

AXIS RESISTANCE IN CRIMEA COLLAPSING

INSURE your future—
Save WITH WAR BONDS

Roseburg News-Review

ROSEBURG, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1944.

VOL. XXXIII NO. 12 OF THE EVENING NEWS

BEATEN GERMANY WILL BE RULED BY U. S.-BRITISH-RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER AT HEAD

Committee's Plan Bared by Contact Man

Germany, Stooges Not to Be Allowed to Establish Regimes of Their Own

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—Defeated Germany will be governed by a joint American-British-Russian allied military government, a reliable source in close touch with allied army proposals declared today.

And, he added, Gen. Eisenhower as supreme commander of the allied western front forces will be given the greatest authority in history, even greater than that exercised by old Roman generals. Besides commanding all allied land, sea and air forces, he will exercise direct and indirect control over the civilian life of most of liberated Europe.

The plan for Germany was disclosed after it was learned last night that no allied military government was intended for France. Instead Gen. Charles DeGaulle's committee of national liberation is to be given control of the civil administration of liberated France, receiving "military recognition" as the official authority but not being granted diplomatic

(Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news from northeast India as this is written is less concerned with the Jap war on our communications and more concerned with OUR war on the JAP communications.

That is a confused statement, but no more confused than the fighting in the high mountains, steep and narrow canyons (all running north and south) and dense jungles of this Burma-India border country.

THE way the present fighting got started is also confusing. As everyone knows, we've been building a new road from India into China to take the place of the Burma road the Japs took away from us. As we've gone ahead with this project (which is still far from completion) we've had to shoo a lot of Japs out of our way.

General Stilwell and his Chinese-American army (mostly Chinese) has been handling the shooting, and he seems to have followed the little yellow men rather far south in a number of places—notably in the Mogaung valley. To help Stilwell and to confuse the Japs generally, we've been dropping airborne commando outfits into the jungles in the Japs' rear.

In this way we came in time to threaten the Japs' communications in Burma, and this may have given Tolo the idea of threatening OUR communications in the Brahmaputra valley of northeastern India.

ANYWAY, the Japs are now striking at Imphal and Kohima at the railroad that supplies Stilwell, who is striking at the railroad and other communication lines that supply the Japs who are striking at STILWELL'S communications.

Who started it is almost as obscure at the moment as which came first, the hen or the egg, and the operation itself bears some resemblance to a dog chasing its own tail.

The situation is further confused by the renegade Indians

(Continued on page 2)

Record Naval Bill Gets Unanimous House Approval

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—A unanimous house vote sent to the senate today a record-high \$32,647,134,336 appropriation bill for the navy for the 12 months starting July 1.

While the largest for the navy, the bill fell about \$27,000,000 short of the all-time high supply bill, for the army, passed last year.

Passage came after one day of debate devoted mainly to demands from democrats and republicans alike that the United States—now possessing the largest fleet in history—keep its place as a top naval power after the war.

The bill will be followed shortly by an estimated \$50,000,000,000 supply measure for the army—\$9,000,000,000 below last year's all-time high for that agency.

Majority Leader McCormack of Massachusetts echoed sentiment on the democratic side, and won applause from both sides when he expressed the hope "this great navy of ours will not be sunk" after the war.

"We will need it after the war, as we need it now, as our first line of defense," McCormack declared.

Wreck Victims on Road to Recovery

The three persons brought to Mercy hospital at Roseburg for treatment of injuries suffered in the Greyhound stage wreck near Azalea Wednesday night, were reported from the hospital today to be making satisfactory recovery. All were said to be showing much improvement and were expected to recover.

The three patients are Hugh B. Robinson, travelling salesman from Los Angeles; Lois Katherine Prevost, Ashland, and Mrs. Charles McKee, Rogue River. Mrs. McKee, who was pinned in the wreckage for more than four hours, was in the most serious condition, having inhaled gasoline fumes and suffering skin burns from raw gasoline which poured into the wrecked vehicle from fuel tanks. All were suffering from shock and exposure when brought to the hospital, but responded quickly to treatment.

