

# BYRD SCORES LABOR UNREST IN AIRCRAFT

SEATTLE, March 8 (AP)—Japanese war lords have been plotting their battle strategy with a knowledge that there would be labor unrest in the Pacific Coast aircraft industry, Admiral Richard E. Byrd told a mass meeting of Boeing aircraft workers yesterday.

A crowd of approximately 4,000 workers heard the Antarctic explorer disclose that Japan has been counting on labor unrest due to arguments over wages.

"Some months ago the Jap war lords said they knew that there would be west coast labor trouble about this time. They held this to be a certainty. They were gloating over it," the admiral said.

"National safety prevents my telling you how we knew the Japanese were discussing this coming trouble, but the source of the information is unimpeachable."

He stressed the importance of the efforts of aircraft workers as being as vital as that of the men on the firing line and criticized Boeing employees for the recent walkout which tied up production for a half a day.

The audience cheered repeatedly as Byrd drove home his points, and even applauded when their walkout action was scored as being ill-advised.

Those who believe the United States is headed for an easy victory are living in a "fool's paradise," he said.

Of the war effort generally he said:

"Here is another thing I want to tell you. Generally speaking the people of this nation do not realize how very tough it is going to be to win this war. The piece-by-piece news of our victories, most of them small, naturally will lull us into unwarranted complacency."

# NO STAMPS NEEDED FOR GARDEN SEEDS

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—Gardeners can obtain certificates of purchase for bean and pea seeds from their ration boards without surrendering any blue stamps from their No. 2 ration books, the district OPA office said today.

The applicant will be required to tell the board what use he will make of the seed and how much he requires. Certificates will be issued for the number of points necessary to buy the seed. Certificates must accompany mail orders.

The seed rationing order includes dry peas, chick peas, lentils, garbanzo beans, kidney beans, navy beans, yelloweye beans, soybeans, lima beans and dry snap beans.

# Boy Lives Four Months in Park

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 8 (AP)—Police today are continuing their investigation of the story of a 14-year-old boy who related that he had been living in Stanley park for the last four months.

The boy, who said he is from Waukegan, Ill., was placed in a detention home after his arrest following an attempt to cash a \$25 check in a downtown department store.

Police said the boy had two bankbooks and another check which he admitted having drawn on the account of one of the bankbook's owners. He claimed to have found the books in the park.

# Senate Confirms Allred as Judge

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—A senate judiciary subcommittee today voted two to one in favor of confirming former Governor James C. Allred of Texas to the fifth circuit court of appeals, Chairman Hotch (D-Mex.) reported.

Allred's nomination had been opposed by Louisiana members of congress and Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) who defeated the one-time governor in the state's senatorial election last year.

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# Oregon News Notes

The forest fire season, one of the earliest on record, has been declared open in Clackamas county, where scattered fires have burned young trees, brush and farm lands, a ranch house and an aircraft observation post . . . An unexplained fire also destroyed the George Hanners home and store at Merlin near Grants Pass . . .

A brush fire on Portland's outskirts claimed the life of Jacob Lechner, 62, who collapsed while fighting the blaze . . . Oregon bought \$7,498,630 worth of war bonds in February, exceeding its goal, by 6 per cent, for the sixth month in succession, Administrator David W. Eccles announced . . .

Joseph Shobe, Clackamas county deputy sheriff, said Daniel Parker, 6, was fatally wounded by Harvey Height Jr., while playing near Molalla with a small caliber rifle they did not know was loaded.

# Subway Accident Wipes Out Families in London

LONDON, March 8 (AP)—Two constables were assigned to the entrances of all deep subway shelters today and other precautions were announced as officials investigated the London shelter disaster Wednesday night in which 178 persons were suffocated or crushed to death and at least 60 others injured during a German air raid.

The ministry of home security summoned all regional and local air raid protection officials to a conference and King George VI ordered a separate inquiry into the tragedy which developed when a middle-aged woman with a baby and a bundle fell on the crowded flight of steps and a pushing crowd piled up about her.

The woman was rescued from the pile, but her baby was suffocated.

The installation of extra lights at entrances and immediately within shelters has been ordered, and shell rails will be constructed to divide stairways leading down into shelters.

Many families were wiped out in the disaster, and about 60 of the dead were children. Some adults died standing up from the extreme pressure and remained in a standing position for 30 minutes.

G. H. Davis, one of the survivors, said: "Although I was at Dunkerque I have never seen anything so terrible. As I squeezed through the door to the top of the stairs I saw bodies piled two and three deep. A man with a small baby in his arms was killed. His wife stood by powerless to help."

Another witness, Thomas Wil-

son, said "people seemed to be piled up waist high on the stairs. We had to stand on unconscious people to get them out."

William Johns, a timekeeper, said he was halfway down the steps with his three children when "everybody up front stopped." His son Peter, 7, was crushed to death at his side. His daughters suffered minor injuries.

# OREGON SCHOOLS GET ARMY OKAY

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—A new list of colleges and universities approved for specialized war training programs of the armed services has been announced by the joint committee for the selection of non-federal educational institutions.

Fifty-two institutions were added to those previously approved. The others were approved for additional types of programs.

The committee emphasized that approval means only that the designated branch of service may contract for use of facilities.

Institutions marked (A) are new on the approval list, which includes:

For basic training under army program: Oregon State college.

War department medical training program: University of Oregon medical school.

For war department dental training program: North Pacific College of Oregon dental school (A).

For navy's pre-medical training program: Willamette university.

For navy department medical training program: University of Oregon medical school.

