

Weather, Labor Shortage Damage Crop Prospects

PORTLAND, July 15—(AP)—Rain, heat, fire and the labor shortage combined to damage Oregon crop prospects last week, the U. S. department of commerce weather-crop survey reported.

Rain or hot weather damaged cherries in Benton and Linn counties, berries and apples in Marion county, apples in Hood River county, cherries and other fruits in Wasco county and loganberries in Douglas county.

Range fires caused widespread

loss in Baker and Malheur counties.

Lack of farm labor was responsible for loss of part of Jackson county's cherry crop and delayed the hay harvest in Wasco and several other counties.

Winter wheat not previously damaged by heat was filling well and spring wheat was progressing satisfactorily except in a few localities where drought conditions prevailed.

Pastures still were in better condition than usual for this time of year and livestock was doing well.

Hops were good in Southern Oregon but generally poor in the Willamette valley. Weather was favorable for corn.

American Food, Treatment Please Jap War Prisoner

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La., July 16.—(AP)—"Thank you," wrote the Japanese war prisoner in English, "food very good every day."

First Japanese to arrive at the army's internment camp here, he nodded and smiled at Lt. Col. John L. Dunn, commanding officer, told reporters of the Alexandria (La.) Town Talk that he was studying English, after being brought here from Pearl harbor where he was taken from a pint-sized submarine December 7.

Questions and answers were written, and some he declined to answer.

"We might as well forget these," said Col. Dunn. The prisoner smiled, wrote that he was captured at Pearl harbor. Companions in the sub, possibly two, perished in the attack. He said he had no complaint as to treatment.

Others also expressed satisfaction. A former importer and exporter answered "yes" to every question when asked about medical attention, if his barracks were comfortable, if food was satisfactory, if he was well-treated. Except for broad grins, most of them paid little heed to the two reporters as they prepared to eat rice, ham, potatoes, fresh beans and dessert of ox-heart cherries. Attendants said they requested rice three times daily, fish often.

Ralph Brewer and Hunter Jarreau, of the Alexandria paper, toured ten compounds of the camp at invitation of Col. Dunn. "Not one shot has been fired, contrary to (propaganda) reports," said Col. Dunn. "Not one Japanese has made an attempt to escape. You write what you see and hear, and if the news gets back to Japan, maybe it will help. You know the Japanese hold American soldiers and civilian prisoners."

line of southern Russia, reporting further severance of Russian communications.

Second Front Urged

Qualified sources at London said that Russia was pressing anew through her ambassador to Britain for the prompt opening of a United States-British land front in the west to dilute the potency of the German drive to the east.

Britain, the United States and Russia recently reached air understanding on the "urgency" of a second front in 1942, but beyond that vague announcement no official disclosures have been made.

Unofficially elaborating on this theme, a London informant whose name could not be used said:

"All preparations for opening a second front are under way and the objective is a front which will be permanent, not only a large hit and run raid."

According to military sources in London, likewise insisting on anonymity, the situation in southern Russia has not necessarily reached a point where an American-British invasion of the continent is essential to save Russia's armies.

The Russians have been speaking recurrently of German numerical superiority in sectors chosen by the Hitler command for its offensive, but have given no indication of tapping extensively as yet their own supposedly vast reserves.

House Yields to End Deadlock on Farm Bill

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ate amendment requiring that soil benefit payments made to farmers be taken into account in figuring the amount growers would receive in parity payments.

Tax Plan Under Fire

Rep. Treadway of Massachusetts, ranking republican member of the house ways and means committee, announced today he planned to vote to send \$6,144,000,000 revenue bill back to the committee for revision of proposed corporation taxes.

Joining Rep. Knutson (R., Minn.) in an attack on corporate rates proposed in the bill, Treadway said in a minority report accompanying the "big bill" to the floor:

"It is a short-sighted policy which taxes business out of existence so that it can not continue to pay taxes to the government, maintain employment and sustain the communities where-in it is carried on."

Treadway and Knutson both expressed opposition to the proposed combined 45 per cent normal and surtax and the 87 1/2 per cent excess profits rate. Knutson, saying the proposed rates were "arrived at through a series of trades and shameless logrolling," said he preferred rates of 40 and 94 per cent, while Treadway said:

"The committee bill, in its present form, places too much of a burden on normal profits, and not enough on excess profits."

