

PATTON GAINS DESPITE NAZI BLOWS

HOMELESS GOVERNORS, EX- AND -ELECT, ALOOF Inability to find living places contributes to lack of conciliation of Langlie and Wallgren. Read the article by Ross Cunningham ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE TODAY

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U.S. PROGRAM HERE HALVED, SAYS COPLEN

A blunt denunciation of Congress for its delay in appropriating funds for critically needed war housing in this area yesterday highlighted the inquiry of a number of agencies into the complex manpower problems of war plants in the Seattle area. George W. Coplen, regional representative of the National Housing Agency issued the denunciation of Congress. Office of Price Administration rent officials, meanwhile, challenged intimations that uncontrolled rental charges were driving away workers. They declared that the "competitive bidding" of Army and Navy officers for houses was a major disruptive factor in the attempt to preserve rent ceilings. The War Manpower Commission renewed its warning that the war effort may suffer materially unless thousands of additional workers are provided for war plants in this area.

Army Studies Absenteeism Army Air Forces representatives and Boeing officials, meanwhile, were making a study of the recent high rates of absenteeism and turnover at Boeing, with the aim of determining the causes and correcting them.

"Public housing construction, sorely though it is needed, has come to a standstill simply because of the failure of Congress to appropriate the necessary funds under the Lanham Act," declared Coplen. "Construction to meet this emergency was programmed months ago, but instead of taking the required action, Congress went home to play politics. Building funds were exhausted in midsum..."

O. D. T. Cuts Mileage For Rental Autos

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(UP)—The Office of Defense Transportation tonight cracked down on the use of rental automobiles in the Miami-Beach area, where O. D. T. said nearly one-fourth of the nation's drive-yourself cars are operated.

Effective January 1 in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties monthly limitations of 650 miles will be placed on the rental cars, O. D. T. said. However, operators who withdraw 50 per cent of their vehicles listed in service on December 1, 1944, may operate each remaining vehicle up to 1,500 miles monthly.

The order also limits the hire-use of rental cars to 30 days, except on authorization of their O. D. T. Jacksonville office and with Office of Price Administration permission to receive additional gasoline allotments. O. D. T. said the action was taken to conserve tires, gasoline, equipment and "at the same time permit sufficient rental-car service in the area to take care of essential business needs."

The agency said there are 1,183 rental cars in the area, compared with a national total of about 5,000.

JAIL NOT FOR BABY; OFFICER TAKES CHILD, MOTHER TO HIS HOME!



MRS. FLORA D. EMLEY and LEE MARIAN Sheriff's deputies wouldn't let baby stay in jail

Because there are no facilities at the King County jail to care for her 2-month-old infant, Mrs. Flora D. Emley, 25-year-old war widow, charged with grand larceny, was released yesterday to the custody of Sheriff's Capt. Earl Henry so that he could take the child and its mother to his home until her case comes to trial. The release of the young woman and her tiny daughter, Lee Marian, was arranged by Justice of the Peace William Hoar.

Mrs. Emley, whose husband, Robert, an aviation cadet, was killed last May in a plane crash in Kansas, was charged with grand larceny in the theft of a trunk and contents from the basement of the home of Mrs. Lillian I. Nelson, 2809 Washington St., where the mother and baby had been living since the Emley baby's birth in November. The complaint was filed in Judge Hoar's court by Deputy Prosecutor L. C. Brodbeck, and bail was set at \$2,000. Trial has been set for January 4.

R. C. A. F. Flyers Fight Gale, Save Kirkland Man on Ship

Eight R. C. A. F. flyers who gave up part of their Christmas leaves to fly through a howling North Pacific gale, beating delay by 20 minutes, to drop barrels containing intravenous fluid to a United States vessel hundreds of miles at sea, saved the life of a Kirkland patient now in a hospital here, the 13th U. S. Naval District said last night. The patient, now in Marine Hospital, is James Bryan Hunning, 23 years old, Kirkland, chief quartermaster, U. S. C. Hospital attendants said last night that Hunning, who underwent an appendectomy, "will pull through."

