THIS MAN WARREN

Earl Warren, Governor of California, who is given some consideration as Republican Presidential nominee, is one of three or four senior Republicans, reports Joseph Alsop in a special article on today's editorial page.

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Scott Claims Support Of Many Albright Supporters

SECOND OREGON DIKE BREAK THREATENED

In Latrun Battle

Arabs Say Jewish Attack Smashed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Trans-Jordan Arab Legion said today it has smashed a Jewish assault in the Latrun area, 22 miles southeast of Tel Aviv and fifteen miles west of Jerusalem on the major supply road between those cities.

The Jews maintained a censored silence. The Arabs said 114 dead Jews were left on the battlefield, along with four armored cars and large quantities of arms, munitions and trench digging machines. Latrun is in the Palestine area allotted to the Arabs. Both sides had committed large forces to the battle.

The victory claim came as armies of Egypt, Iraq and Trans-Jordan maneuvered on three sides to encircle Tel Aviv in similar fashion to the Arab ringing of Jerusalem. Irgun Zval Leumi placed the nearest Arabs within nine miles, but the Arabs themselves officially placed their troops no closer than twenty miles. There was no sign that a frontal attack is contemplated.

JEWS SHELLED

Arab artillery shelled Jewish posts and armored convoys in and around Jerusalem. The legion said seven Jewish armored cars were destroyed yesterday, trying to leave Jerusalem towards Latrun. Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion called on the 90,000 besieged Jews in new Jerusalem to stand firm "during these testing days."

The United Nations was making its sixth effort to restore peace. The proposal this time was for a four-week armistice and a total stoppage of arms shipments to both the Jews and Arabs. The Arab leaders appeared unlikely to comply.

Prime Minister Attlee denied in the British House of Commons that any rift existed between the U. S. and Britain over Palestine.

The Arab Legion said the Jews launched the attack on the Latrun area, where Arab positions blocked the supply route from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The communique said the Jews were beaten back and dispersed.

Irgun Zval Leumi, an arm of the Israeli army, said an Iraqi armored column forced it back from Ras El Ain, nine miles northeast of Tel Aviv. An Iraqi diplomat in Cairo declared Iraqi troops were within three miles of the coastal metropolis, but this was not confirmed.

Some Arab leaders spoke of telling the United Nations they could not accept its request for a four-week armistice and arms embargo on all combatants unless the idea of partition is repudiated.

Irgun Zval Leumi appealed to Russia for help.

An Egyptian force struck at Isdud, Jewish settlement 23 miles south of Tel Aviv and seven miles north of the Egyptian base of Majdal. The Jews struck back and engaged the Egyptians in an artillery duel. The Egyptians said the Jews were repulsed.

Priced Out Of Market

Fewer Americans To Buy New Homes

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Americans are cooling off some on the idea of buying new houses. Also automobiles, some of the glamour items of the postwar period.

The number in the market for new houses has dropped twenty per cent from a year ago, a Federal Reserve Board survey shows. For autos, the number has dipped one per cent.

Nevertheless, there won't be either enough houses or cars built this year to meet the demand of those still planning to buy.

And people as a whole are so buy-minded that at least one out of each four families will overspend its income "heavily."

These findings stood out in a new Reserve Board report today on a survey it made of consumer finances and buying plans.

The survey also showed that veterans are heavier spenders than others and that people in the $2,000 to $4,000 a year income classes are more buy-minded than those in the $4,000 to $5,000 class.

USE SAVINGS, CREDIT

People generally are willing to use past savings or credit to carry out their spending plans, the survey report showed, observing that:

1. About 3,000,000 more families or individuals living alone cashed the last of their government savings bonds last year.

2. Of 17,000,000 who bought furniture, refrigerators, radios, washing machines and the like last year, 9,000,000 did so on the installment plan — nearly twice as many as used credit the year before.

Yet consumer incomes as a whole rose more than ten per cent last year and the number getting above $5,000 a year increased by 2,500,000 out of a total of 48,400,000 "consumer spending units."

These units consist of families living together and pooling incomes or individuals living alone. The American population tops 144,000,000.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Here are highlight findings of the survey:

Houses—Despite the 20 per cent drop in the number of consumer units planning to buy, the total number figuring on doing so runs upwards of 2,500,000 and considerably exceeds expected new house completions.

