michigan State. It was established two years ago.

of the USSR's growing strength in long-range aircraft and atomic weapons. According to ADC's commanding officer, the Russians could at any time they choose send over a force of at least 400 heavy bombers and strike at important military and civilian installations in this country.

"To assume maximum early warning against such a possibility, the GOC was called into 24-hour duty."

Jackson county has 16 organized posts reporting, according to Colonel Stafford, on at least a 14-hour basis. The local office is making an inspection of these posts, Colonel Stafford related, and is "very gratified" with the results found in several areas.

During the past five years nearly 260,000 square miles in Mexico harbored animals suffering from foot-and-mouth disease.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Pension for Barkley Will Continue; HST Ineligible

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice President Alben W. Barkley is already drawing a government pension and will go on receiving it after he retires. But President Truman won't get any pension. The government provides no pensions for retired presidents or vice-presidents. They are about the only members of the executive branch specifically excluded from retirement annuities.

Retired Congressman

Barkley, however, has been drawing a pension as a retired member of Congress. He has been receiving it in addition to his salary and expense allowance as "veep" ever since he stopped being a senator and was sworn in as vice-president in January, 1949.

The 74-year-old Kentuckian is one of 67 former members of Congress who are receiving pensions ranging from \$592 to \$6,562 a year and averaging \$3,328.

The congressional retirement is voluntary. Members must contribute six per cent of their congressional salary for at least six years to become eligible. They

also must be 62 years old and retired from congress in order to receive the pension.

Truman Not Qualified

Although he served 10 years as a senator, Mr. Truman, who is 68, never became eligible for a congressional pension. The retirement plan was set up after he left the Senate to be inaugurated as vice-president in January, 1945. It stipulates that members must have served in Congress after Aug. 1, 1946 to be eligible.

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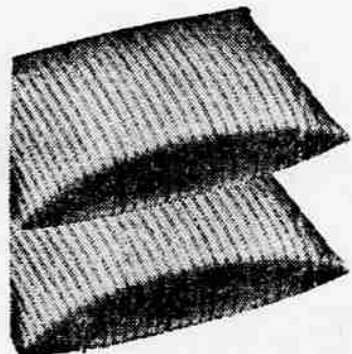
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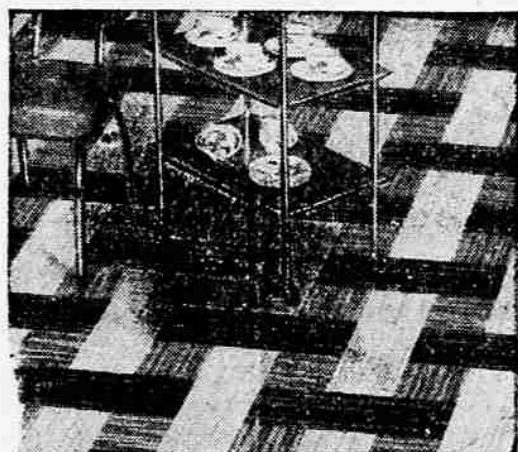
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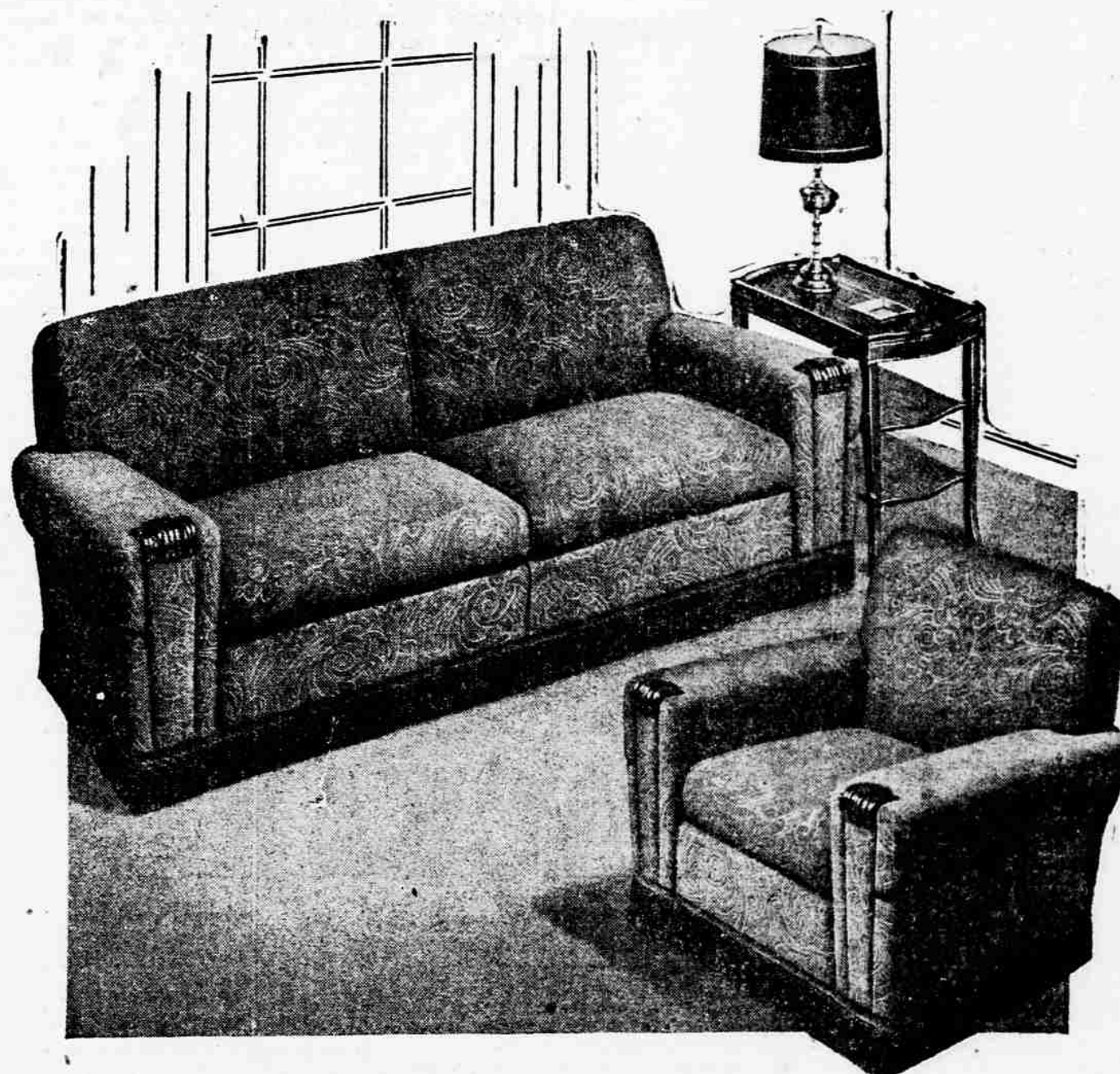
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