Arrive Just in Time Barely 20 minutes before the ship's doctor used the last of his intravenous fluid, the Navy said, the lumbering Catalina flying boat broke through the low clouds over the shipping, and the Catalina made three runs at low altitude, dropping the medical supplies in sturdy parachutes designed to withstand the shock of the drop. All three plummeted into the water within grappling distance from the vessel's deck. The Coast Guard plane dropped medical supplies to the ship after the R. C. A. F. plane went over. "We checked into the flight later to relay our thanks," the Navy here reported, "and found out that the Catalina flyers, stationed at Coal Harbor, Vancouver Island, were just going on hard-earned leaves when they heard of the emergency. They did not have to, but their reply to that was brief. It was: "To— with leave, let's go!"

Absenteeism at peak during holiday week. Page 3.

Soldier, shot in eye, covers squad's retreat, then rescues wounded comrade, says Hal Boyle, at the front. Page 9.

DEMOS FACE KNOTTY TASK ON PROMISES

By ROSS CUNNINGHAM Associate Editor, The Times OLYMPIA, December 30.—The knotty problem of converting campaign promises into positive action toward fulfillment got under way here today as members of the new Democratic administration prepared to assume management of the state government a week from Wednesday.

Gov.-Elect Mon C. Wallgren and his executive assistant, Hugh Mitchell, had established temporary headquarters, awaiting vacating of the executive mansion and offices by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie. Wallgren is expected tonight or tomorrow.

One of the first moves by the incoming Democrats was to begin gathering individual histories of state employes, an act which was interpreted as portending a purge—resulting in a large number of additional employes, heretofore undecided, announcing they would leave with Governor Langlie.

Staffing the state government obviously is one of the major problems of the incoming administration, as few new employes have been available for months, and large numbers of the present employes are deciding that their political future is too uncertain to remain in state employment while other opportunities are as good as they are now.

Legislators Arrive A few legislators, both Democratic and Republican, are arriving preparatory to the opening of the 1945 legislative session a week from Monday. It is customary for the outgoing governor to deliver his final message to the Legislature on the first or second day, summing up the accomplishments of his administration and making recommendations for the future conduct of the state government.

Langlie will submit a state budget for the next two years, and it is reported to be in excess of \$500,000,000. It is subject to revision by Wallgren and the Legislature and poses a difficult problem.

But the big event will be on Wednesday when Wallgren and all other elective officers for the next four years will be sworn in at ceremonies on the Capitol steps.

Vice President Harry Truman, with whom Wallgren served on a Senate investigating committee, and Senator Warren G. Magnuson have announced they will be present.

At that time Wallgren will deliver his inaugural message, in which he will outline the policies he intends to follow as the state's chief executive for the next four years.

Wallgren takes over as governor on the eve of perhaps the most crucial period in the state's history—the X-Day when war industry will convert to peacetime output or shrink to its prewar size; legislation must be shaped to assist in caring for returning war veterans; steps must be taken to encourage and develop foreign trade from a base on Northern Vancouver Island, although the ship yard far outside and north of the normal Canadian patrol area.

Before the American plane could take off, the Navy said, the R. C. A. F. headquarters in Vancouver, B. C., headed back that hours could be saved if the bad-weather flight was taken over by a Canadian Catalina crew from a base on Northern Vancouver Island, although the ship was far outside and north of the normal Canadian patrol area.

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Wage Boost Approved For Workers In Steel Mills

By JOSEPH LAYTON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson tonight approved wage adjustments increasing pay for virtually all workers ordered by the War Labor Board for the giant steel industry, on the basis of assurances from the Office of Price Administration that they would not require increased prices.

The O. P. A. report, made public by Vinson said, however, that other factors necessitated price increases for "certain products" in the iron and steel industry in compliance with "minimum requirements of law." What those factors were, O. P. A. did not say.

"It is the judgment of the price administrator," O. P. A. said, "that after these price adjustments are made the proposed wage increases will not require any further rise in the general level of iron and steel prices."

