

Forest Fires Hit Oregon Sections

PORTLAND, July 10.—(AP)—Forest fires crackled in at least two sections of Oregon today after a grass and brush fire blackened a hundred acres or more near Klamath Falls.

Near Seapoo in Columbia county a fire raged through stumpland and second growth timber last night, destroying a small quantity of cold-decked logs. It was reported under control.

The state's worst fire, the four-day-old blaze in the Warm Springs Indian reservation, was still burning after covering some 12,000 acres of logged land. It threatened green timber in spots today after jumping the Metolus river and getting into the northern section of the Deschutes national forest. A second and smaller fire was reported near the western boundary of the reservation.

The blaze east and south of Klamath Falls yesterday swept through several grain fields and destroyed a barn.

From Madras came word of the burning of Mrs. R. W. Rees, who lives on the reservation yesterday. She attempted to save outbuildings of the farm home from the Warm Springs blaze and was painfully burned.

Roosevelt Asks National Defense Fund Increase

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for duty outside of the hemisphere, should the need arise.

The president nevertheless decided against seeking action for the present in view of the adverse congressional outlook. He was represented, however, as interested in several plans which would permit a certain number of trainees to be inducted into the regular army for a longer period than the present one-year term.

Any action on these plans, however, appeared unlikely before July 17—the date which selective service headquarters fixed yesterday for the lottery here that will determine the order in which the 750,000 young men who registered July 1 will be subject to call for training.

Senator Taft Hears Things. Senator Taft (R., Ohio) told the senate today that he had heard weeks ago "on reliable authority" that the United States was constructing a naval air base for Great Britain in northern Ireland.

"Since I made the first draft of this speech," Taft added in an address, "Mr. Wendell Willkie, after a call upon the president, announced that in his opinion we should establish military bases both in northern Ireland and Scotland."

"The occupation of Ireland would relieve perhaps a half-million British troops for service elsewhere, and put a half-million American boys into the British islands."

"A base in Ireland would be much more effective to protect shipping than a base in Iceland. Every argument that has been used for the occupation of Iceland applies to Ireland and England and Portugal."

Taft contended that the landing of United States troops in Iceland was an act "exactly equivalent to aggressive war" and one which the president had no right to take without authority from congress.

"Hostage" Warning Given. The United States has taken action to obtain the immediate repatriation of Americans held prisoners by the nazis or detained in Germany, Italy and Nazi-conquered Europe.

The state department, it was learned authoritatively today, has implicitly warned Germany and Italy that unless Americans held as "retaliation hostages" in Nazi Europe are freed and granted exit permits no German or Italian nationals will be permitted to leave this country.

The alien registration showed approximately 600,000 Italians and 330,000 Germans now living in the United States, in contrast to the few thousand Americans still in Germany, Italy or Axis-dominated countries. A large proportion of the Germans and Italians here were reported to have applied for American citizenship, however.

The possible detention of axis aliens here would not affect the German and Italian consular officials and employees who have been ordered by President Roosevelt to leave the United States by July 15.

Ruinous Raid on Berlin Put on RAF Program

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"We are getting more and more moderate weight-carrying bombers and also big ones. I finally hope to get every single machine from the United States by air."

The ferry service, thus far, has applied only to bombers capable of the trans-Atlantic flight.

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OUT OUR WAY



By Williams

Proposal for Armistice in Syria Bogged Down

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sloner and commander-in-chief in Syria and Lebanon.

Today a French statement said: "No reply has yet been made by the British authorities to General Dentz, who, on the contrary, found himself faced with redoubled British attacks on all fronts and who learned with sorrow that pamphlets offensive to his dignity and military honor were being distributed at Beirut by British agents."

Dentz asked for terms on Tuesday.

Nazi "Muddling" Seen.

As a prelude (or possibly part of the armistice) the British demanded Wednesday that Beirut, capital of Lebanon, be declared an open city and yielded without bloodshed to the allied siege forces. French sources called this an ultimatum to Dentz and said it was conveyed in leaflets dropped on Beirut by the RAF.

(Whether the ultimatum and the asserted insult to Dentz were the same was not clear.)

A Berlin spokesman said that Vichy actually had received British conditions and described them as "conditions such would be imposed on the bitterest enemy but scarcely on a former ally for whom England still professes concern and hope."

(Informed British quarters in London said the Vichy situation showed "the usual Goebbels attempt to muddle the situation in everyone's mind.")

LONDON, July 10.—(AP)—British forces "will naturally continue to fight in Syria" until General Henri Dentz, the French commander, accepts Britain's armistice terms, an authoritative statement declared today.

Earlier belief was expressed in some quarters in London that Dentz would accept the British armistice terms without delay. Official quarters gave no hint of what the terms might be, though one source said they would not be harsh and that the chief concern of the British and their Free French allies was to insure Syrian independence free from German influence.

The capture of "many hundreds of Vichy troops," 17 guns, three tanks and five armored cars in seizing the French strong-

hold at Damour, nine miles south of Beirut, was reported from Cairo.

Reuter (British) news agency said British troops had renewed hostilities when the French failed to meet a 5:30 a. m. deadline for the evacuation of Beirut pending discussion of armistice terms.

NEW YORK, July 10.—(AP)—A Domei Japanese news agency, broadcast today said Tokyo newspapers were featuring Shanghai rumors of an impending United States-British-Chinese-Soviet Russian alliance "to hamper Japan's freedom of action."

The broadcast said the newspapers were stressing "ever-increasing involvement of the United States, particularly on account of ever-increasing assistance the United States is granting Chungking."

