

Japan's War Policy Unchanged by Soviet Threat

Peace Feelers, However, Held Probability

MacArthur and Nimitz Appointed to Command Final Assault on Nippon

(By The Associated Press)
Elderly Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki struggled today to form a "strong war cabinet" for Japan to meet the threat of Russian entrance into the Pacific war and the appointment of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz as commanders of the final American assault against Japan.

Radio Tokyo insisted Nippon's "policy for the prosecution of the war remains unchanged" under Premier-designate Suzuki. American observers predicted peace feelers might be put out by the third Japanese war cabinet under the 77-year-old moderate. The baron failed in his first day's efforts to form a new government "equal to the fierce war situation."

Reds' Action Expected
Tokyo acknowledged that Moscow had denounced the Russian-Japanese non-aggression treaty but pointed out that the treaty would still be in effect for another year. Japanese spokesmen said the action was not unexpected and allied commentators remarked that fear of Soviet Russia may have been partly responsible for the extraordinary absence of Japanese opposition to the American invasion of the Ryukyu islands 325 miles south of Japan.

A joint staff announcement said MacArthur would command the army forces in the Pacific theater, Nimitz would command all navy forces, strategic direction would remain in the hands of the joint staff in Washington, and either one of the two five-star commanders would be designated to direct any specific operation.

Both Nimitz and MacArthur reported new gains including the invasion of an islet off Okinawa.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIG news comes again from the Pacific.
We invade Tawitawi island, in the Sulus—only 30 MILES FROM BORNEO.

Jap resistance is light—not much of a fight, the first dispatch says.

TAWITAWI is at the southwest tip of the Sulu archipelago, running from the southern tip of the Philippines to the Dutch East Indies. It contains a Jap naval base and on nearby islands (which we have taken) are two airfields.

In taking it, we BY-PASSED bigger Jolo island, main Jap position in the Sulus. Jolo, MacArthur says today, is now seriously menaced.

BORNEO contains some of the world's greatest oil fields. Much of its oil is of such high gravity that it can be used in diesel engines as it comes from the wells, without refining.

If we can take Borneo's oil, we can reduce our supply problem in the Pacific tremendously.

TOKYO radio (which is often right about such things) says a great British fleet is heading into the Indian ocean to lead amphibious operations against south-

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THESE JAPS PREFERRED CAPTURE TO SUICIDE—These Japanese civilians on Tokeshiki Shima preferred capture to suicide during our invasion, which was preliminary to the Okinawa assault. Hundreds of others committed suicide and those failing to kill themselves were quickly rounded up by U. S. army troops, given medical care, food and water. Jap soldiers machine-gunned Americans as they tried to remove civilian wounded. U. S. army photo.

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Phone Co., City Council Agree On Franchise

Block Signal System Is Permissible Adjunct in Ten-Year Basis Accord

The city of Roseburg and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company settled their dispute over franchise terms at an adjourned meeting of the city council last night, by compromising on the length of the agreement. The city council desired continuance of a franchise clause giving authority to use company facilities for police and fire alarm block signal installations at some future date, should the city desire to place such equipment. Because the provision is foreign to a uniform franchise the company is endeavoring to secure with all cities in which it operates, objection was made to its inclusion in the franchise; but an alternate offer was made to enter into a side agreement covering the identical matter.

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Co-Op Demands Hearings On Wool Trade Pacts

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—The Pacific Wool Growers Cooperative association asked today that reciprocal trade agreements be subject to public hearings and approval by at least one house of congress.

Directors were told at their annual meeting here that the cooperative's 3000 members in five states now own more than 500,000 head of sheep.

New directors, chosen at the meeting yesterday, include E. A. McCormack, Eugene; Gaylord Madison, Echo; G. A. Sandner, Seaside; O. C. Brown, Dixonville; Holger Jorgensen, Willbur; Wash; J. T. Alexander, Chehalis, Wash; Bruce Hay, Spokane.

Bulldogging Champion Facing Serious Charge

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—A 1938 Pontiac roundup bulldogging champion, known as "Shankie Red," today faced a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on a charge of attempted rape.

