

Von Ribbentrop Pleads Innocent On All Counts

NUERNBERG, March 26 (AP)—Joachim von Ribbentrop told the international military tribunal today he accepted full responsibility for his acts as foreign minister of Germany, but was pleading innocent on all counts of the war crimes indictment.

The gaunt silver-haired nazi followed the example of Hermann Goering and Rudolph Hess in opening his personal defense.

The court ruled out defense evidence intended to prove that the Versailles treaty was unjust and was signed by Germany "under duress." Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, British prosecutor, said the defense claim was "completely remote, irrelevant and beyond the terms of the tribunal's charter."

Subsidy Plan Inflationary

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—Farmers would lose money without food subsidy payments, but the principle of the subsidy is opposed by the grange as inflationary, Albert S. Goss, master of the national grange declared here.

He recommended to a Portland chamber of commerce luncheon group four steps to curb inflation: maximum production to bring supply and demand into balance; rationing restored if maximum production fails to meet demand quickly; heavier taxes and long-term saving plans to reduce the money supply; balance the national budget.

Goss declared "labor and industry have been squabbling for power and swag" and urged agriculture to also make its peace with the two groups.

Federal Assistance For Hospital Asked

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—Twenty-two physicians have appealed to Senators Morse and Cordon and Rep. Angell for help in continuing federal assistance in maintaining the Vanport hospital facing closure June 30.

Dr. William A. Shea, president of the Multnomah County Medical society, said the Vanport facility takes care of the overflow of crowded Portland hospitals. The war-built housing center facility has been financed with Lanham act funds.

Seaman Held For Armed Assault

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—A 21-year-old merchant seaman was charged with armed assault Monday following a drugstore holdup in which \$204 was taken.

Robert Gordon Hill, the seaman, was halted for routine after-hours questioning early today and while police talked with him their radio announced details of the holdup. Patrolmen Dillman, Eivers and Laurens said Hill then threw the money on the sidewalk and was arrested.

No Traffic Tickets For UNO Delegates

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Delegates to the UNO security council session here won't get traffic tickets, police said today.

In case a delegate should violate a traffic regulation, his name will be taken and "every consideration and courtesy" rendered. Acting Chief Inspector Martin Brown directed.

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Hirt Re-Enlists In Army



S/Sgt. Frank Hirt, who was recently acquitted by army court-martial of espionage charges, is sworn into regular army for three years by Capt. Bernard J. Schutte. His re-enlistment was turned down at Hamilton Field Airbase, but was accepted at San Francisco upon instructions from ninth service command headquarters. —NEA telephoto.

No Change In Butter Supply

SEATTLE, March 26 (AP)—Portland's butter supply situation was "unchanged at near-famine levels," and the larger distributors still were making no butter deliveries in Seattle, "with more and more creameries finding outlets for their meager supplies through retail outlets," the federal-state market news service reported today.

As of Saturday morning there were 329,742 pounds of butter in cold storage here, compared with 142,937 pounds a year ago.

Portland's stored butter amounted to 272,061 pounds, compared with 239,228 pounds a year ago.

San Francisco reported that the end of the machinists' strike had reopened plants manufacturing oleomargarine, and that "the volume of butter manufactured in California in 1945 was less than half the amount made in 1896, the first year for which records are available."

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KODIAK, Alaska, March 26 (AP)—When the taxicab in which they were riding careened over a 25-foot high bluff and crashed to the beach below, two naval officers were killed and four other officers and the civilian driver were seriously injured at the naval base here yesterday.

Names of the officers have been withheld until the navy can notify next of kin.

Provost Marshal Lt. Col.

Henry Massie identified the cab driver as John Kellogg, but his injuries were not disclosed by the naval dispensary. Massie has begun an inquiry into the accident.

The navy reported the driver obtained permission to detour via an airplane runway because a snowdrift blocked the regular route. The bluff is at the end of the runway.

PAY HIKE

GDANSK., (Danzig) Poland, March 26 (AP)—The government has authorized a 50 per cent pay rise for all state employees in the Gdansk and Maritime districts.

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Col. Bank Named VA Hospital Head

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—Appointment of Lt. Col. Harry E. Bank as chief medical officer of the veterans hospital here was reported today by the veterans' administration.

Dr. Bank succeeds Lt. Col. Leo M. McGuire, recently transferred. The new medical chief, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, was a naval medical officer in World War I and joined the army medical corps in 1944.

Control Of Three Mills Purchased

COOS BAY, March 26 (AP)—Controlling interest of the Moore Mill and Lumber company, operators of three mills in Coos county, has been purchased by D. H. Miller Sr., and associates.

The transaction includes the Moore mill at Bandon, the Agate Lumber company at Egan, and the McKinley mill, with combined production of 500,000 feet daily.

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