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"The Harder the Sacrifice, the More Glorious the Triumph."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, in address to nation February 23, 1942.

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PRESIDENT HITS RIDERS ATTACHED TO MAJOR BILLS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House today rejected an amendment to the second war-powers bill to suspend operation of the 40-hour and extra pay for overtime during the emergency.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Advocates of a wartime suspension of the 40-hour week and overtime bonuses ran into the opposition of the Roosevelt administration leadership today, but clung to their prediction that a majority of the House would vote prompt support of suspension.

Administration leaders on Capitol Hill said the outcome depended on how the Republicans lined up on the proposal to make the suspension a part of a pending war-powers bill.

Downtown, President Roosevelt spoke disapprovingly of the idea of attaching what he called riders that ought to be vetoed to measures which can not be vetoed.

The administration and leaders of organized labor worked to head off a proposed wartime suspension of the 40-hour week and overtime bonuses, while a wrangling House sparred back and forth in debate.

"MacArthur's men are calling for tools and it is high time for America to answer that call," declared

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Planes Blast Japanese Ships; Nippon Attacks Island in Indian Ocean

Enemy Extends Activities Westward With Raid on Andamans' Principal City; Java Still Waits

By Associated Press.
Allied planes rained new blows upon a Japanese invasion armada off Bangka Island today amid indications that the badly mauled enemy was awaiting reinforcements before risking a climactic assault against the United Nations' stronghold at Java.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Vichy government, in response to representations by President Roosevelt, has assured the United States that it will not lend military aid to any belligerent, particularly any aid involving French warships.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The French fleet, still a powerful element, was headed for German control.

Wellington, N. Z., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Far Eastern commander, who was dismissed from his Singapore post before the base fell to the Japanese, called at the Air Ministry today, but refused to discuss public and parliamentary criticism of his command in Malaya.

Sir Robert has just returned from Singapore. His wife, interviewed today by The Daily Mail, said her husband's task of preparing Malaya's defenses "was hopeless in view of the deadly inertia of the white population there."

"These people continued with their parties and dancing to the very last," Mrs. Brooke-Popham declared. "Any preparations at all made in Singapore were due entirely to my husband."

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OIL TANKER DOCK BURN NEAR S. F.; 2 MEN LOST

Flames Sweep Associated Co. Plant at Avon; Blaze Brought Under Control After 2 1/2-Hour Struggle

By Associated Press.
MARTINEZ, Calif., Feb. 27.—Two men were reported missing and presumed lost and two others injured in a fire which swept an Associated Oil tanker and a dock at the company's plant near Avon on Suisun Bay.

The fire was brought under control after a two-and-a-half-hour fight by fireboats and land equipment. Fire Chief William Klaus of Avon said damage to the tanker was confined to the decks and superstructure. The bridge collapsed before flames on the boat were extinguished.

Klaus said the blaze apparently started at 7:15 a. m. on small craft alongside the wharf and spread to the dock and tanker.

Conflicting reports were circulated as to whether the fire started on the 7,000-ton tanker or on the wharf itself. Persons on shore reported hearing an explosion about 8 o'clock.

The entire end of the wharf, built for a half mile over marshlands, was enveloped in clouds of smoke.

By Associated Press.
BELMAR, N. J., Feb. 27.—The Belmar police reported sighting a ship afire about five miles offshore early today, and Coast Guard vessels from both New York and New Jersey stations put out to the rescue.

Police Sgt. William Briden said he was on oceanfront patrol at 12:40 a. m. when he saw "a wall of fire that shot about 200 feet into the air" arise from the vessel.

Thousands of coast residents saw the blazing ship, silhouetted in its own flames, appeared to be a tanker, drift slowly northward to a point about halfway between here and Ashbury Park, six miles away.

By the time the blazing ship had reached that point, about 3 a. m., the fire was no longer visible from shore.

