

REPLACEMENT OF LUMBER CHIEF URGED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—A plea for the replacement of WPB Lumber Coordinator Ben Alexander with "someone friendly to lumber rather than its chief competitor" was received today by senators investigating the war program.

It was made in a telegram read into the record by Senator Wallgren (D-Wash.) during testimony by a west coast witness that a Canadian war embargo against exportation of logs to the United States seriously affected northwest lumber production.

The sender was identified as T. R. Robinson, secretary of the Robinson Manufacturing company of Everett, Wash.

Alexander called WPB officials told reporters that Alexander was president of the "Jasone" corporation, manufacturer of plastics, in Chicago before joining the WPB staff last February.

Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the special defense investigating committee informed Wallgren that Alexander had been called to testify tomorrow.

Wallgren drew from William B. Greeley, Seattle, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, a statement that Puget Sound mills, which formerly processed from 100,000,000 to 240,000,000 board feet of Canadian logs, were cut off from this supply more than a year ago by the embargo.

Demands Met

The witness said the war production board now was working on the problem of lifting the embargo and he hoped the efforts would be successful. He asserted the Canadian action had caused serious losses to American owners and mills and urged that efforts be made to reach an agreement with Canada for the exportation of the needed logs.

"The west coast lumber situation is a tight one today," Greeley said.

"The main reason it is tight is due to the very large volume of specialized lumber items, especially those required for airplanes and pontoon bridges. I'm glad to report however, that current production of airplane lumber exceeds demands, which are four times as great as normal."

At first army and navy specifications were so rigid, Greeley said, that it was difficult to supply needs, but "they are substantially more liberal today than a year ago."

S. V. Fullaway, Portland, Ore., secretary-manager of the Western Pine association asserted that one of the industry's toughest problems was "absenteeism."

He said the industry operated in twelve western states but chiefly in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana and its problem was not "so much a question of manpower but of keeping men on the job."

He brought a smile from committee members when he said his industry recommended "regulatory procedure be reduced to a minimum."

Fullaway said the industry had increased its output by 20 per cent in 1941 compared to the largest previous year.

Tulelake

Christmas vacation for the schools here will not be cut short, classes to wind up their work the evening of December 22, resuming January 4. Thursday is the only free day for the Thanksgiving holiday, students returning to classes Friday.

The annual harvest ball sponsored by the Future Farmers of America of the high school is scheduled for Thanksgiving eve, November 25. Shepherd's orchestra from Klamath Falls will furnish the music, and dancing begins at 8:30. Decorations will be in traditional harvest style and the public is cordially invited to attend. LaVerne Hemstreet is FFA director.

Mrs. Lea G. Slater and family have returned from Alturas where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Slater's father, George Taylor, who died at the home of his daughter Saturday. He was nearly 90 years old at the time of his death.

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The Sergeant Gets Turkey Day Preview



It's easy to see that Sergeant Thomas Haley is enjoying his work at the army quartermaster depot, Chicago, which right now is the thorough preview of the fare planned for sixth service command men on Thanksgiving. The soldiers will eat turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, giblet dressing, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, bread, butter, pickles, salad, celery, pumpkin pie, grapes, apples, nuts and, that's right, coffee.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

RELEASED—Kenneth D. Aber, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cummings of Stewart addition, has been released from the U. S. naval hospital in Oakland, Calif., and is now home with his parents. Young Aber, seaman first class, was given an honorable medical discharge for disability. He has been serving with the U. S. naval forces somewhere in the Pacific, aboard a heavy cruiser, for the past year.

WITH THE "SEABEES"—Ensign George W. Stephenson has been assigned to active duty in the South Pacific with the "Seabees," construction battalion of the United States navy, as an electrical engineer. Young Stephenson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. George S. Stephenson of this city, was graduated from Klamath Union high school with the class of 1934, studied at Oregon State college where he received his degree in engineering, and was then sent to the Westinghouse plant at Pittsburgh, Pa. He was with the British air commission, Washington, D. C., for six months, and the first of October joined up with the "Seabees." It didn't take long to find work for Stephenson and he is now in foreign service. His father is superintendent of Swift and company here.

AT SAN DIEGO—Frank P. Zissos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Blanas, is serving in the United States navy and is now located at San Diego. He enlisted in August, 1942. Zissos was here recently on furlough. He formerly attended Sacred Heart academy and attended high school in Washington.

IN BAND—C. R. Marple Jr. joined the marines last summer and has been at the base at San Diego, since the first of July. He is now a first class private, and made the marine band. His mother, Mrs. C. R. Marple, writes that the family has moved to Portland, but they think of Klamath as their home and want their boy's picture in The Herald and News.

