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In The Day's News

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FOR several days, the home front politicians have been doing the talking. Today, as a change, the military men speak for publication.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL McNARNEY, deputy chief of staff (second only to General Marshall) tells the senate appropriations committee, which later makes his testimony public: "Co-ordinated operation of our land and air forces is RAPIDLY bringing us (the United Nations) toward a FINAL VICTORY."

He adds: "Our operations in the Pacific have turned the tide of Jap advance into a gradual withdrawal toward their home bases. Since our victory at Attu, the strategic movements of the Japanese have followed our lead."

"It is our intention to bring the war home to Japan in such a manner that the whole empire will feel its full impact in a most violent and destructive way."

THOSE are strong words, and Senator Gurney warns him of the "growing tendency among some of us" to feel that the war is "going to be over by Thanksgiving day," adding that the general's statement that the allies are rapidly approaching final victory might make these hopeful ones feel they're on the right track.

McNarney's only concession to this warning is that his statement that we are "rapidly" approaching victory "might be a slight overstatement."

READ and hope. But DON'T LET DOWN in your contribution to the war effort, whatever it may be.

The soundest policy is to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

GENERAL MILLER, heading the U. S. 8th army air force (based in England), says: "We are definitely set for a great new flow of planes to this theater for the increased offensive against Germany. We are ready to meet the demands for a step-up by 45 per cent of the bomb load (to be dropped on Germany) if it is called for."

(He refers to Washington reports that the allies are planning a 45 per cent increase in bomb

Democrats Shy at Wallace-Jones Feud; Republicans Clamor for Investigation

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—Democratic senators generally adopted a hands-off attitude today toward the public flare-up between Vice President Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jones but republican members clamored for an investigation.

While President Roosevelt accused the press and radio of stirring up some of the controversies among members of his official family, Senator Danaher (R., Conn.) declared he "definitely favored" a congressional inquiry into the background of yesterday's heated exchange between Wallace and Jones over the program for acquiring war critical materials.

Another republican, Michigan's Senator Ferguson, said he thought an investigation would have "very interesting possibilities."

The democratic chairmen of committees which might be called on to make such an inquiry, as was invited by Jones, were in no apparent rush however to demand priorities on it.

Unlike President Roosevelt, who told his press conference that

ITALY, NAZIS BRACING FOR INVASION BY ALLIES ALONG EUROPE'S SOUTHERN COAST

First Landing May Occur on Italian Soil

Flying Fortresses Raid Le Mans, France; Greek Cities Torn by Revolt

(By the Associated Press) Axis broadcasts today reported great allied naval activity in the Mediterranean and declared Italy was on the eve of being invaded. Everywhere along the southern ramparts of Hitler's Europe, from the Salonika peninsula in Greece to the French Mediterranean coast, German troops were reported feverishly rushing preparations to combat an expected allied grand assault.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said Italy had ordered the mobilization of every able-bodied resident of Sicily because of the "inevitability of allied invasion."

Private telephone and telegraph communications were said to have been cut between the Italian mainland and Sicily and Sardinia.

Meanwhile, fresh ruins were left smoldering in southern Italy in the wake of an attack by RAF bombers on the mainland ferry terminus at Reggio Calabria, across the narrow strait of Messina from bomb-torn Sicily. Allied headquarters announced that night-flying RAF Wellingtons from North Africa also blasted the Sicilian port of Messina, hitting the very terminal and marshalling yards.

Fortresses Blast Le Mans

In northern Europe, a big force of U. S. Flying Fortresses carried the Britain-based offensive.

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Incident Test Slated For Roseburg Friday

Richard Maddox, commander of the Roseburg civilian defense force, announced today that arrangements have been made for an incident test to be held Friday at 8 a. m. All defense units will be used and members are requested to be prepared for the practice. There will be no use of the air raid sirens at this test, but arrangements are being made at stated intervals at a later date. Public cooperation during the brief period of the test is requested.

Extermination of German, Japanese War Machines Vowed by Churchill; Assaults on Italy "Preliminaries"

LONDON, June 30.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill in a firm, confident speech declared today that "it is very probable there will be heavy fighting in the Mediterranean and elsewhere before the leaves of autumn fall."