Although some ten Coast Guard vessels were dispatched to the scene, the 3rd Naval District in New York said at 4:15 a. m., that it had received no information on the name or type of the craft, or the extent of the damage.

Police rescue squads and Red Cross first-aid units set up emergency stations at various points along the shore in case survivors were brought ashore, but none of the rescue craft had returned until 4:30 o'clock.

KITCHEN MACHINE SHOP



IN COLUMBUS, OHIO Homer C. Price has been forced to work at a precision machine in his kitchen while Mrs. Price cooks meals on a nearby stove—and all because of the war. Government orders for products of his small machine shop forced expansion to every room in the house, until the Prices hardly could find a place to sleep. Now a factory is being built to house the machinery so the Prices can live comfortably again.—A. F. wirephoto.

SHUN STRIKE, AID U. S., SAYS UNION CHIEF

By Associated Press.
DETROIT, Feb. 27.—A Congress of Industrial Organizations local union president appealed today in a dramatic message to members to settle grievances peacefully with the Great Lakes Steel Corporation plant in Ecorse in place of striking.

Declaring: "Let's do our part in every way to save our country and the lives of our buddies in the front lines," Stanley Cook, president of Local 1299, Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, asked fellow unionists to continue with mediation.

A special mediation commission appointed by Governor Van Wagener meanwhile convened for preliminary discussions on what was reported to be accumulated grievances, including discharge cases. The S. W. O. C. and the corporation have a contract. The union filed a strike notice February 3.

Cook, in a letter to members of Local 1299, said, "there always will be grievances where many men are at work."

Every Hour Counts
"I don't think," the union president said, "you can settle grievances by giving the Army and Navy and our country and our President and other unions and their leaders grievances against us—especially when men are dying for lack of equipment."

"Men, may it never be said that we failed to get together. . . . An hour, a day or a week lost now at this most vital time will delay ultimate victory by weeks, months or even years. Let us not be guilty, as an individual or group, of a single delay. We must join with other unions and pledge uninterrupted production."

Seattle Japs Charged With State Lobbying, 'Spying' on Yarnell

Thomas S. Masuda, Seattle-born Japanese attorney, today faced federal charges of taking motion pictures of the Armistice Day military parade here last fall, and of lobbying for the Japanese government at the 1939 and 1941 sessions of the State Legislature.

Kenji Ito, also a Seattle-born Japanese attorney, was charged with having obtained for the Japanese government information regarding a Bremerton meeting addressed by Rear Adm. Harry E. Yarnell of the United States Asiatic Fleet in November, 1940.

Held Under \$25,000 Each
The new details were included in indictments returned by the federal grand jury here yesterday, and made public today. The indictments, charging both men with acting as agents for Japan without having registered with the State Department, replace less-detailed indictments returned January 28.

Masuda and Ito, arrested soon after the Pearl Harbor attack, are held in the county jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond each.

It also is charged with having obtained information for the Japanese government at numerous civic club meetings and political affairs here.

Yarnell Is Quoted
Press dispatches following Admiral Yarnell's speech quoted him as telling an audience of civilians and high-ranking Navy officers: "The indictment against Ito contains three counts. The first count charges he illegally acted as a Japanese agent and the two others charge he illegally possessed certain documents which are pro-Japanese speeches."

In support of the first count, the indictment charges that Ito acted "for and on behalf of and for the

'NOTORIOUS' UNION MUST BE CLEANSED, A. F. L. TOLD

One-Sixth of Members As-Sert Organization Is Run for Graft of Officers and Workers Are Defrauded

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Approximately one-sixth of the membership of Local 147 of the International Hod Carriers, Building & Common Laborers Union today called on William Green, American Federation of Labor president, to "cleanse our international union."

A letter to Green signed by 254 of the 1,500 members—"sandhogs" who work at underground excavating—charged that industrial racketeers were running local unions as dues-collecting rackets, accepting "kickbacks," and taking bribes from contractors which led to union men working for wages lower than the prevailing scale.

