

STREET CAR, BUS STRIKE HITS LOS ANGELES

Private Cars Take Workers To War Jobs

Trucks, Trailers Also Give Service; Halt Due To Wage Boost Denial

LOS ANGELES, July 22—(AP)—A million Angelenos got to work today—somehow—despite a work stoppage that halted cars and buses of the Los Angeles Railway Co. at 3 a. m.

Thousands of motorists, fortified with new gasoline ration A coupons that became good today, backed their cars from garages and filled them with job-bound war plant workers.

Downtown thoroughfares soon took on the semblance of Rose Bowl New Year's day traffic as automobiles thronged the streets that were strangely quiet in the absence of clanging street car gongs and the rumble of steel wheels.

War plants sent out trucks and trailers equipped with makeshift seats. Chartered buses hauled workers to some airplane plants as usual. Pacific Electric Railway interurban cars and bus lines other than the Los Angeles Motor Coach Co., affiliated with the strike-bound street car system, operated as usual.

Wage Boost At Issue

D. D. McClurg, local president of the AFL union of drivers and motormen, said the transportation tieup would continue for only 24 hours. The 3,000 workers voted the work stoppage in protest of a War Labor board's refusal to approve a 10-cent an hour increase over present wages of 80 to 90 cents an hour.

Possibility of army interference in the work stoppage was dispelled by a statement by Brig. Gen. R. E. McQuillen, second in command of the southern California sector of the western defense command.

"Only the president can declare martial law," he said. "It is absolutely untrue that the army will take over transportation. That would require a directive from the president."

"Sprawling Los Angeles' two transportation systems are the Los Angeles Railway company, operating the "yellow" trolleys and buses, and the Pacific Electric Railway company, operating

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most exciting news at the moment is a report (NOT official) that battered German and Italian troops are fleeing in a general retreat toward Messina, hoping to get across the two-mile strait to Italy before it is too late.

That, if true, would mean that the END is BEGINNING in Sicily.

PATTON'S 7th American army is pushing across the body of the island, and as these words are written is only about 60 miles from Palermo, on the NORTH side.

The Americans, the dispatches report, are cutting a wide swath through the enemy line and are encountering "almost total lack of resistance from the Italians." Hundreds of Italians are reported to be surrendering.

AN official communique from A. Eisenhower's headquarters in Africa says there are many indications of mutinies by Italian troops commanded by German officers.

Unofficial reports add that some Italian units have killed their German commanders who tried to prevent surrender.

WERE still moving northward up the Catanian plain from its southern edge, bridging and crossing the rivers as we come to them. (Three principal streams cross the plain from west to east.)

Montgomery's 8th army is within two or three miles of the outskirts of Catania, and is continuing to beat off continued German tank attacks. Across the plain from Catania, in the hills at its western rim, the Canadians are crowding the communications center of Enna, and may by this time have taken it.

The British 8th army's pause before Catania is believed to be for the purpose of GATHERING STRENGTH for one of Montgomery's characteristic swift and terrible blows, and there are hints in the dispatches that he may be expected to boom on to Messina with little loss of time

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Buy More War Bonds For Freedom's Sake

Americans Capture Castelvetro, Prize Air Base

Russian Smash Nazi Counter Attacks In Farther Advance on Orel Bastion

Hitler Orders Key City Held At All Costs

Reds Overrun 90 More Villages; New Battle Near Leningrad Opens

LONDON, July 22—(AP)—Russians have launched a strong attack near Leningrad and heavy fighting has been raging since dawn. The German radio said today in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, July 22—(AP)—German reinforcements, rushed into the Orel breaches by forced marches, counterattacked viciously in desperate efforts to halt the Russian onslaught yesterday but were smashed back as the soviet offensive rolled on to within nine miles of the German stronghold. The Russians announced officially today.

In a battle of increasing violence which raged 200 miles south of Moscow, the Russians said they beat through masses of enemy tanks and infantry for gains of four to nine miles and overran 90 villages.

(The London radio said that Hitler had ordered Orel, hinge of the entire nazi south-central defense line, held "at all costs.")