He promised the Germans that the mighty arms of the British and United States air forces "will lengthen by night and by day," seeking out more industrial and military targets with "exterminating force," and when the major cities of Germany are disposed of "we will follow the war industry of the reich to the smaller towns."

In the sea war, he disclosed that more than 30 submarines were certainly destroyed in May and that the destruction continues with June "the best month we have ever known in the war."

Churchill's prediction of heavy fighting in the Mediterranean came after Foreign Secretary Eden, in commons, had called upon Mussolini "to accept the unconditional surrender terms offered to him."

Italy, as yet subjected only to "preliminary and discursive bombardments," already is wondering where the blow of invasion will fall, Churchill said, while Hitler's worry over those allied plans for assault "may have led to the remarkable long delay of opening the promised German offensive against Russia."

"It is no part of our interest to relieve that anxiety," he remarked.

Aid Against Japs Vowed

The prime minister spoke after a ceremony honoring him in the fire-blackened Guildhall in the heart of London.

He announced again that the allies "demand from the nazis and fascists and Japanese tyrants unconditional surrender," and declared: "Every man, every ship and every airplane in the king's service that can be moved to the Pacific will be sent there * * * for as many years as are needed to make the Japanese in their turn submit or bite the dust."

Though confidently predicting final triumph, Churchill later said that "survival and victory are well within our grasp but hard and painful may be the process by which we shall arrive at a satisfactory conclusion."

Detailing the tremendous air punishment heaped upon Germany, Churchill disclosed the

flocks of intramural squabbles to newspaper stories, especially by columnists and radio commentators.

Mr. Roosevelt said reporters often had to write under orders and cited a story about the morals of the WAACs as an illustration, which hurt the war effort. Apparently he referred to a columnist's report—later denied by the War department—that members of the women's auxiliary army corps were to be furnished contraceptives. Rep. McGraney (D., Pa.) offered a resolution yesterday for an investigation of the story.

The president, who said he wished official quarrels would be brought to him before they are aired publicly, declared the home front is doing all right in spite of the wrangling. He advised news writers to take a look around the country for proof.

Wallace, chairman of the Board of Economic Warfare, issued a statement accusing Jones of obstructing the agency's effort to acquire much-needed materials from abroad. Jones fired back that Wallace's statement was full of "malice and misstatement."

House Again Rejects Plan For Subsidies

Proposed Bill to Roll Back Food Prices Lost By Vote of 160-32

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—Demonstrating anew congressional dissatisfaction with war-time operations on the home front, the house voted overwhelmingly today to outlaw government subsidy payments for rollbacks of retail food prices.

The standing vote was 160 to 32. The senate was ready to act next on the house-senate conference committee's reconciliation bill to extend the Commodity Credit corporation's life, embracing the ban on subsidy-rollback payments, and that body's approval would send the legislation to President Roosevelt's desk.

A source close to the administration said President Roosevelt "could not help" vetoing the Commodity Credit measure if congress sends it to him with the subsidy ban included. This authority, declining use of his name, based his opinion on the firm stand the chief executive has taken for subsidies as a part of his "hold-the-line" program against inflation.

House action came shortly after the War Labor board declared that its wage stabilization program "calls for a prompt carrying forward of the announced policies of the administration affecting the cost of food." Subsidy payments form the basis of the government's program to hold prices down.

Asserting that the cost of living rose more than 6 per cent since last October and the price of fresh vegetables nearly 58 per cent, the board warned that "this increasing cost of food gravely affects the wage stabilization program of the National War Labor board."

The Housewives' Crusade to Halt Inflation, meanwhile, sent President Roosevelt a telegram today urging that he make a "fireside chat" to the nation and explain "the need for subsidies if the fight against inflation is to be lost."

The organization also made public an open letter to members of congress opposing the subsidy program in which it said that un-

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Admits Acting as Spy for Germany



(NEA Telephoto)

Arrested by the FBI while serving as an air raid warden on Staten Island, Ernest F. Lehmitz, German-born, naturalized American citizen, pictured above, pleaded guilty this week to a pro-Nazi spy charge. He admitted writing numerous letters to Nazi intelligence agents in Europe, giving detailed information on U. S. war preparations. He was held under heavy guard, together with a self-confessed accomplice, E. H. Despreter, former German army lieutenant, who operated a gunsmith-making plant in New York under a U. S. government subcontract.

