

# WAGE PREDICTS LIFTING OF WAGE CEILING

By HAROLD W. WARD  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Confident prediction came from CIO Counsel Lee Press today that President Roosevelt will take the lid off wages before victory in Europe is in sight.

The lawyer who presented the workers' case before the labor board for a general increase which would puncture the administration's wage ceiling, also ventured the opinion that the board will dispose of the issues of vacations, regular annual wages, etc., in a month.

The board started yesterday to consider the auxiliary demands, side-tracking its public members' unfinished report for a president on general wage policy until the day after election.

Chairman William H. Eisenhower last night one member had asked to draw up a tentative conclusion on the first of these extra issues—a guaranteed wage—after at least partial accord had been reached on that point. He wouldn't say the demands could be disposed of in a month.

Some of the members are believed to favor continuance of the present wage controls until Day or at least until victory over Germany can be foreseen.

But Pressman told reporters he is sure the little steel formula, keystone of the wage policy, will be breached by Mr. Roosevelt before that time.

# Today On The Western Front

By The Associated Press  
Canadian 1st Army—Mopping up after the ferocious struggle between Antwerp as an allied port.

British and Canadian Commands enlarge their beachhead at Westkapelle on Walcheren in the Antwerp operation.

British 1st Army—Holds a 1 1/2 mile front after capturing 4300 prisoners along the river bank of the Maas river.

U. S. 3rd Army—Captured Haincourt and Abancourt, 26 miles southeast of Metz, in the central sector of the front.

U. S. 7th Army—Captured Brive, Hablainville and Azeret, in the Vosges foothills on the extreme southern end of the front.

U. S. 1st Army—Attacked rough gloomy Hürtgen forest, east of Aachen, advancing to two miles in the central sector of the front.

# Stockman Says War Damage Less in France Than Isles

War destruction in France is not so great as one might imagine, Congressman Lowell Stockman said today while visiting in Klamath Falls. Congressman Stockman went to England, along with a number of other congressmen, under arrangements made by the British government, and to France through arrangements made by General Eisenhower.



Visitor

In England, Congressman Stockman said, he was impressed by the destruction in evidence, especially in the big cities. In France, except where actual fighting occurred, there was virtually no evidence that a war was underway. He said that destruction is terrific in fighting strips, but a half mile to one side or the other everything looked normal.

Country people in France are eating well, Congressman Stockman said, but the same is not true of the cities. Paris was suffering a food shortage when Stockman was there, but that city has escaped bombing or other destruction and the people were going about their business and recreational activities in peace-time manner.

Stockman, who visited a number of American camps in England and on the continent, said: "Our boys are doing a grand job over there, and I think they are well taken care of. In England, the camps were much like those in this country."

"We visited a field hospital in France. The army surgeons there told me they had everything to work with. In Paris, I talked to General Hawley, who is chief surgeon in the European theater of war, and he gave me these interesting figures: Fewer than 3 per cent of the men wounded on the field of battle die after being tagged by the medical corpsmen. One-tenth of one per cent die after they reach a field hospital. Blood plasma is the most important factor behind this wonderful record. Early surgery has been important. Third factor is sulpha drugs and penicillin."

"I was impressed with what he said about blood plasma, and I think every American who can possibly do so should make his contribution to the blood banks. More blood plasma is needed, and I think it is important that every American realize that his contribution to blood banks aids in saving American lives."

Congressman Stockman was here today finishing up his campaign for re-election. He was accompanied by Mrs. Stockman.

# Pendleton Man Bags Silver Fox While Hunting Pheasants

PENDLETON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Pheasant Hunter Dave Jackson of Pendleton bagged something better than a bird this week—a silver fox with its prime fur marked by only four birdshot from his 12 gauge gun.

Residents said the fox, shot near Cayuse, some dozen miles from here, probably was one of several which have escaped from farms the past several years.

# PAYROLLS IN OREGON FIRMS SHOW INCREASE

SALEM, Nov. 1 (AP)—Payrolls of Oregon firms subject to the unemployment compensation law totaled \$786,623,052 in 1943, a gain of 35.9 per cent over the preceding year, and a 202.7 per cent increase over the average for the preceding three years, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

Multnomah county's covered payrolls last year totaled \$543,996,377, or 49.2 per cent more than in 1942. The figure was three times as large as the average for the preceding three years.

Jefferson county, with a \$1,243,661 payroll, gained 677 per cent over 1940, the largest percentage gain in the state. Benton, Gilliam and Jackson were the only counties with payrolls lower in 1943 than they were in 1942.

The 1943 payrolls of counties, and the percentage increase over 1942, include: Benton \$5,455,492, and 50 per cent decrease; Douglas, \$8,496,333 and 48 per cent increase; Josephine, \$2,719,946, and 135 per cent; Klamath, \$20,335,338, and 52 per cent; Lane, \$27,428,517, and 130 per cent; Marion, \$10,219,140, and 110 per cent; Umatilla, \$7,175,985, and 168 per cent; Baker, \$3,627,863, and 21 per cent.

# Congressman Lowell Stockman was in Klamath Falls today winding up his campaign for reelection.

# Bus Crash Victims Still In Hospital

LONGVIEW, Nov. 2 (AP)—Seven persons injured in a North Coast Transportation company bus accident near Kelso early Tuesday remained in the Cowlitz General hospital today. None is injured seriously, hospital attendants said. Meanwhile, the state patrol said its investigation of the accident is continuing. Fifteen passengers were hurt when a bus left the highway a mile south of Kelso.

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# Nash Receives DFC



With the 15th AAF in Italy, is Captain John W. Nash, 2550 Reclamation, Klamath Falls. Here he is pictured on the left, receiving his Distinguished Flying Cross from his commanding officer, Col. Kennet A. Cool of Cleveland Heights, O.

# TWO KLAMATH MEN AWARDED MEDALS

Two Klamath Falls men were given awards for action in the European theater of operations, according to word from the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Raffetto, 1948 Portland, were advised that the Bronze Star had been given their son, 1st Lt. John A. Raffetto Jr., U. S. army infantry, now a prisoner at Stalag 64, Poland. The citation is as follows: "For heroic achievement in action February 16, 1944 when superior enemy forces overran his position, Lt. Raffetto remained directing heavy fire on the Germans and causing many casualties. Forced to move to an alternate position, he again ordered machine gun fire on the

attacking forces, repulsing wave after wave of infantry. His heroic deed enabled our troops to set up new defense lines which threw back the enemy. His courage exemplifies the high traditions of the armed forces."

Since the award cannot be presented to Lt. Raffetto, the decoration is being sent to the youth's parents, it was announced by Major General J. A. Ulio.

Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to 1st Lt. Martin W. Biehn, member of the U. S. army 8th air force, was announced Wednesday by the war department. Biehn has been overseas, flying from a base in England, and following the completion of 30 combat missions returned to his home here for a three weeks' leave. He is the son of Charlie Biehn, employed by Pacific Cooperative Supply.

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