

# TOKYO ANXIOUS TO AVOID WAR, SAYS ANALYST

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Japan's decision to continue negotiations with the United States came as the breath of war was blowing hot upon the Pacific but it isn't surprising since it bears out the indications that Tokyo is anxious to evade conflict with America.

The decision, is, of course, impelled by necessity. It may even be that it is calculated to give the Japanese more time to try to make up their minds who is going to win the European war. One of Japan's greatest problems has been to guess the outcome of the conflict correctly. If she crosses swords with America and Britain, and Germany loses, it will be just too bad for the land of the rising sun. It might be just too bad anyway, but that is a hazard of another sort.

This being so, it is quite possible that the reverses suffered by the Germans in these last critical hours of the Japanese cabinet's debate may have had much to do with the decision to continue negotiations with Washington. Had Hitler's forces swept on into Moscow, or knocked the allies out in Libya, we might have had a different story from Japan.

They call the nazi chieftain "lucky Hitler" in Germany because of the uncanny frequency of his successes, but the past weekend very definitely has been one of his off-times. This is by way of reporting that the allies have struck some powerful blows of great potential importance.

The fuhrer has had a tremendous setback in the sensational feat of the red army not only in forcing the nazis out of Rostov—the hinge on which the gate to the Caucasus swings—but in hurling back the invaders to the west along the Black sea coast. Indeed, if the bolsheviks can hold the advantage they have achieved it will have a vital bearing not only on the outcome of the war but on its duration.

Here it is necessary to repeat what has been said in this column before to the effect that Hitler's resources aren't going to stand the strain unless he can tap new supplies. Either he must knock Russia cold as he did France, or he must escape the increasingly chaotic conditions on the blockaded European continent by breaking into the Caucasus and the Middle East.

Now the greatest blow Hitler has had in his efforts to reach this land of milk and honey is the red victory at Rostov and westward. There are few things the allies could have achieved that would have contributed more toward shortening the war in their favor.

Don't forget that this conflict is going to be won on resources, and the allied strategy must forever be directed toward keeping the nazis from reaching fresh supplies.

Then as a companion piece to the Rostov victory, the allied forces in Libya continued to maintain the advantage in their offensive against the axis forces. The Germans and Italians appear to be trapped in Cirenacia, for the allies have raced westward across the hot sands to the gulf of Sirte and bid fair to cut the axis off from retreat toward Tripoli. In other words, the German-Italian forces in Libya are in grave danger of being annihilated or captured, a fact recognized in the fierce defense they are making.

## Skirmish Occurs In Channel

BERLIN, Dec. 4 (AP)—Two British motor torpedo boats and a British gunboat were sunk and three other royal naval vessels were damaged in a naval skirmish in the channel between British and German vessels, the high command said today.

It announced a channel minesweeper sank the two torpedo boats and damaged two more by direct hits.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment

By MAURICE O'CALLAGHAN

Well, as Friday draws itself nearer on the old calendar, the boys of the Boys' Alliance carnival are working at full speed to finish plans for the big festival of fun.

The carnival committees are, or will be ready to bark out at the customers of the carnival, December 5 in the big gym at the high school and attempt to peddle their wares to the public. Doors open at 8 o'clock, dancing starts at 9:30.

The Home Ec club's sale of towels, stuffed animals, and other home brightening articles has been postponed from Wednesday to Thursday.

The articles the girls are selling are ideal gifts for feminine adults.

Kraters were distributed Thursday as scheduled with their new type. The paper comes forth with "stymie bold condensed" on all pages except the editorial, which will remain the same. The new type is the surprise we told you about.

It is a type similar to that used in the Oregonian. It should prove a new and better asset to the Krater.

Seems as if the journalists hold the top place tonight. The Klamath chapter of the Quill and Scroll will handle the sale of defense stamps in the high school. The sale will begin Thursday.