On the average, consumers expect to pay $7,430 for a house. That is $340 more, says the survey, than the average actually paid last year and $1,120 more than people expected to pay when last year started.

Persons or families with incomes under $2,000 a year appear to have been "priced out" of the house buying market.

Autos—Although down one per cent from a year ago, the number of consumer units planning to buy new or used cars this year runs upwards of 6,500,000.

'Hot' Ships Fret Experts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Civilian defense experts find in the latest sinking of a radioactively "hot" ship a sobering hint of the problems an atomic war would bring.

When the cruiser Salt Lake City was sent down off the California coast by gunfire, bombs and torpedoes, 22 months had elapsed hince it got its coating of the radioactivity spray and solid green water thrown up by the submarine burst of an a-bomb in the Bikini tests of 1946.

Yet the ship remained so contaminated that it was deemed too safe for workmen to scrap her for salvage metal. This bore out the predictions of scientists that some of the Bikini ships might remain dangerous for years before the slow decay of the residual radioactivity material was complete. Attempts to cleanse the target ships of the invisible but deadly poison brought little success.

Experts of the national military establishment's civil defense planning unit are giving close attention to residual radioactivity, the result of "fission products" or unexpended particles of the explosive material flung outward by the bomb when detonated in water. Translating the target ships into terms of cities, defense workers can foresee the possibility of communities made uninhabitable for prolonged periods if a bomb should be exploded in nearby water.

An air burst bomb, such as those used in the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, presents no problem of residual activity because the fission products ascend into the air and drift away.

It has been suggested, however, that in the absence of a large body of water near a city a bomb could be exploded in the middle of the clouds. The dispersion of fission products over the ground might then be even more complete than in an underwater burst.

Curiously, improvements in the explosive efficiency of atomic bombs conceivably can reduce their power to produce lingering radioactivity contamination. In a rough way, fission products from a bomb are something like the unburned portion of a coal fire—the better the fire, the fewer the ashes that remain.

Official statements strongly indicate that the three atomic explosions set off this Spring at the Eniwetok proving grounds in the mid-Pacific were more efficient than any of the first five a-bombs exploded.

Second Man Says Offers Of Backing Coming In

Close Run-Off Is Anticipated

RALEIGH — (AP) — Here are the latest figures available from Saturday's primary:

Returns from 1,770 of 1,952 precincts gave for the Democratic nomination for Senator: Broughton 192,025; Umstead 170,618.

Returns from 1,789 precincts gave for Governor: Johnson 157,539; Scott 149,702; Albright 71,226, Barker 10,413, Boyd 1,784, Stanley 2,126.

Returns from 1,641 precincts gave for Lieutenant Governor: Taylor 205,582; Tompkins 86,689.

Returns from 1,596 precincts gave for Secretary of State: Eure 209,850; Armstrong 83,547.

Returns from 1,530 precincts gave for State Auditor: Bridges 155,372; Miller 103,807.

Returns from 1,629 precincts gave for State Treasurer: Vogler 108,229; Hodges 150,825; Frazelle 30,777.

Returns from 1,596 precincts gave for Commissioner of labor: Shuford 177,467; Sherrill 94,681.

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

W. Kerr Scott, who will run against Charles M. Johnson again in the second primary on June 26, told The News by telephone this morning that he expects strong support from the friends of R. Mayne Albright.

"I have already received several telegrams from certain group pledging support to me," Mr. Scott declared as he spoke from his Raleigh headquarters.

He mentioned two groups specifically. He said a telegram from "the GI boys" in Asheville who supported Albright informed him that they were forming "a Scott group."

He said that a group of Albright supporters in Burke County had also said they planned to vote for him in the second primary.

Mr. Albright, 38-year-old former State Employment Service director who ran third in the first primary, had not yet spoken out on the all-important subject of support. A News reporter was unable to reach him, this morning, but earlier he had said that he wanted to "rest a while before making any plans."

Mr. Scott told The News that "no formal announcement" would come from him until the statewide vote had been canvassed by the Board of Elections. But, he said, "presuming that unofficial returns" are fairly accurate, his supporters will continue the campaign without any let-up.

WILL ASK RUN-OFF

"We will call for a run-off," he said.

Asked if he expected general support from people who worked and voted for Albright, Mr. Scott said he "didn't know" but that he would not apply "any pressure" to the young candidate for support.