The wage adjustments, which Vinson said may be put into effect immediately, include—among other things—increases of four and six cents an hour respectively for second and third night-shift workers. As shifts rotate all workers will benefit from the wage boost. Those night-shift increases were ordered retroactive to the expiration of the companies' contracts with the United Steel Workers, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In addition, the W. L. B. ordered more liberal vacations, severance pay, six paid holidays a year at time-and-a-half rates, rate establishment and adjustment, rate schedules for mechanical and maintenance occupations and an increase of maintenance-of-membership dues check-off to \$1.50 a month.

The board denied several other union demands, including one for a straight 17-cent-an-hour increase which the board found would have broken its "Little Steel" formula.

Democrats To Snub Langlie, Solon Opines

Prospects that the Democratic majority in the Legislature will snub Gov. Arthur B. Langlie by declining to listen to his final address were made known yesterday by Representative Fred J. Martin of Rockport, Skagit County, who was heard in his campaign for the House speakership.

"I feel confident that the Democratic members of the House will not agree to listen to Langlie," Martin said. "I see no reason why we should listen to a campaign speech for some office which he may seek in the future."

Governor Langlie said last night he would study the issue when and if it arose, but that until that time he had no comment to make on Martin's remarks.

Martin said it is optional with the Legislature whether members receive a message from an outgoing governor.

The Skagit County legislator said that on his present trip he has been encouraged at prospects of his election as Speaker. Martin is one of the two senior members of the Legislature in point of continuous service, having served since 1935.

Martin has been chairman of the game and game fish committee since he first took office as representative; a member of the roads committee, roads and bridges committee and dairy and livestock committee for four sessions. Martin is staying at the New Washington Hotel.

Sen. Ball Hits F. R.'s Fighting Ward After Bowing to Petrillo

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senator Joseph H. Ball, Republican, Minnesota, tonight called on President Roosevelt to enforce War Labor Board decisions equally against both unions and employers. Ball, who broke with his party to support Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth term, drew an analogy between the Montgomery Ward case and defiance of W. L. B. by James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Labor, American Federation of Musicians, to support his request.

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BATTLE FOR LEYTE COSTS JAPS 116,770

By WILLIAM C. WILSON United Press War Correspondent ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Dec. 31.—(Sunday)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today announced that eight Japanese planes were shot down while attacking American shipping in the Sulu Sea off the Island of Panay, and that enemy losses in the battle of Leyte had reached 116,770.

MacArthur's daily bulletin said several planes attacked the American vessels but did not specify the size of the force under attack or its destination. (Tokyo broadcasts asserted that a 50-ship convoy sighted in the Sulu Sea had been attacked for three days and that 17 of its ships were sunk or damaged before it reached the American base on Mindoro, 150 miles south of Manila, presumably with supplies and reinforcements. (There was no Allied confirmation of the Japanese report.)

Another Japanese plane was shot down during a night raid on Mindoro which caused no damage to American installations. United States Day revealed that the Japanese had suffered 3,549 additional casualties in mopping-up operations during the past week. The overall figure of 116,770 included Japanese killed or captured on Leyte, as well as troops and sailors lost during attempts to reinforce the beleaguered island.

(Annihilated Jap army on Leyte contained veterans of China and Manchurian campaigns. See communique, Page 8.)

Honor Medal For Hero Who Gave Life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Pfc. Patrick J. Kessler, youthful infantryman and former Ohio dairy worker, for plunging headlong into "a furious chain of automatic fire" to knock out two German machine-gun nests and capture two snipers in Italy, was announced tonight by the War Department.

The feat, which took place near Ponte Rotto just after the Anzio break-through, saved his unit—Company K of the 30th Infantry Regiment—from possible disaster, the department said. He was killed two days later in the same area.

Kidnaping of Italian Prince Laid to Nazis

ZURICH, Dec. 30.—An unconfirmed report said today that the 7-year-old Prince of Naples, son of Prince Humbert, lieutenant general of the Italian realm, was abducted shortly before Christmas from Montreux, Switzerland, by Gestapo agents. Swiss authorities interceded with kidnapers at Basle and returned the prince to his mother, it was reported.