"For many years our international union has been run as a dictatorship by these same racketeering elements," the letter said. "Ours is the most notorious organization in the American Federation of Labor. For 30 years, from 1911 to 1941, no convention or election of officers in this international union was held."

"Joseph V. Moreschi assumed the presidency in 1926. . . . He was never elected to office nor was his assumption of the presidency ever ratified until he was finally compelled, by public pressure . . . to call a convention of the international union last September."

The local's action followed the announcement yesterday of a victory for insurgents who won control of Local 17 at Newburgh, N. Y., after their complaints of racketeering precipitated an investigation by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman. The old administration, accused of misappropriating dues and initiation fees received from workers on the \$300,000,000 New York City water supply project, was defeated in every important contest.

Canadian Flyers Captured
ROME, Feb. 27.—(From Italian Broadcasts)—(AP)—Six Canadians were captured unhurt today when an Royal Air Force Wellington bomber was shot down into the sea by anti-aircraft fire in a dawn raid on the Sicilian port of Messina, the Italian High Command reported.

Landis seeks to keep frills, says solon. Page 3.

Parking Meter No. 3,316 Is Kidnap Victim

One of the city's 721 parking meters was missing today from its spot in Pike Street near Sixth Avenue.

Kidnapers of Meter No. 3,316 pulled the thing up by the roots as if it were a dandelion. There's nothing left at its station but a hole in the sidewalk.

"Probably someone got tired of having cars park in front of his house all day and decided to put in a meter to charge them for the privilege," City Treasurer Herbert L. Collier said.

He warned that if anyone has the meter in his trophy room between the moose head and the bearskin, he'd better not ask anyone from the treasurer's office to the next party.



How do I know it's Spring?
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The Seattle Times

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AUSTRALIA LAYS NEW STRATEGY

MELBOURNE, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The greatest war-planning conference ever held in Australia began today with the Commonwealth War Council meeting in secret session with high advisers from the Allied Nations to shape a new offensive strategy based on the possibility of imminent Japanese attack on this continent.

Laid before the meeting were the plans on which Australian and Allied strategists have been working for days—plans for ultimate heavy offensive strikes as well as the guarding of Australia's shores.

The Melbourne Herald said the war council's talks would continue over the week-end, but predicted a quick decision on defensive and offensive moves. It reported that the government declined to accept the view of some observers that the Japanese were more likely to concentrate on their thrust into Burma than to strike at Australia as soon as The Netherlands Indies could be subdued.

