

GOP JOINS IN CALLING TALK POLITICAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (AP)—Republican leaders joined Socialist Norman Thomas today in contending that the White House was responsible for the war department's turn-about ruling that President Roosevelt's August 12 speech at Bremerton was not "political."

Herbert Brownell, Jr., republican national chairman, was one of these. In New York he served notice that he was renewing his request that Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the party presidential candidate, be given equal radio time, saying that "I am pointing out that army officials clearly recognized the Bremerton broadcast as a campaign speech made by a political candidate and it was only after some mysterious interference from someone above that the decision was reversed."

The ruling against the demand of Thomas, socialist party presidential candidate, for equal opportunity to address troops overseas by radio, was announced last night by John J. McCloy, acting secretary of war. Only eight hours earlier, the department had announced it was granting the request of the socialist party.

At the White House, there was no immediate comment. Asked whether he could throw any light on the war department order and its rescinding, Tom Blake, assistant press secretary, replied that he knew nothing about it.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the republican whip, said the speech was "political" and that the army's reversal "was due without doubt, to White House pressure." Wherry told reporters:

"The president of the United States has brought pressure on the war department to make it do an about face on the matter."

In Denver, Thomas said "it proves the commander-in-chief, who also is a candidate for reelection, ruled that his own speech was not political."

Senator Rivercomb (R-W. Va.) said "the president's speeches are political," and Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) asserted that "the president can't make a speech that doesn't have political implications."

HONEY-MOONER HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE

"Post-honeymoon letdown" is being suffered by a 17-year-old boy who has been waiting in the city jail for a court hearing since he was apprehended by local juvenile authorities for forgery last Thursday.

The boy cashed three bad checks amounting to \$90 to cover the cost of a trip to Reno to marry a 16-year-old girl. He was arrested when he and his bride returned from a honeymoon trip to Washington.

Two Industrial Deaths Reported

SALEM, Aug. 26 (AP)—There were 1092 industrial accidents, including two fatalities, reported in Oregon in the week ended yesterday, the state industrial accident commission said today.

Fatalities were: A. J. Tyler, Valselt laborer, injured July 15; and Odrian Flores, Portland powderman, injured August 1.

NYLON FOR 'CHUTES

The shrouds of a single army parachute contain as much nylon as three dozen pairs of stockings, or more than a year's supply for the average woman.

HEAVY VOTE EXPECTED

ALBANY, Aug. 26 (AP)—R. M. Russell, Linn county clerk, forecasts a heavy vote by service men in the November election. Applications for soldiers' ballots already total 600, he said.

French Revel In Freedom



In every area of France liberated by Allied armies, French citizens are revelling in freedom of speech and activity forbidden them for over four long years of Nazi domination. Symbolizing the return of liberty are the photos above, of Paule Marie Truffert, 17-year-old girl who fled from her Cherbourg home when German officers occupied it, and returned when the Yanks took the French port. In top photo, with other Cherbourg citizens, she stands atop the breakwater, long "verboten" to civilians as the sign in French and German warns. Below, left, on the beach, she gives a French lesson to Sgt. Edward Watson, of Terre Haute, Ind. At right, she reads the first free newspaper she's seen since the Nazis conquered France.

Populace of New Theater Of War Given Warning

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 26 (AP)—Supreme headquarters warned the people of Alsace-Lorraine and Luxembourg today they were now in the rear of military operations and soon their territory "may become a theater of war."

The "voice of supreme headquarters," broadcasting in French and German an order from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, declared "the elimination of the German seventh army as a fighting entity has decided the battle of France," and urged the people of those areas to take precautions for the nearing day of liberation.

"The handful of German divisions north of the Seine river can at best fight a series of delaying actions on their retreat into Germany," the order said.

"The areas in which you live are already today in the rear area of military operations. Very soon they may become a theater of war."

"In view of these facts I give you the following notice: 'One: The rear communications of the remnants of the German army retreating into Germany will be subjected to bombing as devastating as that which preceded and accompanied the allied campaign in Normandy. The people of Alsace-Lorraine, and of the Duchy of Luxembourg are hereby warned that everyone who lives or works in the vicinity of road, rail and canal communications, of military depots, camps or factories working for the Nazi war machine, must from now on reckon that they may be exposed to high level or low level air at-

tack at any hour of the day or night. Take all precautions to protect yourself.