The man, Thomas James Dunn, 43, is accused of fleeing Stockton, Calif., last October, Portland FBI agents said. The veteran rodeo performer was arrested Tuesday at Wagonville, Harney county, where he was working on a ranch.

Husband, Brother War Deaths Told Day Apart

McMINNVILLE, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Alvin Sparks was notified that her lieutenant husband died after his B-29 bomber crashed on route back from a mission over Japan.

Within 24 hours she had another War department message. Her brother, Donald Miller, was killed in action while serving as a tail gunner on a B-24.

Sgt. G. N. White Wounded In Action in Germany

Sgt. Gaines N. White of the army air corps, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sielert of Roseburg, has been wounded in action over Germany and is in a hospital in Belgium, according to word received here.

28 Years Ago Today Entry of United States In the First World War

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Today is the 28th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War 1.

House approval of a war resolution by a 373 to 50 vote a few minutes after 3 o'clock on the morning of April 6, 1917, put the nation into that conflict. The senate had adopted the resolution the night before by an 82 to 6 vote.

Germany's ruthless submarine warfare against American ships earlier had prompted this country to sever diplomatic relations with Berlin. Then, addressing congress in a dramatic night session on April 2, President Woodrow Wilson said:

"I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the people of the United States."

Thousands In Louisiana Flee From Floods

NEW ORLEANS, April 6.—(AP)—The Red Cross estimated today that 25,000 families were affected by the record flood in the Red river valley through central Louisiana and that a half million acres, many of them fertile farm lands, had been inundated by backwaters and levee breaks.

Some of the homeless were housed in tented camps and other refuge quarters dotting the flooded area.

Brigadier General Raymond H. Fleming, head of the Louisiana state guard, estimated that the developing floods in Louisiana would leave 25,000 to 50,000 refugees.

Water was spreading in all directions down the Red river basin from the Shreveport area in northwest Louisiana, where the Red had begun increasing the burden of the badly-swollen.

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School Platoons Formed To Harvest Berry Crops

HILLSBORO, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Twelve platoons of school pupils—25 youngsters per platoon—were being formed today to gather Washington county's berry crop.

The platoons, working six hours a day during the season, earned \$12,450 in last season.

Sgt. E. T. Bryant Listed As Wounded in Germany

Army casualty lists released today by the OWI contain the name of Sergeant Edward T. Bryant, son of Mrs. Neta M. Bryant, Roseburg. Sgt. Bryant was wounded March 13 while in action in Germany.

Riddle Exceeds Quota in Red Cross Contribution

Mrs. Grace Becker, chairman of the Red Cross war fund campaign for the Riddle community, reported today total collections of \$343.45. The assigned quota was \$250.

Russians Cut Through Nazi Defense Lines

LONDON, April 6.—(AP)—Two Russian armies sought to close a giant pincer around Vienna today as tanked Soviet storm units, knifing through a Nazi defense belt at the southern city limits, drove within four and one-half miles of the center of the Austrian capital.

Deployed along an 83-mile siege arc, the Russians were within 46 miles of completely encircling Vienna. One Russian wing seized positions 13 miles south of the Danube river town of Tulln, 10 miles northwest of Vienna. The capture of Tulln would sever all Vienna's westward communications along the south bank of the Danube and also the main Vienna-Prague railroad.

Breaking across the Schwechat and Liesing rivers, a canal and a network of suburban railroads and highways constituting a highly fortified defense belt, units of Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army battled to Vienna's southern city limits.

Arsenal Links Cut

The suburbs of Ober-Laa and Unter-Laa, adjacent to the boundary and four and a half miles southeast of famed St. Stephens church in the center of the city, were captured in the face of violent German artillery fire from the capital's parks. Two of Vienna's vital supply links with the war arsenals of Germany and Czechoslovakia were cut.

The Russians also battled into the outskirts of the industrial

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Staff of Roseburg Schools Re-Elected

The entire staff of city schools has been re-elected for the line year, although several of the pupils will not be coming back. Paul C. Elliott, city school superintendent, stated today.