He termed Mr. Albright "a very high-type man."

Johnson made a bow in Albright's direction by linking their votes as "vindication for clean politics."

The Senatorial campaign came to an end eight hours after the polls closed. U. S. Senator Wil-

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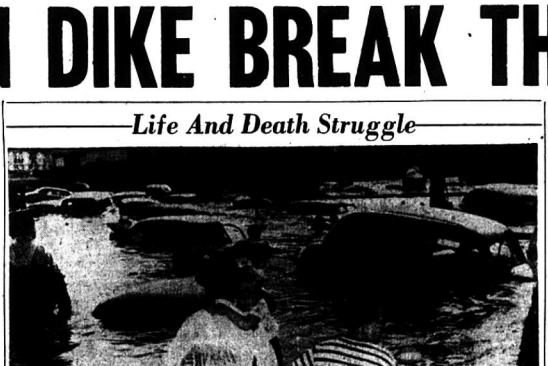
—Life And Death Struggle—



Two men struggle through waist-deep water, one of them holding a child, as flood waters from the Columbia River engulf the Vanport housing development near Portland, Ore., Sunday. A dike broke near a railroad embankment, causing a series of terrific waves to smash the community. An undetermined number of persons were drowned. (AP Wirephoto.)

Paul Robeson Is Defiant

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Paul Robeson, Negro singer, refused today to tell a Senatorial committee whether he is a member of the American Communist Party. He said he is willing to go to jail rather than tell.

Robeson appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee, along with several other witnesses, to oppose the Mundt-Nixon Communist control bill. He said he thinks members of the Communist Party "have done a magnificent job in America."

But he declined to answer a specific question by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) as to his party membership.

Ferguson told reporters afterwards the committee will decide later whether to start contempt action against the singer. Chairman Wiley (R-Wis) expressed doubt that the committee would, but Senator Moore (R-Okla) said he is in favor of it.

"Robeson seems to want to be made a martyr," Moore said, "and maybe we ought to make him one. Sometimes a year in jail cools some of these people off."

WOULD DEFY LAW

Robeson said that if the Mundt-Nixon Bill is passed, he will not obey it.

Asked whether he would fight for the United States in case of a war with Russia, Robeson said he would have to decide that when the time came.

But he balked at the query about Communist Party membership.

"Nineteen leading Americans are going to jail for refusal to answer that question and if necessary I will join them," Robeson said.

He referred to Hollywood writers and others cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer similiar questions at hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

There was an outburst of applause—and some hissing — from spectators as Robeson made his statement.

The unusual holiday session of the committee was called by Wiley to "avoid any complaints that opponents did not get a chance to be heard."

Wiley indicated, however, that the full committee probably will not decide until late this week or early next week what

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Salem Address

Gordon Gray Raps Militarism Talk

WINSTON-SALEM —(AP)— The Army of the United States "belongs to its creators—the people of this country," Assistant Army Secretary Gordon Gray told Salem College graduates today, attacking the currently prevalent charges of militarism leveled against the United States Government.

"The Army is the property of the people and, if they wish, they can disband it overnight, or make it big and strong, or small and weak," he said. The sovereign people of the United States can, by failing to appropriate funds through their Congress, simply let the Army expire.

The Winston-Salem publisher and Assistant Secretary of the Army branded as a "postwar myth" the term "military mind" and called attention to the danger involved in recent vague charges of militarism directed against military men who had been appointed to high civilian offices on their own merits.

He pointed to military men in government throughout United States history, but also traced the cycles during which businessmen, professional types and other pre-dominated among the non-career officials in the nation's government and explained the swapping of uniforms for civilian official garb as a normal course of events immediately after any war. Now the businessmen already are beginning to move back into the capital, he said.

82 GRADUATE

Gray's address was made at Memorial Hall at Salem College in the annual commencement exercises. Eighty-two members of the graduation class received their diplomas from Salem President Howard E. Rondthaler

"You have heard these charges about the Army and the 'army mind'" Gray told the graduating class. "They are widespread and have taken root in all manner of places — but they seem to flourish most in the ground of misunderstanding. The charges have it that the Army is taking over the country, that it is usurping power in both high and low places, and that, as a result, our long-standing principle of civilian control of the Gov-

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Death Busy Over Holiday

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation's holiday week-end traffic and other accidental deaths today had exceeded the National Safety Council's estimate long before the homeward-bound rush of highway travel began.