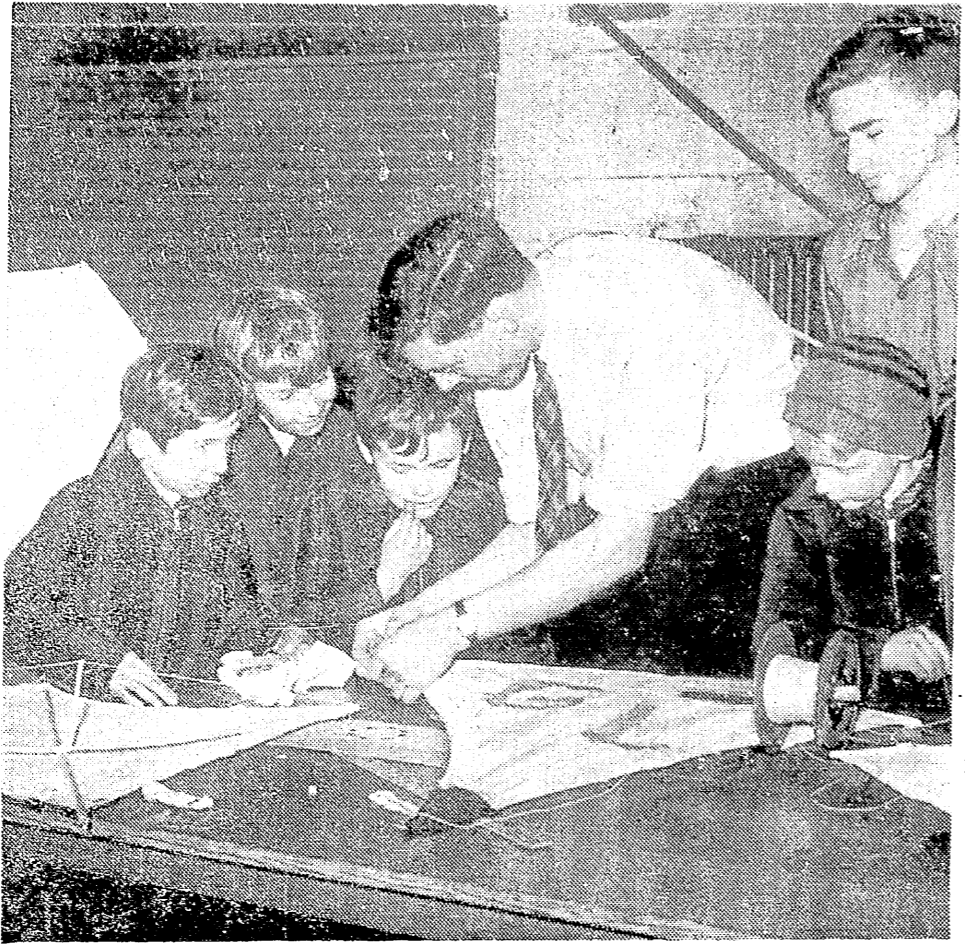
The Herald added that "unfortunately, information received here shows that continued resistance on Java cannot long be expected."

(There have been reports that one of the decisions before the war council is whether to send the major Australian forces to help hold Java or to hold all available troops for a fight on the home shores.)

"The fact is well known in Japan," The Herald said, "that Australia is destined to become a gigantic base for the Allied counter-offensive, unless Japan can forestall such action."

Many observers regard the next three months as Australia's hour of crisis, after which, The Herald said, "powerful help assembling for us should turn the scale."

WIND HAD BETTER BLOW TOMORROW!



In fieldhouses throughout the city, Seattle youngsters like these were putting the finishing touches on hundreds of kites, which will soar skyward tomorrow as preliminaries of the annual Times-Park Board kite contest open at 11 playfields. Seen here are (left to right) Dick Miller, 6568 Fourth Ave. N. E.; George Nelson, 7745 Bagley Ave.; Jack Miller, 6568 Fourth Ave. N. E.; Robert Madden, playfield instructor; Allen Stephenson, 6502 East Green Lake Way, and Donald Thompson, 715 E. 68th St. The youths are receiving instructions on kite-building from Madden.

Annual Times-Park Board Kite-Flying Test Tomorrow

A sandy-haired youngster, panting to the speedy cadence of about three breaths a second, raced wildly across Green Lake Playfield yesterday, dragging a huge kite behind him. It wouldn't go up.

The boy stopped, thrust his finger in his mouth and then jabbed it skyward. He turned about 70 degrees and raced off in that direction. The kite still wouldn't go up.

The youngster shook his head sadly and then looked in the direction of a playmate.

"No soap," he exclaimed, and added vehemently, "Nuts!"

Boys Get Kites Ready

Inside Green Lake Fieldhouse a dozen or more youngsters were busy putting the finishing touches to other kites. In other fieldhouses more youngsters and more kites—hundreds of them.

The reason was the annual Times-Park Board Kite Contest, which will be held tomorrow at 11 playfields throughout the city.

A lot of the youngsters wondered whether tomorrow would bring favorable kite weather. The sandy-haired lad was particularly insistent about finding out. But no one seemed to be quite sure, including the Weather Bureau.

Big Entry Indicated

But all the boys were sure about one thing. They weren't going to take any chances about amateur weather predictions and all were determined to be on hand at the appointed hours.

