

## Correspondent Finds Heap of Rubble Where English Town of Coventry Thrived

Editor's Note: The following dispatch by Dan Campbell of the London United Press bureau describes Coventry after German bombers had attacked it in one of the most terrific raids of the war, killing or wounding more than 1000 persons.

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COVENTRY, England, Nov. 18 (UP)—This is a blitz-struck city. Only air raid precautions wardens and firemen traverse the streets which are filled with rubble. Beneath this rubble many persons lie buried.

I wandered during the night through this bomb-wrecked city known as Britain's "Little Detroit."

Down on the main street, which no one would be able to recognize, I saw an ARP warden looting in an upholstered chair in what had been one of the finest shops in town.

All along the street chimneys stood out like tooth-picks. The ARP warden told me he was standing guard against looters.

There wasn't any necessity for it. No looter would have dared to enter this town today.

I asked the warden how many bombs fell on the city. He replied wearily:

"Thousands."

The town looks as if that were literally true.

A little more than 48 hours ago this city of 180,000 population was a bustling place but now only rescue workers, policemen and firemen struggle through the wreckage that

would compare to the ruins of an earthquake.

I walked block after block over bomb craters and under crazily hanging walls.

As I walked through the center of the city I came to the Coventry cathedral. You can look up through the walls where once were fine stained-glass windows and see nothing but the sky. This cathedral was one of the finest examples of architecture in England.

Street after street in this town is down to the most incredible wreckage.

Down on the main street the walls remain of what was one of Coventry's most important hotels. Across the street another is a pile of twisted girders that look like pretzels.

There is a bomb crater in every street of the town. The soles of my shoes are cut from walking through the main thoroughfare which is filled ankle-deep with glass.

Buildings hang crazily over every corner and the roadways are piled 80 feet high with wreckage in the most intense blitzkrieg attack Hitler yet has loosed on England.

It is generally conceded that Coventry must be pulled down and rebuilt.

At a hospital a nurse who had been on duty 48 hours invited me to have a cup of tea. In this hospital, which normally has 1000 patients, there was only one occupant—a black cat. We found some cheese and bread.

The hospital collection box which could have been looted was untouched.

Across the street the cathedral clock was still working, overlooking blocks of ruins.

In the town itself there is little life, except housewives diligently sweeping out glass and attempting to tidy up homes where walls are down on all sides.

I watched a small black kitten pick its way over the debris in the street and pass beneath a sign marked:

"Business as usual."

A merchant moved his wares into the street from beneath chimneys that had toppled.

Yes, Coventry will have to be rebuilt.

SISKIYOU ROAD

OPENING SLATED

FOR NOVEMBER 26

ASHLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (UP)—An official opening of the California portion of the Siskiyou highway will be held November 26 with governors of Oregon and California expected to attend the ceremonies.

The Yreka and Ashland chambers of commerce will have charge of the celebration. The Oregon portion of the highway already is open.

An emergency maintenance crew cleared away a 400-yard rock slide in the Oregon sector at Bear canyon Thursday that knocked a car into a ditch without injuring its occupants.

WPA EMPLOYEE

WILLED \$50,000

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 18 (UP)—Mrs. Allen Saturley, employed on a WPA book-binding project, was notified Friday she has been bequeathed \$50,000 from the estate of Harry Archer, late wealthy New Mexico cattleman, in appreciation of a "neighborly act" she performed for him 21 years ago.

In 1921 Mrs. Saturley lived on a ranch adjoining Archer's. During the winter a snowstorm blew down telephone lines between Albuquerque and the two ranches. Archer was stricken seriously ill. Lacking a telephone, Mrs. Saturley set out on foot through the snow to Albuquerque and returned with a doctor, who saved Archer's life.

Mrs. Saturley moved away and Archer, after becoming wealthy, died. Today E. J. Williams, secretary of an Albuquerque law firm, found Mrs. Saturley and told her of the \$50,000 bequest in Archer's will.

"There must be a catch in it," said Mrs. Saturley. "I don't think anybody would do that, just for a little neighborly act."

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## NAZIS TRYING AGAIN TO CUT SEA BLOCKADE

(This feature, conducted by DeWitt MacKenzie, is being written by Fred Vanderschmidt while MacKenzie is taking a brief vacation.)

The nazis are making another attempt to break the British blockade, the first on a sizeable scale since early in the war.

The start of this adventure can scarcely be called auspicious. Two of the four German freighters which left Tampico, packed to the beam-ends with material to keep the German war machine going, ran into distress before they were out of sight of land. One of them burned and apparently sunk and the others returned to port. Still another ship, heading eastward from Colombia, is reported to have been sent to the bottom by the British navy's Caribbean squadron.

Nevertheless, the fact that these ships in such number are leaving the ports where they have sheltered for more than a year—and leaving with every evidence of haste—has considerable significance.

First of all, it is evidence of the steady, silent pressure which the garrote of the British blockade is applying to the neck of Germany.

Second, it illustrates the Nazi belief that their U-boats and planes and the length of the axis coastline have so weakened the British Atlantic patrols that it may now be possible to bring contraband cargoes from the western hemisphere.

Third, and perhaps most important, the departure of these ships may be timed to precede an offensive against Gibraltar, which is vital to Britain not only as the guardian of the western Mediterranean but as a blockade base for southern Europe and Africa.

In other words, the nazis and their Italian friends may be confident that by the time the German freighters get to Spain, where most of them appear to be headed, Gibraltar won't be British and the warship patrols either will be sewed up in the Mediterranean or engaged in urgent business elsewhere.