In every town, drives are staged by groups to help those who are not as well off as the others. Klamath Falls is of little or no difference. As Father Time brings the last pages from the calendar, the HI-Y is racing with him in their annual drive for food for the needy. The boys work from about the first of December until a day or two before Christmas gathering and distributing the food. Everyone is very generous in helping them in the past, but why don't each one of us try to add just a little to what we used to give? It may make them a little extra work in the long run, but the boys receive enjoyment from the enterprise and it also will aid greatly in making someone else enjoy the Yuletide more.

Those who haven't paid their second installment on the El Rodeo are asked to do so before Christmas. Of course you can wait till the day school is out, but we suggest that you pay now and have your money then for Xmas gifts.

SALEM, Dec. 4 (AP)—More than 12,000 letters and covers have been received at the Salem postoffice for the first airmail flight out of Salem tomorrow, when Salem becomes a regular passenger, mail and express stop on United Air Lines coast service. The city will have two flights a day in both north and south.

Civic leaders will hold a banquet Friday night to celebrate the event. The first plane will arrive at 1:05 p. m.

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Dec. 4 (AP)—The United States Savings and Loan league today named Fernor S. Cannon of Indianapolis, president. Ralph H. Cake of Portland, Ore., was elected first vice president.

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## DIRECTOR SAYS OREGON FACES LOSS OF JOBS

PORTLAND, Dec. 4 (AP)—L. C. Stoll, state employment service director, said today that Oregon faced an economic crisis that would mean wholesale unemployment unless concerted action was taken.

He estimated that at least 35,000 men working in lumber, heavy industries and the sheet metal and building trades soon might find themselves jobless, due to the impact of nationally-applied non-defense building restrictions and the scarcity of defense contracts.

In addition, 20,000 men now are available and seeking shipyard and allied jobs. Shutdowns already are beginning in the lumber industry and are expected to spread from the coast to the Columbia basin and finally to the Willamette valley.

To complicate the situation, other workers are migrating here in search of defense jobs, and another 5000 trainees who soon will join the job-seeking throng are enrolled in defense industry schools.

Governor Sprague suggested that the remedy might be a pooling of efforts by affected industrial and labor groups, the chambers of commerce and the Oregon economic council, the latter serving as a "quarterback" to direct attempts to gain greater defense contracts.

## Henderson Calls Price Discussions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson called today two meetings on the Pacific coast next week to discuss price ceilings on western pine lumber.

Operators from California, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as those Oregon producers who wish to attend, will gather at the merchandise mart at San Francisco on December 8. Northern operators were invited to a meeting in Spokane at the Davenport hotel on December 10.

Price ceilings on western pine would facilitate the efforts of the office of production management to "keep stable the prices of millwork and boxes made of this wood," Henderson said.

Western pine millwork prices have been stabilized by a series of individual agreements with manufacturers. An investigation of the box industry has been started by OPA.

## Students Refused Draft Deferment

SALEM, Dec. 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt, settling an appeal by Lieutenant Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, has ruled that college students taking pre-medical or pre-dental courses have no grounds for occupational deferment under the draft law. Wooton said today.

An Oregon pre-dental student claimed deferment, but he was denied this by his local board and by the state appeal board. Colonel Wooton then appealed to the president.

Wooton said, however, that students actually enrolled in medical or dental schools will be given deferment, since there is a national shortage of doctors and dentists.

## Church Dinner Set On Swiss Holiday At St. Paul's

The holiday party planned for Saturday, December 6, by St. Paul's parish, falls on St. Nicholas' day, a feast day in Switzerland and one which designates the opening of the Christmas festivities. Swiss observe this day as a time to clear up all obligations for the year, to "pay the rent and take care of mortgages."

Plans for this year's all-day party are now complete. The children of the city are invited to the church Saturday at 10 a. m., where there will be a puppet show, hurdy gurdy, Christmas movie, and other entertainment. The show ends at 12 o'clock noon.