The kite preliminaries will be

MacArthur Holding 'Advance Positions'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Fighting between light forces on both sides is continuing on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines, the War Department reported today, with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops holding advance positions representing gains of one to eight kilometers along the entire front in the past 48 hours.

(See Page 8 for communique.)

Alaska Road Action Rests on Army—F. R.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt today said he was waiting for a positive recommendation from the War Department before taking any action on the proposed construction of a highway between this country and Alaska.

New Zealand recently ordered all retailers to sell gasoline only when it was placed in the tank of a car.

L. A. Times Is Critical Of Knox on 'False Alarm'

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—The following editorial appeared in The Times today:

INFORMATION, PLEASE

In view of the considerable public excitement and confusion caused by yesterday morning's supposed enemy air raid over this area and its spectacular official accompaniments, it seems to The Times that more specific public information should be forthcoming from government sources on the subject, if only to clarify their own so-far-conflicting statements about it.

The five-hour blackout was ordered by the Army's 4th Interceptor Command and the ensuing heavy and long-continued anti-aircraft firing was also on official Army orders. It seems clear, then, that the responsible Army officials in this area were convinced that enemy aircraft were overhead and that no effort should be spared to shoot them down before they could attack by bombs or otherwise. In its official statement, made public later yesterday from its San Francisco headquarters, the Western Defense Command said that "there was a considerable amount of anti-aircraft firing but that no bombs were dropped and no planes shot down" it adds that "reports are conflicting and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts."

But in Washington Secretary of the Navy Knox told his press conference that "it was just a false alarm. There were no planes over Los Angeles last night; at least that's our understanding. None has

been found and a very wide reconnaissance has been carried out."

According to the Associated Press, Secretary Knox intimated that reports of enemy air activity in the Pacific coastal region might be due largely to "jittery nerves."

Whose nerves, Mr. Knox? The public's or the Army's?

Further quoting verbatim the Associated Press report of the press conference: "In his discussion of various reports of enemy action along the West Coast Knox said he suspected that eventually vital industries in that area would have to be moved to safe inland regions" as he (Mr. Knox) said he had been informed by Lord Beaverbrook that England has done, "piece-meal" to avoid disrupting production."

Now in the name of that considerable part of the Southern California public which it is privileged to speak for and with all due regard to necessary restrictions on military information, The Times respectfully inquires what all this means. Apparently the Army's information was that enemy planes were here and preparing for an attack then or later. Accordingly it blacked out, started searchlights, opened fire and kept on firing for a long time. Secretary Knox's information he says is that there were no planes at all and that the whole thing was a false alarm and due largely to somebody's nerves. On this basis he apparently predicates expression of a belief that such things will make it necessary to remove Pacific Coast war industries inland.

The reasoning is at least extraordinary. If there were no planes and no danger, wherein does this particular incident in any way support the theory that our great aircraft industry should be moved inland? Is it supposed to be damaged by false alarms and jittery nerves on the part of others? And are false alarms confined to the Pacific Coast?

And just where, if the question is a fair one, did Secretary Knox get the information leading him to believe that the air raid was a phony? The official and only official source of such information in this case is the Army. What the Army's information was has been made very clear, both by its own statement and by its vigorous action.

It is not for a moment to be believed that the Army did not act in good faith in the matter. It is equally incredible that Secretary Knox would even remotely intimate anything of the sort. Least comprehensible of all is what the Navy head sees in the case to abet the desire of some government officials and some inland communities to transfer coastal industries to the latter.

These are matters on which, in the view of this newspaper, the public is entitled to enlightenment. It does not appear that such information could in any way or degree prejudice any military effort or aid the enemy.

DENTIST TALKS AT MURDER TRIAL

PORT ANGELES, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The state completed its testimony identifying the body in the Ilingworth murder trial today when Dr. Albert J. McDowell, a Pulpiton, N. D., dentist, under cross-examination, positively identified a dental plate as one he made 15 years ago for Mrs. Hallie Ilingworth, then Miss Hallie Straker, Monty J. Ilingworth, arrested in California and returned here, is charged with strangling his wife in December, 1937, and putting her body in Lake Crescent, where it was recovered July 6, 1940.