New Truck Repair Shops Open in Roseburg

The C. & F. Truck Repair shops were opened today by James M. Cummins and Elwood Foster at Fullerton and Miller streets.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Foster came to Roseburg from Olympia, Wash., where they were formerly connected with the McCurdy Truck and Equipment company and the Pacific Highway Transport company. Both are accompanied by their families and will be permanent residents in Roseburg.

The C. & F. Truck Repair company will operate a complete repair and service business, particularly for logging and transport trucks.

Bomb Found Hidden in Sistine Chapel, Rome Says

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—The Rome radio asserted today that a "very large" time bomb was found hidden in the Sistine chapel in Vatican City behind Michelangelo's painting "The Last Judgment." The German-controlled report said the bomb "looks of British origin and is very similar to other time bombs dropped to Balkan rebels by British planes."

Berlin Given New Blow By RAF Fleet

Raid Climaxes Series of Two-Way Assaults That Bag 138 German Planes

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers struck Berlin and western Germany last night in climax to double-header daylight assaults yesterday upon aircraft and rail targets by nearly 3,000 U. S. bombers and fighters that bagged 138 German planes.

It was the first blow against the gouged Nazi capital since a Mosquito attack March 25, and a 2,800-ton British raid March 24. All the swift plywood planes returned.

The German radio declared allied aircraft bombed the Rome area last night, culminating 24 hours of unusual activity over that city. There was no allied confirmation.

Forty-four American planes, 36 of them bombers, were lost in raids from British bases Thursday, and the allied Mediterranean forces lost 19 ships, 16 of them bombers. How many of the 19 were American planes lost in the main heavy blow into Hungary was not specified.

German Plants Blasted

A record fleet of more than 1,100 Mustangs, Lightnings, and Thunderbolts of the U. S. Eighth and Ninth air forces accompanied the 500 to 750 British-based Flying Fortresses and Liberators that hit the Messerschmitt plant at Augsburg, the ballbearing factories at Schweinfurt, the Dornier factories and hangars at Oberpfaffenhofen and hangars at Lechfeld.

These fighters knocked 51 Nazi planes out of the air and at least 27 on the ground, while bomber gunners sent down 25 more.

The other 35 planes in the day's bag of 138 fell to U. S. 15th air force gunners and pilots winging from Italy to hammer a Messerschmitt plant at Gyor, 70 miles northwest of Budapest, at near-by railway car shops and machine shops, the airfield and assembly plant at Tokol 11 miles southwest of Budapest, and another airfield 10 miles from the capital. The 15th air force also bombed railway targets in Yugoslavia. Probably 500 bombers and as

(Continued on page 6)

J. A. Wikoff Cites Urgent Need of Reforestation

Joseph A. Wikoff, lumber grader and inspector for the Roseburg Lumber company, spoke on the subject, "Green Gold," at the Lions club dinner meeting in the Umpqua hotel last night.

Mr. Wikoff, who was introduced by Jack Doyle, informed the club members that timber is now gold in Douglas county and pointed out that if timber continues to be cut at the present rate the local supply will be exhausted in 15 or 20 years.

He stated that some trees cut in Douglas county had been growing more than 1,000 years and that unless a practical reforestation policy was used to plant new trees in logged-over areas, the "green gold" would be mined away.

Mr. Wikoff displayed samples of various grades and types of lumber and discussed how the rate of growth determined the structural use of different woods. Forrest C. Losee, Sr., who recently purchased the Haynes Gift Shop in Roseburg, was introduced by J. P. Motschenbacher as a new member of the club.