Huge Losses Pile Up in German-Soviet Struggle

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confirmed the capture of Salla, fortified Russian town on the Finnish border, after a red army division was said to have been "crushed" in several days of fighting.

In general terms, the nazis reported that the left wing of Germany's Baltic army was pounding two spearheads into Russian defenses—one directed at Tallinn, capital of Estonia; the other aimed at Leningrad, Russia's second biggest city, at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

It was on the central river front, in the 50-mile stretch from Borisov to Lepel, that the Russians were apparently striking their hardest blows.

In the Lepel sector, a Moscow bulletin said, soviet red troops destroyed a nazi motorized division, 40 guns and quantities of transport and machines.

"In the Borisov direction, our troops inflicted a serious defeat on an enemy division," the soviet communique declared, and it noted that Russian counterattacks were costing the Germans heavily in men and material.

On the Baltic flank, in the Ostrov sector, the Russians reported that soviet troops "have beaten off all enemy attacks with heavy losses."

Destruction of 100 German tanks was credited to the red air fleet in operations yesterday afternoon. Bombers were said to

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(Overnight, the war in the air raged over a vast area from England to Egypt. Hitler's high command said strong nazi bomber formations attacked the Suez canal, while Premier Mussolini's high command reported a renewal of RAF assaults on Italian cities after a lapse of many weeks.)

(British bombers were said to have carried out a low-level daylight raid on Syracuse, on the island of Sicily, and left a toll of 14 killed, 30 wounded at Naples on the Italian mainland.)

50 RAF PLANES DOWNED IN TWO DAYS NAZIS REPORT

BERLIN, July 10.—(AP)—The Germans asserted tonight that the RAF had lost 50 planes in the past two days of vicious combat over the German-held channel coast.

DNB, the official news agency, said 25 British planes, including 21 Spitfires, were shot down today at a cost of only two German planes. The fighting raged chiefly over the Calais, Cherbourg and Le Havre areas.

In German aerial thrusts across the channel, the war bulletin reported, five British merchantmen in a guarded convoy north of Newquay, at the mouth of the Bristol channel on the English west coast, were sunk in a night air attack.

AN AIRFIELD. Somewhere in England, July 10.—(AP)—American-built military planes are better than, or compare favorably with the best British-made aircraft, say the test pilots who have given them "the works" at altitudes as high as 39,000 feet.

American warplanes brought these reports from British test pilots.

The four-motored B17C Boeing bomber is definitely better than the new British Stirling and Halifax of comparable size. The Boeing can do 305 miles per hour with a four-ton bomb load.

"The Douglas DB7, two-motored night pursuit ship, is 'the heaviest armed fighter in the world' and one of the fastest big planes ever made. It can do about 350 miles per hour."

Comparing favorably with anything the British can put in the war are a large number of four-motored Consolidated and twin-engine Martin bombers, and Douglas and Vought Sikorsky dive bombers.

The Boeings, credited with a range of 2,000 miles, are fast enough to escape anything but the speediest of German interceptors. The planes are to be sent over Germany as soon as the British complete training of crews. The bombers are equipped with Sperry bomb sights.

Glendale

GLENDAL, Ore. July 10.—Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin, who are visiting their nephew, W. H. Martin and family, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Belcher Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin live in Wilmington, California.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilborn in the

Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass, July 1. The baby has been named Marjorie Gay and weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mrs. C. E. Young and son, Arthur, went to Prineville, Thursday and spent the night with Mrs. Young's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Talley. Friday they drove to Portland where they visited with Mrs. Young's sister, Mrs. J. I. Talley, who had a major operation in the Good Samaritan hospital last week. While there Mrs. Young called on Mrs. Nedra E. Buck, president of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Buck is in the same hospital recovering from injuries received in a car accident a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Read and children returned to their home here Sunday afternoon. They have been visiting the past two months in Arkansas and Texas with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bowman and daughter, Mary Ann, and niece, Clarice Bowman, spent the week end at Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wunch and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunningham, and Dorothy, Rev. Paul Tidball, Mrs. Bessie Seimers, spent Friday in Ashland with Mr. and Mrs. George Olum and Mr. and Mrs. George Ward Sr. of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. George Ward Jr. of Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Bessie Seimers left Sunday to work on the Anderson ranch on Mule creek for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bartholomew and two sons of Berkeley, Calif., visited Mr. Bartholomew's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Austin, from Wednesday to Saturday of last week. On Friday they all went to Crater lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Tripp of Talent spent the weekend with Mrs. Tripp's mother, Mrs. Nora Britt. Sally and Lynn stayed for a few weeks visit with their grandmother.

Wilbur

WILBUR, May 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wickham of Portland were fourth of July visitors here returning home Sunday. Mrs. Wickham's mother, Mrs. Frank Parker, accompanied them home for a week's visit.

A number of Wilbur young people attended the rodeo at Myrtle Point. Among them were Dick and Doris Sands, Graciano Sabala, Vicky Sabala, and Doug Short.

John Fredrickson of Winchester Bay called at "Shadewell," the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Grae Friday.

William Carsten of Bly, Klamath county, visited his mother, Mrs. Carsten over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Palmer and family have moved about three miles north of Wilbur on the Hoffmeister place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Henry and family of Coles valley were dinner guests of Mrs. Lillian Thronberg Sunday.

Prof. George Ayers, a former principal of the Wilbur school, has resigned his position as principal of the Brownsville school to accept a position in Washington.