To account for the state of preservation noted when recovered, the state also called Dr. Donald Black, Port Angeles, who testified that the body had suffered from confirming yesterday's testimony of the autopsy surgeon, Dr. I. E. Kaveney.

In its effort to establish the time of death, the state called Edgar Thompson, secretary of the Culinary Workers' Union, who said that the last time Mrs. Ilingworth paid her dues as a waitress was November 18, 1937, and that he made fruitless efforts thereafter to ascertain her whereabouts.

Testimony yesterday by two of Mrs. Ilingworth's sisters, Mrs. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Lois Bailey, both of Vancouver, brought out their belief that clothing, hair and a partial dental plate from the body were those of their missing sister.

Seattle Japanese Accused Of Lobbying at Olympia

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...at a meeting of the Men's Club of the Community Church at Yelm, Thurston County, and at a meeting of the Lions' Club in Olympia in June, 1939.

Speeches Arranged

4. By arranging for an unidentified Japanese to make speeches on behalf of the government of Japan from March to August, 1939. The indictment did not say where these speeches were made.

5. By obtaining information of a meeting of the Seattle China Club in January, 1940, at which Dr. T. Z. Koo made an address.

6. By obtaining information in June 8 and 11, 1940, at the Laurelhurst Community Club, January 15, 1940, at which the Chinese consul made an address.

7. By obtaining information in regard to a public meeting of the Rotary Club in Tacoma, January 18, 1940.

8. By obtaining information in regard to the proceedings of a conference before the Washington Commonwealth Federation at Seattle from February 2 to 5, 1940.

9. By obtaining information in regard to the panel discussion of the Northwest Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, held in Seattle March 15 and 16, 1940.

10. By obtaining information regarding a speech made by the Chinese consul before the Crown Hill Community Club in April, 1940.

11. By attempting to obtain information concerning the whereabouts and activities of an unidentified Chinese person in April, 1940.

Information on Demos

12. By obtaining a copy of the speech delivered by the Chinese consul in May, 1940.

13. By attempting to obtain information on proceedings of a Democratic Party meeting held at the Senator Auditorium between June 8 and 11, 1940.

14. By making a speech over Radio Station KOL July 3, 1940.

15. By obtaining information on proceedings of a luncheon meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club at the Frye Hotel, July 11, 1940.

16. By obtaining information on a luncheon meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club at the Hungerford Hotel, July 29, 1940.

17. By delivering a speech before the Young Men's Republican Club in the Hungerford Hotel, August 12, 1940.

Address at Auditorium

18. By obtaining information on proceedings of a meeting of the Seattle Kiwanis Club, in January, 1941, at which Karl Richards of the United States Treasury Department discussed "The Fall of France."

19. By arranging for the public asking of questions pertinent to Japanese-American relations at the "Town Meeting of the Air," held at the Civic Auditorium in March, 1941. The indictment said it attended the meeting and made an address concerning Japanese-American relations.

20. By requesting information regarding a meeting at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in April, 1941.

21. By delivering a speech at the Church of the People, Seattle, and also at a public forum at Broadway High School, on the subject, "The Attributes of the Second-Generation Japanese in the United States." The first speech was given May 18, 1941, and the second November 17, 1941.

Charges Against Masuda

The indictment against Masuda charges that he acted "for and on behalf of and for the benefit of the Japanese government," in the manner as follows:

1. By representing the Japanese government in regard to legislation pending before the Legislature of the State of Washington in March, 1939. It charges he also arranged for reports on the status of legislation pending before the Legislature.

2. By obtaining information on a meeting held at the Senator Auditorium, March 25, 1939. This meeting was in protest against the shipment of scrap iron to Japan.

