

LUMBER STRIKERS DRAW DRAFT THREAT

More Than 40 Mills Closed In Northwest

Nearly 15,000 Quit in Denial of Pay Increase; Foundrymen Also Out

SEATTLE, May 23.—(AP)—The threat of the draft hung over "vacationing" lumber and sawmill workers today as Col. Walter J. Delong, Washington state selective service director, warned that the walkout of 13,000 to 15,000 men, which has closed more than 40 Washington and Oregon plants, automatically changes the draft status of some men.

Colonel Delong said that men deferred because of their occupations are not entitled to deferments when they leave their jobs. He said he was "not interested in the strike" issues. The walkouts began last Friday after War Labor board denial of a basic 15-cent pay increase for the industry.

"If a man is not working, he naturally will be classified 1-A, if he is otherwise qualified," Colonel Delong said.

The walkouts spread today to Bellingham with the Larson plant of the Bloedel-Donovan mills at Lake Whatcom, employing 180, shut down. Six hundred men in the big cargo mill on the waterfront the box factory and sash and door mill remained on the job.

Seattle's last operating sawmill, the Tye Lumber & Manufacturing company, a small operation, closed today.

The northwest council of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers, AFL-affiliate, will meet Saturday in Portland in an attempt to end the walkout. The Seattle local meets Friday night.

The walkouts were spreading rapidly and more mills may close tomorrow in eastern Washington around Spokane where a mass meeting was scheduled tonight.

Foundrymen Also Quit.

The Pacific Car & Foundry company plant at nearby Renton began eating into reserve supplies of metal today after about 75 journeymen moulders and coremakers walked off the job yesterday, aftermath of the January strike which spread over Washington and Oregon.

Nell V. Pardo, business agent of the AFL-Moulders & Foundry Workers union, said the men acted on their own initiative and the walkout was not union-sponsored.

Spokesman of the men said they were protesting the delay in carrying out certain provisions of a War Labor board decision ending the former January strike, which spread to 83 Washington

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS writer on Friday night manned an information telephone at an Oregon newspaper office. It was a light job, and he didn't earn his overtime pay. There was little interest in the Oregon primary election.

(We did have a flurry of telephone calls when the whistle of a switch engine in the railroad yards stuck WIDE OPEN. A lot of people said they thought it might be a blackout signal. Or maybe the invasion starting.)

SO, since interest is definitely in the war rather than the Oregon primary, let's take a look at the war news first. (There isn't much that's startling.)

THE Tokyo radio, from which our first news came, greatly understated our raid on Soerabaya, in Java.

It was carried out by a combined British-American naval task force. The ships steamed into the very heart of the Jap-held Dutch East Indies and loosed their carrier bombers against Jap installations at the former Dutch naval base, doing considerable damage.

The carrier planes were followed by our heavy bombers, which had flown clear from Australia.

The Jap navy again kept safely hidden.

STILLWELL himself lands on captured Mitykyna airfield. "It seems we HAVE Mitykyna," he says as he gets out of his plane. (He expected shooting, but there was none.)

The town is two miles east of the airfield. The Japs holding it are surrounded on three sides by

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Streamlined Tax Bill Sent To Roosevelt

30 Million Relieved of Figuring Job; Childless Couples Will Pay More

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—In an emphatic answer to the annual March tax howl over decimals and digits, congress today sent to the White House legislation simplifying the return process for 50,000,000 income taxpayers.

Leaders said the president certainly will sign the "streamliner" into law.

Passed unanimously by the house, and by a voice vote in the senate—thus setting a popularity record for a major tax measure—the bill would relieve some 30,000,000 persons of the necessity of ever computing another federal income tax return. In addition it simplifies tax paying procedures for the other 20,000,000.

Final action came as the house accepted technical senate amendments.

The measure rearranges the whole individual income tax structure, discarding the two-year-old wartime "victory" tax and setting new normal and surtax rates and exemptions—while keeping actual tax burdens at substantially present levels for most persons.

New Taxpayers Added

Effective next January 1, the withholding system would be adjusted to take the full tax liability for wage and salary of persons earning up to \$5,000. Thus the withholding levy would become the actual tax, beginning next year, for 30,000,000 taxpayers. They would owe no more at the end of the year.

