

Arlington Campaign Veterans Remember Meetings With King

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Washington — (U.P.) — The paunchy World War II veterans of the Arlington county (Va.) campaign should muster in once more for Ernie King's funeral, but probably won't.



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The Arlington campaigners were a slack outfit, short on spit and polish. Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King's fellow officers will never believe the wartime Navy boss ever could have taken up with their likes.

But King did, and it is one of the better unpublished stories of the late, great, bloody hassle. It was King, you will remember, who was summoned by FDR to become chief of naval operations and commander in chief of the U. S. Fleet after Pearl Harbor.

The Arlington county campaign began in October, 1942, shortly after the Navy's prestige took another sharp dip with announcement of the loss of five Allied cruisers in the Solomon Islands.

At the round table in the secluded card room of Washington's National Press Club newspaper and radio strategists were meeting daily for lunch and some second guessing of the high brass, political and military. Announcement of the Solomons Islands catastrophe brought new floods of criticism of what then was the nation's most costly mili-



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tary arm. All of this was in the presence of Neely Bull, a former newspaperman and husband of the admiral's niece.

Bull sensed that the Navy was in for some rough going and took a chance, despite his knowledge that next to Japanese and Germans, King most detested newspapermen. Nevertheless, Bull visited King and proposed that he meet with a select few Washington correspondents.

"The hell with 'em," said King, but he finally was persuaded and within a fortnight a chilly meeting took place in Bull's Arlington county home. King was cold and unbending although he did have a can of beer. He talked a little, explained a bit and stiffly answered a few questions.

Perhaps to his surprise, news of the secret meeting on neutral grounds was not all over town within a single day, or ever. Some weeks later Bull arranged a second, adding a couple of new faces and dropping one or two. King was warmer that time and the third meeting came at a shorter interval.

Early in 1943, the regular meetings were shifted to the more secluded rural home of Phelps H. Adams, then of the New York Sun and now public relations director for U.S. Steel. At the Adams home they continued throughout the war except for the last one which took place in a private dining room of the Stalter Hotel. Present were of the 25 or so newsmen who at one time or another during the war had listened to King as he gave us off-record background of such secret nature as sometimes to be frightening. There had never been the slightest leak.

We gave King a scroll that evening and, the war being over, he switched from his can of beer to a few rounds of Scotch. The admiral had long since mellowed and revealed a sense of humor which would have astonished officers who knew him.

The newsmen got a lot of information for use or guidance during the war years and King unquestionably got the Navy's story before the public in its best light.

Admirals who used to enter King's office on tip toe probably will never believe that mere newsmen would have dared greet him with a ribbing "Yi-ya, mister." But they did dare and King seemed to like it. He was a great man and a great sailor.

The paunchy veterans of the Arlington county (Va.) campaign will miss him a lot.

Funeral Services for Adm. King To Be in Washington Cathedral

Kittery, Me. — (U.P.) — The body of Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King today makes the melancholy journey back to his beloved Annapolis.

King, who led the largest and hardest hitting fleet the world has ever seen, died Monday at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. He was 77.

The Navy announced in Washington that funeral services will be held in the Washington National Cathedral Friday, with burial at the Naval Academy Cemetery at Annapolis, Md.

The body of the former U.S. Fleet commander in chief was scheduled to be flown to the capital today and was to be met by representatives of the military services, the diplomatic corps and members of his family.

After a brief ceremony with the U.S. Navy Band participating, the casket was to be carried past a Navy honor guard to a hearse and taken to a nearby funeral home at Bethesda, Md. Capitol Funeral Procession

The body will be moved to the National Cathedral Wednesday where it will lie in state with a 24-hour honor guard.

After the funeral services, King's body will be borne by caisson down historic Constitution Ave. to the front of the Capitol. Then it will be taken to Annapolis, Md., for burial.

The admiral was stricken with a heart seizure Sunday. He rallied briefly a few hours later and then fell into a coma. At his bedside when he died was his son, Lt. Com. Ernest J. King Jr., who flew here from Washington.

Farmers Reminded On Tax Withholding

Salem — (U.P.) — State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith reminded today that farmers must withhold taxes on all seasonal workers earning more than \$100.

Before this year, part-time workers who planted, cultivated or harvested crops were exempt. Now the exemption applies only if the amount paid during a season is less than \$100, Smith said. Farmers have to deduct \$2 from the workers' pay to cover the first \$99.99 as soon as the amount totals \$100.

Farmers still have to collect the withholding tax on all wages paid part-time workers not engaged in planting, cultivating and harvesting seasonal crops and on all wages paid regular employees who may spend part of their time on seasonal crops.

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ADM. ERNEST KING Funeral To Be Friday

President Eisenhower mourned the death of his "old friend," the tall, tough boss of America's greatest Navy. Mr. Eisenhower said King had carried out his war responsibilities "with cour-

Teamsters Hear Senator Morse

Vancouver, B.C. — (U.P.) — Delegates to the 20th Western Conference of Teamsters moved into a round of trade division caucuses here today.

The caucuses will continue until Thursday when more general sessions will be held.

Monday, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), warned Americans to keep a vigilant watch on the growth of monopoly in the United States.

He said if economic freedom was destroyed by Communism, monopoly or totalitarianism, political freedom would die also.

Morse also told the teamsters that "Too frequently you of labor talk a good political game but you do not deliver."

"Too many people of labor walk out on the responsibilities of citizenship," he said. "Too many are too lethargic to vote but you cannot afford lethargy."

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Eureka Lumber Plant Destroyed by Flames

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — A spectacular fire destroyed the downtown warehouse and offices of the Eureka Lumber Co. here yesterday as thousands of persons watched.

The fire, which broke out at 12:25 p.m. and took 90 minutes to control, caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the frame structure. The origin of the fire was not known.

Remote Man Declared Innocent of Tax Evasion

Portland — (U.P.) — John F. Cawse, 45-year-old Remote, Ore., sawmill owner, has been found innocent of a federal indictment which accused him of evading more than \$48,000 in federal income taxes for 1948 and 1950.

Judge Gus K. Solomon returned the verdict after hearing the case without a jury.

Corvallis Supported For Animal Laboratory

Salem — (U.P.) — A four-man delegation will represent Oregon at a hearing in St. Louis this week on location of a proposed federal animal disease research laboratory.

The group will plug Corvallis as a site.

Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian, will leave tomorrow. Other representatives of the western regional animal disease research association will be Dr. L. M. Koger Oregon veterinary medical association chairman; Joe Jobson, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, and R. M. Alexander, Oregon agricultural experiment station.

CHURCHILL TAGGED Brenham, Tex. — (U.P.) — The Texas Highway Patrol gave Winston Churchill a ticket for being overweight. This Winston Churchill is a truck driver, how-

SOCTFA Sets Meeting At Hotel Here Friday

The June meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, June 29, in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. A social hour will start at 7:30 p.m.

Ruby Kallander, administrator of the forest protection and conservation committee of the state board of forestry, will discuss the severance tax. Reports will be made by the freight traffic committee and the first committee of the association.

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