New Liberty Ship Named For Binger Hermann

PORTLAND, June 30.—(AP)—Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation launches its 210th Liberty vessel today, the Binger Hermann, named for a former U. S. land commissioner and member of congress from Oregon.

Preparations For Cannery Soon to Begin

Paulus Bros. to Alter Plant Purchased From Douglas Prune Growers

Paulus Bros., Salem cannery, who this week purchased the Douglas Prune Growers association packing plant in North Roseburg as a location for a cannery to serve the Umpqua Valley, are expected to start work immediately preparing the building for occupancy.

The prune packing machinery and equipment will be stored in the building, at least temporarily, it was reported, and repairs and alterations will be made preparatory to the installation of cannery equipment and warehouse supplies.

The building, 120 by 250 feet in size, extends from Winchester to North Jackson street and abuts the Kinney railroad spur in North Roseburg. An unused strip of land, 60 feet in width, on the north side, affords space for future expansion or for parking purposes.

The structure was erected in 1913 by the California Oregon Packing company and is the largest and best equipped prune packing plant in the southern part of the state. It was acquired by purchase in 1936 by the Douglas County Prune Growers, a cooperative association which at its peak had more than 100 members. In recent years, due to the removal of many of the county's prune orchards, as a result of low prices, the membership has dropped to approximately 60.

During the past few years the plant has been operated annually to process the prunes of the members, but the period of operation has been short and the building has been used principally for warehouse purposes.

Officers of the association are D. N. Busenbark, president; Arthur Marsh, vice-president; M. F. Middelburg, secretary-treasurer. Directors, in addition to Busenbark and Marsh, include A. L. Aiken, Riddle; L. E. Thompson, Umpqua; Lloyd Goff, Sutherlin; Guy Mc Gee, Canyonville, and Ferd Fortin, Oakland.

Assn. Not to Dissolve

The association will be maintained, Busenbark states, but does not plan to engage in pack-

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Local Fire-Hit Businesses Will Be Re-established

L. J. Barnes, barber, and R. L. Hudson, proprietor of Hudson's Shoe Shine parlor, who were burned out in last week's fire, have moved across Cass street from their former location and are preparing to reopen their respective businesses.

Hudson is already back in operation, but Barnes will not have his shop in readiness for business until Saturday.

Barnes stated that he was very appreciative of the help of local plumbing and building firms in providing the labor necessary for installation of his shop and equipment, in view of the fact that these concerns had to take the men from other important jobs.

A large crew of workmen was engaged in repairs to the building occupied by the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank. The entire roof is being removed and ceiling and roof will be rebuilt, with repairs to the interior office buildings on the top floor.

The Callen-Miller barber shop, operated by Glenn Callen, while his partner, Fred Miller is engaged in shipyard work at Vancouver, Wash., has been reopened in the site formerly occupied by the Deer Creek barber shop, located immediately north of the Deer Creek bridge. Miller, who came to Roseburg following the fire, to assist in insurance settlement, will return to Vancouver Thursday.

L. W. Josse, owner of the Josse Furniture company, where last week's fire started in the furance room, reports he is negotiating for a new location and expects to be able to reopen his business within a short time.

Oregon Girl is Murder Victim



State and other police are seeking the slayer of Ruth Hilderbrand, 17, (above) whose body was discovered Sunday June 20, by fishermen in the Willamette river, a short distance south of Independence, Polk county. The police believe she was criminally assaulted and then tossed into the river. On June 7, it was ascertained the girl had gone to Rickreall, where she purchased a bus ticket for Camp Adair, where she was going to visit friends. (Associated Press photo.)

20 Per Cent Pay Deduction Will Begin Tomorrow

New Tax Collection Plan Expected to Yield U. S. Half Billion a Month

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—After tonight, Uncle Sam will take a personal interest in your pay check. A chunk of it you'll never see comes out at the source for income taxes.

Under the new system devised by congress to keep people as nearly abreast of their annual taxes as possible, officials estimated that employers will deduct about \$500,000,000 a month from the pay envelopes of their employees.