For navy's dental training program: North Pacific College of Oregon dental school.

# Home Bread Slicers Aren't So Efficient, Report Indicates

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The food distributing administration is reconsidering its order prohibiting bakers from selling ready-sliced bread, Rep. Harness (R-Ind.) said he was informed today.

Harness has criticized the order several times, latest in a speech in the house yesterday in which he said that home slicing was wasting 500,000 pounds of bread a day.

"They decided to reconsider the order," Harness said, adding that he expected a decision in a few days.

# ALWAYS THE GENTLEMAN

KANSAS CITY, Kas.—Wanted by police: the hit-and-run driver with gallantry in his soul.

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(U. S. Navy Photo From NEA)

# YES!—Slacks for Coeds—NO!



Hollywood is divided on the slacks-for-coeds question raised by the dean of women at Louisiana State University. Betty Grable, left, says slacks are okay, and disagrees with Dean Nora Neill who would have only slim-hipped girls wear them. Paulette Goddard, famed for her formal evening shorts, backs the dean and says women just aren't built for trousers.

# Legislature Votes Continued Fish Study

SALEM, March 8 (AP)—The legislature today had voted to continue for at least two more years its interim committee to

serve. The committee cooperates with a similar group from the Washington legislature.

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# "College of Aleutians" Brings Education to U. S. Service Men at Outposts

SEATTLE, March 8 (AP)—You won't find them in any directory of educational institutions, but the College of the Aleutians and Kodiak university rank as the two newest American institutions of higher learning.

There's no campus romance and the classrooms run strictly to the messhall school of architecture. They are a possibly far-reaching innovation in education of the men at the nation's military outposts.

Capt. M. L. Witherspoon, naval recreation and morale officer of the Alaska sector, told of the "newest thing in the navy" on a visit here today.

"We expect it to produce wonderful results," said the veteran of a quarter century's service in the corps of chaplains.

"Courses will be offered in any high school or college subject that three or more students elect to take. We have the books required for a wide field of subjects.

"Classes will be held evenings in messhalls, barracks and special huts.

"There aren't any girls around, and I'm sure the boys will study harder than they would in any other environment."

Captain Witherspoon said the program is a forerunner to a world-wide correspondence school system which the army and navy, in conjunction with universities and colleges, are contemplating.

"Correspondence courses will

be offered which will lead toward degrees in any institution of higher learning which the student elects," he explained. "These courses will be available to anyone in the armed forces. Hundreds of men in Alaska already are applying for them. It will be called the Armed Forces Institute."

Kodiak university, he said, has been in operation for two weeks. The College of the Aleutians is just starting at Dutch Harbor, with Lieut. William H. Price, a Swarthmore man, in charge. Lieut. C. F. Andrews, a Princeton graduate, is dean at Kodiak. All instructors will be university graduates.

"New as it is," the captain said, "Kodiak U. already has 70 students in celestial navigation and 50 in Russian."

Oliver Cromwell issued a Puritan proclamation that made Christmas feasting illegal in England from 1644 to 1662.

Short legged, or "dachshund," sheep, unable to jump fences, were developed in Massachusetts.

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# SNELL SIGNS OLD AGE PENSION BILLS

SALEM, March 8 (AP)—Two bills which will help Oregon's old age pension recipients attain their goal of \$38 monthly average pensions have been signed into law by Governor Earl Snell. The present average is \$25.

One bill taxes pinball games \$50 a year and coin-operated phonographs \$10 to produce \$1,000,000 a year for pensions. With federal funds, this will make \$2,000,000 a year available for pensions.

The other bill will give liquor sales a monopoly on the sale of fortified wines, or those containing more than 14 per cent alcohol. These wines now are sold in wine, grocery and drug stores.

The wine bill will be effective next January 1, and will give the liquor stores more profits and thus more pension money.

# Klamath County Makes February War Bond Quota

Klamath county made its \$225,000 war bond quota in February, it was announced Monday by Andrew M. Collier, county war savings chairman.

Collier said that recent reports from the federal reserve bank on Klamath purchases had shown surprising figures for February, putting the county over the top on its quota.

Union labor has assumed responsibility for carrying through on March and April.



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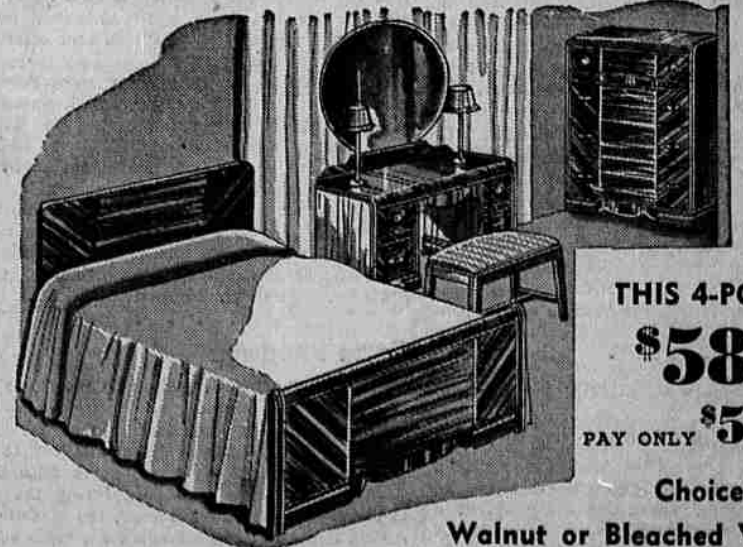


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