No change would be made in amounts withheld from pay envelopes this year, but the government itself would compute the taxes on 1944 income with wages and salaries of \$5,000 and less.

The measure would add some 150,000 new taxpayers earning between \$555 and \$624, while relieving to the status of income taxpayers approximately 9,000,000 persons now subject to the victory tax but with incomes not large enough to come under present income levies.

Taxpayers who wish may file regular returns both for this year and in future years.

Childless Couples Pay More

Generally, in the reshuffling

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Dog Shooting Case Only One for Jury At Term of Court

The May term of circuit court was expected to reach a conclusion late today, with only one jury case being heard. The court was engaged today in the trial of Robley Hopkins, Canyonville, indicted by the grand jury on a charge to which he pleaded innocent.

Hopkins is accused of shooting and wounding a dog belonging to a neighbor, Ernest Briggs. The state charged bad feeling between the neighbors and claims that Hopkins maliciously shot and wounded the dog as an unfriendly act toward Briggs.

Sheep-Chasing Claimed

Hopkins claims, however, that he had seen a dog of similar appearance chasing his sheep and that at the time he fired the shot he saw the dog in question slipping along the sheep pasture. He declared he did not know that the animal belonged to Briggs. The shot struck the dog in the leg but broke no bones, the jury was told.

Jurors hearing the case were J. S. Marr, Roy Bond, Eva F. Ware, Joe Blosser, Creed Cranfill, Emma Abell, Edward Moser, Donna Waddell, Christina Micelli, Melvin Palmer, Cleo Tip-ton and Frank Ward.

All other cases scheduled for the May term have been continued until the November term, and the jurors will be excused following the trial now in progress, it was announced.

Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene is presiding in the absence of Judge Carl E. Wimberly, who was called to service in the circuit court at Medford.

Allied Forces in Hands of Nazis To Face "Trials"

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—German peoples courts will try allied pilots shot down during flight-attacks on trains and communications in Germany, a German broadcast quoted by the Stockholm newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet, said today.

Ever since the great allied fighter sweep over Germany Sunday, Nazi propaganda has charged that the attacks were made mainly against trains carrying women and children, and that pilots shot down farmers in their fields.

The trial threat recalled the German declaration of last Dec. 23 that British and American war men held as prisoners of war in Germany would be tried as "war criminals"—in answer to the Russians trials at Kharkov and execution of three Germans and a Russian traitor found guilty of committing atrocities.

Suit to Cancel Editor's Citizenship Dismissed

PORTLAND, May 23.—(AP)—The government's suit to revoke the citizenship of August Hochscheid, former editor of a German language weekly, was dismissed here yesterday.

William H. Hedlund, assistant U. S. district attorney, said he also would ask dismissal of similar suits pending against five other German-born American citizens; Paul Armbruster, Erna Becker, Albert Beyerlein, Henry Kasbohm and Elizabeth B. Weber.

Browder Heads New Communist Association

NEW YORK, May 23.—(AP)—Earl Browder, 53-year-old native of Kansas who twice ran for president of the United States, is still head of American communists.

He was elected president yesterday of the new communist political association, which succeeded the dissolved communist party, of which he had been general secretary for 12 years.

The new national committee of 40 includes five trade unionists.

Utilities Valuations in Oregon Heavily Upped

SALEM, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—Oregon public utilities tentative valuations have increased approximately \$21,000,000 during the last 12 months, according to figures released today by the state tax commission.

All categories contributed substantially to the increase with the exception of heating companies and small telephone companies. The increase was from \$328,500,988.97 to \$349,464,223.32.

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Chinese Cut Japs' Burma Supply Road

Foe's Chefang Garrison Wiped Out; Mitykyna Battle in Final Stage

CHUNGKING, May 23.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces striking for the Burma border from the Salween river have cut the old Burma road to Chefang, only 28 miles from the Burma frontier.

The Chinese victory isolated the main enemy Burma road base at Lunlun, 35 miles to the northeast, by cutting its supply route from Mandalay. The communiqué said the Japanese garrison at Chefang was encircled and wiped out by the advancing Chinese.

