

AIR TERMINUS TO BOW TO POLITICS

Politics will play a vital part in plans for postwar establishment of Seattle as an air terminus for Alaskan and pan-Asiatic trade, speakers declared at a meeting of the Seattle Port Commission today.

The meeting was attended by members of the commission, sponsor and operator of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport at Bow Lake; officers of the Seattle and Tacoma Chamber of Commerce and civic and business leaders. About 25 attended.

Warning that business and political interests in the Midwest have well-laid plans to win establishment of the terminus, Col. W. C. Bickford, Port general manager, declared the problem "is largely in the hands of politics."

President Has 'Say' "Political pressure must be exerted, and state and federal officials said. "The Civil Aeronautics Administration is presumed to have the final say, but actually the President does."

Colonel Bickford recently argued in behalf of Seattle at a hearing by the C. A. A., in Washington, D. C.

"How much consideration is given to fact and how much to political pressure?" inquired Mayor William F. Devin.

"I really can't answer that," replied Colonel Bickford with a laugh, but he indicated strongly that political weight will be tremendous in final selection of the terminus site.

"Vigorous action by the Washington congressional delegation was assured in a telegram sent by Senator Warren G. Magnuson to Thomas.

Meeting With Magnuson "Understand meeting of business group regarding air route applications now pending before the C. A. A. board," said Magnuson, "Delegation meeting in my office. Want it clearly understood we are not opposing other air-line applications, but on the contrary making every effort for lines northward and to the Orient, originate where possible from the State of Washington, including dogleg from Spokane to British Columbia.

"Have heard some idle rumors that delegation was not interested in the matter. Have every reason to believe C. A. B. will grant sufficient air transportation from Seattle northward. Other applications to Alaska are in secondary position with little if any economic justification for same."

Speakers included John A. Earley, Post Commission president; Christy Thomas, general manager of the Seattle chamber, and Wallace V. Mackay, public-relations representative for the port.

"We are very much concerned and a little bit alarmed at the opposition developed against Seattle," said Earley. "We don't want to sit idly by—we're not going to sit idly by and see your air transportation go to the Midwest."

Much Freight Expected Earley told of the energies directed to building Seattle as a great terminus for Alaskan and Oriental air traffic.

"Freight commerce by air with the Orient will be increasingly huge, because it is freely conceded that many categories of high-value, light-weight commodities will go by air instead of by boat. Passenger traffic will by no means be of unimportant proportions."

Giant Nazi Tank Found by Yanks On Test Ground

By WES GALLAGHER Associated Press Foreign Staff

WITH THE UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY, April 4.—Troops of the 2nd Armored Division in the Tuetburger Forest have captured an experimental testing ground for German tanks—and its discovery may add fuel to the controversy over relative merits of Allied and enemy tanks.

On the testing field the Ninth Army tankmen found a new super-Tiger tank. It mounts a 155-mm. rifle 20 feet long. It has tracks three feet wide and is 12 feet high. The largest gun previously mounted on the battlefield behemoths was the 90-mm., which is on the newest American tank.

The Germans fought a new type of battle just east of the Tuetburger Forest and held up the 2nd Armored for 24 hours. Lacking artillery, they resorted to firing anti-tank rockets in barrages of 50 or more. Although the rocket projector is highly inaccurate, it is easily fired and is formidable in the cities.

Bonneville Aide Resigns PORTLAND, Or., April 4.—Ulric J. Gendron has resigned as assistant Bonneville power administrator to become executive assistant to Director Charles E. Carey of the California Central Valley Authority, B. P. A. announced today.

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Waiting for Jap Clean-Up Army's Biggest Morale Job

(Many Americans have rosy hopes of what victory in Europe will bring. To get the facts—and many of them proved to be harsh—the Associated Press staff writers interviewed the highest military and civilian American war planners. This is the second of five articles on their findings.)

By ELTON C. FAY and JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Staff Writers

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Army is counting on a movie to tell the G. I.'s finished with fighting in Europe why the battle isn't over—why many of them must still shoot it out with the Japanese.

When the troops headed off for the European front, they saw motion pictures, heard lectures, read pamphlets by the sackful explaining the Nazi, his ideas of conquest and how he fought. The Japanese were mentioned more or less incidentally.

Now the Army must educate those soldiers going directly from Europe to the Pacific to aim their hate at a new enemy. Furthermore, it must keep their spirits up for weeks or perhaps months until they can be moved to the Pacific area.

The biggest morale problem of the whole war looms in this interlude between victory in Europe and the launching of the final offensive in the Pacific.

Problem Videspread The Army hopes it has the answer to its own problem in an elaborate program. This program embraces training for the Pacific task—and travel, education and play besides. It is tailored to fit troops. The interest of the Army, however, must extend to the home front and the men and women who make munitions.

The task was easier at the time of Pearl Harbor. The nation was under attack. The national psychology was a mixture of fear and anger and that gave a mighty impetus to the war effort.

Now this nation is almost three and a half years deep in war. Some troops and workers are perhaps a little bored. Others are weary. All are concerned about resuming more normal lives.

On top of all this, a great enemy—Germany—is about to be defeated. Many, perhaps most, of the G. I.'s who have helped defeat the Germans feel they have done their part and should come home. Yet the top Army men who are authoritative for this and other articles in this series are planning for a Pacific war lasting 18 months to two years after Germany goes down.

Telling to Be Difficult The business of telling the G. I.'s that most of them aren't through with the Army is going to be difficult.

The Army intends to move swiftly. Copies of its "reorientation" film are ready for projection machines of every troop unit in Europe, to be shown to the soldiers almost at the moment they cease firing.

The printed word will follow in the form most familiar to the G. I.—the pocket-size pamphlet. Lectures and round-table discussions will be encouraged (and these the G. I.'s don't like, having listened to them for upwards of three years).