The council predicted the total fatalities for the period at 225 but the toll had climbed to 269 by noon today with traffic mishaps accounting for 159 of the dead, drownings, 42, and miscellaneous accidents, including plane crashes, 68.

The traffic deaths already were 47 more than the council had predicted.

Deaths by states from traffic, drownings and miscellaneous causes, respectively:

Alabama 3-0-0; Arizona 1-0-0; Arkansas 3-0-0; California 11-2-2; Colorado 0-2-0; Connecticut 2-0-3; Delaware 1-0-0; Florida 5-0-6; Georgia 0-0-1; Illinois 15-3-3; Indiana 6-2-3; Iowa 6-0-3; Kansas 0-1-0; Kentucky 10-0-0; Louisiana 1-2-0; Maine 2-1-1; Maryland 3-0-0; Massachusetts 2-1-0; Michigan 10-0-7; Minnesota 4-2-2; Mississippi 2-0-0; Missouri 3-0-0; Montana 0-0-3; Nebraska 2-0-1; New Jersey 4-1-0; New Mexico 0-0-1; New York 6-6-5; North Carolina 0-0-2; Ohio 8-1-4; Oklahoma 2-0-0; Oregon 1-3-2; Pennsylvania 7-3-10; Rhode Island 1-1-0; South Carolina 2-1-0; South Dakota 2-0-0; Tennessee 7-0-0; Texas 1-6-5; Utah 2-0-0; Virginia 9-1-0; Washington 1-0-0; West Virginia 7-1-3; Wisconsin 2-2-1; Wyoming 1-0-0.

Memorial Day Services

Tribute Is Paid To U. S. War Dead

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

New pledges to preserve peace, freedom and liberty were voiced in many lands yesterday as Americans paid tribute to this country's war dead.

President Truman interrupted a week-end of Potomac River yachting to place a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

In a radio address he voiced the hope that the Memorial Day celebrations around the globe would underline two things:

"That the Government of the United States works only for peace in the world, and in order to attain that peace we must have the ability to enforce it."

In a second ceremony in Washington, Mr. Truman put a rose in a floral arrangement that was dropped in the Potomac in honor of his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The President also sent a message to the Jewish war veterans of the United States holding their 53rd annual memorial service in New York.

"It is not enough that we pay lip service to those who died in the fight to bring tolerance and good will to the world," he said in that message. "We must ever keep in our hearts the need for the understanding and peace among all peoples wherever they may be. Under God, let us hold high the torch of freedom and justice for all people."

At the American military cemetery of Notre Dame near Dinant, Belgium — the burial place of those who died in the Battle of the Bulge, in the Ardennes Wood and at Bastogne — Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States commander in Europe, declared:

"We shall not fail these heroes in our efforts to establish and maintain freedom."

Francis Cardinal Spellman, visiting the American armed forces cemetery north of Manila, led the services for the dead and asked a blessing for the living "who are fighting the good fight for peace."

Cautioning against efforts to set up a world organization without Russia, Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass) called in a speech at Belmont, Mass., for a "talking" peace inside the United Nations rather than "shooting it out" outside the U. N. covenants.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, declared at Longmeadow, Mass.:

"Wars can be prevented just as surely as they are provoked and therefore we who fail to prevent them must share in guilt for the dead."

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said at Hyde Park, N. Y. ceremonies that the way to honor the late President Roosevelt is to "take the lead in dispelling fears by coming to grips with the problems of our time."

New Danger Slows Search For Victims

Death Toll Still Unknown After Flood Smashes City Of Vanport

VANPORT, Ore. —(AP)— Another dike was threatening to break today under the raging flood that destroyed this town of 18,700 people yesterday as completely as a mashed toy village.

Everyone except rescue workers, hunting bodies in the shattered town of Vanport, were ordered out of the area to avoid being caught in a second break.

The water from the flooding Columbia threatened to spew over an already-alerted suburban district and the $1,500,000 Portland Meadows race track.

The new danger slowed the search of the brown, debris-splattered lake that covers what yesterday was the thriving town of Vanport.

Murky waters, up to 15 feet deep, still concealed today the secret of how many lives were lost.

No bodies have been recovered from the devastated town. But no one knew how many might be concealed in the crumpled houses, the submerged streets, the sunken cars.