These forces driving westward across Yunnan province in western China now stand less than 100 airline miles from American and Chinese forces in north Burma engaging the Japanese in hand-to-hand combat for Mitykyna.

Heavy rains are continuing to delay operations around Mitykyna and there has been no material change in the battle for that Japanese base in northern Burma, already one-third occupied by allied troops, a communiqué from Lt. Gen. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

Japs in Suicide Stand

"The slow work of eliminating savagely resisting pockets of Japanese, who evidently are prepared to die in their dugouts and behind log entrenchments, continues," the bulletin said.

In the Moguang valley northwest of Mitykyna, the communiqué said, the Japanese relieved attempts to reinforce their men isolated at Warong, but twice were thrown back.

West of the Moguang river

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Russians Repulse German Attacks Near Tiraspol

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—Small-scale German reconnaissance attacks in the area of Tiraspol in the lower Dniestr river valley were repulsed today by Moscow as a full continued along the rest of the long eastern front—a full which military commentators on both sides again predicted would end soon.

The Nazi attacks yesterday along the Dniestr battle line were repulsed and 300 Germans were killed in the sporadic fighting, said a Russian communiqué.

There were no essential changes along the entire land front, the war bulletin said, but declared 23 Nazi planes were destroyed during the last two days in air combats or by anti-aircraft fire.

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LABOR VOTE SPELLS DEMO WIN IN FALL—WALLGREN

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—A prediction that migratory war workers will help the democrats carry the northwest by a greater margin than in 1940 came today from Senator Wallgren (D-Wash.) as legislators assayed the factors that brought defeat to

ANZIO TROOPS, SPEARHEADED BY AIR FORCES, LAUNCH MAJOR OFFENSIVE THAT PIERCES NAZIS' DEFENSE LINE

Sky Raiders Keep Pounding Reich Cities

Dortmund, Brunswick Bombs Targets; French Rail Lines Also Strafed

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—An aerial armada of up to 750 U. S. Flying Fortress and Liberators, escorted by more than 1,000 fighters, smashed at airfields and rail yards in France and undisclosed objectives in western Germany today.

This daylight blow—continuing into the fifth straight day the renewed allied aerial offensive cracking Hitler's western defenses—came after more than 1,000 British night bombers had rained an estimated 3,380 short tons of explosives on Dortmund and Brunswick in Germany and four other continental objectives.

Thirty-five RAF planes were missing from last night's operations, and at least two enemy fighters were destroyed, the air ministry said.

The first crack of dawn brought out the day attackers. While the American bombers were unloading their deadly cargoes on a wide assortment of installations, the British were attacking the German plans in the unusually strong

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Child Dies in Fire, Baby Sister Seriously Burned

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 23.—(AP)—A nine-month old girl was in the Raymond hospital today with burns suffered in a fire which took the life of her six-year-old sister.

The two daughters of Mrs. Stanley Crank, were caught in a blaze of undetermined origin which broke out in their home at Meno last night while their mother was shopping. The older child, Tansen, was fatally burned before a neighbor rushed through the flames to carry the two to the street.

Hospital attendants said the baby, Gail, had a "good chance" to recover.

Company Freed Of Faking Records Of Steel Tests

PITTSBURGH, May 23.—(AP)—A federal court jury today acquitted the Carnegie-Illinois steel corporation of a government charge of cancelling and falsifying records of tests on steel.

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The charges grew out of an investigation by the Truman senate investigating committee in 1943. Carnegie-Illinois is the largest subsidiary of the U. S. Steel corporation.

The records involved dealt with company shipments of steel plate on orders for the navy, the army, maritime commission and lend-lease.

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Train Service Restrictions Heighten Invasion Tension in Britain, While Germans Boast of Defense Preparations

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—New invasion tensions gripped troops-packed Britain today as further drastic cuts in main line passenger train schedules left thousands of civilians stranded in stations.

Train timetables throughout the country were put on a virtual day-to-day basis. Troops were given priority on trains still running. Farewells between soldiers and their wives and sweethearts were more poignant than ever before.

