

CANDIDATES BID TO CLUB RALLY

The Meridian District Improvement Club will hold a political rally and mass meeting at 8 o'clock tonight for all residents of the district in its clubhouse, 2216 N. 56th St.

A. T. G. Novak, club president, said all candidates for mayor and the City Council have been invited to attend. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to speak.

Before the close of the meeting, an open discussion will be held on needed district improvements.

South Beacon Hill Club To See Motion Pictures

The South Beacon Hill Community Club will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Van Asselt School cafeteria, Beacon Avenue and Orchard Street. Motion pictures on "How to Fight a Fire Bomb" and "Scenes in Alaska" will be shown.

Uptown Queen to Be Chosen by Trustees

Trustees of the Uptown Community Club will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at 600 First Ave. N., to select a queen to represent the club at the annual banquet of the Central Federated Clubs.

N. Broadway-Eastlake Club Meets Tomorrow

The North Broadway-Eastlake Commercial Club will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Seward School, 2500 Boylston Ave. N. Orrin Vining, secretary of the Central Federated Clubs, will speak.

Planes, Tanks, Navy Ships Get Same Priority

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson, war production director, announced today that, from now on, military planes, tanks and naval ships would rank on the same level in the scramble for construction materials.

Nelson told a press conference he had decided last night at a conference with Air Corps and Army-Navy Munitions Board representatives to give materials for heavy bombers and pursuit ships a top defense preference rating—although previously they have been ranked second in priorities ratings to tanks and ships.

The director added that it was probable that the War Production Board would begin allocating all materials within this top defense rating to keep war production "fluid" and subject to change depending on strategic developments.

The Army-Navy Munitions Board last summer made military-plane material secondary to ship and tank requirements.

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War Miracle, Rescue of 700 On Liner, Told by 2 Survivors



CAPTAIN J. P. WEBSTER (left) and CONSUL HAROLD SWAN. On torpedoed ship together; met here for the first time.

Details of one of the war's miracles—the rescue of 700 passengers from the torpedoed Holland-American liner Volendam, one August night in 1940, were made public for the first time in Seattle today.

The story was told after Harold Swan, British consul in Seattle, who was in charge of 340 evacuee children on the vessel, and the ship's Dutch master, Capt. J. P. Webster, met here for the first time.

Between them, the two men told how Captain Webster and the masters of two nearby vessels in an Atlantic convoy turned on their ship's lights, chancing more torpedoes, in order to effect the rescue; how women and children were pulled aboard a fruit ship in banana baskets.

The Dutch captain told also how he steamed his sinking ship backward through mine fields off the Irish coast and beached her, saving her, too, from the sea.

When the Volendam left Liverpool for Halifax in a British convoy, Swan, according to official custom, sent his regards to the bridge. According to custom the captain would then have invited him to his cabin.

At 11 o'clock of the fourth night, as the convoy steamed slowly in pitch blackness, a German submarine sent two torpedoes into the Volendam's side. Swan left the ship in a lifeboat. Captain Webster stayed aboard. A Vanderspek, Dutch consul in Seattle, introduced them today for the first time.

The explosion of the torpedo began a chain of miraculous events. Although it blew a hole 60 feet long and 30 feet high into the ship's side, and 200 pieces of its frag-

ments were found all over the ship, not one passenger was scratched. A second torpedo following immediately after the first, went into the hole but did not explode.

The convoy continued steam on through the dark night after the Volendam was crippled. But two ships near her, the British tanker Valdemora and the Norwegian fruit ship Olaf Postenes, steamed near, stopped and turned on their lights.

Another British ship, the Bassethound, lay near.

Women, Children Leave. "I did not like to send all those women and children out in the boats," Captain Webster said today. "But in an hour our bows had 57 feet of water, two holds were flooded. The wind was rising and the barometer was going down. I thought she might break in two. So I sent them away."

Swan told how the ship's radioman walked among passengers waiting to take to the boats and unconcernedly distributed copies of the ship's newspaper. Women and children went in the first boats. As he said good-bye to his wife and two daughters, one daughter, Victoria, calmly asked him if he would bring her diary when he left the ship.

"I was worried about my family, but I went back to our cabin and got the diary," Swan said. "I slipped it under my coat, but it dropped out as I climbed a Jacob's ladder later, in boarding the Olaf Postenes. It was difficult climbing that swaying rope ladder, and the women and children couldn't get up that way. It looked for a while as though some might be lost. Then the ship's crew hurriedly lowered banana baskets on ropes and got them all aboard."