"Two: The Germans may attempt to force you to build emergency earthworks and fortifications. Such constructions will be areas of special danger. Therefore, in order to prevent useless civilian casualties, keep away from them, take refuge in the countryside. Take with you food, water, and warm clothing. Keep away from the Germans, and from everything that may be a target for air attack.

"Three: The people of Alsace-Lorraine and of the Duchy of Luxembourg are further warned that the Germans, in their desperation, may become guilty of crimes and atrocities. All perpetrators of such will be brought to trial. You are asked to make careful note of the circumstances in which crimes and atrocities are committed. War evidence will be accepted by the allied judicial authorities when the time for settlement arrives.

"That ends this message, dated August 26, 1944, issued at the order of the supreme commander. This is a member of the staff of supreme headquarters, allied expeditionary force."

Classified ads get results.

ANTI-STIFFNESS FOOD FACTOR FOUND

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—Discovery of a new anti-stiffness element which may prove helpful against arthritis was reported today by two Oregon State college scientists.

The food factor—possibly a new vitamin—was first found in raw cream and vegetable greens, and has now been isolated in much larger quantities from another food.

Dr. Rosalind Wulzen, discoverer of the element, and Dr. W. J. Vanwagendonk, who is studying the chemical composition of the new food factor, withheld further details pending research on extraction methods.

Guinea pigs, fed for months on a diet containing everything except the anti-stiffness element, developed stiff joints and excessive calcium deposits. Shifted to a diet rich in the new food factor, the stiffness gradually disappeared.

Dr. Wulzen and Dr. Wagendonk said studies are underway elsewhere to determine the effect of the anti-stiffness element on humans. The work is partially financed by the Research Corporation of New York.

The sun is nearest the earth in the month of January.

NAZIS CAPTURE AGE ON EXTRA FLYING TRIP

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, Aug. 26 (AP)—Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, 25, American ace from Oil City, Pa., was captured by the Germans in taking "one more crack" at a Nazi airfield during a strafing mission he did not have to make, follow airmen at his base discredited today.

Gabreski, Thunderbolt squadron commander who destroyed 28 German planes in the air and three on the ground, was ready to return to the United States on a 30-day leave and be married, but volunteered for another mission on July 20.

He led a squadron of 16 planes to a German airfield near Koblenz where they destroyed nine Heinkels on the ground. Gabreski got one of them—his 31st kill.

The colonel's flight was ready to leave when he decided to make another run on the airfield. Swooping over very low to avoid antiaircraft fire, he struck a clump of trees at the end of the field. Then the propeller of his P-47 hit the ground, probably damaging it. Two miles farther on Gabreski had to belly-land in a small clearing.

His flight companion saw him run from the plane apparently uninjured, and then turn back, obviously aiming at destroying his ship. But Thunderbolts in the air already were lined up on it and blew it up with their 50-caliber machine gun bullets.

Lt. Joel I. Poppellwell of Liberty, Ky., said some of the fliers wanted to land and pick up the colonel, but there was no nearby field big enough to accommodate a Thunderbolt.

"If we had had a decent chance to make a landing and take-off that's all we would have asked," said Poppellwell.

"The last we saw of the colonel he was running toward some woods.

"The last thing he said to us over the radio was that he had 'had it'."

In hope that Gabreski might be able to make his way out of Germany, Poppellwell and a companion kept the story of the mission secret until word reached the base today that he was a prisoner of war.

Suit Filed Against Suspected Robbers

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 26 (AP)—The American Surety company has filed suit in state district court against Elmer Riley Lane, 32, and Maley A. Stone, 36, seeking to recover \$12,000 which they are charged with taking at gunpoint August 2 from a Grande Ronde, Ore., bank.

The two were arrested here Tuesday. Police Chief R. G. Haskin said \$9353 of the money was recovered.

TOP CATCH RECORDED

ASTORIA, Aug. 26 (AP)—The season's top albacore tuna catch now stands at 130,000 pounds. The giant catch was delivered yesterday by Neil Burton, skipper of the Dorene B.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Clegg of 2429 Orchard have received another card from their son, Clifford E. Clegg, who is being held



a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands. It has been 13 months since the Cleggs have heard from their son.

His card carried the following message: "Dearest Mother, Dad, and Family: Hope this letter finds you all well. I expect to come home in the not too distant future. I dream of you folks at home continually. Your loving son, Clifford."

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE COMPOSITE STATION, England—Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to First Lieutenant Henry L. David of Klamath has been announced by Brigadier General Edmund W. Hill, commanding general of the eighth air force composite command. The award was presented at a recent ceremony.

