

FINNS' PLIGHT RETOLD FROM START OF WAR

By United Press

The Russian-Finnish war began on November 30, 1939, with a rain of bombs on Helsinki, Viipuri, Petsamo and other Finnish cities. Russian attacks on the Karelian isthmus and the eastern border of Finland, and naval movements in the Gulf of Finland.

It had been forecast six months before, when Russia was reported to have informed other nations she would move into the Baltic states, if necessary, to foil a German "drang nach osten."

Estonia Signs Pact

In the interim the nazi-soviet non-aggression pact and the almost immediate following outbreak of war between Germany and the western powers, along with the partition of Poland, have at least temporarily forestalled a any eastward German expansion beyond the new Polish frontiers. The soviet union, nevertheless, went forward with its Baltic plans.

In October the Finns were invited to talk things over. Negotiations were held between October 12 and October 31, when the Finnish delegation, led by former Premier Juho K. Paasikivi, returned to Helsinki for consultation.

Third-Trip Falls

The Finns made their third trip to Moscow on November 9 but the next day they were still deadlocked, principally on the Hango naval base proposal, and on the eleventh the soviet press denunciation of Finland began. The Finns were accused of "an anti-soviet policy," and two weeks later it was charged that Finnish artillery had fired across the Russia border, killing four Russian soldiers and wounding nine. The Finns denied border violations and suggested a mutual withdrawal of troops from border areas, a proposal the soviets received coolly.

Russia repudiated its seven-year-old non-aggression pact on November 28, severed diplomatic relations next day and on the 30th the Russian invasion began.

Heavily Outnumbered

It was a war between 170,000,000 Russians and 3,500,000 Finns. Leningrad, in whose defense against some future invasion the war was supposed to be waged, has a population of about 3,000,000.

The slides of Dr. E. D. Lamb's research trip eastward, across the line was a stout isthmus bulwark, their guerrilla tactics on other fronts were fatally effective to Russian detachments fighting on unfamiliar terrain and the first soviet troops sent into the country were definitely inferior, described as mere "cannon fodder."

Nevertheless, the red troops broke through the isthmus first fortified zone on December 10 and by December 17 long range Russian guns were shelling Viipuri. Russian planes bombed towns throughout the country.

Division Annihilated

Christmas day and New Year's were big ones for the Finns. On the first holiday they reported penetrating to Russian soil for the first time in the war and on the beginning of the new year they announced that an entire Russian division which, with reinforcements, included about 18,000 men, had been "virtually annihilated" north of Suomussalmi.

The Russians lumbered on, seemingly heedless of the appalling number of lives their massive assaults were costing. There are no adequately authenticated estimates of the number killed, wounded or captured or of the vast amounts of material destroyed or seized but all neutral observers have been horrified by the bloodshed.

The Finns, on the other hand, conserved manpower and employed defensive tactics so skillfully that their losses, by comparison, were but slight.

Help Insufficient

But they could not hold out forever against the vast resources of Russia. Neutral nations sent them money, arms, and material. They needed men and the trickle of volunteers

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Klamath Girl Scouts Chart Course for Mariner Ship

The first Girl Scout Mariner ship was launched in Klamath Falls last October when 8 high school girls joined the crew which reached its quota of 25 members within a short time for the Mariner program in scouting offered new interests, wholesome excitement and invaluable character training to the older girl.

There are only 200 Mariner skippers registered with the national Girl Scout headquarters, but Klamath Falls is now represented in that group by Mrs. O. G. Guernsey. Her first mate is Elinor Graham.

Mariner ship No. 13 is sponsored by Elmer Balsiger of the Balsiger Motor company, who has assisted in many ways in making the ship's course smoother. On the ship's pilot committee are Art Vroman and Dr. O. G. Guernsey.

"Our ship's aim," said Mrs. Guernsey, "is to open the door into a field that, in our opinion, offers unlimited opportunity for development by exposing each girl to as many phases of yachting and sea lore as possible, and to the needs and present resources of her community, and by giving each girl ample opportunity to advance in knowledge and skill."

The skipper stated that this year each girl will be expected to complete her course and receive her American Red Cross first aid certificate.

On March 30, the Mariners will leave for a week's stay in Portland where, under the direction of Mrs. Guernsey, they will visit the ships and waterfront activities and other points of interest. While in the northern city, they will all live together in apartments, do their own marketing and cooking.

Balsiger will furnish transportation for the trip and members of the pilot's committee will be in charge of the cars.

A Mother's Day luncheon is another project planned for the future when the luncheon and program will be prepared by the Mariners.

During the summer, Mrs. Guernsey will instruct a first aid class for mothers, and the Mariners will be in charge of a nursery for the children while the mothers are taking the course.

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JAPAN CARRIES ON

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 13 (AP)—Premier Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai announced today that Japan is ready and able to carry on the China campaign "no matter how long until the eyes of the anti-Japanese pro-communist regime finally are opened."

Whitman Students May Buy Insurance On Love Affairs

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 13 (AP)—Two Whitman college coeds, who insisted their names be kept out of this item, are now selling insurance to aid or ward off college engagements.