Mrs. Geris Garrett of the Benson school plans to teach in her home community of Sutherlin. Miss Helen Westfall of Rose will continue with her advanced education. Miss Dorothy Bottom, music instructor at Junior high, will leave for Utah for the summer and may not return; Miss Gladys Shellev, head of the commercial department and teacher of world history at Senior high, is planning to live at her home in Seaside, where she may teach. Miss Grace Covert of Senior high, plans to enter some type of military service and Miss Dorothy Moore of Senior high expects to go directly into recreational work, possibly at Portland, Mr. Elliott said.

Applications for Home Priorities Available Here

Percent of a large number of application forms, for use in securing priorities in connection with building of homes with private capital, were received today by the Roseburg chamber of commerce from the National Housing Agency. The application forms are available without cost to any persons desiring to build homes. Persons who have requested application blanks prior to their receipt by the chamber will receive forms through the mail.

Burglaries Cleared by Arrest of 3 Minor Boys

Arrest of three minor boys ranging from 15 to 17 years of age, has resulted in clearing several recent burglaries in and near Roseburg, District Attorney H. A. Canaday reported today.

One of the boys, the district attorney said, had admitted a burglary at the Fisher Department store, while all three were reported to have admitted implication in looting the Nettleton home, immediately east of the Roseburg city limits, where clothing, foodstuffs, and numerous other articles were taken.

TANKS NEAR HANNOVER; VIENNA PINCERS CLOSING



PATTON'S FORCES, SOVIET TROOPS NEAR JUNCTURE—The U. S. Third army runs loose again, sweeping through central Germany towards Erfurt, 130 miles southwest of Berlin, while other American units slashed within 65 miles of the old Czechoslovakian border as Russian troops battle in Vienna. A juncture of Patton's forces and Soviet troops now on the Oder river appears likely. To the north, British and Canadian forces race for the North sea to close a trap on Nazis in Holland, seize the ports of Bremen and Emden.

Americans Capture Train Loaded With V-2 Bombs

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY, March 3—(delayed by censorship)—(AP)—Tankmen of the Third armored division have captured a great war prize—a train loaded with secret V-2 bombs. It was the first time the allies had found the jet-propelled and radio controlled rockets intact.

Mine Dispute Deadlock To Be Referred to WLB

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Southern England and the London area passed another bombless night last night—the seventh in a row without a sign of German air activity.

Casanova of Street Car Gets 30-Year Sentence

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Francis Van Wie, 38-year-old street car conductor, ex-lion tamer and husband of 13 wives yesterday was sentenced to 30 years in the exclusively male environment of San Quentin prison.

Boy, Bus, Bomb, Bang! SALT LAKE CITY, April 6

(AP)—The Fort Douglas bus waited for a running youngster. As the lad boarded the bus, he stumbled.

A block later, all other passengers got off—because somewhere on the army reservation the boy had picked up a tear gas bomb and his fall smashed it.

Bridge Over South Umpqua at Washington St., Proposed by C. of C., to Get Council Study

A survey and preliminary planning of overhead crossings and a bridge across the South Umpqua river from Washington street to Military street, with construction as a postwar project, is being urged by the highway committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The proposal, submitted to the Roseburg city council at its adjourned meeting last night, was placed in the hands of the street committee for study.

The highway committee proposes that the east approach to the structure be started at Rose street, with an incline to provide an overhead crossing at the Pacific highway and at the S. P. tracks. The proposed bridge spanning the river would angle upstream to Military street and a gradual curve is proposed from the west end of the structure to connect with Harvard street. The entire structure including the approaches, would be approximately 1900 feet in length.

The committee in its report called attention to the fact that

Kill or Grab Hitler, Quickest Way to Peace in Europe, Put Reds Against Nips, Allied Idea

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Hard on the heels of Russia's denunciation of her neutrality treaty with Japan, and with the Pacific war thus portending possible new and startling developments, allied military leaders were in agreement on the quickest way to end the fighting in Europe: Kill or capture Hitler.

F. E. Callister, Ex-Oregon Education Official, Dies

SPOKANE, April 6.—(AP)—F. E. Callister, former president of the Oregon Bankers' association and member of the Oregon state board of higher education, died of a heart attack at his home here Wednesday.

He formerly worked in banks at both Silverton and Albany, Ore.