Isolation of Imphal Base Is Threatened

Tokyo Claims "Flower" Of British-Indian Army Faces Death or Capture

NEW DELHI, April 14.—(AP)—Japanese invasion parties have been encountered in the vicinity of the Bishenpore-Silchar jungle track southwest of Imphal, further threatening the isolation of both the Manipur plain and advanced allied bases in Assam, a communiqué from Admiral Mountbatten's southeast Asia command said today.

(A Dornier broadcast from Tokyo said the "last remaining escape gap out of the Imphal basin" for the British-Indian Fourth army corps had been cut by a flying Japanese column which took a height on the Imphal-Moachong highway 20 miles northwest of Imphal. The "flower of Mountbatten's command is facing annihilation or capture," declared another broadcast from Berlin which quoted Tokyo dispatches.)

Elsewhere on the Assam front, however, Japanese invasion forces were reported making no progress. Only patrol activity elsewhere in the Imphal basin was announced, and one attack in the Pale-Tamu sector southeast of Imphal was repulsed with 100 of the enemy killed.

To the north, around Kohima, the communiqué said, allied operations to clear the road between Imphal and Dimapur on the Bengal-Assam rail lifeline, were progressing.

Allies Progress Elsewhere

Meanwhile, a new outbreak on the Arakan front in which the

(Continued on page 6)

Hawaiian Martial Law Ruled Invalid; War Heads Resist

HONOLULU, April 14.—(AP)—Martial law in Hawaii, starting point of the Pacific war, was ruled invalid by a federal judge but military leaders proclaimed it still in force today and said violations of general orders would be subject to provost court trials.

The War department prepared to appeal a decision by Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger that a provost court was without authority to try a navy yard worker and sentence him to prison on conviction of assaulting two marine sentries.

The judge's ruling yesterday came at the conclusion of a trial at which Hawaii's military governor, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, testified martial law was vital to protect the islands from existing perils. Adm. Nimitz, another witness, had said Pearl Harbor was in danger of such attacks as the one which started the war Dec. 7, 1941, so long as a single Japanese aircraft carrier remains afloat.

Judge Metzger, in upholding the release on a habeas corpus writ of the navy yard worker, Lloyd C. Duncan, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., pointed out that both General Richardson and Admiral Nimitz agreed there was no danger of actual invasion.

He ruled that the right to establish martial law under Hawaii's organic act "ceases and becomes unlawful as soon as the civil government is capable and willing to resume its normal functions."

He added that throughout 1943 the civilian government was "sufficiently equipped, capable and willing to perform all of the functions for which it was created."

Where Bus Upset Brought Death to Two Women



Pictured above is the Greyhound bus wrecked Wednesday night near Azalea, resulting in the death of two women and serious injuries to five passengers, who were pinned in the wreckage when the vehicle skidded on a sharp turn and upset. Three of the injured passengers were brought to Mercy hospital in Roseburg and two others are being treated at Grants Pass.

Sweden Not To Halt Trade With Nazis, Prediction

STOCKHOLM, April 14.—(AP)—The newspaper Aftonbladet expressed the editorial opinion today that Sweden would say no to the British and American démarche asking her to stop exporting ball bearings to Germany. The editorial said the allies, as a result, probably would cut off safe conduct traffic to Sweden.

The government made no official statement to the allied written request handed to the foreign minister by U. S. Minister Joynson and British Minister Mallett yesterday.

The sharply worded editorial asserted that any break in Sweden's safe conduct traffic would constitute a "flagrant breaking of allied promises" under which Sweden had consented of the belligerents to make certain exports to Germany, as well as to bring shipping through the blockade.

Stopping exports to the south, Aftonbladet declared, would break trade with Germany and mean that markets in Spain, Switzerland and Portugal also would be cut off.

"There would be severe consequences to our national economy if we agreed to the allied request" that she cease delivering ball bearings and related products to Germany, German production of these items has been a recent primary target of the allied bombing offensive.

The allied request did not question the legality of Sweden's current engagements with Germany but contended there was considerable allied public opinion opposed to any act by neutrals which aids the enemy to kill allied soldiers. It asserted that the allied war was Sweden's war as well.