The girls are issuing gilt-edged securities in two forms, one for men and the other for women. The male is required to pay 25 cents a month until he "plants" his fraternity pin, in which event he receives dividends of 10 per cent. The coed policy requires similar payments, dividends to be paid should the insured fall to be "pinned."

The dividends are payable in June when the school year closes and are payable on the total investment.

The coed insurance "brokers" look over every applicant to make certain it is a good risk before issuing a policy.

OREGON RATED THIRD FOR CAR REGISTRATION

There is a car registered in Oregon for 2.8 persons living in the state, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association. In compiling the results of 1939 car registrations, Dr. McDaniel said that Oregon was the third state in the nation in the per

capita registration of cars with more than 362,000 cars registered.

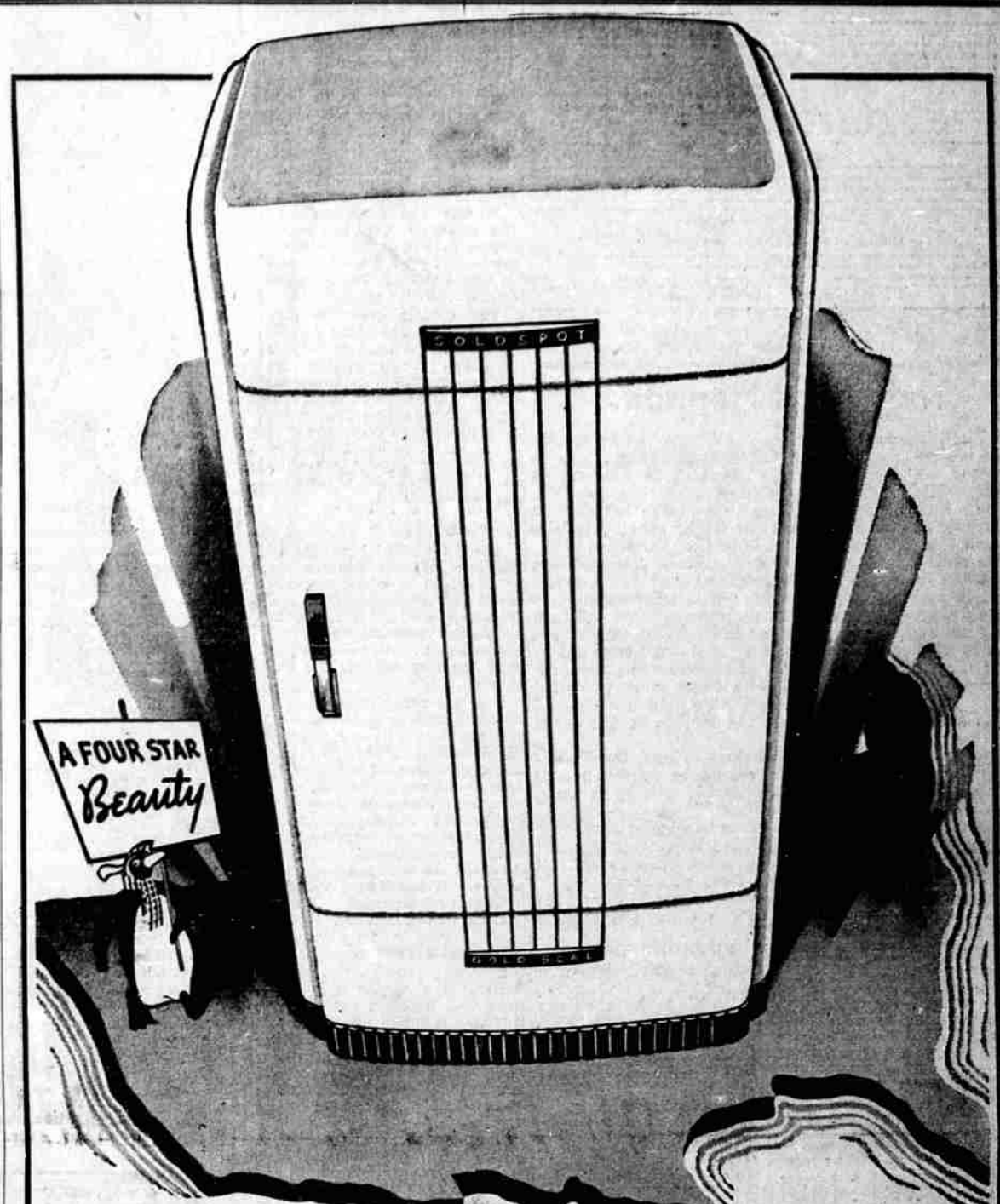
California, with 2,525,000 cars registered, leads both in number of cars registered and per capita registration, with one car for every 2.4 persons

in the state. Nevada, the state with the smallest population (101,000) is second with one car for every 2.6 persons.

Alabama shows the lowest ratio of car owners with one car for 9.5 persons. According to Dr. McDaniel, the ratio for the United States is one car to every 4.35 persons.

The only letter which does not occur in the names of the states, their capitals, or the surnames of the presidents of the United States is "Q."

ENGLISH GOLF COURSES
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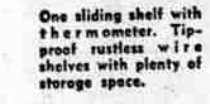
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