Sheriff Martin T. Pratt said, "It is beyond the realm of possibility that in all these shattered buildings, maze of toppled telephone and power poles, and the crush of people who fought their way out, that none should have died. They are going to find bodies in there but I will not venture a guess on how many. We will not find the last victim's body until the river recedes, and that will be a matter of weeks."

MANY MISSING

"There have been a number of deaths," was all the Red Cross, co-ordinating a list of the missing, could say. Dozens of refugees, crying bewilderedly in Portland evacuee centers, reported missing relatives.

"But many of them may be in another place," reported Mrs. Kay Larsen, Red Cross official. She told how a Red Cross photographer took a picture of a man, crying for his lost wife; and then, hours later in another evacuee center, found the wife mourning her lost husband.

With thousands of evacuees scattered through Portland schools, homes, and public buildings, a door-to-door canvass had still not succeeded in making a full list of the missing.

The wall of water, which crashed through a dike yesterday and roared through the great sprawling town knocking people and houses before it like tenpins, will not recede until the flooded Columbia goes down. The Columbia is due to crest here tomorrow.

Not until after that can the rescuers look through the submerged first stories, or the splintered houses. Boats, plying the city throughout the night, found no one in the houses' second floors.

The dike broke without warning upon a town that had been told only that morning that "you will have time to leave. Don't get excited."

The dikes had been inspected only Saturday night by engineers, the director of the Housing Au-

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Eyewitness Tells Story

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—A flying instructor told today how from the air he saw the city of Vanport smashed to splinters.

Calvin Hulbert, who was in the air when the disaster struck, said the surging waters gave no warning. "There was no warning trickle, no minor hole in the dike," he said. "There was suddenly a six-foot breach in the railroad embankment. Then it was 60 feet, then 600.

"A wall of water ten feet high slid through the breach, striking down whole apartment buildings like a bulldozer knocks down a sapling.

"The buildings seemed to burst as the water hit them. I saw the whole wall of an apartment pop out like a balloon exploding. The furniture stood undisturbed in the rooms. There were people there, too.

TWO VANISH

"Two people stood on the porch of their apartment, shrinking from the flood. The building next door crumbled in leisurely fashion. Next time I looked those people were gone. So was the porch."

"An old man ran frantically ahead of the racing waters, pulling a little wagon with two screaming tots in it. The water got him, too."

For an hour, Hulbert watched the hubub in the sections not yet reached by the waves. "It was agony to see the people bustling about trying to save furniture and clothes," he said. "I wanted to yell, to warn them to run for their lives. All I could do was to waggle the wings of my plane.

"Then I got sick to my stomach and went back to the base."

Tales of heroism and horror came from the dying town. A business man, driving by, carried three loads of refugees to safety. On the fourth trip his car, carrying a man, a woman and five children stalled in deep water.

"I opened the doors and we all got out," Wes Jordan related. "I took one of the babies and carried it to high ground. The water came over the road like a tidal wave. As I looked back, it came up over the car and covered it completely. I don't know what became of the other people in it."

Henry L. Doneka, an engineer, was standing on his porch roof, watching some people who were trying to evacuate Vanport. Doneka had heard no siren; he thought the town was safe.

He saw something coming. "I thought it was fog," he said. "It was splashing up against the trailing cars. It was eighteen inches high and coming just like out of a fire hose."

Then a wall of water roared down before his apartment. He grabbed his neighbor's three children and ran to a dike.

"We thought it was safe," he said "Just ten minutes before it happened, we were told it was safe."

Huddled around the refugee beds in Portland schools, people stared at the mimeographed notice delivered to Vanport doors yesterday morning.

"You will have time to leave," said the notice. "Don't get excited."

President Truman Declares Emergency

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman today declared flood-swept sections in the northwest a "disaster area" and ordered use of surplus war property for relief and rehabilitation.

Mr. Truman acted aboard the Presidential yacht Williamsburg where he is spending most of the day.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer today, tonight and Tuesday.

Temperature at 2:00 today.....75
High and low last 24 hours.....76-48
Sunset today 7:32
Sunrise tomorrow 5:09

More Weather Data on page 5-A

Farm News For Everyone

Pages 9, 10 and 11 of today's NEWS are brim full of not only the latest farm, dairy and poultry news, but there are also numerous illustrated articles written by experts who know what they are writing about.

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