Mrs. Swan and her two daughters were returned to England on the tanker and the family, together again, finally reached the United States on a second ship.

JAP UNIFORMS SEIZED IN RAID

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Japanese uniforms and secret documents, seized in new Federal Bureau of Investigation raids upon Japanese alien areas in Northern California, were studied by federal officers today while demands increased for more stringent restrictions upon alien populations within strategic Pacific Coast zones.

At Sacramento, California's capital, which is near important air fields, the federal agents confiscated truckloads of contraband, and arrested 14 aliens.

Nat Pieper, chief of the F. B. I. at San Francisco, said the contraband included four Japanese army and navy uniforms, two United States Army uniforms, and three secret documents and three empty aerial bomb casings.

House Investigating. A special House of Representatives committee was en route to San Francisco from the nation's capital, to open hearings on problems involved in the evacuation of alien populations from the Coast. Later hearings were scheduled for Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles.

The second greatest alien population in the Union, California and its 205,000 Axis aliens grew increasingly concerned about what should be done to protect vital defense centers.

The four Japanese arrested in three cities on the southern shore of Monterey Bay included two officials of a Japanese military organization, a Buddhist priest described as a "dangerous Japanese alien," and an expert photographer.

Tokio Nakawatase of Monterey, who collected funds for Heimuska Kai, an organization committed to military service in Japan, had ten automobile headlights in his possession.

Code Book Found

H. C. Van Pelt, assistant agent in charge of the San Francisco F. B. I. office, said Fumio Goto of Monterey, was president of the Monterey chapter of Heimuska Kai and an officer of the Japanese Association in Monterey. He had a Japanese code book.

Tajuro Watanabe of Monterey, an abalone diver and expert photographer, had extensive photographic equipment, including complete darkroom paraphernalia.

Ryuzo Hayashi of Del Monte, was described as a Buddhist priest who toured the Pacific Coast fostering interest in Japan and within recent years made trips to Japan and Honolulu.

Group Plans Traffic Aids to Boeing Plants. A committee meeting with Mayor Earl Millikin yesterday afternoon made plans to help the traffic situation in the vicinity of the Boeing Aircraft plants.

It was business representative Police Capt. Joseph E. Prince of Georgetown Precinct; J. W. A. Bollong, city traffic engineer; William P. McNamara, City Engineering Department; and Glenn V. Dierst, Boeing Aircraft Company plant protection manager.

SCHOOLS TO OMIT MONDAY HOLIDAY

Seattle will join with the rest of the nation this week-end in observing Washington's Birthday as a two-day holiday.

C. F. Klopffenstein, chairman of the retail trade bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, announced that all retail stores in the city will be closed.

School 'As Usual'. Seattle public schools, however, will hold regular sessions that day, it was announced by W. W. Healy, superintendent of schools. Parochial schools also will remain open.

Public offices, including all those in the City Hall and the King County Courthouse, will be closed for the day. Employees of the federal government also are planning a day off, but are prepared to cancel arrangements in event a last-minute order from Washington, D. C., should require them to open for business that day in view of the national emergency.

Banks Also to Close. Seattle banks will observe the holiday Monday, officials said, and remain closed from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

Monday will be "just another day off" for defense workers in Seattle, however, as airplane and ship production pushes forward in the great national effort to win the war.

Major shipyards in Seattle reported today that all shipyard workers will report Monday as usual.

Although no official statement was made by the Boeing Aircraft Company, there was little likelihood that the plant would close down, and crews are expected to work their usual Monday shifts.

Since the holiday will be observed Monday, many workers of the city will take full advantage of the two-day holiday week-end. In view of the shortage of rubber, however, there will not be as much out-to-the-country motoring as in peace years.

D. A. R. Ceremony Sunday

Members of six Seattle chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution will attend their traditional ceremony at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the foot of the Lorado Taft statue of George Washington on the University of Washington campus.

The ceremony will be held at 15th Avenue Northeast and East 42nd Street. Mrs. John F. Marsh, regent of University Chapter of the D. A. R., will be chairman of a program including military music and a drill, and a talk on "Washington, the Patriot," by Mrs. Starr Sherman, state regent of the D. A. R.

