

# EROSION SEEN DANGEROUS IN PACIFIC AREA

With nearly half of all farms in the Pacific northwest depending upon irrigation for their productive existence, the protection of irrigated land against soil erosion and loss of fertility presents one of the most important challenges facing the northwest.

This observation was voiced today by J. H. Christ, in charge of soil conservation service operations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, as a preface to his announcement that an enlarged program of assistance to irrigation farmers is being planned by technical workers of the service.

"It is not commonly realized that water improperly applied can become a destructive boomerang as well as a blessing," he explains. "Lack of precaution on some of our older irrigation projects, for example, has resulted in serious top soil disappearance, leaching of soil fertility, alkali accumulation caused by poor drainage, weed infestation and other danger signals.

"As a consequence, this means reduced crop yields and ultimate bankruptcy if such undermining losses are not checked. Certainly it is the part of wisdom both to intensify our defense efforts on present lands facing jeopardy and to take preventative steps on new lands coming under irrigation.

"From a long background of experience in this field, the United States department of agriculture and the state agricultural colleges have acquired a large measure of technical knowledge to help irrigation farmers with the problem. It is therefore a matter principally of sharpening attention to this important need, and this is the course which the soil conservation service is preparing to follow within its normal operating program.

"The service already is equipped to carry on a well rounded program of assistance under present authorizations. In addition to its basic activities in soil and moisture conservation and utilization of CCC camp labor, the service has been designated as the action agency of the department of agriculture in administering auxiliary programs embracing special assistance in irrigation and drainage, farm phases of flood control, sub-marginal land purchases, small water facilities installations and farm forestry development, all of which can play a helpful part in attaining more stability and security on irrigated lands."

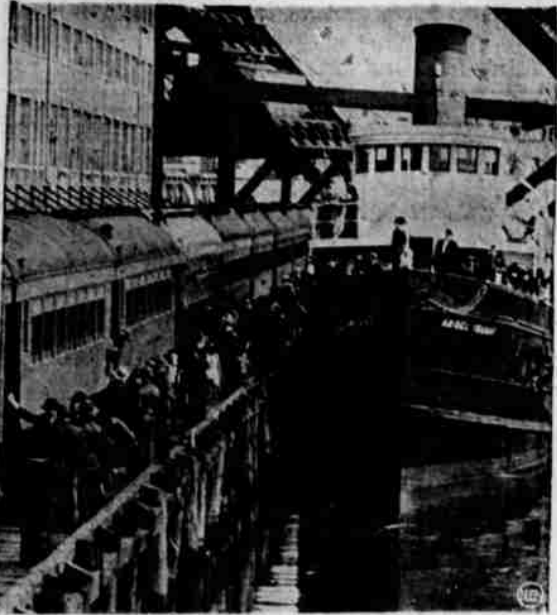
In recognition that some of the most serious erosion in the northwest occurs on irrigated land, the soil conservation service began special studies of the problem four years ago by establishing a demonstration project on the Kittitas project in Washington, with the objective of finding more scientific methods of applying irrigation water, Mr. Christ reports. This project, one of the first of its kind to be set up in the entire country, supplied proof that improved irrigating and land use practices can be made to pay substantial dividends both in effecting higher crop yields and in saving top soil losses. The lessons from this work and from other experience that has been gained over the northwest as a whole during recent years can be profitably drawn upon, Mr. Christ reminds.

Many northwest farmers already have received special aid in working out plans for better and more profitable land use and the curbing of erosion, Mr. Christ says, through requests that are placed with county agricultural agents for the services of soil conservation service technicians. Additional assistance will now be extended in this manner to the fullest extent of available facilities, he declares, leading to more widespread adoption of sound conservation measures.

"As a means of coping with the erosion and land use problem with maximum effectiveness, however, the way has been opened through state enabling legislation for groups of interested farmers to form soil conservation districts on their own initiative," Regional Conservator Christ points out.