The appearance of German air scouts over Britain early today, apparently seeking to spot military preparations, added to the sense of invasion imminence. Six of the enemy planes were brought down.

Throughout the country British hatred of the nazis was fed by a Stockholm dispatch in the Daily Express asserting that the shooting of 47 British and allied prisoners of war, all RAF officers, in a German prison camp in March during an alleged escape attempt, was "mass murder." The incident was reported to the house of commons last week by Foreign Secretary Eden, who promised a full investigation.

The Daily Express dispatch said further details had been obtained from RAF officers who had escaped and made their way to Sweden and that an official report based on their statements could be expected soon.

Declaring the British prisoners had been shot "haphazardly in barracks, courtyards and workshops," the Express said the details, when revealed, would be "one of the most shocking stories of the war" and added editorially:

"It has remained for Germany to add the final inspiration for the ruthless assault that is prepared."

Nazi Boast of Defenses

Nazi radio warnings and reassurances about the impending invasion included an estimate that 3,500,000 troops are poised in the

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Hitler Line is Gouged Along Entire Front

FOE UNDER ONE OF WORST THRASHINGS OF CAREER, BRITISH OFFICIAL SAYS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 23.—(AP)—Allied troops on the Anzio beachhead launched a powerful offensive today, cracking into the German line only 22 miles from the main Fifth army forces driving up from the southeast.

Five hundred to 700 bombers blasted military targets within a 50-mile radius of Rome in a thundering spearhead of the drive.

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Piercing the beachhead charge, allied bombers and fighters bombed Nazi concentrations on an eight-mile stretch of dry river bed near the rail line north of Cisterna, German fortress city in the center astride the Apennine way, and swooped low to strafe the Germans.

(The Swiss radio said the allies, hitting on the eastern edge of the beachhead, had reached Lake Fogliano, and that an attack was "developing successfully in the direction of Littoria" due north of the lake.)

The hail of bombs, cannon shells and bullets from the allied air arm plying the ground assault ripped at enemy tanks, vehicles and troops, with Liberators and flying fortresses joining in blows against German ground forces and transportation lines.

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Charge of Idle Farm Machinery Headed for Probe

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—A start was called today for a senate investigation of the farm machinery situation, with Senator Bushfield (R-S. D.) asking an official explanation of a report that equipment sorely needed here has been "gathered dust" in North African warehouses for a year.

Bushfield said a civilian government official, stationed in North Africa, had told him of seeing "two big warehouses filled with new American-made combines and other farm machinery which had been in storage for at least a year."

"This was at a time when farmers in this country were crying for combines to harvest their crops," Bushfield said. "Farmers haven't got a third of the machinery they need."

The extent to which farm machinery has been shipped to other nations through lend-lease and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration is one of the chief points to be covered in the inquiry, to be conducted by an agriculture subcommittee under the chairmanship of Senator Gillette (D-Ia.). Bushfield is a member.

Gillette said the investigation would look especially into the possibility of increased allotments of materials for machinery manufacture.

War Food administration and War Production board officers were listed as the first witnesses.

Leads Fighting French Against Nazis in Italy



Leader of the Fighting French forces driving through German resistance in Italy is General Alphonse Juin, pictured enjoying a quick sandwich snack near Cassino. He was formerly military commander of the Algerian district of French North Africa.

In the Berlin Borsen Zeitung conceding the allies would excel in power and weight of equipment

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Income Tax Gather Far Above 1943 Payments

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During the same period, a treasury statement said today, normal corporation taxes totaled \$4,088,811,000, almost as much as in the whole previous year. Excess-profits tax collection for the period were \$6,859,645,000, or almost \$800,000 more than in the entire previous year.

Total internal revenue collections through April were \$31,935,709,000 almost double the total for the same period a year ago and \$9,564,323,000 more than in all of last year.

Lowly Fast Rant

By L. F. Kaimowitz

This spreading proposal to lower the voting age to 18 years may sound a bit "screwy" at first, but if one-half of the eligible adults won't go to the polls, why not let Junior and "Sis" have a crack at the ballot box?