

AIRPORT - COST DETAILS SOUGHT

Further study of possible sites for Seattle's new airport will be made by a committee chosen yesterday at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. On the committee are representatives of United Air Lines, Northwest Airlines, the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the aviation committee of the Chamber.

The committee will prepare detailed cost estimates for the two sites. One is near Bow Lake, just west of the Seattle-Tacoma Highway. The other is near Lake Sammamish, along the Seattle-Snoqualmie Pass Highway.

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Musician



Miss Martha Lundquist, Roosevelt High School senior, whose accompaniment will accompany the Swedish National Dancers at the fourteenth annual Swedish midwinter festival at 8 o'clock Friday evening in Harmony Hall. Vasa Lodge Klippan, Frihet and Vasa Hope are staging the event, with proceeds to go to the Seattle-King County Chapter, American Red Cross. Mrs. Emmy Berg is director.

Owner of Stray Peacock Sought

Thomas G. Fox, 1878 E. 59th St., today was wondering what to do with a peacock which strayed on his property.

Fox reported to the sheriff's office yesterday that he captured the exotic fowl and placed it in his garage for safekeeping. If the owner does not appear to call for the peacock, Fox said, he may turn it over to the Woodland Park Zoo.

BANKS O. K. CITY DEFENSE CHECKS

Member banks of the Seattle Clearing House Association today agreed, subject to final approval of their attorneys, to cash city general fund warrants drawn for the purpose of paying for civilian-defense activities. Caspar W. Clarke, vice president of the Clearing House Association and executive vice president of the Pacific National Bank, announced this afternoon.

This action apparently cleared away the last obstacle to plans for a \$500,000 war chest for the Municipal Defense Commission. Council members had said the Council favors providing this amount for local defense provided the bankers will cash the city's emergency warrants.

Legal Approval Expected
Clarke expected the legal approval to be forthcoming in a day or two, and the City Council then will hold a meeting to prepare the ordinance setting up the plan. Council President David Levine indicated.

At today's meeting of the Clearing House group, a report submitted by the Association's warrant committee, which favored sanction of the city plan, was approved.

Clarke said details of procedure for issuing and cashing of the emergency warrants drawn on the general fund have not yet been worked out, but that conferences of the banks with City Comptroller W. C. Thomas, the Defense Commission, and the City Council will be undertaken soon to accomplish this.

Bond Issue May Be Necessary
Councilman James Scavotto, a member of the Defense Commission finance committee, which prepared the \$500,000 budget request, said the Council will not turn a lump sum over to the Defense Commission, but that the emergency warrants will be drawn as the defense program requires money for operation. They will be drawn against general fund money expected to be received through either a bond issue to be voted by the post next November or through state or federal funds which might be obtained.

"If the people should fail to approve a bond issue proposal, and other help is not forthcoming, the city's general fund deficit accumulated over the years will be made \$500,000 greater," Scavotto said.

The councilman added that the war threat to Seattle justifies going in debt for defense measures.

Most Valuable N. Y. A. Worker Here Selected

Joseph Tomich, 19 years old, who didn't know the difference six months ago between a piston and a drill press, today was awarded the title of the "N. Y. A. Youth in Seattle Most Valuable to National Defense."

Tomich, who lives at 6647 Corson Ave., now enters the competition for state and national titles. His Seattle award was the result of a survey by N. Y. A. officials.

"The winner of this contest is only one of 900 youths gaining war-production experience in the Seattle shops of the N. Y. A.," said E. W. McFarland, area director.

British Town Bombed; 7 Die
LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Bombs from a daylight raider killed seven persons and injured four in an East Anglian town today and shattered a number of stores and homes.

ALASKA ATTACK POSSIBLE—F. R.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 18.—President Roosevelt grimly told a press conference yesterday that—under certain conditions—the enemy could shell New York tomorrow or drop bombs on Detroit tonight.

The President made that declaration in response to questions. Reporters informed him there was some concern over the possibility of an attack on Alaska this year and asked whether he thought this was possible.

A thing like that is perfectly possible, Mr. Roosevelt replied.

Are our Air Force and Navy sufficient to deal with the problem? he was asked.

Certainly not, he responded. They, the enemy, could come in and shell New York tomorrow, under certain conditions, or bomb Detroit, also under certain conditions, he asserted.