Dessert will be served at 1 o'clock in the parish hall when the annual bridge party and bazaar will be held. There will be booths of Christmas gifts and delicacies, especially the plum puddings which the women of the church have made in years past. The public is invited to come for cards may visit the bazaar during the afternoon. Boy Scouts will be on hand throughout the day to aid in any way possible.

At 7 o'clock there will be a supper for the men and for the women unable to attend the afternoon affair. Cards will follow.

## Early-Day Plane Pilot Passes

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4 (AP)—An early-day airplane pilot, described by members of his family as having demonstrated in 1912 how to bomb a battleship by dropping oranges on one at the Philadelphia navy yard, was buried here yesterday.

He was Victor D. Yonck, 73, who died Sunday at the home of a daughter. Yonck was forced into retirement by injuries suffered in a crash in 1913. Prior to that time the native of Belgium who learned to fly from Ollieslager, famed Belgian pilot, had given flying exhibitions along the Atlantic coast.

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## GROESBECK SPEECH BRINGS OSC REPLY

CORVALLIS, Dec. 4 (AP)—Oregon State college is not seeking to extend its courses beyond the recognized field of land grant colleges as defined by law, nor is it engaged in controversy with any institution. So read a statement issued here by college administrative officials in answer to an address last Friday by R. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls, a member of the state board of higher education.

The statement points out that the original law defining the scope of land grant colleges, partially quoted by Groesbeck, requires that the federal funds be used for colleges "where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanical arts in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

"So long as the state of Oregon maintained the unified plan of curricular offerings, where each institution was not intended to be complete in itself, Oregon State college at no time asked for a single course in violation

of this policy," the statement continued.

"With the abandonment of that unified curricular plan at Ashland October 28, the state college is duty-bound to conform to the new policy of the board by moving to bring the instructional service at Oregon State college in line with that of similar institutions, but adapted to the specific educational needs of the state," the statement went on.

Oregon State has nine major courses compared with an average of 12 for the other 11 land grant institutions in the west, college officials said. All of the largest institutions give majors in business or social science or both, they said. These facts do not bear out Groesbeck's statement that "the college had better do its job within its own definition before it begins to interfere with the university," the statement added. It further added that the college has never attacked any other institution, has never asked that any work at any other institution be discontinued.

## TAX MONEY SAVED

PORTLAND, Dec. 4 (AP)—R. L. Collins, budget officer, said yesterday the Oregon system of higher education saved \$3,282,505 in tax money in the eight years since unification compared with the eight preceding years. Collins said the saving was made despite an enrollment increase of 10 per cent.

## CHAMBER APPLIES FOR CPT COURSE

The chamber of commerce has applied for another civilian pilot training course to be given here. If granted, the course will start some time during the first two weeks of February. The Klamath Falls airport has already been contacted to handle the ground school and flight training.

Anyone who is interested in taking such a course is asked to register at the chamber of commerce, since at least 35 are required as a beginning class. Out of the three CPT classes already completed here, 16 students now have received private pilot licenses; two are in the US army and two are instructors.

## Willamette Ebbs After Heavy Rain

SALEM, Dec. 4 (AP)—The Willamette river, after rising 13.5 feet because of heavy rains, was expected to subside here today. The river reached the 15-foot stage last night, still five feet short of flood stage. The First Congregational church in Salem had a flooded basement last night because of a clogged storm sewer.

## High School Boys Keep Paralysis Victim Alive

LA GRANDE, Dec. 4 (AP)—Two high school boys were credited today with keeping Lawton Stearns, stricken with infantile paralysis, alive seven hours until an iron lung could be rushed here.

The two, David Clark and Keith Young, administered artificial respiration until the apparatus arrived from Nampa, Ida.

Dr. C. E. Branner said Stearns, 35, who has a wife and two children, is in fair condition.

## PRISONERS TO WORK

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Lord Moyne, colonial secretary, has told the house of lords that the government was arranging to put 28,000 Italian war prisoners to work on British farms.

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