Many Won't Get Furlough There is in this project, as in all the others related to redeployment, a nice matter of timing. The reorientation can't be started too soon. Commanders in Europe want to keep the attention of their men devoted on beating Germany, until that chore is done. Afterward, however, there must be no time for worry or uncertainty over the future.

Many thousands of soldiers will spend several months in Europe

and then be started out directly for the Pacific theatre. They won't have the lift of a furlough at home, and they won't have the tension of battle to help them forget all else. Some will have to service and repair weapons for the Pacific. The military duties of most will include only the Army's housekeeping routine and training.

So the Army has arranged what it described as an "educational and recreational program." Directing that program is Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, the Army's specialist on education and morale.

The men will be able to take their pick of university subjects, trade schools, historical courses, mathematics. All will be required to study something.

Stacked in warehouses here and overseas are mountains of textbooks and material. Prerequisites for specific courses are drawn up. Instructions for company and division commanders to set up courses and assign teaching personnel are ready. Theatre commanders have been given the authority to put the schools in operation.

Travel May Be Arranged If the G. I. want to travel, that too will be arranged. Tours already mapped are intended to show the soldier a deal more of the Europe he has been fighting in than what he saw from a foxhole.

Does he want recreation? (In the Army they don't always ask you—they usually tell you.) Tons of sports equipment—football, baseball, basketball—are stocked for shipment to Europe. Nor have checkers, chess and table tennis equipment and material for amateur craftsmen been forgotten.

The Navy's situation is different and better. It set up its principal place of business in the Pacific at the start. Generally, it has no worry about its men losing their fighting edge. The naval war in the Pacific moves on in rising tempo, nor is this pitch expected to diminish while the land army is being re-deployed.

The soldiers and marines as well as the Navy's sailors in the Pacific no longer will mutter about being the orphan of the war effort, getting help on a shoestring. They can feel their war is big-time and their day of triumph and peace much closer.

Problem at Home, Too The psychology of the fighting man is only half the picture. The other half, here on the home front, may very well pose the more difficult problem.

War leaders see home-front morale as composed of two elements, the attitude of parents, wives and sweethearts, and the attitude of war-plant workers.

With the approach of victory in Europe, the Army began hearing things like this: "My boy has been overseas two years. Let someone else carry on in that way out there in the Pacific. I need him to help out down here on the farm."

The Army thinks those are good sound arguments. It has announced it intends to do what it can about them. Soldiers will be discharged, but not now, nor all at once, nor until after most of them have seen service in the Pacific.

War Workers' Aid Needed Of equal concern to the High Command is the psychology of the war-plant worker and his boss. Military leaders say that if the management-worker team should decide the war effort no longer needs its full service, there would be no use in the Army's re-deploying its fighting men in the Pacific. The war would indeed be over before victory—a Japanese victory.

These leaders want the home front to feel what President Roosevelt has said: "America must be prepared for a long and costly struggle in the Pacific."

(Tomorrow: History's biggest moving job.)

MINISTERS HIT ANTI-NEISEI GROUP

Condemnation of the anti-Japanese meeting held in Bellevue Monday night has been expressed in a resolution signed by eight members of the East Side Ministerial Association, the Rev. Robert B. Shaw of Bothell announced today.

"The association has gone on record unanimously as opposing the un-American and un-Christian attitude of the self-appointed leaders of that meeting, who proposed the ejection of all American citizens of Japanese descent from this country," the resolution stated.

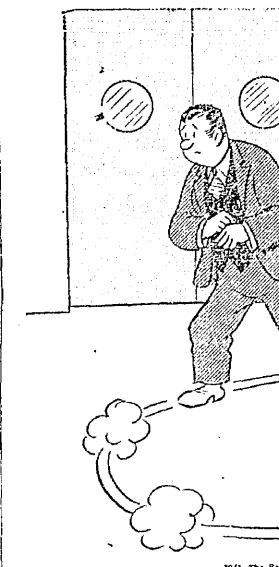
"The proposed action is so obviously contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitution that all good citizens of our nation should join in opposing this Fascist-Nazi philosophy and action.

"It is an expression of racial discrimination which we have strongly condemned in other countries and which must be eliminated speedily if a world organization for peace is to have a chance.

"We believe that our sons have fought and died for justice, equality and peace throughout the world, and it is unthinkable that we at home should be false to these ideals for which they have been asked to pay so high a price."

Those who joined Mr. Shaw in signing the resolution were the Revs. Frank W. Blish, Kirkland; W. J. McGettigan, Carnation; Ernest Barber, Snoqualmie; Clarence Amuller, Redmond; Vincent C. Widney, Bellevue; Revell Roach, Redmond, and N. H. Carman, North Bend.

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Canada Will Send Fleet Into Pacific

OTTAWA, April 4.—(AP)—Canada plans to send two cruisers, two aircraft carriers and a number of destroyers and frigates into action in the Pacific War as "a good deal more than a token force."

Navy Minister Angus MacDonal told the House of Commons last night. Providing the most definite information to date on Canada's naval role in the war against Japan, MacDonal disclosed that the Canadian navy's only cruiser, the Uganda,

By Reed



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Eagles to Hear Campbell

Seattle Aerie No. 1, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will observe Army Day, with Col. Arthur Campbell as guest speaker, at a meeting Friday night at 9:15 o'clock. Colonel Campbell will be introduced by James C. McKnight, chairman of the Army Day committee.

WOMAN, 100, IS INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Margaret Ecker, 100 years old, was reported in unsatisfactory condition in Harborview County Hospital today with a hip fracture suffered in a fall last night at her home, 5251 Brooklyn Ave. Hospital attendants said Mrs. Ecker will be 101 June 14.

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