The check-off will be at the rate of 20 per cent of all earnings over personal exemptions, which are \$12 a week for single persons, \$24 a week for married persons and \$6 additional per week for dependents.

The tax starts with the first payroll period after today. However, millions of wage earners will not be affected until later this month. For instance, persons paid by the calendar week won't start missing the withholding tax until next week, because the current week started before July 1—effective date of the pay-as-you-go legislation.

The treasury said it appeared the new plan would start off smoothly, mostly because of familiarity with similar but smaller deductions for victory tax which have been in effect all year. The new system includes both victory and income taxes.

Instructions issued

Official regulations released today authorize employers, in figuring the deduction, to disregard the odd cents on paychecks. Thus, a \$35.27 check can be counted as \$35.20 for convenience in applying the deduction formula.

The treasury also told bosses to skip the withholding angles on expense account payments to employees, but advised them to count in any pay other than money which customarily is part of the remuneration. Thus, if an employee is paid \$25 a week and furnished meals, the meals are also subject to the tax. The regulation suggested, however, that the treasury could not put sandwiches in the bank and employers would have to figure the meals on a cash value based on either actual cost or market value. The same goes for employees who pay their employees partly in stocks or other securities.

Vacation pay, pensions, as well as bonuses, also are subject to the act. Exempted from the withholding system are servicemen, domestic servants, clergymen,

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Rendova Isle Occupied In Fresh Drive

Move Is Initial Stage Of New Offensive On Japs in South Pacific

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—The navy announced today that combined American forces landed June 30 on Rendova island in the Central Solomons, in what appeared to be the first stage of a new offensive operation against Japanese positions in the South Pacific.

Rendova island is in the New Georgia group. No details of the invasion have been received, the navy communique stated.

The Japanese have had installations on the island and presumably the landing either was opposed or, if accomplished by surprise, developed into fighting shortly afterward.

The strategic intent of the American move, except for its generally offensive nature in advancing American positions in the Solomons 110 miles northwest of the outpost in the Russell islands, was not fully apparent.

Rendova's most obvious military characteristic is that it lies only about five miles south of Munda, where the Japanese late last year developed an air base. However, at the time the base was nearing completion it was brought under heavy American bombardment and has been regularly assaulted from the air since then, so that navy spokesmen have recently reported it was virtually useless to the enemy.

Possibilities Pointed Out

The American aim could be to take Munda for further allied operations against either Bougainville, the main enemy-held island in the Northwestern Solomons, or against Rabaul which lies still farther to the west.

Another possibility speculated on here was that the move against Rendova may have been of a screening or diversionary nature to obscure more important thrusts elsewhere.

Still another possibility is that the high command might be testing the extent of Japanese will to resist in the Solomons area.

The Japanese fought furiously and lost heavily in their efforts to recapture Guadalcanal. Any American advance which forced them to undertake similar defensive and costly action would be profitable from the American point of view.

This is the second advance in the Solomons chain since American troops went into Guadalcanal last August 7. About the time the conquest of Guadalcanal in the Southeastern Solomons was completed on February 9 of this year, American forces occupied without opposition the Russell islands lying 60 miles northwest of Guadalcanal airfield.

Major Jap Zone Pierced

The third move, into Rendova island, carries the front line of American strength in the South Pacific into the zone of Japanese domination and 110 nautical miles northwest of the previous position in the Russells.

The last previous American advance against Japan was begun on May 11, when United States army forces moved into Attu island at the western tip of the Aleutians chain in the North Pacific. Attu was mopped up in three weeks of constant fighting under conditions of terrible cold, snow and fog. Prior to the Attu campaign, the navy had announced the occupation of Funafuti in

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Myrtle Creek Man Dies in Bomber Crash

ALAMOGORDO, N. M., June 30.—(AP)—The public relations office of the Alamogordo air base reported today ten officers and men were killed and one man injured late Tuesday when a large army bomber crashed near the base.

The listed dead includes one man from Oregon—Staff Sgt. John L. Peterson of Myrtle Creek, Douglas county.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Washington has served notice on Gen. Charles DeGaulle that French political wrangles will not be allowed to interfere with allied plans for the invasion of Europe. Monsieur Charles should understand that Washington reserves exclusive right to all political boondoggling affecting the war effort.