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"Some gains" by the Japs are reported in their latest attacks on Wainwright's forces. Will those gains be extended or followed by reversals? Follow through with the NEWS-REVIEW.

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INDIA CONFERENCE ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Russians are reported to be moving the first of several million fresh reserves into the battle front that extends from Leningrad to the Black sea.

At the same time, the Germans are reported to be counter-attacking "very hard."

THESE are apt to be the first signs of resumption of big-time fighting on the Russian front.

SPRING is approaching.

IT will be really big-time war. The Russians assert that these new reserves will boost the red armies at the front to seven millions, as compared with four and a half million Germans. (The figures are Russia's.)

The new Russian reserves are coming from all over the USSR (Union of Socialist Soviet Republics) and are the product of Russia's universal military training program.

The number of these new reserves is doubtless worrying Hitler, who has been dragging the countries he has overrun for fighting men to throw into the Russian battle lines. That is the best possible indication that he may be scraping the bottom of the man-power barrel at home.

HITLER is familiar with the ancient military maxim that the side with the last reserves is pretty apt to win, and it must give him at least faint spells of the jitters when he contemplates the reserves of man-power that Russia can draw on.

He conquers these spells by telling himself that in the days when that maxim was coined man-power was all-important and machine power relatively unimportant.

His advantage lies in Germany's great industrial machine, which is relatively undamaged and according to all reports is operating at top efficiency.

But he can't forget that MEN are needed to operate planes and tanks and guns.

THE Russians, even by German admission, have held the offensive throughout the winter, and have given the Germans a bad mauling.

But if we are to view the situation realistically, we can't overlook this fact:

They HAVEN'T demoralized

Roosevelt Opposes Extra Labor Pay

Production Hurt, Letter To Union Says

UAW Gets President's Views After Demanding Wartime Income Limit

DETROIT, April 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a letter read to a special war conference of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) here today, stated the government's intention "to negotiate contracts with the employers wherever necessary to insure that the savings from the relinquishments of double or premium time go not to the employer but to the nation."

The letter, addressed to R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO international president, stated:

"The provision in some union contracts requiring double time or other premium pay for weekend and holiday work is quite understandable in peacetime. But in wartime it puts a brake on production. It causes factories to close on Sundays and holidays. It helps our enemies."

"Of course the relinquishment of double time should not operate as a windfall to any employer or group of employers. We are asking sacrifices from no group for the selfish benefit of any other group. Total war demands total sacrifice for the common good."

The UAW-CIO international board presented its proposals for limiting incomes in what it termed an "equality of sacrifice" war program.

The president's message to Thomas came after the union's international executive board had proposed that for the war's duration individual and family incomes be limited to \$25,000 a year, in return for which labor would accept non-negotiable defense bonds in lieu of all overtime pay for more than 40 hours a week.

Other parts of the program included:

Sprague Proclaims Week Of Know-Your-Neighbor

SALEM, April 7.—(AP)—Governor Sprague today proclaimed the week of April 26-May 2 as "know-your-neighbor week" for all Oregon outside the city of Portland.

He recommended that civilian defense workers use the week as an opportunity for residents of each block to get acquainted with each other, and the governor also encouraged the holding of neighborhood gatherings during the week.

A similar observance recently was held in Portland.

Arrested for Libeling MacArthur



Ellis O. Jones, left, is visited by his associate, Robert Noble, after getting 90 days in Los Angeles jail for refusing to give satisfactory answers to subversive activity investigators. Both men are accused by California's attorney general of libeling General Douglas MacArthur. Noble ultimately was put behind bars himself. Criminal charges against the pair were boosted to three, and on these they are held in lieu of \$10,000 bail. In addition to the libel count, the pair are accused of sedition and failure to register as members of a subversive group. The latter count also names seven other persons. The California attorney general branded Jones and Noble as "blasphemous loudspeakers for a group of nazi sympathizers."

Cut Ordered In Sale of Fuel Oil

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Arrival of normal spring weather was expected today to temper the effects of a 25 per cent cut in deliveries of fuel oil for central heating and hot water supplies in the 17 east coast states, the District of Columbia, and Washington and Oregon.

