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RUSSIA PREPARING HUGE COUNTER ATTACK

Springfield Junction Is Swept by Fire

Seventeen Buildings Razed In Spectacular Blaze Fanned by Strong Wind

EUGENE, July 31.—(AP)—Charred embers and wisps of smoke were all that remained today of 17 West Springfield structures, the aftermath of a spectacular fire that swept Springfield Junction Wednesday night, with a resultant damage of approximately \$50,000.

The blaze—starting about 9 p. m. in the electrical store of E. J. Jacobsen, southwest of the Springfield Junction—“popped like a cannon” and spread with explosive suddenness to the small stores in the immediate vicinity.

Both the Eugene and Springfield fire departments refused to answer alarms hastily phoned in, insisting the district was out of their jurisdiction.

With nothing to check the inferno's devouring appetite, the flames soon spread both north and south, reducing the adjacent structures to embers in speedy fashion.

Little Insurance Carried

Totally destroyed were: Eight of 11 Oregonian Auto cabins, owned by George M. Plummer, damage estimated at \$8,000; very little insurance.

The service station and adjacent shed in front of the cabins, also belonging to Mr. Plummer, damage approximately \$4,000.

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Plans For Fall Opening Formed

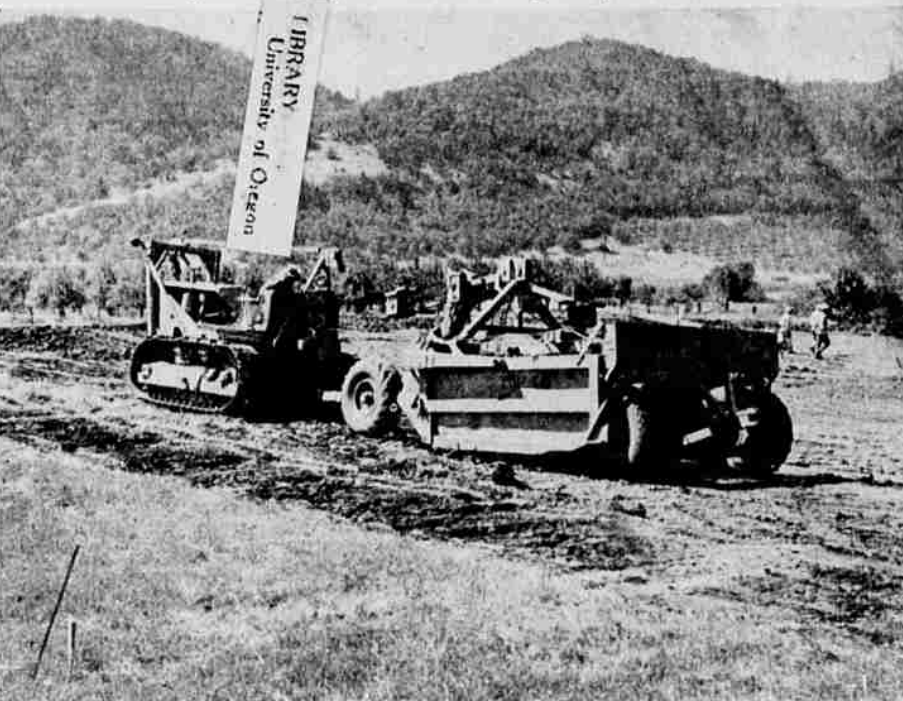
A colorful fall opening, complete with pet parades, floats, and style shows, was forecast yesterday when the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce, under the chairmanship of L. W. Josse, met to discuss plans for the annual event.

Although full plans have not been worked out, the dates set are September 12 and 13, according to Harry Pinniger, chamber secretary.

The plan under consideration calls for a large parade, one section of which will consist of children and their pets. Another section will be floats entered by local service clubs, and still a third section will be devoted to floats entered by retail stores and local industrial concerns.

The Lions club in their weekly meeting last night indicated they would enter a float if the plan is approved by the chamber of commerce and local merchants.

Machines Speed Airport Grading Project



Use of huge machines, such as the one pictured above, is speeding the work of grading a new runway at the Roseburg airport. The new runway will be surfaced with gravel and given an oil macadam top surface. It is expected the field will be occupied by army bombers when the improvement work is completed.

Oil Industry Asked to Close 10,000 Gas Stations

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—In a move toward rationing gasoline, Secretary of Interior Ickes today called on the oil industry to close 10,000 service stations in the eastern states from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. seven days a week, effective Aug. 3.

The closings would affect all gasoline retail stations on the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida.