Puget Sound Utility Rejects \$90 Million Offer

SEATTLE, April 14.—(AP)—An offer of \$90,000,000 for its widespread electrical system was rejected by Puget Sound Power and Light company directors yesterday.

The offer was made by Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville Power administrator, on behalf of the Seattle municipal light system and public utility districts.

Puget Power President Frank McLaughlin said the offer was turned down because "it did not constitute a valid proposal and the price was grossly inadequate."

Bribe Soliciting in Life Raft Buy Charged

PORTLAND, April 14.—(AP)—Secretly indicted by the grand jury, James P. McDonnell, 51, Portland, former U. S. maritime commission buyer, was arrested yesterday by federal officers on a charge of soliciting a \$750 bribe. He was accused of asking the bribe in connection with purchase of life rafts for the commission.

Neighborhood's Clamor Ousts Japs From Farm Jobs

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—(AP)—Sad but resigned, five Japanese-Americans faced the prospect of becoming government charges today—their New Jersey farm jobs gone because of neighbors' protests.

"It looks," said George Yamamoto, spokesman for the group, "as if we'll have to go back to letting the government feed us. We have no money. We have no income. But those people didn't want us to earn our own living."

The five were brought here by 23-year-old George Kowalek, Warren county (N. J.) farmer who had employed them, after protest signs were posted, a shack on his farm was burned and neighbors held indignation meetings.

"We feel ashamed," Yamamoto told reporters at a hotel operated by the War Relocation authority, "that the government has to feed us. We want to help. But if they won't let us work, we'll just have to go back to that camp."

"We are not mad with those people. We know how they feel. But we are not responsible for what Japan did. We are just Americans and want to do our part."

The men were held at the Gila river relocation center in Arizona until the FBI certified them as loyal to the United States.

Yamamoto previously left a job on a Sussex county, Del., farm after neighbors' protests.

Pastor Resigns Over Service Flag Proposal

SEATTLE, April 14.—(AP)—A proposal by a women's group of the West Seattle Seaview Methodist church that a service flag be dedicated in the sanctuary prompted his resignation, the Rev. Harlan A. Stone disclosed today.

He submitted his resignation a week ago after explaining to church members, he said, that he could not "with the consent of my conscience, dedicate it." He said further:

"When the flag was proposed, I stated clearly my viewpoint that a service flag has no place in the sanctuary, the purpose of which should be to build up a world of peace and brotherhood."

Mrs. George Westlake, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, said they were a "little hurt" at the pastor's attitude but decided not to press the issue.

Dottice's Beauty Shop Will Open Monday

Dottice's Beauty shop will open Monday, April 17, it was announced today by Dottice C. Fenley, owner, who is opening her shop at her home 804 Cobb street. LaVera Butler has been employed as operator.

Housing Authority Personnel Named For Douglas County

Appointment of a Douglas County Public Housing authority was announced today by the Douglas county court. The commission was named, County Judge D. N. Busenbark reported, at the request of the Seattle office of the Federal Housing authority. The local commission will be given supervision and administrative powers over all federal housing projects within the county. Members will not receive compensation, but will have authority to employ paid personnel.

The county court used much care in selecting the members of the commission. Judge Busenbark stated, endeavoring to secure representatives from communities in which housing projects have been installed and at the same time giving representation from the general public, industry, realty board and organized labor.

Members named are Ed Loney, Sutherlin, representing industry; Vernon M. Orr, Roseburg, representing the Douglas County Realty board; D. L. Taylor, Roseburg, union (AFL) representative; George N. Koontz, Myrtle Creek, union (CIO) representative; J. D. Myers, Roseburg, representing the general public, recommended by the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

A representative from the Seattle FHA office will be in Roseburg soon to assist the commission with its organization and to outline duties, Judge Busenbark reported.