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A. F. L. Made 'Madhouse' of His Shipyard, Says Higgins

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans ship-builder, told the War Labor Board Shipbuilding Commission today he wants to cancel his contract with 33 American Federation of Labor Unions January 1 because "organized labor had made a madhouse" of his shipyards.

The commission directed him, however, to continue the present agreement pending final settlement of the dispute with the 19,500 employes represented by the A. F. of L. to prevent a serious interruption of war production next Tuesday.

Higgins said that as a friend of organized labor he had "wanted to set an example to the country how well-organized labor and management could get along." Therefore, he said, he "brought" his 300 employes in 1940 to join unions so that he had a "majority representation. He said he was promised a vertical union.

"I wanted to show the country what organized labor and management could do working together," Higgins said. "Now I want the people of America to know that labor created a madhouse."

Higgins charged that jurisdictional disputes between A. F. of L. craft unions and activities of their business representatives had prevented his yard from receiving at least 50 uncompleted vessels from Great Lakes yards for finishing.

The vessels, he said, were given by the Maritime Commission to unorganized yards and not one yard had finished yet. He said his yard so that he had a "majority representation by now and at a lower cost."

The War Department told the commission that it continued to speed operation of the yard was essential for completion of an Air Forces project in the Pacific.

Nazi Spy Band Of 30 Caught In Paris Hunt

PARIS, Dec. 31.—(Sunday)—UP)—Thirty German spies were rounded up in one band and a number of others also captured, many of them in American uniforms, when French police and American military authorities searched the capital for German agents it was disclosed today.

Each of the spies, whether in civilian clothes or Allied uniforms, faces the firing squad under international law for their attempts to obtain military information or to carry out sabotage that would aid German Field Marshal Gen. Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's forces now fighting in Luxembourg and Belgium.

It was also disclosed that troops quartered in the French capital had been severely restricted since Von Rundstedt's drive opened two weeks ago.

Edward Pisani, assistant prefect of police, said that some of the Germans had been in hiding in Paris since September, waiting to come out until their activities could coincide with the opening of the German counter-offensive.

Yanks at Front Denounce Legion Post for Barring Nisei

the isolated battalion at great cost to themselves. "There were 81 men on that encircled hilltop when they were rescued and 23 of those men still are with the company, including Lieut. Joseph Kimble of Scranton, Pa., and Sgt. Elmer Hull of San Antonio, Tex.

Hull already has started writing a letter. Kimble said he also would write one, but was undecided whether to address it to President Roosevelt, some congressman or the Legion post in Hood River.

Veterans Indignant Kimble called in four other veterans who were rescued on the hill. Sgt. Enrique Garcia, Brownsville, Tex.; Technical Sergt. Clyde E. Armstrong, Farmers, Ky.; Pfc. Virgil Lindell, Billings, Mont., and Pvt. Edwin J. Kruskowski, Chicago.

"Those boys deserve a hell of a lot more than the men sitting back in the Oregon town who don't want them around," one of them observed, "and we feel pretty lousy having to fight for the rights and liberties of people who do something like that to these Japanese-Americans fighting over here."

Reaction was particularly vituperative against the Legion post's action, among the 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division—a battalion which just two months ago today was rescued from a German trap near Bruyeres by Japanese-American troops who slashed through German lines to

THIRD ARMY DRIVES 5 MI. AT BASTOGNE

By JAMES M. McGLINCY United Press Staff Correspondent PARIS, Dec. 31.—(Sunday)—A critical new battle is raging around Bastogne, where German forces have launched a two-way attack against the United States Third Army's corridor through the city but thus far have failed to stem Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's troops in their drive to cut off the enemy salient in Belgium, dispatches said today. (The Luxembourg radio, heard in London, said that the United States First and Third Armies had taken between 16,000 and 20,000 German prisoners since the start of the German offensive on December 16.)

Patton's men were reported in censored field dispatches "to have snatched five miles northwest of Bastogne, narrowing to 12 miles the waist of the enemy salient, although a contradictory announcement from Supreme Headquarters said the gap was 16 miles wide. (See Page 9 for map.)