Russ Loan Discussed
The press-conference discussions took one of the gloomiest turns of any since the war began, but in one factor the President found favorable circumstances.

Commenting on a projected new loan to Russia and its strategic value to us, he suggested that it be put in terms of dead Germans and smashed tanks.

The President was asked whether Germany launched a spring offensive, Russia would have in time all the aid we promised. The President replied that we would be up to date on these promises in two weeks. And from then on, he added, a lot of things will be going to Russia under lend-lease arrangements.

The Chief Executive hit sharply at what a reporter said was criticism of another loan to Russia, criticism based on the theory that Russia should not be made too powerful for the postwar period.

Cliveden Set Rapped
That argument is about on a par with others offered by the Cliveden set in Washington, Mr. Roosevelt remarked. He said he would not make a better identification because he was being awfully polite.

He said there had been numerous suggestions for meeting immediate needs of the war.

To a request for comment on suggestions that Gen. Douglas MacArthur be brought home from the Philippines and placed in command of the country's armed forces, Mr. Roosevelt replied that that was just one of the things people talk about without a knowledge of the situation.

Jap Snipers---Hands, Faces Green---Shoot From Trees

(The first eye-witness account of Japanese snipers—their hands and faces painted green—in action in the Philippines is related in this dispatch by a United Press correspondent, who narrowly escaped death in the Bataan Peninsula jungles.)

By FRANK HEWLETT
United Press Foreign Staff
WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, Monday, Feb. 16.—(Delayed)—Death, in the form of bullets from the rifle of a green-painted Japanese sniper, whizzed past my head today, and I'm shaking yet.

Walking down these Bataan Peninsula paths, where enemy snipers are lurking like a jack rabbit past a graveyard on a dark night. Only you don't dare whistle. You don't dare run, either. Better crawl and jump from tree to tree. You'll live longer, as three American Army officers and I discovered.

These Japanese—nicknamed "the rattlesnakes of Bataan"—take delight in painting their hands and faces, but under orders of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, counter-measures have been taken and the menace is being reduced.

The snipers are still around, but they're hard to find. The one who shot at me and the officers was killed later. When we saw him we understood why we hadn't even been able to determine where he was firing from. He wore a green uniform that blended perfectly with the foliage of the high tree he had climbed. His face was painted green, his hands were green, and he wore green shoes. He wore linesman's climbers to aid in scaling the trees and his ammunition was smokeless.

Our sniper is still up that tree. He had tied himself to a limb, and

NEW COAST SPY CLUES REPORTED

PORTLAND, Or., Wednesday, Feb. 18.—(UP)—Federal Bureau of Investigation agents launched a series of quick raids on the homes of members of a "secret Japanese organization" here today, and well-informed sources hinted the action was the result of espionage activities in the vicinity of local shipyards, the Portland air base and Bonneville Dam.

J. D. Swenson, special agent in charge of the Portland F. B. I. office, confirmed the raids.

"We are picking up the members of a secret Japanese organization in Portland and searching their homes," Swenson said.

Swenson also declined comment on possibilities that the organization might have chapters elsewhere in Oregon or on the coast.

Plot Reported at Sacramento
In San Francisco, the F. B. I. announced today that it had uncovered evidence "of the greatest importance," indicating Japanese had been engaged in espionage around three vital airports of Sacramento.

The evidence was collected by F. B. I. agents during a two-day round-up of 23 "potentially dangerous" Japanese aliens in the Sacramento and Monterey areas.

One of the Japanese arrested yesterday was Isaburo Saito, who lived near Mather Field, Sacramento. Agents said they found two sets of binoculars, wrapped in a burlap bag, hidden in a haystack by Saito's home.

The F. B. I. released a report telling of an unidentified Japanese who had lived at Watsonville for 42 years. The report said he carried a skillfully made .22-caliber pistol in what appeared to be a pocket knife.

Service Station Robbed
Norman Neal, operator of a service station at 1223 Fourth Ave. S., reported to police that \$51 was taken from the till of his service station while he was waiting on a customer outside about 9:45 o'clock last night.

MRS. CARMACK'S ESTATE \$50,000

The will of Mrs. Marguerite Carmack, 66 years old, widow of George W. Carmack, discoverer of the famous Klondike gold field, was filed for probate today.