Treadway said, too, that the reductions of personal exemptions for married couples from \$1,500 to \$1,200 and from \$750 to \$500 for single persons were too severe.

Rep. Dingell (D., Mich.), in still another minority report, agreed with Treadway on this point, saying the levels were "unfair and unjust" because they affected an "element of the people least able to bear the load."

Sewing Group To Meet—The Christian Science War Relief sewing group will meet Thursday at two o'clock at the Perkins building. All persons interested in doing war relief sewing are invited to attend the weekly meetings.

Jap Plan to Hit Siberia Waits on Nazi Triumph

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Coral sea and Midway.

Those battles, victories for the United States, resulted from Japanese moves, first, for a new invasion in the Australian theater and, secondly, an attempt to invade the Hawaiian Islands.

The Japanese probably will keep their big ships close to home—and incidentally, handy for supporting any attack on Russia—until readjustments have been made for the losses undergone, particularly in aircraft carriers.

Japanese Base Raided

In the theaters of active war in the far Pacific, the MacArthur headquarters in Australia reported a new bomb raid yesterday on the Japanese airport at Salamaua, New Guinea, and the Chinese acknowledged that the Japanese had captured Wenchow, an important port of Southern Chekiang province.

The Chinese, thus confirming a Japanese announcement of last Saturday, said that the attackers

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giving up more ground on the Steppes within the Don river bend.

Germany's not-to-be-minimized gains in Russia have cost her a pretty price, the Russians said, and she is paying it at the expense of her western European positions.

The German high command today repeated its claim of rapid progress along the whole vast bat-

Rommel's Army Halted

Any diversion in the Mediterranean zone seems to have been postponed, to say the least, for the allies now may be necessarily content to stabilize the outlying defense of Alexandria. Marshal Rommel's forces have not lost their punch but they have been stopped before El Alamein, 70 miles west of Alexandria, for more than two weeks.

Axis tanks and infantry launched a third attack on the British-held height, Tel El Eisa (Hill of Jesus), at dusk yesterday, British headquarters announced, and the battle lasted into the night.

The RAF, still playing a prominent role in the defense, assailed the enemy both at the front and at Tobruk, Rommel's main port of entry for supplies in Libya. Patrols and maneuvering desert columns clashed along the whole line between El Alamein, at the Mediterranean shore, and the impassable Qattara depression, some 30 miles inland.

Air Battle at Malta

The Italian communique said that strong enemy patrols were attacked on the southern wing of the El Alamein front and "repulsed eastward" and claimed 13 more British planes were downed in Africa and four at Malta.

The British said their own losses were three planes, including both African and Malta operations, and that seven axis planes were downed, three at Malta.

British air raids last night on the Italian island of Sicily and on the Calabria region of Italy proper were announced by Rome.

The London admiralty meanwhile credited light naval forces with destruction of a heavily escorted German tanker off Cherbourg, France, this morning, and damage to two escorting trawlers. The British patrol returned safely with injuries to some of the crewmen.

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Robert P. Hempel Of Near Roseburg Passes

Robert Paul Hempel, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Hempel, Route 1, Roseburg, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at Mercy hospital. He was born at Baltimore, Md., September 11, 1921, and came to Roseburg with his parents from that city about seven years ago.

Surviving besides his parents are seven brothers and sisters; Doris, Loraine, Leroy, and Norma Hempel all of Roseburg; Bernard Hempel, Navy training school, Detroit, Michigan; William Hempel, Fireman, 2nd Class, United States navy, New York City; and Mrs. Mildred Lehrbach, Roseburg.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Navy Recruiter Signs Four Enlistees Here

Four recruits for the U. S. navy have been signed at the local recruiting office this week Chief Yeoman O. L. Anderson, recruiting officer, announced today. Guy Dale Oglesby, Arthur Robert Anglin and Vernon Charles Welt, all of Roseburg, and Lewis Julian Allen, Sutherlin, were recruited here Tuesday and today and have gone to Portland for physical examinations prior to final enlistment.

Peace Justice Job at Milton Given to Woman

SALEM, July 15—(AP)—Governor Sprague today appointed Mrs. Retta E. Bailey, Milton, as justice of the peace for the Milton district of Umatilla county, succeeding F. A. Fullerton, resigned.

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