This is no isolated straw in the wind about Gibraltar. Right now Ramon Serrano Suner, brother-in-law of Francisco Franco and foreign minister of Spain, is traveling toward Berlin.

Senor Serrano Suner is the axis' best friend in Spain and he has set something like a record for traveling on axis wagons-lits in the last couple of months. Even if it is not quite time for him to discuss passage of German troops through Spain toward Gibraltar, Serrano Suner is very much interested indeed in breaking the British blockade, for it is pinching Spain, too, and Spain is hungry.

So it is safe to say that Spain will do all she can to help the axis open the sea lanes again. Spain already has performed preliminary service by moving into the one-internationalized zone of Tangier, hard across the Gibraltar straits from the frowning British rock.

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## WEDDING BELLS FOR DON WILSON

PASADENA, Calif., Nov. 18 (AP)—It's to be wedding bells next Tuesday for rotund Don Wilson, radio announcer, and Penny Kent, daughter of President Sidney R. Kent of 20th Century-Fox Film corporation.

Wilson, 40, and Miss Kent, 23, filed notice of intention to wed here yesterday.

The announcer's divorce from Lucy Jane Wilson became final last Thursday. Miss Kent recently divorced her third husband.

## CLATSOP MAN IS NEW COUNTY HEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (UP)—Judge Roy Boyington of Clatsop county today was elected president of the Association of Oregon Counties at the close of the annual convention.

Others named were: Judge Carl W. Chamber, Umatilla county, Vice President and Commissioner Fred Gibson of Polk county, secretary-treasurer.

Three other groups held meetings in conjunction with the county association meet. They were the association of county treasurers, the county clerks and recorders and the county engineers.

The judges and commissioners heard reports and adopted resolutions including: A request that payment of old age benefits be guaranteed by the state welfare commissioner; asking payment of at least \$20 a month for county children being cared for in state institutions.

They also suggested shortening the gap between the time tax assessments are made and the time when they become delinquent.

They resolved that further increases in the amount of the real property tax used for public welfare should be barred.

Officers elected by the engineers were: Arthur F. Danielson, Clatsop, president; F. C. Frear, Douglas, vice president, and Paul B. Rymming, Jackson, secretary-treasurer.

SHASTA READY TO PRODUCE IN FIVE YEARS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 18 (UP)—Domestic and commercial users can expect to be served with electric energy from the Shasta power plant of the Central Valley project in less than five years, the department of public works announced today.

The hydro-electric plant, with an initial capacity of 300,000 kilowatts, will generate an average of 1,500,000,000 kilowatt hours annually.

Combined with a steam-electric power plant tentatively proposed at Antioch, it will be capable of serving a general power load of 2,000,000,000 kilowatt hours or about one-third of the present power load in northern California, the department said.

Public agencies under state and federal laws, will be given preference in the sale of Central Valley project power. These agencies included those already distributing electric energy through publicly-owned systems, municipal utility districts, and existing irrigation districts legally constituted to own and operate electric power distribution systems.

Cities now distributing power through publicly-owned systems with the general market area for Shasta dam power are Redding, Biggs, Gridley, Roseville, Lodi, Ukiah, Healdsburg, Alameda, Palo Alto and Santa Clara. The Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts generate and distribute their own power.

Assistance in acquiring Central Valley project power for public distribution has been sought through the Water Project authority of California by the Glenn-Colusa irrigation district, Bidwell municipal utility district, East Contra Costa irrigation district, Santa-Carolina irrigation district, West Stanislaus irrigation district, Byron-

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Bethany irrigation district and Waukena-Packwood canal area.

The authority is making extensive engineering and economic studies relating to the distribution and use of Shasta power and will assist and encourage areas that have indicated a desire to distribute this power publicly, the department said.

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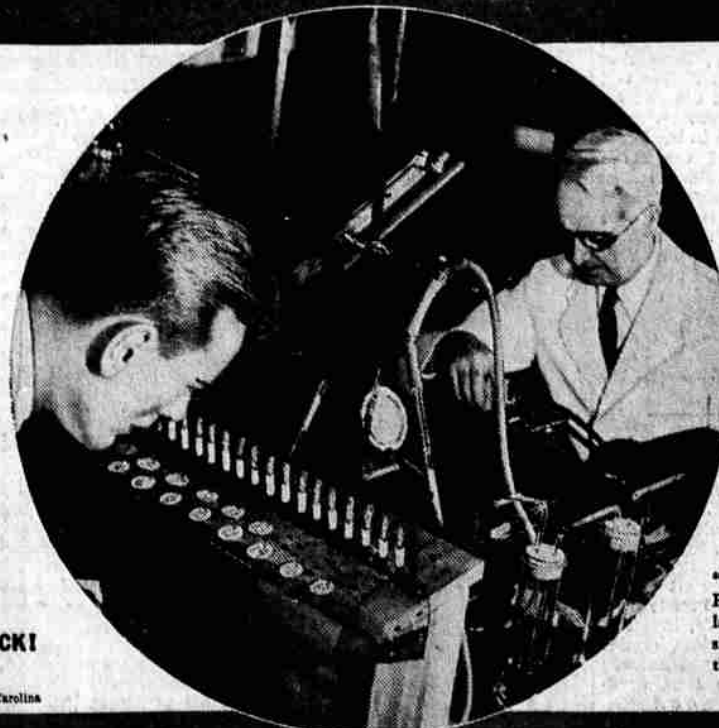


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