Lieutenant David is assigned as a bombardier on one of the AAF's big B-24 Liberators and is a veteran of numerous missions over enemy-occupied territory.

He holds a responsible position in the mounting all-out offensive against Europe.

The citation accompanying the Distinguished Flying Cross states: "For extraordinary achievement, while serving with distinction as bombardier of a B-24 airplane on numerous special operational missions over enemy occupied Europe. Lieutenant David performed his duties with the utmost skill and his actions while engaged in combat with the enemy have been an example to his fellow crewmen. The courage, determination and exceptional skill displayed by Lieutenant David contributed materially to the successful completion of each of these missions and reflect highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dutton, Route 1, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Lieutenant David is a 1940 graduate of Klamath Union high school and before entering the army 15 months ago, he was employed as an electrician in Klamath. His promotion to first lieutenant was recently announced by this headquarters.

Cpl. Roy Schlothauer was the object of a wandering camera-

man from a Honolulu newspaper, and as a result a picture appeared of him driving a locomotive. Cpl. Schlothauer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schlothauer of 4667 Cannon avenue.

He is in the quartermaster corps and is still stationed in Hawaii. Before his enlistment on March 17, 1943, he was an engineer for the Southern Pacific railroad here.

Cpl. Schlothauer is also an accomplished musician, having led Buddy Gray's orchestra before he joined the army.

Aviation Student Phil Blohm has recently been transferred to La Junta, Colo., for "on the line" training in the army air forces. This course is the substitute for the college training previously given.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blohm of 1234 Pacific Terrace and has recently been in training at Amarillo, Texas.

Leland E. Mayfield, husband of Mrs. Marian E. Mayfield of Klamath Falls, Ore., has recently completed training at the naval air technical training center, Norman, Okla., according to word received from the navy department.

Upon graduation from the school at Norman he received the rate of aviation machinist's mate, third class. He will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work.

Marine Staff Sergeant Harold W. Greenwood, 20, son of Mrs. Iris W. Greenwood, formerly of 925 Addison, was recently promoted to his present rank at the marine corps air station, Santa Barbara, Calif. He is a property account clerk in a unit attached to a marine air group there.

Staff Sergeant Greenwood has served at Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, New Georgia and Espiritu Santo. He enlisted in November, 1941.

LAKEVIEW—A letter from the war department this week informed Mrs. Nora O'Connor that her son, Sgt. Phil J. Daly, who had been reported missing in action, might be a German prisoner in Czechoslovakia. The letter stated that the plane in which Sgt. Daly was a gunner fell out of formation over central Czechoslovakia and that the planes in formation saw four of the crew parachute from the plane, and later a fifth member bail out, but when last seen the plane was still under control.

English Wives Leave for America LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, Aug. 26 (AP)—More than 70 Londonderry women, wives of Americans at the United States naval base here, left recently for new homes in the United States.

A score carried babies as they boarded the 1300-ton "Marine Haven" while a naval band played and the Irish crowd ashore sang "Auld Lang Syne."

RATE ESTABLISHED FOR BUS D

SEATTLE, Aug. 26 (AP)—A 5-4 decision, the regional labor board yesterday established a rate for over-the-road drivers of Oregon Motor Stage Lines. Chairman G. O. F. Noble announced today that labor and one public disinterested.

The award changes pay's system from an hourly basis to a mileage basis as recommended by the Oregon Electric Railway and Coach Employees' Association.

An escalation clause granted, awarding a rate of \$1.05 for the six months and \$1.15 thereafter.

The over-the-road driver applies to duty time 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the end of the regular day, minus the longest layover not in excess of 15 minutes.

The union had asked for layover time, pre-time and time spent in ports after the day's work.

Fishing Expansion To Prevent Decline In Clatsop County

PORTLAND, Aug. 26 (AP)—Bonneville power action predicted today by the Clatsop County fishing industry to prevent Clatsop's population from declining in the postwar period.

A survey, one of a number made on northwest fishing and establishing new fish-by-product plants, the county's population from 24,697 to 29,700.

Otherwise, the administration, the dwindling fishery—without new industry offset it—will reduce present and cut population to 1935 level of 23,200.

Bombers Crash In Town in England

LONDON, Aug. 26 (AP)—Fourteen American airmen, civilians, a woman and were killed today when American heavy bombers landed over Hitchin, H. shire.

One plane exploded in and the other crashed and the crewmen escaped by parachute. The two civilians were and two others were when a bomb fell in plane into a bungalow.

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