Mrs. Carmack, who died here January 27, left an estate estimated by George Olson, attorney, at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Bulk of the estate was left to a niece, Mrs. A. E. Lee of Seattle.

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Chinese Reported Invading Thailand

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north of Bangkok, the Thai capital. "We'll fight in the Indies as long as humanly possible," Van Mook said, but warned that a policy of "constantly retreating to prepared positions could lead to a position in which the Allies might lose the war."

United Nations Headquarters said American pilots aiding in the defense of Java attacked a Japanese-held airfield in Lombok, Sumatra, and shot down four enemy planes without loss to themselves. Dutch bombers shot down two more.

Transport Sunk
Five of a force of 21 Japanese bombers were shot down in an attack on the big Allied naval base at Soerabaya, Java, this morning, it was announced.

The news agency Aneta said the raid on Soerabaya resulted in little damage to the base and caused only a few casualties.

A Japanese bombing plane struck far to the east of Java in a raid on Koepang, chief city of the Dutch portion of the island of Timor.

Some inhabitants were killed and wounded in the first air assault on the Dutch island, which includes Bali, Lombok and Sumbawa, but a communique yesterday said material damage was slight.

Refugees arriving from Palembang brought the first graphic details of Dutch heroism and unhesitating sacrifice in putting off far to the east of Java in a raid on Koepang, chief city of the Dutch portion of the island of Timor.

Among the individual exploits were those of a merchant captain, who scuttled his ship in the Musi to try to stop the Japanese transport and a civilian pilot, R. P. A. S. R. Rees, who was awarded the Flying Cross for skillfully setting his flaming transport plane down in the jungle after an enemy attack and saving its occupants.

A combined American-Dutch bomber force sank a large Japanese transport, scored hits on two others and rained havoc on a fleet of troop-landed barges.

Evening accounts of fighting in Lower Sumatra reported that fierce native soldiers of the Indies, armed only with pistols and swords, were inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese and proving more than a match for the invaders armed with submachine guns in hand-to-hand fighting.

N. E. I. Headquarters said Dutch troops still were fighting grimly against Japanese forces in Borneo just above Java, but acknowledged that "fight has almost come to an end" on the Japanese-occupied Minalassa Peninsula in Northeast Celebes Island.

Larry Allen, Ducked by Sub, Learns to Swim

MIAMI, Fla., Wednesday, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Larry Allen, a star war correspondent of the Associated Press, has taken his first swimming lesson as he vowed to do while fighting death in the night-blackened waters of the Mediterranean.

Pretty Peggy Diehl, professional swimmer from Minneapolis, is his instructor. His first awkward splashes in a swimming pool at the Miami Biltmore Hotel were in sharp contrast to last December's struggle when 469 of his shipmates drowned.

Here spread the brilliant Florida sunshine and a blond expert supported and coached him in four feet of water. On that fateful night in the Mediterranean, he slid feet first down the side of the torpedoed British cruiser Galatea into the deep sea, fervently wishing he could swim. An under-inflated lifebelt and a piece of wreckage supported him.

Allen didn't strike out alone during this first swimming lesson, explaining: "I haven't relaxed yet. I'm still suspicious of water."

"Put your arms out—no, not around my waist, in front of you. Now, kick and make the arm strokes I showed you. Kick! I won't let you sink."

Miss Diehl's arms supported him, and Allen, only American war correspondent allowed with the British fleet, shouted delightedly to friends on the tiled pool deck: "Say, tell Kent Cooper this idea is lovely!"

Cooper, Associated Press general manager, had insisted that Allen take the Florida vacation before returning to the Mediterranean war zone.

Engineers Delay Meeting
The February meeting of the Seattle Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers has been postponed until March. Fred H. Rhodes, Jr., who recently completed a course in New York in civilian protection in wartime, will speak.

Hot Pursuit Reported
Domei asserted that Japanese troops who crossed the Bilin River in Burma "now are hotly pursuing the enemy toward Rangoon," the Burmese capital.

The zone of the river action was some 60 miles north of Moulmein, recently captured port on the Gulf of Martaban, the Japanese news agency said.

The invaders thus may be seeking contact with the Chinese divisions assigned by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to bolster Burma's defenses. Most of them are manning mountainous positions well above the position of the initial Japanese entry.

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