3. By obtaining information on a meeting of the Tacoma Committee for Nonparticipation in Japanese Aggression. This meeting was held in Tacoma in April, 1939.

4. By obtaining information in regard to public reaction and opinion to scenes and comments represented in the sound film, "March of Time," entitled "Japan, Master of the Orient," shown at the Orpheum Theatre in April and May, 1939.

5. By obtaining information in regard to proceedings of a meeting

MARCH DEFENSE BUDGET: \$100,000

A budget of \$100,000 will be asked for operation of the civilian-protection division of the Municipal Defense Commission for the month of March, William O. McKay, chairman of the division, announced today.

The fund will come from the \$500,000 appropriated last week by the City Council for civilian protection.

Of the \$100,000 asked, \$34,000 will be for supplies and operating expenses, \$62,000 for equipment and \$4,000 for salaries.

\$500 for Director

Salaries of persons will include instructors in civilian protection, janitors, stenographers and other office workers, and an executive director, the latter to receive a salary of \$500 a month.

Henry R. Kruse, executive director for the past two months, was on loan to the division by the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., and served without pay. Kruse has been transferred to Bellingham as manager for the power company in that city, and his place in civilian protection is being taken by Wells Huntley.

Only Half May Be Used

Although \$100,000 is the money sought for March, only about half of that amount may be spent, McKay said, because of expected difficulties in purchasing supplies and equipment needed.

All other activities of the Defense Commission, outside of the civilian-protection division, are financed by the Greater Seattle Defense Chest.

Man Slays 3 Women, Leaps From Window

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Three women were shot to death today by a man who apparently went berserk in a cheap rooming-house district, police reported.

At police headquarters the victims were listed as Mrs. Minnie Pierce, Betty Cunningham and Ann Bow.

The Vice Bureau said that it understood the assailant was a man who, after the shooting, set his clothing afire and then leaped from a window.

The suspect was taken to police headquarters where he was identified as Norman E. Pierce, 45-year-old former laundry truck driver, husband of one of the victims.

Mrs. W. T. Laughlin, owner of the apartment house, said he and his wife had been estranged and he had sought a reconciliation.

Wives Knit To Do Their Bit At Sand Point

While their husbands serve their country, wives of enlisted men attached to Sand Point Naval Training Station take their minds off their worries by knitting sweaters for the Red Cross, learning first aid and conducting a preschool playhouse.

All this activity takes place in the community building, or administration center of Sand Point Home, adjacent to the training station. There are 150 enlisted men and their families livin' in the home.

"We wanted to give them something worthwhile to keep them from worrying about their husbands," says Mrs. Ethel Bucknall, resident manager.

Since August the women have completed more than forty sweaters, the latest bundle being picked up today by the Red Cross.

Easter Toys Stolen

Burglars stole \$25 worth of Easter toys from a store operated by E. F. Halverson, 4911 Rainier Ave., it was reported by police today. Halverson said entrance was gained through an alley door.

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Axis Won't Get French Aid—Vichy

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use by the Germans, a disturbing report heard here was that the French had permitted supplies to reach the Nazi forces in Libya via French Tunisia.

Clarification Is Awaited

The United States, however, still is awaiting further clarification of certain questions, Welles asserted, before determining the status of United States relations with Vichy.

Referring to the assurances received from Vichy, Welles said: "While this statement of French policy... is of value in estimating the relations between this government and the French government, further clarifications with regard to other important questions are awaited by this government before it will be enabled to complete its examination of the present situation."

Report of Break Denied

State Department officials earlier categorically denied a report broadcast by the German-controlled Paris radio to the effect that United States Ambassador William D. Leahy was being recalled from Vichy.

There is no truth, they said, in the radio's report that Leahy had demanded that the French give prior notification to the United States of any movements in the French fleet, that the French rejected this demand and that the United States therefore was recalling Leahy.

President Roosevelt was advised of the report at his press conference and when he was told that the source was the German-controlled radio, he replied: There is the answer.

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