Petroleum Coordinator Ickes called for the curtailment, effective immediately, at the behest of the petroleum industry's marketing committee.

Deputy coordinators explained that vital industries in the affected area faced a serious shortage of fuel oil because of transportation difficulties.

The curtailment will not affect hospitals and private homes where illness or other emergencies require a greater use of fuel oil.

Two Children Burn to Death Near Central Point

MEDFORD, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Two children, Nancy Rosaloe Michaels, about ten months old, and her brother, Norman Ray Michaels, aged four years, were burned to death Monday afternoon in a fire that destroyed the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michaels, near the Tolo overhead bridge in the Central Point district, Coroner H. W. Conger reported.

The children, who had been ill, were left asleep in the two-room house, while the parents went to a nearby grocery store. The distracted mother said there was a small fire in the kitchen stove, and she had left the door open. The sheriff's office theorized a spark had been blown from the stove, starting the fire.

Fire Hazard Structures Go In 30 Days

Council Issues Order of Removal; Remarking of City Streets Decided On

An order of condemnation was adopted by the city council last night affecting eight structures held to be fire hazards. The owners of the property were ordered to remove the buildings within 30 days. Only one appearance was made at the hearing set for last night, following publication of the council's intention to condemn the buildings. Attorney A. N. Orcutt appeared on behalf of Mrs. Leona Creason Koff, requesting that the owner be given an opportunity to repair the building at Jackson street and Second avenue, South, the structure formerly occupied by the Page Lumber company. Mr. Orcutt stated that dilapidated portions of the structure would be torn down immediately and that the grounds would be cleaned. Further improvements will be made in the near future, Mr. Orcutt said.

The council agreed to the request conditioned upon the immediate removal of hazardous conditions. Mayor Young demanded, however, that the building be thoroughly cleaned and that steps be taken to lock doors and barricade broken windows so that unauthorized persons would be unable to gain entry.

Salem Votes Pay to Air Raid Barrier Supervisor

SALEM, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—The Salem city council approved last night a \$350 expenditure to pay a full-time air raid precautions supervisor for two months, and tentatively approved a proposed ordinance to forbid the sale of fireworks for the duration of the war.

Nazi Sub Attacks Off U. S. Dwindle

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today that German U-boat attacks on shipping along the United States Atlantic coast had dropped off considerably last week and that the drop might be due to protective methods recently enforced by the navy.

The navy announced 14 submarine attacks in the western Atlantic and adjacent waters last week. Naval officials said, however, that only two of those, one tanker and a tug with barges, actually occurred either prior to March 29 or else were in the Caribbean area which Knox's statement did not cover.

Admiral Wilcox Lost at Sea During Bad Weather

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The loss of Rear Admiral J. W. Wilcox, Jr., 60, overboard "at sea in heavy weather during normal cruising" was announced yesterday by the navy department, without further details.

For more than a year prior to his last service at sea, Admiral Wilcox had served as president of the navy board of inspection and survey. He was a holder of the Mexican service medal and Victory medal.

Reds Smash Nazi Line In Bloody Clash

Success Also Claimed Against Hitler's Huge Armada of Planes

(By the Associated Press)
Russia's armies have broken into German lines southeast of Lake Ilmen on the bloody Staraya Russa battlefield, the Berlin radio acknowledged today, while soviet dispatches indicated that Adolf Hitler now was throwing clouds of warplanes into the struggle as a prelude to the nazi spring offensive.

Red army dispatches said the intensified aerial assault cost the Germans 415 planes in eight days, with soviet losses held to 84. On Easter Sunday alone, dispatches said, Russian fliers and gunners destroyed 119 German aircraft in sky combat and attacks on nazi airdromes.

A Berlin broadcast said strong, tank-led Russian forces smashed into nazi positions in the Lake Ilmen sector, where remnants of the German 16th army have been trapped for many weeks, but declared that the Germans had "adjusted" their lines after heavy bayonet fighting.

Nazi Claim Successes

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters conceded that the Russians were pressing attacks "on several sectors" of the long, thawing front, but asserted that "our own offensive operations brought further successes." No

Sailor-Inventor, Pioneer Advocate Of Planes Dies



Rear Admiral Fiske
NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Bradley Allen Fiske, 87, retired naval officer whose heroism on the seas was second only to his genius for inventing efficiency devices for the warships that sailed them, died last night. A daughter, Caroline Harper Fiske, survives.