Capitol Hill, Quick to Speculate That Moscow Decision Is a Forerunner to Soviet Participation in the Pacific Conflict

General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, told the senate military committee that death or capture of Hitler would contribute tremendously to a collapse of the already faltering Nazi military machine.

General belief among lawmakers was that President Roosevelt had extracted from Premier Stalin at the Yalta meeting a promise that the neutrality treaty would be denounced and that Russia would enter the war against Japan.

The Moscow announcement did not make clear immediately

Cook-Waiter Wages Draw WLB Clamp

SEATTLE, April 6.—(AP)—Acting to halt what is termed "sky-high illegal wages and labor piracy," the regional War Labor board today ordered every eating establishment in Bremerton to immediately to "police wages paid to help." The order affects 93 establishments and 1,280 employees.

"Discovery by War Labor board investigators of cooks being paid \$16 a day—the rate of pay authorized by the WLB for cooks in Bremerton is \$8.64 a day—and of waitresses being paid more than workers repairing combatant warships in the navy yard, with widespread 'pirating' of restaurant help through the offer of illegal higher pay, led to today's action," the press release quoted Board Chairman George Bernard Noble.

It said the Bremerton restaurants have agreed to bring wages into compliance with WLB rates, which, it added, permit Bremerton restaurant employees to receive "the highest wages paid to any restaurant employees on the Pacific coast, perhaps the highest in the nation."

Bonds and Blood

Keep on buying the former, keep on giving the latter. Both are still needed while the foe is reeling and ready for the knock-out. Enemy No. 1 is the axis;

5-Mile Lunge Scored Past Weser River

Nazis Fleeing Toward Elbe River, Last Water Obstruction to Berlin

PARIS, April 6.—(AP)—The famous "Hell on Wheels" (Second) armored division fought five miles east the Weser river today possibly to within 18 miles of Hannover while the British "Desert Rats" of the Seventh tank division closed to within 25 miles of that Russian metropolis.

A wholly unconfirmed broadcast by the official German news agency DNB said other American troops had been reinforced in "the area of Elbeben," 90 miles from Berlin.

Light tanks have been landed from the air, the enemy agency said.

The tanks were said to be fanning out toward Arnsdorf, Hamelin and Meuhhausen, 55 to 100 miles behind Elbeben.

Beyond the Weser river flows the Elbe, the last water barrier to Berlin, and toward the Elbe routes German troops are reported in full flight.

The U. S. Ninth army fought

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Frost Takes Toll Of Fruit Crops

(By The Associated Press)
Frost damaged orchards in various degrees in the midwest and the east today but the Chicago weather bureau reported generally improving weather over most of the nation.

In central Ohio severe loss to fruit trees was reported from frost.

University of Kentucky horticulturists said a killing frost destroyed early fruit in central Kentucky with "thousands of dollars" of damage to apples, peaches, cherries, plums and strawberries.

There was slight damage to sweet cherries in the Benton Harbor, Mich., area.

L. L. Clovis of the Illinois Agricultural association said there was light to severe damage to the 1945 apple crop in some sections of southern Illinois, but the peach crop escaped damage.

Maryland agricultural experts feared heavy losses to fruit amid a cold wave which sent temperatures as low as 22 in some western sections, with more frost predicted for tonight.

There was some damage to apricots and early plums in Iowa but apples, one of that state's major fruit crops, were unharmed.

Auto Looter, Burner Gets Two-Year Prison Term

Pleading guilty in circuit court to a charge of grand larceny, Walter T. Whisman, 31, Eugene, was sentenced by Judge Carl E. Wimberly today to two years in the state penitentiary. Whisman, who was charged with the theft of articles from an automobile belonging to Harry O. Warren, Reedport, admitted taking fishing tackle, guns, clothing and other articles from automobiles, and burning five cars after they had been looted. District Attorney H. A. Canaday reported.

Purple Heart Awarded to Sgt. DeWitt Posthumously

Sgt. Donald Victor DeWitt, who was reported killed in action on Luzon, January 18, 1945, has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. The medal was sent to his mother, Mrs. Nettie M. Rainville, of Tillam.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Trying to predict Russia's ultimate intentions in denouncing the neutrality pact with Japan is about as difficult as attempting to guess what's in a person's mind as he approaches a rattlesnake with a club in his hand.