(The Berlin radio, explaining the nazi retreats as part of the high command's plan "to force the enemy to the greatest use and abuse of his forces" in battles of attrition "where the goal is not to gain ground," said 45,172 Russians had been taken prisoner and 4,827 tanks and 2,344 planes had been destroyed or captured since July 5.)

(The German communique today said the Russians were attacking along the entire 450 miles

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Army Grabs Black Market Poultry to Feed Fighting Men

WASHINGTON, July 22—(AP)—The army, seeking poultry which it has been unable to buy at price ceilings, and the OPA, striving to break up black market operations in the Delmarva area, the east's largest producer, watched the highways today, ready to requisition any supplies that showed up.

The first requisition was made yesterday near Dover, Del., where state police, accompanied by OPA inspectors, stopped poultry trucks. The army, which made the actual requisition, received its authority from the War Food Administration, acting under the second war powers act.

Requisitioning followed a six-months investigation by OPA inspectors in the Delmarva area, which includes parts of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and which resulted in 40 indictments alleging black market operations.

OPA estimated weekly shipments of poultry from the Delmarva area at 4,000,000 pounds, but said the army had been able to obtain only a fraction of its weekly requirements of 1,000,000 pounds at the ceiling price, 28¢ cents a pound at the farm.

The army is paying 29¢ cents for requisitioned poultry. The higher price results from 1 cent allowed for sales to the government, plus 1 cent for shrinkage and trucking.

Price Administrator Brown said OPA moved into the Delmarva area "because we are determined to put an end to black market operations effecting important consuming centers such as New York City, and we are going to see that the army, buying at ceiling prices, obtains food for fighting men."

New Ruler Of French Islands Aide of Allies



New administrator of the French Antilles—Martinique and Guadeloupe—is anti-axis Henri Heppenot, above, who succeeded pro-Vichy Admiral Robert, under supervision of the U. S. navy. The change in government gives the allies the aid of several French warships that were based at Martinique, and the Antilles regime gets the use of 300 million dollars of French gold sent there from France ahead of the nazi invasion.

Roseburg Cannery Operation Begins About August 15

The Roseburg cannery, being installed here by Paulus Bros., Salem, will be ready for operation by August 15, E. E. Hill, general superintendent, reported today.

Mr. Hill visited the local plant to determine the progress of remodeling and machinery installation. Much of the equipment, he said, is being manufactured in the cannery company's machine shop at Salem and will be shipped here for installation in the near future.

Claude Martin, who has been employed with the company for 12 years, has been appointed as superintendent of the Roseburg plant, Hill announced. Martin has been assistant superintendent at Salem for the past five years.

Des O'Brien, also an employee at Salem, is being transferred to Roseburg as cook room foreman.

The major portion of the crew, Hill stated, will be recruited locally.

The task of remodeling the building, recently purchased from the Douglas County Prune Growers association, is in charge of Granville Perkins, an assistant superintendent from Salem.

Douglas County Lagging In July War Bond Quota

Douglas county has cleared only 56 per cent of its July quota of war bond sales, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, announced today.

He was advised that sales cleared through the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco to date total \$72,831 as compared with the July quota of \$130,000.

Record Raid Blasts Munda Supply Base

32 Tons of Bombs Lash Bairoko Japs; Counter Land Onset Shattered

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, July 22—(AP)—United States bombers shattered Japanese position at Bairoko harbor, above Munda on the north shore of New Georgia island, yesterday in the heaviest air attack ever made in the Southwest Pacific.

More than 150 bombers, operating under a strong fighter cover, pounded the area in a day-long series of raids.

"One hundred thirty-three tons of bombs were dropped and the area was extensively strafed," daily report from General MacArthur's headquarters said.

A spokesman added that it also surpassed anything the Japanese ever had done. The communique said the raid was made "in support of our ground forces." This might indicate American troops were advancing from Engali Inlet, two miles northeast, where last week they destroyed the entire Japanese garrison.

Bairoko is the supply base for Munda, key Japanese defense point in the Central Solomons, but allied forces blocked traffic between the two points last week.

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51 Cases of Illegal Liquor Seized at Home

PORTLAND, July 22—(AP)—Administrator Ray Conway of the Oregon liquor control commission disclosed yesterday that 51 cases of liquors were seized by commission enforcement officers here Saturday at the home of Hubert Witzel.