Declaring that “voluntary rationing to date has not achieved the reduction which must be accomplished if we are to avoid a more serious situation later,” Ickes spoke of the possibility of more serious rationing, including issuance of ration cards.

Infantry Regiment to Visit Roseburg, Aug. 7

Roseburg will play host to 1300 men of the 17th infantry of Fort Ord, Calif., who will stop over here on the night of August 7 on their way to Fort Lewis, Wash., for late summer war games, according to Lt. J. G. Lemon who was in Roseburg making arrangements Wednesday.

On August 11, 250 more men will pause for the evening, Lt. Lemon said. The 17th is commanded by Colonel Jens A. Doe.

Funds Needed For C. of C. Activities

Members Asked to Contribute Additional Sums to Keep Program Going Until Fall

“The chief needs wampum in the wigwam,” chamber of commerce officers notified members today in making an appeal for contributions in addition to amounts already pledged as membership fees. The chamber of commerce, members are informed, has been forced to assume financial obligations not anticipated at the time the budget was formed, particularly because of activities connected with efforts toward industrial development and in meeting activities connected with the national defense program.

The chamber of commerce has taken a leading part in arranging entertainment for troops passing through Roseburg and has been also cooperating in the activities of the defense council, and in those connections has spent considerable money for which no budget allowance was made. L. A. Rhoden, president, reports. The chamber also has been very active in contacting sawmill operators and others interested in industrial circles and has spent much money in securing and compiling needed information, preparation of briefs and other such work, Mr. Rhoden states.

Members are being asked to supplement their membership fees with an additional contribution. The sum required to carry on the program until the annual membership drive in November is small, it is stated, and consequently large contributions are not being sought from individual members, Mr. Rhoden reports. In fact, he states, a maximum of \$10 has been suggested.

Furnishings for Co. D Club Rooms Requested

Douglas county residents will be asked to contribute furnishings for the recreation room of “Roseburg's own” company D, 162nd infantry, at Fort Lewis, according to Lt. W. G. Robertson, formerly of Roseburg and now on active duty.

Furniture, such as ash stands, card tables, magazine racks, rugs, pictures, and all kinds of games are needed, Lt. Robertson reports. The room has been furnished by the army with two ping-pong tables, and the rest of the furnishings will have to be made by local contributions.

Either new or used furnishings in good condition will be welcomed, Lt. Robertson states, and any contributions should be brought to the chamber of commerce office in Roseburg.

Navy Yard Strike Threat Is Ended

Workers Yield to Request Of Production Manager To Return to Their Jobs

(By The Associated Press)

Striking AFL electrical workers today exempted \$70,000,000 expansion program at the Brooklyn navy yard from their walkout and announced they would go back to work immediately as the office of production management in Washington asked them to do.

The city-wide strike would continue on other construction projects, union officials said.

The OLM had promised an immediate investigation of the union dispute with Consolidated Edison company which precipitated the work stoppage. It halted construction of a 16-story warehouse at the navy yard, affected work on two super-drydocks and threatened to slow down building of the \$100,000,000 battleships Iowa and Missouri.

That walkout and a strike of the CIO steel workers organizing committee at the Timken Roller Bearing company plant at Columbus, Ohio, were the principal strike controversies dotting the national scene.

Outside the defense field, there was violence in the New York city dispute. An ironworker suffered cuts on the face and head, but refused medical treatment, after eight men assaulted him at the picket line of the Edison company's new powerhouse. He tried to cross the line.

Pendleton Man Is Drowning Victim

GRANTS PASS, July 31.—(AP)—The body of Robert Estes, 50, Pendleton, was recovered from Rogue river opposite the city park today. He was the third person to die in the river near here since Saturday.

Lewis Windsor, about 45, also of Pendleton, said the two men cooked supper last night at the park barbecue pits, and then Estes left, saying he was going to bathe. Windsor followed later, and finding no trace of his companion, slept in the car. This morning, he told police, he found Estes' shoes on the river bank, and called police and the sheriff to learn if they knew Estes' whereabouts.

Meanwhile Mrs. Ray Treasher, wife of the state geologist here, saw something in the water from her river bank home. She called city firemen battling a nearby grass fire, and they recovered the body.

Leningrad In Dire Peril Is German Claim

Seven Russian Divisions Annihilated Hitler's High Command Says in Report

By The Associated Press
BERLIN, July 31.—The Russians are losing in their frantic efforts to save Leningrad, even with such desperate measures as walls of flaming forests set against the advancing Germans, and a British-Russian air assault on Germany's Arctic back door has proved a costly failure, German reports declared today.

The communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters, mentioning the Leningrad front for the first time in several days, said “units fighting in Estonia threw the opponent back to the north.”

Other German reports, which a military spokesman said referred undoubtedly to the assault on Leningrad, reported seven red army divisions destroyed on the northeast front.

The Germans are pressing in from the south on the Soviet Union's great Gulf of Finland port and industrial center while their Finnish allies are pushing down from the north in a great squeeze which, Germans say, already has put the city in peril.

There was speculation in Berlin as to whether Leningrad, Russia's second city, would soon be under German siege. Reticent military leaders, however, indulged in no predictions.

War Booty Reported

The reported destruction of a Russian encirclement movement, caught within their trap, the Germans said, netted “thousands of prisoners,” 50 cannon, 68 trucks, seven anti-aircraft batteries, 23 anti-tank guns and “some” tanks.

German dispatches said that smaller Russian units were being cut off from the central defense of Leningrad.

With detail uncommon to high command communiques in recent days, the German headquarters

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Property Seizure Measure Approved

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—The house military committee today approved legislation to authorize the president to seize military or naval equipment, supplies or munitions, or machinery, tools and materials necessary for the making, servicing or operation of such equipment, supplies or munitions.

The committee vote was 14 to 4.

Two amendments were adopted to the senate-approved version of the legislation. One provides that the “fair and just compensation” to be paid for property requisitioned shall be “confined to the fair market value of the article or material” without consideration of prospective profits or damages.

The other limits the requisition authority by stating specifically that nothing in the legislation shall be construed as allowing the requisitioning or requiring registration of firearms possessed by an individual for personal protection or for sport, and further saying that the legislation does not infringe on the constitutional right to keep or bear arms.

Soldier and Girl Are Killed in Auto Wreck

PORTLAND, Ore., July 31.—(AP)—Corporal Earl V. Thornton, 26, Fort Lewis, and Miss June Marie Lambert, 19, Portland, died early this morning in the plunge of their automobile down a 50-foot embankment at the outskirts of Portland.

Deputy Sheriff Orrin Steops said the Thornton car, traveling at a high speed, struck a curb and overturned.

Thornton, a Portlander, was in the headquarters company of the 162nd infantry at Fort Lewis,

Today's War Developments in Brief

By the Associated Press
Germans report seven red army divisions (105,000 men) destroyed in smash toward Leningrad; Russians set forests aflame to check nazi advance; Hitler's headquarters claims trap tightening on Russians east of Smolensk, calls red armies “defeated” in Ukraine; Russians report fierce fighting, indicate no change in lines; Italian troops reach Russo-German war front.

Japan quickly apologizes for bomb damage to U. S. gunboat Tutuila at Chungking.

Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, expected to confer again with Stalin in Moscow; reports he discussed U. S. aid to Russia at first interview.

Economic Policy Board Is Created

Vice-President Wallace to Head Group Which Will Coordinate Defense Work

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—A board to guide the overall activities of federal agencies in economic defense was created by President Roosevelt today. Vice President Wallace was made its head.

Also named as members were the secretaries of state, treasury, war, navy, agriculture and commerce, and the attorney general.

An executive order establishing the board said: “The administration of the various activities relating to economic defense shall remain with the several departments and agencies now charged with such duties, but such administration shall conform to the policies formulated or approved by the board.”

Functions assigned the board were listed as follows: “Advise the president as to economic defense measures to be taken or functions to be performed which are essential to the effective defense of the nation.”

“Coordinate the policies and actions of the several departments and agencies carrying on activities relating to economic defense in order to assure unity and balance in the application of such measures.”

“Develop integrated economic defense plans and programs for coordinated action by the departments and agencies concerned and use all appropriate means to assure that such plans and programs are carried into effect by such departments and agencies.”

Argentine Nazi Plot Overthrown

BUENOS AIRES, July 31.—(AP)—Smashing of a “subversive plot intended to overthrow present authorities” of Argentina was announced by police at Parana today after a series of raids in that provincial capital, a reputed hotbed of nazi activity.

A large quantity of propaganda documents was reported seized in houses whose doors and walls the raiders said were decorated with the swastika.

Nine persons were arrested in the alleged plot which police said was centered in the finger of northern Argentina jutting northward along Uruguay's inland frontier and controlling waterways leading to Paraguay, Bolivia and Brazil.

The raid was the latest in a series of anti-nazi moves in South America.