Rotary to Hear of Symphony

The Rotary Club of Seattle, meeting at noon tomorrow in the Spanish ballroom at the Hotel, will hear four speakers from the Seattle Symphony Orchestra present a program, "In Symphony with Symphony." They are Douglas Beattie, Peggy Turnley, Audrey Mildmay and Francis Aranyi.

Women Invite Candidates

Candidates for mayor have been invited to speak at the meeting of the League of Democratic Women at 2 o'clock Thursday at the Mayflower Hotel. The club also will hold its annual election.

Ouster of Aliens to Cause Heart-Breaking Problems

Federal officials in Seattle today began hearing of problems that would arise from the removal of all enemy aliens from the Puget Sound region.

Although it has been announced that all alien Japanese, Germans and Italians will be ordered to leave "a large area in Western Washington," no official announcement has been made of the boundaries of the area, or when the removal will start.

There have been indications, however, that Seattle and the entire Puget Sound region will be affected and that the prohibited area will include all Western Washington from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascades.

Refugees Are Problem

One of the most acute problems to arise will be that of German refugees, who, technically, are "enemy aliens." If the Puget Sound area is made a Class A prohibited area, all enemy aliens, including refugees, as well as older Italians and Germans, who never have taken out citizenship papers, will have to move out.

Enemy aliens were thrown into near panic yesterday when first reports of the removal order were announced. Throughout the day, enemy aliens and their friends telephoned and visited federal officials, asking that exceptions be made in their cases. After the federal offices had closed, officials received telephone calls at their homes.

Many Heart-Sick

"Some of them are very heart-sick, and it's easy to understand," said R. P. Bonham, district director of immigration and naturalization. "Last night a woman called me at my home and asked if a Jewish refugee friend of hers would have to leave. I informed her that under existing statutes, refugees of Germany still are nationals, and consequently, enemy aliens. She wanted to argue about it, but there is nothing I can do."

"I suggest that all enemy aliens have faith that our government will be as humane in the administration of the order as is consistent with the protection of the United States. Getting panicky doesn't help matters at all."

Some German refugees, who had looked upon the United States as the land of justice, are inclined to be bitter.

Aliens 'Vital' in Defense. One of them, a man who is married to an American-born woman and has two children born in this country, remarked that his admission of America "is being thrown in my face."

Business firms which employ Japanese nationals also were concerned. Ironically, some firms engaged in national-defense work said they employ enemy aliens who are "vital" to their continued operation. Most of the large defense plants, such as Boeing's, will not be affected, getting panicky, as only citizens are employed there.

Victim



Because Marlyn Wayne Nelson (above) died at Pearl Harbor, his older brother, Norman Nelson, has joined the United States Navy at Seattle "to get even with the Japs." Marlyn Nelson, 19-year-old second-class seaman, died of wounds received in action December 7 at Pearl Harbor. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson of Sequim, Clallam County, former residents of Seattle.

U. S. Aware Of Preparation For Gas Warfare

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. William M. Potter, chief of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service, informed Congress today that there was "direct evidence that ample preparation" has been made for the use of gas on the European front.

General Potter's statement was made before the House appropriations committee in seeking \$288,336,000 for his division.

"Is there evidence of gas being used on the European front?" asked Chairman Cannon, Democrat, Missouri.

"No, sir," General Potter said, "although there is direct evidence that ample preparations for its use have been made."

Cornish Social Saturday

The Washington Cornish Association will hold its annual pastry and saffron cake social at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in the Maccabee Hall, Marion Street and Third Avenue.

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COUNTY LEASES CENTRAL GARAGE

The Grand Central Garage, Fourth Avenue and Columbia Street, has been leased by King County for \$900 a month for storage of county cars. County Commissioner Russell H. Fluent announced yesterday.

Fluent said garage space was required because approximately 100 county vehicles were foreseen out of the County-City Building garage after American-Japanese hostilities opened.

The lease with the Grand Central Garage from the Inner Circle Property Company is for three years, with an option for a two-year extension, Fluent said. The county will rent some of the space for storage of city, State Liquor Control Board and Federal Bureau of Investigation cars.

Legion Asks Jap Ouster

A resolution calling for the removal of all Japanese—both aliens and native-born—from the Pacific Coast area has been adopted by Fred E. Hayes Post No. 57 of the American Legion, Grandview, Yakima County. Post Commander H. Stiiwell said today.

The resolution said the presence of Japanese "constitutes a grave menace to our welfare," and suggested that they be removed to inland points and placed in concentration camps or otherwise put under effective supervision.

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