



**NEW SUPERLINER MAKES DEBUT**—This airview of the new liner United States, now the largest American passenger ship afloat, was taken as the big ship edged past skyscrapers of New York's Battery on first visit to her home port. Thousands of persons thronged the shores of Lower Manhattan as the 990-foot ship loomed out of the harbors overcast to the roaring accompaniment of whistles and circling planes.

### Oregonian Draws Praise Of Congressman Ellsworth

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former Oregonian who still considers Portland his home—drew a glowing tribute from Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) this week as he neared the end of nearly 35 years of continuous service as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He is Clyde B. Atchison, who was notified last week by President Truman that a successor will be appointed. Now 72, Atchison has served since 1917 under a presidential waiver of retirement regulations.

Ellsworth told the House that it will be "utterly impossible to replace the ability and knowledge which will be lost" through Atchison's retirement.

The congressman said he considered President Truman's action "entirely normal and reasonable," but added that he was certain that had the president known Atchison personally he would have "implored" him to stay as a member.

First appointed to the commission by President Wilson on Sept. 29, 1917, Atchison has been reappointed by Presidents Harding, Coolidge and twice by Franklin Roosevelt. President Truman has twice waived retirement regulations to retain him.

His nearly 35 years with the commission makes him the senior presidential appointee now in government employ.

Prior to his appointment by President Wilson, Atchison was secretary of the temporary State

PO Fund Bill Wins Approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—A \$3,437,000 appropriation to finance the Treasury and Postoffice Departments in the fiscal year starting July 1 was approved Wednesday by the House. The bill now goes to the Senate.

This measure is a compromise of separate bills previously approved by the Senate and House.

House passage was by voice vote and without opposition.

The total includes \$644,095,000 for the Treasury Department and \$2,793,800,000 for the Postoffice Department.

In addition, the bill continues an estimated \$12,245,990,566 in what are commonly called permanent appropriations, such as interest on the national debt and social security benefit funds.

The total is \$77,250,000 less than President Truman requested.

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### 'Jungleers' Ready To Go If War Flares Up Anew

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AP)—The Jungleers, or the Butchers as Tokyo Rose called them, are almost ready to fight again, and they rate at the top of all the National Guard divisions in the United States.

That's the opinion of the two men who should know as much about it as anybody does. They are Col. Marcel Crombez, instructor of the Oregon National Guard, and Col. Don Riley, instructor of the Washington National Guard.

Both are regular army officers from the Sixth Army, which embraces the Far Western States. They are the men who teach the citizen soldiers of the National Guard units of the two states.

The Jungleers, who inched their way to glory up the coast of New Guinea to the Philippines in some of the toughest fighting of World War II, are the men of the 41st Division, which consisted of 5,500 guardsmen from Washington and Oregon.

The division is winding up its annual two weeks' training here. Col. Crombez said the Oregon National Guard rates "second to none." Col. Riley said that's right, but the Washington National Guard is just as good.

The exact strength of the 41st Division is a military secret, but it's about 5,500. A full division has about 18,000 men. If the 41st were sent to war, it would have to get 12,000 or so more troops, probably draftees.

When I last visited the division 11 of the 5,500 men, 3,800 are from Oregon. The two states have other National Guardsmen besides those in the 41st. Some are organized into anti-aircraft units, and Col. Crombez and Riley said they really can shoot down the little radio-controlled target planes. There also are Air National Guardsmen, who now are flying jet fighters at home and in Korea.

The commander of the 41st Division is Maj. Gen. Harold G. Mason, who in civilian life is superintendent of the Oregon State Police. The command alternates every four years between Wash-

ington and Oregon. Mason went to New Guinea with the 41st, but transferred to the 6th Division, a Regular Army unit. He commanded a regiment in the assault on Manila.

Drop Shown In Worker Pay

SALEM (AP)—The average pay of Oregon's production workers in May was \$77.80 a week, compared with \$79.57 in April, and \$77.58 a year ago, the State Unemployment Commission said Wednesday.

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