Egyptian Government To Be Reorganized

CAIRO, Egypt, July 31.—(AP)—The Egyptian cabinet of Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha resigned as a unit today to be reorganized on a broader basis, including five new ministers of the cabinet.

The new government was expected to be formed by tonight.

Saadists are an offshoot of the dominant party.

Farmer Killed When Team Used in Haying Bolts

HILLSBORO, July 31.—(AP)—A haying team bolted yesterday crushing Carl Brown, 63, Cornelius farmer, between the hayrack and a gatepost. He was dead when help arrived.

Red Soldiers Prepare For Offense Move

Attack Will Be Launched Soon as German Reserve Strength Is Weakened

LONDON, July 31.—(AP)—A counter-offensive by more than 3,000,000 red army soldiers on a front stretching from Leningrad to Kiev was predicted today in soviet Russian military circles here.

It was asserted that the attack might begin within two weeks, when the Russian high command was satisfied that the German armies had expended their reserves of strength in attempts to smash the red army around Smolensk, barring the way to Moscow.

The soviet informants said that the predicted offensive would be one of the largest in history, with the red army ranks strengthened by hundreds of thousands of reservists now being assembled and completely equipped for the big push.

The outcome of the battle of Smolensk, considered one of the most decisive engagements of the Russian-German war, will depend upon the ability of the nazis high command to deploy fresh first rate troops against the Russians, said authoritative quarters.

The German position appeared complicated because Russian counter-attacks were reported by-passing advancing Germans often and attacking lines of communications, these quarters said. These quarters suggested that the last two weeks demonstrated deep German panzer thrusts to be of little use because “Russians close in around them, cut off supplies and destroy the tanks.”

Russians Holding Is Claim

MOSCOW, July 31.—(AP)—Russian forces declared today that the Germans have been held to a standstill and are wearing themselves out in futile assaults on the soviet's unyielding defenses.

As these informants pictured the trend, the warfare has developed into a battle of attrition with red army masses using their weight to sap the reichswehr's strength.

German air assaults on Russia's two greatest cities also were called failures. Three Luftwaffe attempts to raid Leningrad were said to have been beaten off by Russian anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes and an air attack on Moscow was said to have been repulsed.

Further conferences between Premier Joseph Stalin and Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, were expected, meanwhile.

The Russians said they had beaten off three German attempts to bomb Leningrad by deduction.

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Return Trip of Jap Liner Is Hurried

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—(AP)—Wary of possible worsening of relations between the United States and Japan, N. Y. K. line officials hurried preparations today for departure of their \$15,000,000 liner Tatuta Maru, which ventured into port only after cruising indecisively off the California coast for seven days.

The huge motorship, her 243 passengers shouting and singing as she passed through the Golden Gate, docked here yesterday. In her holds were \$2,500,000 worth of raw silk, 200 tons of tea and other goods, but no move had been made to obtain permission to discharge the cargo.

It likely will still be aboard when the ship leaves for Japan, probably about noon Friday.

Indicative of their anxiety to get the liner out of American waters, N. Y. K. officials decided to omit a scheduled stop at Los Angeles. They hurriedly transported to San Francisco 116 Japanese citizens waiting for the ship at Los Angeles.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NOTE carefully, please, that up to noon today (Tuesday) there has been no shooting in the south Pacific.

To this unofficial and strictly amateur guesser, that looks like fair proof that unless something slips there will be no shooting there for the present.

THE Japs have probably figured it out that this is a good time to pick up the loot that is lying around loose in their vicinity.

Indo-China falls clearly into the class of loose loot. It belongs to France. France is licked and helpless. Nobody needs to fear France—least of all Japan. Hitler isn't interested in France's Asiatic possessions.

Indo-China looked like easy picking.

BUT that isn't all. If Hitler wins, Indo-China (and Thailand, if she can grab that too) will be a good jumping-off place for Japanese attack on Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, Australia, etc. If Hitler loses, Indo-China will be fine trading stock for the

Japanese arriving at a British factory settlement with the satisfaction and the United States (for we're into this world empire game now up to our necks.)

Neither Britain nor the United States wants war in the Pacific while the supremely important battle of the Atlantic is still undecided.

Altogether, it looked to the Japs like a GOOD TIME TO GRAB.

ALL this, of course, is the purest kind of guesswork. But it looks like a good guess.

If the Japs meant business, and were going after Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines immediately, and London and Washington knew it, the time to start shooting would be RIGHT NOW, before Japan can get dug in and established at her new bases in Indo-China.

The fact that shooting hasn't started yet indicates that London and Washington don't believe the Japs mean business now. In that event, the rough talk last week was for the pur-

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