In the 42-year span of his naval career, Fiske was a combination sailor-fighter-inventor-strategist. No dreamy-eyed armchair admiral, he foresaw even before the World War the value of a naval air force and fought tooth-and-nail for it.

It was for the navy that he invented, among other things, the aerial torpedo, the radio-guided torpedo plane, the electrically-actuated turret, an electric range finder, an electric ammunition hoist.

Consumer Durable Goods Will Halt

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Production of most consumer durable goods will be stopped by May 31, Donald M. Nelson, war production head, disclosed today.

Declaring that "history will record whether we moved too fast or too slow" in the drive to curtail civilian industries and convert them to war production, Nelson said the high point of the program would be reached in a few days with issuance of orders halting most private building construction and prohibiting use of iron and steel in hundreds of items.

The goal of the program is a "sound but lean civilian economy," Nelson declared, adding that no one yet knew how "lean" it can be but that it will "get leaner and leaner as the war program goes on."

"We're taking away from the people things which make the standard of living," Nelson said, but "this is the way of total all-out war and the price of early victory."

China, Like Japan, To Have Envoy at Vatican

CHUNGKING, April 7.—(AP)—An exchange of diplomatic representatives between China and the vatican has been arranged, a government spokesman announced today.

He said the Chinese government soon would send an envoy—as yet undesignated—to the Holy See.

Aid To Britain Unpledged As Japs Attack

British Yield Further Ground in Burma; Japs Score Gain in Bataan

NEW DELHI, India, April 7.—(AP)—Britain has agreed to appoint an Indian as defense minister, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem league said today.

Nevertheless, despite this offer and renewed efforts by a United States envoy, the leader of the Hindu all-Indian congress party expressed forthright objections to other phases of the program, and signs grew that the whole plan probably would fall of general Indian acceptance.

(By the Associated Press)
With Japanese bombers already attacking her cities, leaders of invasion-threatened India's 390,000,000 still shied at full wartime cooperation with Britain and the United Nations today amid signs that negotiations again were breaking down.

In an apparent eleventh-hour attempt to prevent a collapse of the discussions, President Roosevelt's envoy, Louis Johnson, was disclosed to have been in touch with the White House regarding developments.

Johnson talked anew with Azad, president of the All-India congress party, and with Nehru, powerful former president of the congress, after Nehru had declared:

"We have remained united in slavery, and we shall remain united in freedom."

Nehru indicated he would oppose any attempt to break up India into separate states, as might occur under the British plan, asserting:

"I don't know what the future will bring, but this country is one country."

Low Registration Reflects Apathy Toward Primary

Registration of voters for the May 15 primary election has been exceedingly light despite the fact that only one week is left in which voters may qualify, County Clerk Roy Agee reported today.

The registration books will close Tuesday, April 14.

The clerk's office, Mr. Agee said today, will be kept open until 5 p. m. Saturday, April 11, instead of closing at 1 p. m., as usual. He also will keep his office open continuously next Tuesday, the last day for accepting registrations, until 8 p. m.

Persons who have voted regularly and who have not moved from one precinct to another are not required to re-register. Those however, who have allowed registration to lapse by failure to vote for a period of two years; persons who have changed residence from one voting precinct to another; persons who have moved into the county, or those who have become of age since the last election, will be required to register in order to vote at the forthcoming election.

Although registrations for primary elections ordinarily are lighter than preceding general elections, there has been less interest shown this year than at any time in recent election years, Mr. Agee reports.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE PARADE held in Roseburg yesterday afternoon. I took—let's see—24 pictures of it; reckon we'll be able to run three or four.

I believe the thing (aside from a photograph) which impressed me the most was F. L. Crittenden's address, given over a loud-speaker at Finlay field. It kind of got under my skin, for some reason or other. The speaker (an ex-sailor) said a lot of things in cleaner and plainer language than you or I possibly could.

Among all the pictures I took yesterday were many which would interest you—particularly, I suppose, those of the little girls in the abbreviated, bright costumes; but the one I'm going to dwell upon, is the one you see above.

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