Most of the liquor had been brought from California, Conway said. Witzel was arrested on a charge of unlawfully possessing liquor not procured through the commission and released on \$250 bond.

Body of Clark Leedy, Killed in Crash Of Bomber in Aleutians Area, Found; Entire Crew Perishes in Tragedy

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The navy bomber, piloted by Lieutenant Leedy, apparently crashed shortly after leaving on patrol from an Aleutian base. Evidence indicated that Leedy was circling the ship to gain altitude through fog when the plane was caught in one of the sudden down drafts which make flying in that area so perilous, rendering the pilot helpless to control the aircraft. The bomb load was exploded by the force of the impact, hurling wreckage for more than a half mile from the scene. Bodies of the bomber crew were thrown clear of the wreckage. Indications were that all of the men were instantly killed.

Lifeboat Offers Clue

Seven weeks after the accident, the wreckage was spotted by one of Lieutenant Leedy's closest friends, who was attracted by the yellow lifeboat visible upon the snow by which the mountain was covered. The lifeboat had been thrown clear of the plane and had automatically inflated itself.

Leedy's friend led a searching

Goal of Third War Loan To Be 15 Billion

Drive for Record Fund To Start Sept. 9; Banks Will Not Participate

WASHINGTON, July 22—(AP)—Digging deeper than ever into the pockets of the average citizen, Uncle Sam will set out in September to break his own world's record for financing war.

Starting September 9, the nation's third war loan drive will seek to raise \$15,000,000,000—and if previous records are any criterion, the response will go far beyond that goal.

All of it is to come from non-banking sources, which is an innovation here in the business of buying the tools of war.

The first drive last December was aimed at a \$9,000,000,000 goal, but actually raised nearly \$13,000,000,000. In April, the treasury department shot for \$13,000,000,000 and got \$18,500,000,000. However, in both cases, banking sources brought in about \$3,000,000,000 of each total, which adds about that much to the quota of the individuals, corporations, insurance companies and other non-banking sources at this time.

In each case, the financing program represented the largest, to date, in world history.

On Volunteer Basis

Details of the program were announced yesterday by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, who said the job of raising the money will be handled by war finance committees of each state. Volunteer

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Coast-Banned Man Sues To Free Bank Account

PORTLAND, July 22—(AP)—Wilhelm G. Gruber, who was banned from the coast last fall by the western defense command, filed suit in federal district court yesterday to have his bank account released. It was frozen by the Federal Reserve bank. Gruber, a former German national who was naturalized in 1937, has been staying at Lewiston, Idaho.

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Former Roseburg Resident

Lieutenant Leedy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leedy, former residents of Roseburg. Mr. Leedy was employed here for a number of years as county agricultural agent and Lieutenant Leedy attended school here, prior to entering Annapolis naval academy. He was stationed for considerable time in the Hawaiian Islands, where he was married to Miss Jenkins in 1941. He returned to the states early in the war following approval of his application for transfer to the naval air force. Following training at Pensacola, Fla., he was transferred to Seattle and assigned to the Aleutian combat zone, where he flew patrol for several months prior to his death.

His parents visited the wife at Seattle following the receipt of word of the recovery of the body, but returned this week to their home at Brooks, Oregon. Mrs. Paul Jenkins is visiting with her daughter at Seattle, where she has been since word was received that the lieutenant had been reported missing.

Scene of Impending Axis Debacle



Map shows relative positions of vital points in the Mediterranean war theater, with the allies about to complete the conquest of Sicily, stepping stone to the Italian mainland. Only remaining formidable opposition is at the seaport city of Catania, where German armored units are trying to keep open the "escape" route to Messina, 50 miles to the north and separate from the tip of the Italian boot by a two-mile wide strait.

Oregon Registers 2 Deaths by Fire, 3 By Drowning

(By the Associated Press)

Two deaths by fire and three by drowning were reported in Oregon Wednesday.

A trailer fire in Portland took the lives of four-year-old Elberta Hardy and her brother, Owen, 17 months, and critically burned William Hardy, 2. Auto camp attendants found them on a blazing bed. Investigators said they apparently had been playing with matches. The mother, Mrs. William Hardy, was in another section of the camp. Expecting to give birth to a child soon, she was taken to a hospital for treatment for prostration.