American tanks and the doughboys at the same time were reported storming the road center of Rochefort at the apex of the bulge street by street in an effort to throw the Germans into complete reverse after knocking back panzer spearheads 11 miles from the high-water mark of their drive.

Nazis Strike from Both Sides The German attacks from east and west against the Bastogne salient were reported mounted in strong force, but Patton's armor and infantry had previously widened the corridor to nearly eight miles just south of Bastogne.

Late reports said that the Third Army had entered La Vasselle and Chenogne, adjoining villages five miles west and slightly south of Bastogne. These gains not only bulwarked the corridor but drove a wedge across the communication of German troops still trying to hold their advance penetration to St. Hubert, 15 miles west of Bastogne.

The Germans still held a foothold on the Arlon-Bastogne Highway leading into the city from the south, but Patton, from the inception of his drive, had employed a parallel secondary road and at last reports here, 36 hours old at last midnight, the corridor was still firmly held.

Artillery Could Span Line Whether measured from 12 or 16 miles across the width of the German salient could be interdicted by two-way artillery fire from Third Army troops on the south and the First Army on the north. Such shelling of roads within the salient already has "most likely" been undertaken, it was said in authoritative quarters.

Late dispatches said that the Third Army had captured Neuhum, two and one-half miles southwest of the Luxembourg center of Wiltz.

E. L. A. S. forces suggest Athens truce. Page 8.

Tell the World-- Form of government is a matter of national policy Government's function is to express that policy, interpret and enforce it. Whether Republican, Democratic, Communist, Bolshevik, Nazi, or known by any other name, government cannot bring you progress and prosperity. That is not government's function. On the contrary, when government attempts it, government will only pull you down. The world's best national policy is in the United States Constitution. But U. S. progress and prosperity are wrought by engineers, technicians, men of science. This world today is technological. Its problems of progress and prosperity will be solved by technological science. For your progress I have the scientific way; for your prosperity I have the means. The world may have my secret soon after the war—but first some world changes in policy must be made. —Peter Iwanoff. IVANOFF MACHINE SHOP Foot of 6th Ave. N. W.—MEIROSE 8030 (We are presently wholly engaged in tooling for B-29 Superforts, to speed war's end.)

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By CLYNTON B. CONGER United Press War Correspondent SEVENTH ARMY ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 30.—Hundreds of veteran American soldiers were indignant tonight over an item in the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes, which said that an American Legion post in Hood River, Or., had advised Americans of Japanese ancestry to sell any property they own and leave town. The dispatch, which moved dozens of G. I.'s to prepare to write letters of protest to President Roosevelt and congressmen, said the Legion post had advertised in local newspapers that citizens of Japanese ancestry were unwanted. There was violent vocal reaction among doughboys of Lieut. Gen. Alexander Patch's original divisions—the 36th and 45th—who knew the gallant record of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, composed mostly of loyal Japanese-Americans, and with which the 36th Division fought in Italy. Reaction was particularly vituperative against the Legion post's action, among the 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division—a battalion which just two months ago today was rescued from a German trap near Bruyeres by Japanese-American troops who slashed through German lines to

Sen. Ball Hits F. R.'s Fighting Ward After Bowing to Petrillo said, "that it should apply with equal force to consistent and willful defiance of War Labor Board decision" by any labor organization. A fundamental principle of democracy is that its rules and laws apply equally to all. I do not believe that is true at present as regards enforcement of W. L. B. directives. "One specific case is the defiance of the board by James C. Petrillo and the American Federation of Musicians, first in the recording industry, and now in the strike on the Minneapolis union against KSTP. The latter has continued for eight months in defiance of a W. L. B. "back-to-work" order. Finally, the W. L. B. through its Chicago board issued a directive order last week, which the employer has accepted but which the local union refuses to accept. The strike goes on." Ball said defiance of the W. L. B. by Petrillo threatens employer-worker and public confidence in W. L. B. machinery "just as effect support it. (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)