British Coal Miners Accept 4-Year Wage Plan

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—A government four-year plan providing a \$20 minimum weekly wage has been accepted by coal miners, giving promise of a truce in strikes which twice this year have hampered Britain's war production.

Miner delegates conferring in London brought in the card votes from their district and announced today that 512,000 were for acceptance and 97,000 were opposed.

The mine workers' federation already had endorsed the plan and had firmly opposed strikes.

Recaptured Youth Hangs Himself in Portland Jail

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—(AP)—Eugene Jackson, 19-year-old prisoner recently recaptured in Vancouver after escaping from the Multnomah county jail, hanged himself in his cell last night. Jailor Frank Burrell said today.

Jackson had four months to serve of a one-year term for grand larceny and an additional year's sentence for the jail break.

Mauled Foe Surrendering By Thousands

Arms, Food Abandoned to Russians, Sweeping to Sevastopol Naval Base

MOSCOW, April 14.—(AP)—The prospect of the fall of Sevastopol today—the Russian orthodox Good Friday—gripped the imagination of the Russian people as the Red army slashed through disorganized groups of Germans and Romanians, many of whom were surrendering by battalions.

Red Star's correspondent said "the enemy has cracked at the seams," with fleeing axis troops out of control and in great confusion, as Gen. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian army and Gen. Yeremenko's maritime army bore down on the naval base which resisted enemy attack for nine months in 1941 and 1942.

Scores of German and Romanian battalions deserted by their commanders raced for the port in the bright Crimean sun but it appeared that even if they reached the base before the Red army tanks their escape would be impossible.

"Your tanks have made sheep of us," said captured German Lt. Wolfgang Rost. "We are facing to the sea, but even if we get there we have no place to go. Those of us who do not surrender will be killed."

Prisoner, Booty Take Heavy

A Red Star correspondent said that the Germans and Romanians are retreating in such a hurry that they have not time to destroy their dumps of food and supplies.

"The retreat is covered by dead Hitlerites," this correspondent reported. "Arms and weapons of all kinds are being abandoned. Prisoners are being counted by the thousands."

Already more than 20,000 axis prisoners have been captured, a Russian communiqué said, but there was no information available on the total number of enemy dead, outside of the 5,000 listed on Wednesday and Thursday. A final check was expected to increase that number greatly, field dispatches indicated.

Today, the seventh of the great offensive to clear the Crimea, Russian forces had liberated more than three-fourths of its 10,000 square-mile area, had isolated German forces in the western wedge of the peninsula from their groups in the south and east, and had swept up or destroyed tremendous amounts of enemy military stores and equipment, according to the Moscow Bulletin. Ten trainloads of arms and munitions were taken at Simferopol alone, it was added.

Nazis Slain by Own Officers

Yesterday's great Crimean victories were celebrated in Moscow with an unprecedented victory salute of 7,456 rounds fired by the capital's big guns, after Premier Stalin had personally announced the news. The usually laconic of

(Continued on page 6)

Ceilings Listed For Strawberries

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—Ceiling prices for fresh strawberries were established by the OPA yesterday at substantially the same levels as last year.

The schedule covers producers' prices and is designed to return to growers the national average farm price of \$6.51 a 24-quart crate, which, OPA said, was received last year. Retail prices will be derived from this key schedule by district OPA offices.

"The prices go into effect 'In the near future,' the agency said. Under the schedule, Washington and Oregon were placed in a separate zone designated zone 3, where all-year prices are 13 cents a pint, 27 cents a quart, and 18 cents a pound.

OPA said under ceilings to be set for processed strawberries, processors will pay about 15 cents a pound for raw fruit. This provision includes all varieties of strawberries except Eversweet strawberries, a special variety grown in Washington and Oregon, for which the reflected price is 17 cents a pound.

Lovity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reinhold

We hope the Russians soon end the mop-up of the axis troops in the Balkans with that invincible cannon from the Roseburg armory grounds. The allies are in urgent need of the old pulverizer to drive the Germans out of Italy.