Three-year-old Raymond L. Simpson drowned in a slough near his trailer camp home in Portland. His shoes were found on the bank, indicating he had gone wading. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Simpson, recently moved to Portland from Rogue River.

Caught by a changing tide while fishing near Gladstone, Ralph Manning, 23, Oregon City, drowned in the Clackamas river. Two companions threw him a rope and had almost dragged him to the bank when he lost his hold and was swept away. His body was recovered 300 yards downstream.

The camp Adair public relations office announced the drowning of Pvt. Clifford Lewis, 24, Newport, Tenn., in the Willamette river late Tuesday when a boat capsized during maneuvers.

U. S. Sub Triton Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, July 22—(AP)—The navy announced today the American submarine Triton, held raider of Japanese shipping, "must be presumed to be lost" on a war patrol.

The Triton, which had destroyed more than a dozen enemy warships and merchantment, was commanded by Lieutenant Commander George Kenneth MacKenzie, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The vessel carried a normal complement of about 60 men. It was the tenth United States undersea boat to be lost in this war, including eight lost as a result of combat in the Pacific and two as a result of non-combat incidents in the Atlantic.

On the other hand, United States subs have accounted for 283 Japanese ships sunk or damaged, including a total of 200 sunk.

Conquest Of Sicily Nears Final Phase

Nazis Still Battling at Catania to Keep Open Last Route of Escape

(By the Associated Press)

Conquest of Sicily rushed forward at a dizzy pace today as American troops, advancing west more than 60 miles in three days, captured the prize air base at Castelvetro and at least six other towns or airports and allied forces crowded the enemy into a new "coffin corner" trap in the northeast.

Striking in a pre-dawn charge dreaded by the Italians, U. S. infantrymen surged into Castelvetro (pop. 25,000) while other American columns drove within 30 miles of the Sicilian capital, Palermo.

At sea, British warships boldly challenging the shore-bound Italian fleet, bombarded the Italian mainland at Crotona opposite the big fascist naval base at Taranto—and still there was no sign of Italian men of war steaming forth to battle.

Formerly one of the enemy's major air bases, Castelvetro is 50 miles west of the American invasion beachhead at Porto Empedocle and near the western tip of the island.

"Over 40,000 prisoners have been captured to date," a communique said.

Every spark of fighting spirit appeared to have been stamped out in the ranks of an apathetic and disintegrating Italian army. New batches of prisoners complained that their officers were deserting them, wearing civilian clothing in an effort to escape.

It was disclosed that the often resuscitated 10th Bersaglieri regiment for the third time had been put out of action. It surrendered at Agrigento without firing a shot.

On the east coast, before Catania, the allied communique said the Germans were resorting to heavy demolitions of roads and bridges and defense minefields to delay the Eighth army's advance. Fierce fighting was taking

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Speed Needed to Meet War Output Goals for 1943

WASHINGTON, July 22—(AP)—Unless the nation's war production snaps out of it in the next six months and hits the home-stretch with a startling burst of speed, 1943 goals probably will not be realized.

That was the prediction yesterday of War Production board officials who disclosed that June war production was slightly better than May's, but still far short of the rate needed to hit the year's quotas.

In aircraft, a gain of fewer than 50 planes over May was noted, and while this did not reflect the true progress—due to the increased emphasis on heavier models—still the dollar volume output of planes and related munitions was said to be under the previous month's five per cent gain.

Officials tended to blame what they termed a psychological let-down, brought on by recent military successes and hopes for an early victory, and increased by a tendency to ease up production in the fear of cutbacks in government contracts.

Leo Dunning Survives Cruiser Helena Sinking

Leo Dunning, son of Mrs. Harry Patrick of Roseburg, a member of the crew of the cruiser Helena sunk in the naval engagement with the Japanese in Kula gulf, survived the battle and the destruction of his ship, according to word received by his mother. Mrs. Patrick last night received a cablegram from her son announcing that he was "safe and well."

The protest of the venerated Vatican against the bombing of Rome has its merits, but it is not recalled that the Vatican ever protested to the fascist government against the establishment of axis war plants in close proximity to its walls.