Private James H. Keyes, stationed at Camp White, Medford, with the headquarters company, spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Paul Keyes of 934 North Ninth street, and his grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Grover. Private Keyes returned to duty Sunday evening.

James A. Beavens, AS, USNR, Dorris, Calif., is home on 11-day leave from the new training station in Idaho. He expects to be transferred to cook's school at Norfolk, Va., at the end of his leave, and receive training for ship's cook, third class. His wife, Inez, intends to remain here.

George Robert Uerlings, 24, is in the basic stage of flying training at Randolph field, Texas. Some 12 weeks from now he will graduate from an advanced flying school, receiving his wings and commission. He served six months as a private in the air force before becoming a flying cadet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Uerlings, 160 Lewis street, Klamath Falls.

Naval enlistments through the local navy recruiting office include the name of Elmer Elden Fisher, apprentice seaman, for general service on November 20.

Pvt. George M. Davis, Klamath Falls, is now stationed at Pecos army flying school, Pecos, Tex., having been assigned to that post for AAF recruit training.

J. D. Patterson, chief chemist for the state department of agriculture, proposed to the conference that all poisons containing fluoride be colored blue.

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Guadalcanal Battle Is Beginning of Destruction Of Tokyo, Explain Experts

By EUGENE BURNS

WITH U. S. TASK FORCE IN SOUTH PACIFIC, Nov. 7 (Delayed) (P)—Why was the battle of the Santa Cruz islands joined when we were outnumbered two and one-half to one? What were the comparative pilot losses? Is Japanese personnel and equipment deteriorating?

Such questions are pro-and-conceded by the Monday-morning sea-going Quarterbacks and are revised as information is received.

Let's listen to veterans of the Marshall Islands' raid of February 1; of the Coral sea battle, April 7; of the Midway battle, June 4, 5 and 6; of the Solomons battle, August 24; of the Santa Cruz battle of October 26.

1. How badly were we outnumbered in the battle of Santa Cruz islands? The answer: About two and one-half to one. In aircraft carriers, two to one; in battleships, three to one; in cruisers, three to one; in destroyers, two to one. In submarines we were so far outnumbered there is no comparison.

2. What damage was inflicted upon Jap planes in the battle? More than 125 planes were destroyed.

3. What ship losses did the Japs sustain? One aircraft carrier put out of action and believed sunk; another damaged with two hits and a torpedo; one battleship damaged; one heavy cruiser damaged, and perhaps sunk; one heavy cruiser badly damaged; one light cruiser damaged.

4. What were United States' ship losses? One unidentified carrier lost and one destroyer, the U. S. S. Porter, sunk; one destroyer, the U. S. S. Smith, set afire by a flaming, crashing Jap plane whose torpedo exploded 5 minutes later; one freak hit on the deck of a second carrier. The bomb penetrated the flight deck, slanted through and out of the ship, and exploded in the air.

5. What were the comparative plane losses? Fighter planes—

Japs lost 25 to our 20; dive bombers—Japs lost 50 to our three; torpedo planes—Japs lost 50 to our eight.

6. What were the comparative pilot losses? Japanese losses are unknown but conservative estimates are 80 per cent of more than 125 planes. Our losses were 17 pilots, some of whom still may be picked up. One was found two days ago.

7. Why was the battle joined, outnumbered as we were? We had to carry the fight to the enemy, even into his sub-infested waters. He had a large concentration of heavy ships with which to attack Guadalcanal and endanger our all-important supply lines to the South Pacific and Australia.

8. Progressively, what did the battles of Coral sea, Midway, the Solomons and Santa Cruz accomplish? In all these battles we repelled the Jap surface assaults. In the Coral sea battle we repelled a strong invasion fleet aimed at Port Moresby and the Australian coast. In the Midway battle we turned back an attempt to invade Midway and Oahu. If the Japs had not been opposed in the battles of the Solomons and Santa Cruz, they could have blasted American positions out of Guadalcanal.

9. Does Guadalcanal justify the battles of the Solomons and Santa Cruz? Little Henderson field on Guadalcanal is the beginning of the destruction of Tokyo. Holding Henderson field

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means eventual unquestioned air superiority in the Solomons area. 10. Is the Jap fighting equipment and personnel deteriorating? Not carrier-borne equipment and personnel. Veterans in the Pacific task force report

great individual differences in the ability of Japanese pilots; greater, than ours. Their equipment is as good as that of December 7, 1941, and not much change has been noticed.

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