"Because a soil conservation district embodies the sound principle of local initiative, local responsibility and local control, while at the same time providing machinery for consolidated attack upon an entire land problem area, it affords an ideal way for public agencies such as the soil conservation service to extend extra help that is needed by local land owners beyond their own self-help capacity. During the past year, 19 such districts have been formed by northwest land owners, covering approximately 5,000,000 acres. This is certainly a significant step in the right direction to insure the permanent productivity of our invaluable northwest lands."

# Interned Nazis Head for New Mexico



After a blissful 16 months at Angel Island Immigration Station on San Francisco Bay, 225 sailors from the scuttled German liner Columbus are shown pouring into a special train that will take them from San Francisco to an internment camp near Ft. Stanton, N. M. The men were brought by boat to San Francisco from Angel Island.

# Elsewhere In Oregon

**By The Associated Press**  
**THE DALLES, March 20 (AP)**—Illumination of Multnomah falls was asked by the Lions club here in a resolution addressed to the federal forest service.

**EMPIRE, March 20 (AP)**—A community center for the Coos Indian tribe will be constructed at a cost of \$9000 this year, Ralph Fredenburg, Salem, superintendent of the Grande Ronde-Siletz agency, said yesterday.

**WESTON, March 20 (AP)**—The Umatilla County Pioneers association will hold its 49th annual reunion here on May 30 and 31.

**LA GRANDE, March 20 (AP)**—The Union County Dairymen's association gathered 250 signatures on petitions requesting continuation of the state milk board in this area.

**ASTORIA, March 20 (AP)**—Fire destroyed the old Chadwell school here this week. It was the first two-room schoolhouse built in Clatsop county. For years it had been used as a barn.

**MEMINNVILLE, March 20 (AP)**—Construction work on state highway No. 18 between Meminville and Sheridan has started. A bridge crew is putting a span over Deer creek.

**SANDY, March 20 (AP)**—Clearing the 100-foot wide right-of-way of the Farm Springs cutoff has been resumed by PWA crews with the return of spring weather. The road will shorten the distance between Madras and the Wapinitia cutoff 28 miles.

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# KLAMATH SITE OF EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY

The defense communications board, Washington, D. C., has selected Klamath Falls as one of the strategic points in the state to locate an emergency power supply unit for NYA radio transmitters, being constructed by youth workers, as part of Oregon's NYA preparations for national defense, according to Ivan G. Munro, state administrator.

This project will make it possible for reserve power supplies to be available in Oregon in the event of any national defense emergency when normal sources of electric power are stopped. While commercial electric companies in the state are said to have very adequate facilities to cover such an emergency, these NYA power supplies would serve as auxiliary units should the need arise and would be able to operate independently of any outside aid.

These emergency power supply units in the form of gas-driven electric generators, will also be located in Salem, Bend and Portland, after main radio transmitters for the NYA radio project in these cities are on the air.

**WALL OF CHINA**  
The Chinese wall is 17 feet wide, and about 16 feet of it remains above ground. Including the spurs, curves and loops, its length is 2550 miles.

It is estimated that domestic airlines flew more than 9,000,000 revenue miles and carried almost 250,000 revenue passengers during December, 1940.

The highways of the United States have been largely built with about 16 billion dollars paid in special automotive taxes during the last three decades.

**March 20 (AP)**—A board of directors has been named to make preliminary arrangements for formation of a golf association here. Tentative plans call for a course near Tum-A-Lum, between Walla Walla and Milton.

Scientists now report that if a driver suffers from a deficiency of vitamin A, headlights at night will appear as a huge white blur.



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# SP Taxes Large In Klamath

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—The Southern Pacific railroad disclosed yesterday it paid \$1,015,668.38 taxes in Oregon for 1940. The largest single assess-

ment was \$178,981.73 in Klamath county.

Sixty-two Chinese seamen en route to San Francisco for shipment back to China, will pass through Klamath Falls at 9 o'clock Thursday morning via

Southern Pacific, SP officials said Wednesday.

The sailors' vessel was tied up in Vancouver, B. C., due to war conditions and, under maritime law, the orientals must be sent back to their homeland. Only vessels now sailing for the

orient leave from the Golden Gate city.

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