

U. S. Naval Power Nearly Equal To Rest Of World

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—The United States navy entered 1946 with an armada of fighting ships almost equal to the combined navies of all other world powers.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz gave congress this picture of the nation's naval might in testimony which the house appropriations committee made public today as it sent the annual naval appropriation bill to the house floor. Here's how his report rated the United States navy with

others in major ships on January 1:

Battleships: United States 23, Great Britain 14, Russia 4, Italy 3, France 4.

Heavy cruisers: United States 26, Great Britain 12, Russia 7, Italy 1, France 3.

Light cruisers: United States 41, Great Britain 50, Russia 2, Italy 9, France 6.

Aircraft carriers: United States 32, Great Britain 12, Russia, Italy and France, none.

Escort carriers: United States 75, Great Britain 29, Russia, Italy and France, none.

Destroyers: United States, 353, Great Britain 259, Russia 51, Italy 11, France 15.

Submarines: United States 206, Great Britain 115, Russia 140, Italy 21, France 18.

Total combatant ships: United States 756, Great Britain 491, Russia 204, Italy 47, France 46.

Alaskans Join Plea For Feed

SEATTLE, May 22 (AP)—Alaska's Matanuska valley farmers have joined with Pacific northwest stockmen in a plea to Washington for feed grain today.

The far-north pioneers sent a telegram yesterday to Secretary of Agriculture Anderson in an attempt to borrow 1000 sacks of wheat from Seattle commodity credit corporation stocks.

John Oseward, Seattle representative of the Matanuska Valley Farmers' cooperative, which asked the loan, said regional agriculture department officials in Portland had agreed to lend his organization the wheat on condition it be returned to the CCC in 60 days.

He said this was an impossible condition because the farmers feared the feed situation would be even worse in 60 days. So they appealed directly to Anderson. He added the Alaskan poultrymen would be forced to slaughter their flocks if relief was not obtained.

Flashes Of Life

AIRBORN
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 22 (AP)—Two diaper service operators teamed up today to speed operations in Saratoga Springs and Gloversville by inaugurating air transport of diapers between their plants.

Nicholas Alexander, Saratoga Springs, does the laundry for his own service as well as that of Peter Matthews in Gloversville, about 30 miles away. They formerly carted diapers by truck. Each owns his own plane, however, and the first load of 1400 clean diapers is scheduled to move from Saratoga Springs to Gloversville today.

"TOUCHE!"
SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (AP)—A labor union official (CIO) was telling the fact-finding board of Pacific Gas and Electric company, at a hotel the other day, about the rising cost of living. The board interrupted to order two pitchers of ice water—for which it paid room service \$1.50 plus a 50-cent tip. "There!" said the speaker. "See what I mean?"

INSIDE PROTECTION
LAUREL, Mont., May 22 (AP)—The police station has been locked and bolted.

Police Chief James Bare took the action to keep thieves out. He reported three pencils and two dime-store notebooks missing.

Weyerhaeuser Plans Postwar Expansion

TACOMA, Wash., May 22 (AP)—In its annual financial statement, the Weyerhaeuser Timber company reported it has accumulated a \$12,030,000 fund for capital expenditures in postwar development.

The report said the company will develop new log and lumber units in Springfield and Coos Bay, Oregon, a new sulphate mill and bark products plant and plywood mill at Longview, Wash.

AFL Will Solicit White Collar Men

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP)—Organization of white collar workers here and later through the state will be attempted by the AFL progress committee, the union reported today.

Joseph Casey, former San Francisco AFL organizer and now director of the Oregon committee, said workers in critical industries and clerical workers of city, county and state agencies will be approached.

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Death Case Youths Pallbearers



Three sad-faced youths, recommended for detention by a coroner's jur in the fatal shooting of a chum, Cecil Graveline Jr., 15, serve as pallbearers at his funeral service in Los Angeles. Testimony at the inquest disclosed the youths participated in a wild shooting affray, which started out in fun, during a desert hunting trip. The pallbearers, left to right, are Alfred Smith, 16; William Felix, 17, and James C. Helm, 15. —AP wirephoto.

Helen Keller Tells A Marine By Touch

SEATTLE, May 22 (AP)—Helen Keller, blind and deaf but who "sees" the beauty in the world through the eyes and fingers of her secretary, Polly Thompson, visited the Navy hospital here today, to exchange information with disabled servicemen.

"This boy is a marine," said Miss Keller, placing her hands on the shoulders of PFC. C. L. Forester, Yazoo City, Miss., who is recovering from a neck fracture. "I can always tell a marine by the Grecian symmetry of their shoulders and the way they hold their heads."

Historical Society Will Meet Thursday

The May meeting of the Klamath Historical society will be held this coming Thursday, May 23, instead of the last Thursday of the month, which is Memorial Day. The club meets at the chamber of commerce at 8 o'clock. Anyone interested in the activities of the club are cordially invited to be present.

A film, "Texas Glimpses" will be shown. Also there will be a display of pictures in rock and members are asked to bring any pictures in agate, etc., that they possess.

Oregon GOP Elects Rodman

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP)—James A. Rodman, Eugene attorney and realtor and Lane county republican chairman, was elected chairman of the republican state central committee here yesterday.

The former state legislator, who also served in the Nebraska house and senate before coming to Oregon in the 1930's, succeeds Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, who resigned.

Election of Rodman was opposed after Donald R. Van Bockirk, Multnomah county party chairman, declined a nomination. Fifty delegates and 24 proxies represented 27 counties at the committee meeting.

Speakers included Ralph Caine, a national committeeman, who urged the delegates to encourage more young voters to participate actively in party campaigns.

CANNERY AT SALEM
SALEM, May 22 (AP)—Plans for construction of a new \$750,000 cannery were announced last night by Paulus Brothers, a locally owned canning concern. The warehouse will be finished in July, and the rest of the plant will be completed by October 1.

Stalin Says Wheat Lack Prevents Aid For UNRRA

MOSCOW, May 22 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin said today the Soviet Union already was doing what it could to feed the hungry world out of a cupboard that was getting bare and could not add to UNRRA's supplies at this time.

The Soviet leader's statement, published in Soviet newspapers and broadcast on the radio, was the first important announcement from the Kremlin on the world food situation, and came in reply to a letter from President Truman.

Stalin said Truman was three months late in proposing that the Soviet Union swell UNRRA's supplies and join in a coordinated world grain distribution plan.

Ninety days ago, Stalin said, the Soviet Union could have done something in that direction. During the interval, he said, the Soviet Union has made its own arrangements, allotting a quantity of grain to France and supplies to some other countries and now resources of the Soviet Union are about to run out.

World Distribution Feasible
World grain distribution coordination, Stalin said, appeared to be a good idea, although it required special discussion before the Soviet Union could be counted on as a participant.

Stalin's reply to Truman was published as millions of Soviet farmers toiled to get maximum crops in 1946.

Stalin only a few days ago approved a special decree of the council of ministers ordering the plowing up of land where winter wheat crops perished and its immediate re-sowing with spring wheat. The same issue of Pravda which published Stalin's statement today quoted

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